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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS
**CHANCELLOR'S
REPORT**

DECEMBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR BOUIE

Dear Southern University System Board of Supervisors,

As we close out the year and reflect on an extraordinary Fall 2025 semester, I am proud to present the December edition of the Chancellor's Report—an overview of the progress, achievements, and momentum that continue to shape Southern University at New Orleans as a place Where Champions Rise.

This semester has demonstrated the strength, resilience, and brilliance of our students, faculty, and staff. From remarkable academic milestones to hands-on learning experiences, SUNO's commitment to excellence has been on full display. Our students continue to distinguish themselves through competitive internships, research opportunities, and continued academic success—including prestigious STEM scholarships awarded through the MSEIP-RISE and LS-LAMP programs. Their dedication is complemented by powerful stories of experiential learning, such as nursing students completing clinical internships across the country, as well as Criminal Justice students being accepted into law programs and preparing for impactful careers.

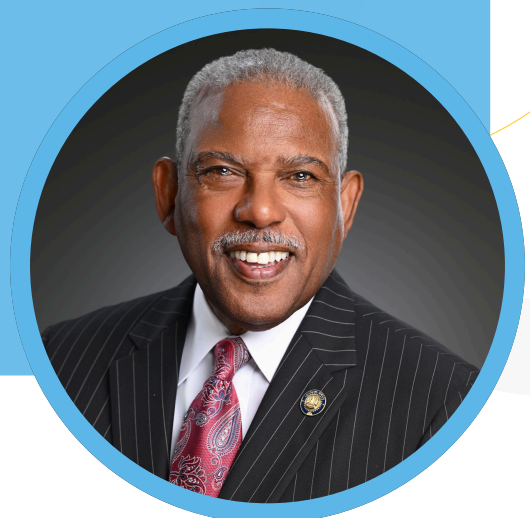
SUNO students represented the university with excellence at events like Capacity Building Day with Drax, gaining workforce insights and expanding their professional networks. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming the community to the SUNO Museum of Art's upcoming King Tut Exhibition in February 2026, a landmark cultural experience that will deepen learning, engagement, and appreciation for global history and the arts.

I extend my deepest gratitude to every member of the SUNO family whose efforts, both seen and unseen, make these achievements possible. As we move into a new year, SUNO remains committed to access, opportunity, and student success. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission.

With gratitude and respect,

DR. JOSEPH BOUIE, JR.

Chancellor, *Southern University at New Orleans*



In the Know AT SUNO

STUDENT OUTCOMES

At Southern University at New Orleans, student success is defined by achievement, opportunity, and real-world readiness. Our students excel across disciplines—from forensic science and business to education, biology, and the arts—earning industry-recognized credentials, presenting research, and securing competitive placements that prepare them to thrive in the workforce. SUNO’s commitment to access and excellence ensures that students not only gain the skills needed to succeed, but also benefit from robust financial support and professional pathways.

The U.S. Department of Education–sponsored MSEIP-RISE grant, led by co-PIs Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati and Dr. Joe Omojola, recommended awarding \$32,500 in scholarships to 13 STEM majors at \$2,500 per scholar for the Fall 2025 semester in recognition of their academic excellence. The students who received these awards are majors in Biology, Mathematics, and Forensic Science and are as follows:

Terrence Parker
Lewis Burnett
Brittney Sylvester
Amani Jenkins
LaTavia Williams
Alyssa Levasseur
G'von D. Sargent Sr.
Abdelmounaim Fillali
Jashyree Bell
Serene Stoudemire
Ahmed Fillali
Jordan Harris
Keli A. Martin

The Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP) also provided academic stipends for 2025. SUNO student recipients with a GPA of 2.8 or higher received awards ranging from \$800 to \$1,500.

The 2025 LS-LAMP awardees include Biology, Mathematics, and Double Major students and are as follows:

Serene Stoudemire
Abdelmounaim Fillali
Terrence Parker
Ahmed Fillali
Keli Martin
Tania Muhammad
Amani Jenkins
Hannah Cornelious
LaTavia Williams
Katelynn Wilson
Jashyree Bell
Devin Daniels
McKenna Harris
Aniya Flowers





Whitley Smith, senior criminal justice major was recently accepted into the Real Estate and Construction law program at Texas A&M University. Ms. Smith is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, and currently serves as Miss Senior on the Southern University at New Orleans Royal Court.

Fatoumata Drammeh, a junior nursing major participated in a Summer 2025 internship with Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. During her time there, she gained valuable hands-on experience on the Medical-Surgical Unit and strengthened her clinical skills.

Fatoumata performed so exceptionally well that she was invited to return to the Medical Center during the Thanksgiving 2025 holiday.



BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

- Southern University at New Orleans' Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs proudly
- hosts the Breakfast of Champions, an annual celebration recognizing excellence in grant writing, research innovation, and scholarly achievement. This signature event honors the faculty and students whose dedication to securing external funding and advancing research strengthens SUNO's academic mission and expands opportunities across campus.

