

# SUNO

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## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

March 2022



## College of Arts & Sciences

## **Health Information Management Systems**

On February 4, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee presented to facility HIM directors and site administrators at the S LA Hospital Management company on the current HIM topics, the importance of HIM to the facility, compliance issues in HIM, and Risk Management in HIM.

Mrs. Sharon McGee presented to the Alzheimer's Association on 'Dementia Conversations. This presentation took place on February 10, 2022, and was given to the families and supporters of Alzheimer's patients. The program reviewed some of the medical information needed from the health care providers for families and patient support systems. There were also discussions of preparation for caretakers with patients in the early stages for legal compliances, advanced directives, and Power of Attorney for patients with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases.

On February 23, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee met and presented at several events. Both Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee meet with the AHIMA practice councils. In contrast, Mr. John Barrilleaux is the Council Co-Chair of the AHIMA Coding Classifications and Terminologies Practice Council. Mrs. Sharon McGee is a member of the Revenue Cycle Management Practice Council. Both also attended the AHIMAAdvocacy Leadership

meeting, in which the AHIMA Advocacy Summit will be held in March of this year. Mrs. McGee will be attending the AHIMA Advocacy to represent Louisiana as the Advocacy Chair, and Mr. Barrilleaux will be attending as the LHIMA President. This Advocacy Group meets with Congresspersons and staff on proposed legislation related to HIM. Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the CAHIIM Town Hall series monthly meeting. This month's meeting titled, Reconnecting with Your Why, presented by Norby Belz and Mr. John Barrilleaux, participated at the AHIMA Component State Association Meeting, representing LHIMA as the President of the Association. The presentation was titled Set Up for Success and was made available to CAS leadership.

#### **Department of Natural Sciences**

Dr. ILLYA TIETZEL

Dr. Tietzel's SOARS scholar, Caitlynn Diggs, was awarded a TMCF (Thurgood Marshall College Fund) scholarship as a rising senior to finish her degree. She received her notification in February 2022. She is a biology major.

#### **Center for African American Studies**

#### **CAAAS March 2022 Activity Report**

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) continues its 2021-2022 Programming Year celebrating SANKOFA: Lest We Forget! From the Pyramids to the Present.

March 25, 2022: In keeping with the 2022 Women's History Month theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope", the Center prepares to celebrate and honor our 2022 Living Legend Honorees, Vera Warren Williams and Jennifer Turner.







Mrs. Williams is the owner of the Community Book Center nestled at 2523 Bayou Road. The bookstore is more than a bookstore. It is a cultural and literary hub specializing in African-centered literature, art, fabric, jewelry, and more. Both Mrs. Williams and Turner have been providing healing and promoting hope since 1983. Mrs. Williams is the owner of the Community Book Center nestled at 2523 Bayou Road. The bookstore is more than a bookstore. It is a cultural and literary hub specializing in African-centered literature, art, fabric, jewelry, and more. Both Mrs. Williams and Turner have been providing healing and promoting hope since 1983.

The Center for African and African American Studies concluded its African American History Month celebration with its annual Charles Frye Memorial Lecture.

**February 1, 2022:** The Center for African and African Studies presented its pre-recorded annual *Charles Frye Memorial Lecture* via SUNO's website (suno.edu) and YouTube. This year's lecturer was *United States Representative Troy A. Carter (2nd Congressional District)*. Representative Carter addressed, Why African Americans Should Demand and Protect Voting Rights.

**February 21-22, 2022:** CAAAS, and the Southern University Ag. Center sponsored two antitobacco workshops at St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory and McDonogh No. 35(pictured) High Schools. The presenter was Mr. Ryan Sugulleh, Assistant Director for the Communities of Color Network, who explained how big tobacco companies overly target African Americans. Mr. Sugulleh discussed strategies that African American youth can implement to avoid tobacco consumption.

#### **SPRING 2022:**

**February 23, 2022:** Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, during the NAIA's site visit to the SUNO campus, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of SUNO's Athletics Department, Through the Decades, covering the 1970s through the 2000s. Dr. Robertson serves as SUNO's Faculty Athletics Representative.

