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## **Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett to Deliver Keynote Address at Southern University at New Orleans' 2025 Commencement Ceremony.**

**New Orleans, LA** — Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is honored to announce that U.S. Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett will deliver the keynote address at its 2025 Commencement Ceremony. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lakefront Arena in New Orleans.

A dynamic leader and advocate for justice, equity, and access, Representative Crockett has made national headlines for her passionate voice, unwavering commitment to public service, and dedication to empowering historically marginalized communities. Her presence at this year's commencement promises to inspire and energize SUNO's graduating class as they prepare to take the next step in their journeys.

"We are honored to welcome Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett to address our graduates," said SUNO Chancellor Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr. "Her bold leadership and fierce advocacy reflect the very spirit of SUNO—resilient, determined, and committed to change. Her words will no doubt leave a lasting impression on our graduates, especially as we celebrate the first cohort from our School of Nursing. This moment will go down as one of the most transformative in our university's proud history."

This year's commencement holds special significance as SUNO celebrates the graduation of its inaugural cohort from the School of Nursing. Launched in August 2022 with an initial group of tenacious students, the program was designed to address the critical need for diverse nursing professionals in the Greater New Orleans area. The BSN program's establishment aligns with SUNO's mission to produce highly skilled graduates prepared to make meaningful contributions to the healthcare sector.

"It is a privilege to join SUNO's graduating class for this monumental occasion," said **Rep. Crockett**. "As a proud product of an HBCU myself, I know firsthand the transformative power these institutions hold. I'm especially thrilled to stand with SUNO as they graduate their first nursing cohort—trailblazers who are entering the workforce at a time when their skills and compassion are needed more than ever."

The 2025 Commencement Ceremony will also feature Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education, and members of the Southern University System Board of

Supervisors, who will join SUNO leadership in celebrating this historic occasion. Their presence underscores the significance of this milestone—not only for SUNO, but for the advancement of higher education and health equity across the state.

The ceremony promises to be a momentous occasion, honoring the hard work and perseverance of SUNO's graduates and marking a significant step forward in the university's ongoing mission to serve the educational needs of the Greater New Orleans community and beyond.

***About Southern University at New Orleans:***

*Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), founded in 1956, is a public historically black university committed to providing quality educational opportunities for the diverse populations of the Greater New Orleans region. As part of the Southern University System, SUNO offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and professional success.*

*For more information about the 2025 Commencement Ceremony, please contact the Office of Communications.*

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