From groundbreaking studies to competitive federal and state grants, the honorees exemplify the power of creativity, collaboration, and perseverance. The Breakfast of Champions not only acknowledges their outstanding accomplishments, but also inspires the next wave of SUNO scholars to pursue bold ideas, elevate their research, and continue building a culture of excellence where Champions Rise.



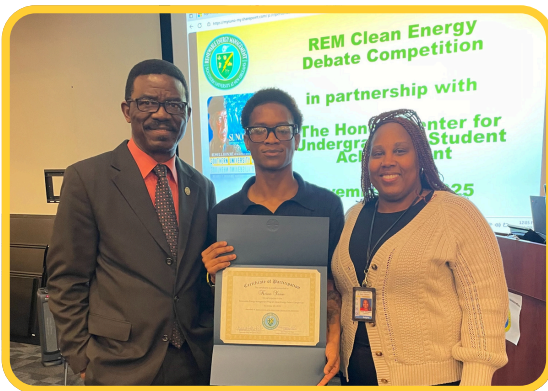
HONORE CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement officially welcomed its latest cohort at a New Student Meet and Greet Welcome Event. Retired LTG Russel L. Honoré, for whom the Center is named, was in attendance.

Founded in 2012 by the Southern University System and housed at Southern University at New Orleans, the Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement was established to improve success rates for male college students while increasing the number of male classroom teachers in urban settings.



SUNO RENEWABLE ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEBATE



The Renewable Energy Management (REM) Program, part of the College of Business & Public Administration, proudly organized the 2nd Clean Energy Debate Competition on November 20th. Students engaged in a lively discussion around the question: “Should governments promote hydrogen as an energy source for homes?”

Keion Yasin from the Yes Team emerged victorious, securing the \$500 grand prize for an exceptional performance.

SUNO PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT BUSINESS STUDENTS

Southern University at New Orleans students recently attended Capacity Building Day: A Professional Development Summit with Drax. This full-day summit brought together students from across the Southern University System for an immersive experience centered on leadership, professional readiness, and workforce innovation.

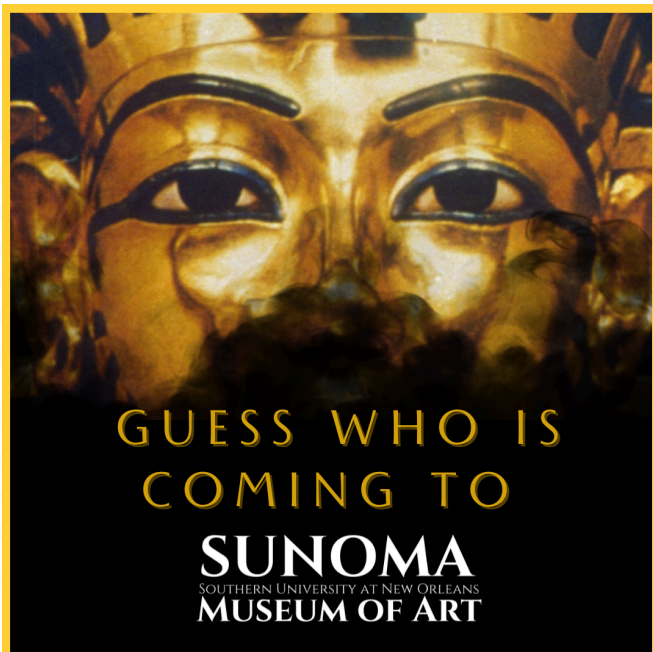
Through dynamic sessions—including sustainability readiness, innovation in ag-tech, and industry insights from leading professionals—SUNO students engaged in high-impact learning designed to enhance their career preparation. Attendees also participated in networking opportunities, received guidance from expert panelists, and connected with industry partners committed to supporting student success.



MUSEUM STUDIES

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) proudly announces that Dr. Haitham Eid, Professor of Museum Studies, recently represented the United States in a distinguished engagement through the U.S. Department of State Speaker Program. This highly selective initiative brings leading American experts to international audiences to foster cross-cultural dialogue, innovation, and collaboration.

During his visit to Egypt, Dr. Eid delivered a series of lectures and workshops hosted by prominent institutions, including the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), the American Center in Cairo, and Ain Shams University. His sessions centered on museum innovation, cultural heritage preservation, and community engagement, attracting museum professionals, scholars, and students from across the region.



COMING TO SUNO MUSEUM OF ART : FEBRUARY 2026

Journey across time and continents in this breathtaking fundraising exhibition that bridges the cultural legacies of the Nile and the Mississippi.

Hosted by the Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art (SUNOMA), this landmark presentation features life-size recreations of King Tutankhamun's tomb and artifacts from the acclaimed Giovanni Amin Collection.

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