#### Dr. Robertson continues to execute the following grants:

- 1. Ochsner Foundation Award: Collaboration with Dr. Eid, Director of Museum Studies: Authentic Voices: African American Reflections of COVID-19- Stories of Sickness, Loss, and Triumph in New Orleans.
- 2. **February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022:** National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): Pontchartrain Park Pioneers: An Oral History of New Orleans' Civil Rights Era Segregated "Black Suburb in the City" Curriculum Development initiative.
- 3. **August 1, 2020-March 31, 2022:** State of Louisiana-Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation Grant: *Pontchartrain Park Pioneers Oral History Project.*

Additionally, Ms. Linda Hill, Curator/Archivist of CAAAS, continues to develop the SUNO-CAAAS Archive.



### College of Education and Human Development

#### Highlights:

Dr. Sherry Bachus participated in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFC) Zoom meeting on February 14th for the AAFCS Assembly for Higher Education (AHE) Board 2021-2022 and served as secretary. The AAFCS Assembly of Higher Education (AHE) provides leadership for examining issues and changes that affect the family and consumer sciences profession in higher education. This monthly meeting agenda focused on Leadership Fellows Programs, the AHE Rules of Order, Strategic Plan, and Development of Goals aligned with AAFCS. In January 2022, we processed and completed the Council for Accreditation, American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, 2022 Interim Report for CDFS.

#### Research (Publications and Presentations)

#### **Grants:**

On February 17th and 23rd, Dr. Bachus participated and served on the College of Education and Human Development Grant Writing Proposal with faculty Drs. Deborah Darby, Diane Bordenave, Jenita Hegwood, Eurmon Hervey, Jr., and Willie Jones, III, Dean. The grant is from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education. In this grant, the Department of Education invites applications for new awards for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 for Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities— Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services for Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities.

#### Marketing/Recruitment:

On February 17th Dr. Bachus attended an in-person meeting with Ms. Carol Lewis-Alexander, Delgado Community College (DCC), and discussed students transferring from DCC's CDYC program to SUNO CDFS program and plans for the Meet and Greet Workshop.

#### **Professional Development Activities:**

Dr. Bachus presented and attended the Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) 2022 Virtual Symposium, February 25th. The title of her presentation was "Telehealth and Telemental Technology: Benefits and Barriers." The objective of this presentation focused on the telehealth technology practice, benefits, and barriers that clients, students, and providers face. Services using telemental health technologies require competence which can be a challenge. Telehealth can improve behavioral health care services to help achieve better outcomes in services for clients and students.



#### MOU/Partnerships:

Dr. Bachus established new internship partnerships and signed Field Placement Inter-Institutional Agreements with the following placement sites for Spring 2022 Practicum students:

- -Benjamin Franklin Elementary Mathematics-Science School,
- Ms. Nichelle Logan-Jones, Principal, 2/2/22
- -KIPP Morial, Ms. Angelica Douglas, Assistant Principal/Teacher Coach, 2/2/2022
- -Rayne Early Childhood Program, Ms. Teresa Magee, Director, 2/7/2022
- -The Good Shepherd School, Ms. Kelli Ramon, Principal, 2/9/2022
- -Hope Christian Academy, Ms. Jamie Westbrook, Director, 2/10/22
- -Mid-City Early Learning Center, Ms. Diane Jaskot, Director, 2/11/2022

#### SACSCOC:

On February 17th, Dr. Bachus attended the Mandatory Virtual Cisco WebEx Meeting in preparation for the upcoming SACSCOC follow-up on-site reaffirmation committee visit.

#### **Faculty Senate Virtual Meeting:**

Dr. Bachus served on the Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Psychosocial Issues of Students and attended the Zoom meeting on February 15th. She collaborated with the School of Social Work faculty members, Dr. Holly McKenney and Dr. Karen Martin. She also attended the February WebEx Faculty Senate meeting and the Executive Senator Cabinet meeting. She serves as the Treasurer and the Senator-at-Large for the College of Education and Human Development.

#### **Curriculum Development and Updates:**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) met and approved SUNO's College of Education & Human Development to offer certifications in Special Education Mild to Moderate Elementary (1-5) and Special Education Mild and Moderate (6-12). Drs. Willie Jones III, Jenita Hegwood, Deborah Darby, and Ms. Kimberly Stanley submitted syllabi for review of content and assessments to the Louisiana Department of Education, which led to BESE approval.

