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# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

MAY 2026

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Southern University System Board of Supervisors,

It is with great pride and a deep sense of purpose that I present the May 2026 Chancellor's Report for Southern University at New Orleans. This report reflects the continued progress, resilience, and excellence that define our institution and the students we serve.

Throughout this period, SUNO has remained steadfast in its commitment to academic innovation, student success, and community impact. From the dynamic exchange of ideas at our Annual University Research Conference to the meaningful engagement fostered through the School of Social Work's Capstone Research Day, our students are actively preparing to lead, serve, and transform the world around them. These experiences not only strengthen their academic foundations but also equip them with the critical skills necessary for lifelong success in an ever-evolving global society.

We proudly celebrated the achievements of our scholars during Honors and Awards Day, recognizing their dedication and perseverance under the theme "Knighthood for Excellence." Moments like these reaffirm the strength of our academic community and the culture of excellence that continues to define SUNO. Additionally, the opening of our new Internet Café marks a significant step forward in expanding access to technology and enhancing the student experience, ensuring our campus remains responsive, innovative, and student-centered.

Our strategic partnerships continue to position SUNO as a leader in higher education. Collaborations with organizations such as Knack and the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) reinforce our commitment to academic support, teaching excellence, and improved student outcomes. These initiatives align with our broader mission to increase retention, promote completion, and prepare our students to excel in the workforce and beyond.

Equally important is our continued investment in student leadership and engagement. We proudly recognize the selection of the 2026–2027 Royal Court, a group of exceptional scholars who exemplify the values of scholarship, service, and Knight pride. As ambassadors of SUNO, they will play a vital role in fostering campus spirit and representing the university with distinction.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on strengthening institutional effectiveness, expanding opportunities for innovation, and deepening our impact within the community and across the state. SUNO's commitment to transforming dreams into degrees remains unwavering, and our collective efforts continue to move the university forward with purpose and momentum.

With knightly pride,

**DR. JOSEPH BOUIE, JR.**

Chancellor, *Southern University at New Orleans*



# In the Know AT SUNO

## UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Annual University Research Conference is designed to advance academic excellence by strengthening research competencies and empowering students at every stage of their educational journey. This signature event brings together a dynamic blend of scholarly engagement, featuring a High School Science Fair alongside research presentations from both undergraduate and graduate students at Southern University at New Orleans.

Through this comprehensive platform, participants are given the opportunity to explore innovative ideas, engage in interdisciplinary dialogue, and showcase original research. The inclusion of high school scholars also creates a valuable pipeline, inspiring early interest in research and higher education while fostering mentorship and collaboration between emerging and current scholars.

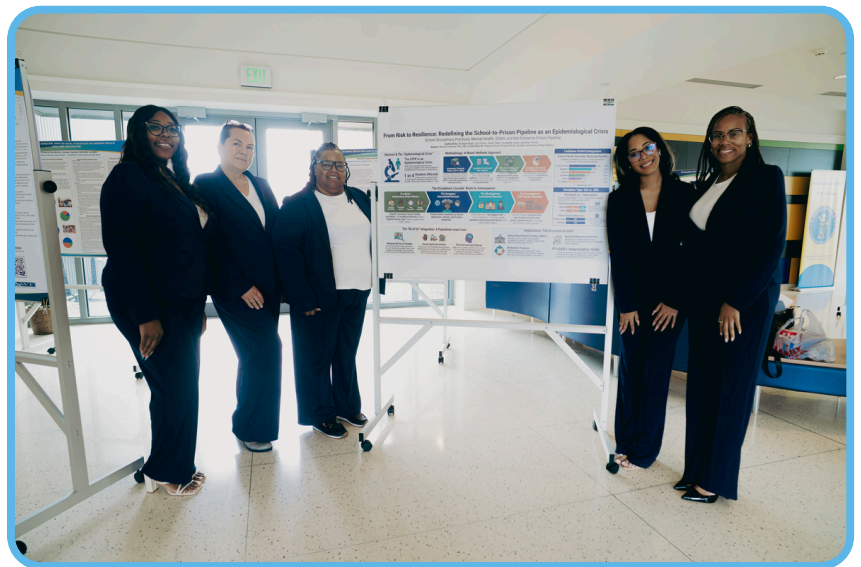
At its core, the conference is committed to equipping students with the tools necessary for academic and professional success. By presenting their work before peers, faculty, and industry professionals, students refine their communication, critical thinking, and public speaking skills—essential competencies that extend far beyond the classroom. Ultimately, the conference serves as a catalyst for intellectual growth, confidence-building, and the continued pursuit of knowledge.



# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CAPSTONE RESEARCH DAY

The Fourth Annual Capstone Research Day, organized by the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work, seeks to showcase innovative and impactful research that enhances social work practice and strengthens communities. This event provides our students with valuable insights into real-world scenarios affecting communities experiencing trauma and the barriers that challenge the social work profession.

The event featured networking opportunities for students to connect with professionals in the social work field, allowing them to gain insights into their future roles as social workers. Additionally, there will be oral presentations led by faculty, along with opportunities for students to present their research projects to diverse audiences.



# STUDENT ELECTIONS

The Office of Enrollment Management and Student Success, proudly announces the selection of the 2026–2027 Royal Court, a distinguished group of young women who exemplify scholarship, service, and Knight pride.

The 67th Miss Southern University at New Orleans Elect, Kai Leigh Harris, a rising senior majoring in Forensic Science from Los Angeles, California.

Joining Miss SUNO on the Royal Court are:

- Miss Senior: Andria Nelson, Forensic Science major
- Miss Junior: Bailey Blanchard, Business Administration major
- Miss Sophomore: Kaegan Dunlap, Pre-Nursing major

Together, these exceptional scholars will serve as ambassadors of Southern University at New Orleans, representing the institution with excellence, integrity, and a commitment to transforming dreams into degrees.



# HONORS & AWARDS DAY

Our Annual Honors and Awards Day celebrates and recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of our scholars, highlighting their commitment to academic excellence and personal growth. This year's theme, "Knighthood for Excellence," reflects the resilience, discipline, and determination our students demonstrate as they continue to strive for and achieve success.

The program featured an inspiring keynote address by Jason Hughes, who delivered a compelling message on the importance of perseverance, purpose, and defining one's own standard of excellence. His remarks encouraged students to remain focused, embrace their journeys, and pursue greatness with intention.

Honors and Awards Day remains a proud tradition, serving not only as a celebration of achievement but also as a reminder of the limitless potential within our student body.



## NEW INTERNET CAFE

SUNO proudly celebrated the opening of its' Internet Café in the Library—an exciting step forward in expanding access to technology and enhancing support for the everyday needs of our campus community.

This new space (sponsored by SUNO Connects and Connecting Minority Communities Grant) was designed to empower students with reliable resources to study, collaborate, and bring their ideas to life.

The Internet Café reflects SUNO's continued commitment to student success, innovation, and creating environments where Knights can thrive both academically and creatively.



## PARTNERSHIPS

### **Southern University at New Orleans Partners with Knack to Expand Access to Academic Support and Strengthen Student Success**

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) has established a new partnership with Knack, a leading provider of peer tutoring solutions for higher education institutions. This collaboration reflects SUNO's continued commitment to advancing student success through expanded, accessible, and high-impact academic support.

Through this partnership, SUNO will leverage Knack's strategy to connect students with trained peer tutors, enabling more flexible and timely access to academic assistance. The initiative is designed to increase capacity within SUNO's tutoring labs, enhance student engagement, and support the university's broader retention and completion goals.

### **SUNO Expands Partnership with ACUE to Advance Teaching Excellence and Student Success**

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is proud to announce an expanded partnership with Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). This next phase of our collaboration aligns with the Meauxmentum Framework—an evidence based initiative established by the Louisiana Board of Regents that supports systemwide priorities focused on increasing student success and strengthening pathways to completion and workforce readiness.

By expanding access to ACUE's nationally recognized, ACE-endorsed Certification in Effective Teaching and our complete faculty development ecosystem, SUNO is scaling a culture of teaching excellence and advancing outcomes that matter most for students and the state.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Human Resources at Southern University at New Orleans hosted its Administrative Professionals Conference under the theme “Enhancing Excellence: Skills, Systems, and Service.” This event gathered administrative staff from across the institution for a full day dedicated to targeted professional development.

The conference aimed to:

- Strengthen operational effectiveness
- Reinforce compliance
- Highlight the crucial role administrative professionals play in advancing the University’s mission

Sessions concentrated on key institutional priorities, such as:

- The role of Administrative Professionals in student recruitment and retention
- Leveraging Ellucian Banner to enhance workflows
- Ensuring data integrity through accurate EAPF processing
- Utilizing Microsoft Teams to improve communication

Dr. Ashonta Wyatt, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management & Student Success delivered a featured address, underscoring the vital contributions of administrative professionals to student success.

The program also included:

- Training on campus safety for Building Coordinators
- An ethics session led by Atty. Jeremiah Sams, SUS Director for Compliance, focused on the practical application of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics

During the “Chat and Chew” luncheon, themed “Empowering Administrative Excellence,” attendees heard remarks from Lois Hazeur, Assistant to the Chancellor. Chancellor Bouie also expressed gratitude to the staff for their contributions and reaffirmed their significance in the ongoing work.



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