



# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MONTHLY REPORT

## SU DAY AT THE CAPITOL

This year's SU Day at the Capitol theme was "Research in the Rotunda," where the hard work and dedication of our students was on display. SUNO highlighted the research of Amari Youyoute, Anastasia Newton, and Daybriel Johnson.

We were thrilled to have the support of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni at this exciting event.

### AMARI YOUYOUTE-

#### ANTIBIOTIC SENSITIVITY OF SECONDARY BACTERIAL INFECTIONS IN COVID-19 PATIENTS

### ANASTASIA NEWTON -

#### ANALYZING THE IMPACTS OF GENDER, AGE, EDUCATION LEVEL AND AREA OF RESIDENCY ON VACCINE HESITANCY AMONG ADULTS IN LOUISIANA

### DAYBRIEL JOHNSON -

#### COVID-19 SURVEY



## CAEP CERTIFICATIONS

### SUNO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, RECEIVES INITIAL-LICENSURE LEVEL ACCREDITATION FROM CAEP

Southern University at New Orleans is pleased to announce the College of Education and Human Development received accreditation at the initial-licensure level by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for the next 7 years. The decision was made during the council's meeting on April 23, 2023, and is a testament to the quality of education provided by the College.

This accreditation is a significant achievement for the College of Education and Human Development at SUNO. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students, and it confirms our commitment to providing quality education and training to future educators. We are proud of this accomplishment and will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.



# GRADUATION

Our 2023 commencement ceremony took place on Saturday, May 12, at the Lakefront Arena. The ceremony celebrated the achievements of more than 300 SUNO graduates.

Special thanks to our commencement speaker Keith C. Ferdinand, MD, FACC, FASPC, FNLA, the Gerald S. Berenson Endowed Chair in Preventive Cardiology at Tulane University School of Medicine, and commencement coordinator, Dr. Brenda Jackson.

Sherry Bacchus, Ph.D. associate professor and chair of Child Development and Family Studies program, served as University Marshal and Mostafa Elaasar, Ph.D. professor of Physics and Faculty Senate President, served as Faculty Marshal.

**Summa Cum Laude & 2023 Student Marshal:** Kathleen Ruth Adwell

## **Magna Cum Laude:**

Temilouwa Oluwajoba Adeyinka, Lameria R. Alexander, Jasmine M. Boskent-Thomas, Kevanté K. Caldwell, Caitlynn F. Diggs, Kederah Renee Jordan, Lacey Janet Magee, Amber L. Nunez, Makala Ougel, Briney Perrilloux, Cedrica M. Sartin, Tracey Hunter Settles, Kessler Terrez Smith, Dominique Thompson, Kaila Vignes, Nicole E. Washington, and Thalneisha Weston.

## **Cum Laude:**

Fierrau Lynn Alexander, Kayla M. Anderson, Jasmine M. Bivins, Caretta R. Black, Shaelisa Bradley-Hunt, Ashley E. Brown, Nakia Brown-Bates, Sherry A. Chaney, Anita M. Davis, Esperanza Dixon, Joshua Elijah Guidry, Jerrica Hasty-Ackerson, Gwendolyn D. Hatem, Fabreion Deshion Jackson, Danicka Mykel Johnson, Nena Johnson, Dwayne Joseph Mallet II, Mychelle J. Mayho, Daryelle Mitchell, Jada Sanson, Sheree Marie Scott, Shandell Louise Sims Forest, Lanelle Sumpter, Brittany Thornton, Adriel Turner, Kevin M. Warner, and Tawanna L. Watkins.

## **University honor graduates:**

Regeine Anders, Leylah Cagle, Ryan C. Harrell, Avis L. Hebert, Tré D. Nix, Gwendolyn Lee Robinson, Shaundrell Santa Marina, Jessica T. Thomas, Cedric R. Washington, and Jada Williams.



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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



**DR. RICKEIA SELMON**

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY  
XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA



**DR. GAWAIN KIFFIN**

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (DDS)  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY



**DR. SAMUEL CHUKWUDI OKPECHI**

PHD IN BIOCHEMISTRY  
AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY  
LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AND  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, NEW ORLEANS



**DR. ARIANE WILLIAMS**

DOCTOR OF HEALTHCARE  
ADMINISTRATION  
VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG

## DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

### ROYAL COURT AND SGA INSTALLATION

### 2023-2024 ROYAL COURT AND SGA

It is my pleasure to announce the newest members of the Southern University at New Orleans Royal Court and SGA!

We are proud to have such talented and accomplished individuals representing our university, and we look forward to their contributions to campus life in the coming year.



## INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

### GIVE NOLA DAY

Thank you for supporting SUNO on Give NOLA Day!  
"We raised over \$12,695"



### NASA AND PARTNERS SMALL BUSINESS AND HBCU SUMMIT HOSTED AT SUNO

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) hosted the NASA and Partners Small Business and HBCU Summit on Thursday, April 27.

The summit provided attendees with valuable insights into the innovative research and development at NASA and opportunities to explore the procurement process, learn more about the NASA Mentor- Protégé Program, federal government opportunities, work with agency prime contractors, and resources from trade associations.

### SUNO HOSTED THE NATIONAL TITLE IV-E ROUNDTABLE

The National IV-E Roundtable for Child Welfare Training and Education is a yearly gathering of representatives from public and tribal child welfare agencies and their university partners.



**WE LOOK  
FOWARD TO  
NEXT MONTH'S  
UPDATES!**

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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