#### Master's in Child Development:

Dr. Bachus continues to work on the proposed development for a Proposed New Online Degree Program, Master of Science (MS), for a Master's in Child Development. The plans to develop a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Louisiana Board of Regents (LA BoR) for a brand-new Master of Science in Child Development program.

## College of Business

#### Academic Excellence Initiatives

#### Three CBA Students Shortlisted for 2022 GNO HBCU Startup Internship Program

Three Business Administration and Computer Information System majors have advanced to the interview level for the summer 2022 GNO HBCU Startup Internship, according to Ms. Jasmine Brown, Public Policy Manager for Greater New Orleans, Inc. The students are Antoine Hawkins (junior, Business Administration major); Kasey Hunter (junior, Computer Information Systems major); and Contesa Jones (junior, Business Administration major). These students emerged from a large pool of applicants from SUNO, Xavier, and Dillard competing for a few available spots with the much-acclaimed GNO HBCU Startup Internship, initiated in 2021. The students were selected based on various criteria, including interest in entrepreneurship; industries of interest; list of skills that would bring value to a company or organization; technical, writing, analytical, customer service, and operational experience; and what the applicant was seeking to gain from this internship experience. According to the organization, "the GNO HBCU Startup Internship pairs 12 selected juniors and seniors from the partnering institutions with startup companies in the region who are seeking qualified, diverse talent. The program's goal is to train the next generations of successful entrepreneurs of color, inspire students to become innovative change-makers and increase the innovation capacity of regional startup firms. The internship, a paid program, will introduce the students to the entrepreneurial mindset and provide hands-on training in high-impact, real-world entrepreneurship settings. Participants will develop creative capacity, entrepreneurial confidence, mentorship, and acquire the necessary skills to build scalable startups that solve real problems." The CBA congratulates our three students and wishes them well as they cross the finish line.

#### CBA Students Volunteer for 3rd Annual National HBCU Stock Market Challenge

Two CBA students have signed up to participate in the 3rd Annual National HBCU Stock Market Challenge and Financial Literacy Campaign! (HBCU Stock Market Challenge) hosted at Harris-Stowe State University, St. Louis, Missouri. The two students are Shaundrell Santa Marina (Major: Business Administration) and Bhavana Gudibandi (Major: Computer Information Systems). Dr. Yun Doo Lee, Assistant Professor of Business Finance, will mentor the students during the contest. The Challenge is sponsored by the National HBCU Business Deans Roundtable and Harris Stowe State University, together with Stock-Trak Inc. and FactSet. The registration for the Stock Market challenge opened on January 8, 2022, and ended on February 28, 2022. The Challenge will take place from January 31,

2022- to May 6, 2022. Each student is given \$100,000 in virtual money to invest in actual stocks in the game. Even though the money they invest is fictitious, the game involves actual live trading from the NYSE when the markets are open. Students will compete for \$20,000 in cash prizes, with 1st prize of \$5,000, 2nd prize of \$4,000, 3rd prize of \$3,000, 4th - 5th prize of \$1,500, and the 6th to 10th prize of \$1,000. The top overall schools will compete for over \$7,500 in educational software.



#### **CBA Office of Student Services Hosts the Spring 2022 New Student Orientation**

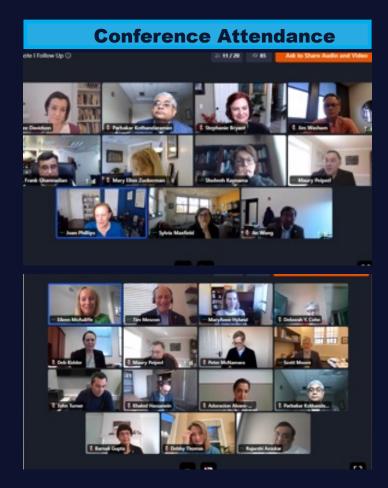
The Spring 2022 virtual New Student Orientation took place on Monday, February 14, 2022. Speakers from various support service units around the campus were invited to explain to new first-year students and new transfer students at the college the resources available at their units and how each student can access those resources. The speakers included Mrs. Linda Frederick, Director, Student Support Services; Ms. Cindy Venable, SUNO E-Learning; Library Services Ms. Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson, Director of SUNO Library; Ms. Marie Smith, CBA Tutorial Lab Coordinator; Mr. Eric Williams, Recruitment Coordinator, DXC Technology Partnership: Mrs. Constance Woods, Student Success Specialist/ Special Programs, DXC Technology Partnership; Ms. Vonda Taplin, SUNO Career Services; and Ms. Amber Foucha, SGA President, Student Government Association. CBA Department chairs were on hand to explain their curriculum and career/internship opportunities, introduce the faculty, and encourage the students to stay focused on their studies. Faculty and staff advisors to student clubs housed within the CBA were given opportunities to pitch their clubs and recruit new members. Mrs. Timotea Bailey, the CBA Director of Students, whose office hosted the orientation, and Dean Igwe Udeh were on hand to close out the session with words of wisdom and encouragement. The New Student Orientation has been held each semester in the College of Business since 2008.

#### **Anjail and Curstin Earns AWS Cloud Practitioner Certification**

Curstin Kaufman and Anjail Wright, both Computer Information Systems students, earned the AWS Cloud Practitioner Certification on February 19, 2022. The AWS Cloud Practitioner credential helps organizations identify and develop critical knowledge related to implementing cloud initiatives. Earning AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner validates cloud fluency and foundational AWS knowledge. Curstin has earned multiple certifications and badges over the past six months, and the CBA is proud of this achievement.

#### **Professional Conference Attendance**

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration, attended the virtual AACSB Deans Conference from February 8 to 11, 2022. Dr. Udeh attended several sessions addressing contemporary issues facing higher education in general and business education in particular, including sessions on "risk mitigation in the face of fundamental uncertainty"; "faculty qualifications and how schools are defining them"; building a sustainable mental health and wellbeing plan to ensure long-term success"; "lessons learned from the Pandemic"; "developing sustainable diversity and inclusion strategy"; "piecing together the hybrid learning puzzle"; "the future of work"; "budgeting for navigating change and uncertainty": "how would we build business education if it didn't already exist?"; "seeing the future with predictive analytics"; and "continuous improvement review accreditation Q&A." Each session elicited vigorous discussions that provided added context to the subject.



#### Office of Student Services and DXC Team (JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022 Report)

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Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director, CBA Office of Student Services and Recruitment Manager, DXC Partnership;
Eric Williams (Recruitment Coordinator); and Constance Woods (Student Success Specialist) reported the following achievements for January – February 2022:

- The Office of Student Services and DXC Technology Partnership Team (OSSDXC) communicated and provided advisement to students in academic difficulty to assist them with a path to academic recovery
- The OSSDXC Team continuously worked to get students registered and assisted in working out any registration or financial aid issues
- OSSDXC Team participated in IBM Academic Initiative Meeting
- The OSSDXC Team offered scholarships to all new freshmen, transfer, graduate students, and readmitted students with 40 or fewer hours encouraged to return
- OSSDXC Team chaired the CBA Academic Action committee for suspended students and communicated action was taken by the committee to affected students
- OSSDXC provided guidance and support to CBA faculty in the student advisement process, including completion of the Academic Action Form ans more





#### SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (February 2022)

Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Small Business Development & Management Institute, reported the following activities and achievements during February 2022.

- Live Broad Cast of WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; February 3,10,17, and 24, 2022; "SUNO Small Business Institute Network," sponsored by SUNO Small Business Incubator and Louisiana Economic Development (LED). The show offers valuable tools and information designed to help New Orleans small business owners take their business to the next level and assist those wishing to start a business. The show provides resources and information essential to small businesses. The show is broadcast every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Host.
- CBA Leadership Weekly Virtual Meeting; February 4, 11, & 25, 2022; Department Heads to discuss CBA matters that affect the entire College and the SBDMI; Dr. Udeh, Dean, Departmental Chairs, Administrative Support Staff and Directors, Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- One Hundred & One Woman in Business Planning Committee Virtual Meeting; February 4, 11, and 25, 2022; 3-day Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, and Education Seminar Supporting Women Entrepreneurs and Leaders: SBA Representatives, LSBDC Representatives, SUBR, SUSLA, and Cynthia Beaulieu, SUNO.
- CBA New Student Orientation, Virtual; February 14, 2022; Gave Information to the new CBA students about the services of the SBDMI office; CBA faculty, CBA Staff, and other Departments on campus; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
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- Meeting Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant; Zoom Virtual meeting to discuss the submission of EDA Grant; February 15, 2022; Team and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- Southern System TANF Grant Virtual Meeting; February 16, 2022; Discussion of statewide implementation of the TANF IDA grant on all three System Campuses; SUBR, SUSLA, and SUNO; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- CBA Departmental Virtual Meeting; February 16, 2022; CBA faculty, staff, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Our Money Matters Role out Campaign Virtual Meeting; February 16, 2022; Ms. Cynthia, Director
- Participated in Roundtable hosted by SBA Administrator Guzman and Congressman Troy Carter and Director Cedric Richmond; February 18, 2022; Ashe' Powerhouse Theater, 1731 Baronne Street; Administrator Guzman discussed New Orleans Infrastructure, Federal Government Contracting, Access to Capital, and Investing in Small Businesses.
- NID-HCA New Orleans Home Buyers Class; Saturday, February 19 & Sunday, February 20, 2022; Assisted individuals prepare to become First-Time Home Buyers; Small Business Incubator; Ms. Mary Thomas Incubator Tenant.
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- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon; February 22, 2022; Hilton Baton

Rouge, La, Ms. Irma Dixon & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.

- Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable; February 24, 2022; 6th session; Virtual Meeting; 14 participants; Business owners met for Peer-to-Peer learning, brainstorming, and problem-solving. Business owners safely explored business and personal issues in a supportive, confidential, and trusting environment. The roundtables are problem-solving sessions that address issues important to the business owner. Invited Industry guests to discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon, facilitator, Ms. Shatiqua Mosley Wilson, Host, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- In-Person Meeting with SBA Representatives; February 25, 2022; Incubator Building; Discuss upcoming collaboration with the SBA and SBDMI; Ms. Gail Brogan; Ms. Chantell Mitchell, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; November 2021; several Incubator tours and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director. Incubator now has 13 tenants in the Incubator.
- Meetings to Develop SBDMI/Incubator's upcoming Seminars/Workshops; Ongoing;
   Ms. Chantell Mitchell Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 2 Assessments; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- SEBD One-on-One; (4); Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Counseled; Incubator Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director



# Millie M. Charles School of Social Work

The School of Social Work continues to work with local, state, and regional organizations to promote equity in the social work practice act and testing. Dean Chaisson and Dr. Harry Russell are engaged in committee meetings towards this goal.

This month, the School of Social Work and the Center for African and African American Studies co-sponsored a three-part documentary, "The Challenge of Change-Obama: In pursuit of a perfect union," on February 1, 3rd, and 8th.

This kick-off to Black History Month included two social workers as Guest Speakers, Melissa Haley, the National Association of Black Social Workers president, and Dr. Torin Sanders, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work. Melissa Haley is a professor in the School of Social Work, and Dr. Sanders is director of the Title IV-E interdisciplinary child welfare program. Approximately 60 participants attend each of the three zoom sessions.



**Dean Chaisson** 



**Melissa Haley** 



### Addressing Racism in Child Welfare Practice

The School of Social Work, through Title IV-E funding, sponsored "Addressing Racism in Child Welfare Practice" with Dr. Alan Detlaff, Dean, Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston. More than 100 participants attended the two-hour seminar via zoom. Dr. Detlaff has written extensively about radical changes in the child welfare system by using anti-racist practices to restructure the child welfare system. The thought-provoking innovative and traditional ways of caring for families were highlighted as ways to manage more thoughtfully about children and their families.

### What Social Workers Need to Know

On Friday, February 25th, Dr. Ben Menes Robertson, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work, ended the work month with a three-hour presentation, "African American Health Issues: Psychological Physical and Social Functioning and Malfunctioning-What Social Workers Need to Know." Dr. Robertson presented to approximately 35 participants. He reviewed works by African American Scholars who write extensively about the issues of Health in the Black Community. He also spoke about his experiences working with African American youth, some struggling with life issues. Dr. Ben Menes Robertson has recently been seen on television talking to the youth about adolescence and peer pressure.





We look foward to next month's updates!

#### **Chancellor's Report**

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