



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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STUDENT OUTCOMES

SPRING 2025 ORIENTATION



SUNO welcomed over 75 newly enrolled students to the Knight Nation! At Spring 2025 Orientation, students had the opportunity to hear from Chancellor James H. Ammons, Jr., SGA President Dana Bailey, Vice Chancellor Zackeus Johnson, and more. Students also had the opportunity to engage with various on-campus student support services and organizations at the Organization Fair.



MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Nickolus Harrison and Dr. Jill Murray's clinical workshop proposal was accepted at the National Association of Social Workers – Louisiana Chapter Annual Conference, offering 1.5 Clinical Continuing Education Units (CEUs). This recognition highlights their research on critical social work issues. In Summer 2024, they worked with Dr. Cassidy Herring on Nickolus's research, "The Arbitrary Terms of Substance Use Disorder and the Validity of Research," challenging current definitions that affect research, treatment, and policy. Presenting this work emphasizes its significance and Nickolus's dedication.

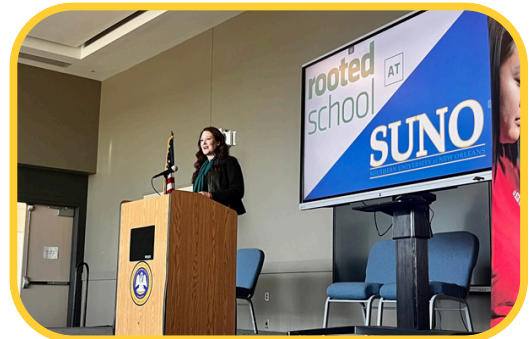
Teeshell Lawrence, a McNair Scholar and Student Support Services member, will present her research at the 62nd Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Denver from March 11-15. Her work, developed during the Summer 2024 Ronald E. McNair Research Project under mentor Dr. Raymond Delaney, addresses the school-to-prison pipeline. Titled "Stopping the Flow: Innovative Solutions to Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline," her research explores strategies to disrupt systemic factors contributing to student incarceration.



THE ROOTED SCHOOL AT SUNO

SUNO had the pleasure of hosting Board of Regents' Dual Enrollment Task Force meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to hear directly from The Rooted School New Orleans' students about how dual enrollment serves as an introduction to the collegiate mindset, a chance to spark intellectual curiosity, and a vital investment in our students' futures.

The Rooted School New Orleans, housed within SUNO's College of Education and Human Development, is now recognized as one of the most innovative public charter high schools in the country and proudly offers dual-enrollment opportunities with SUNO.



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Brittney Sylvester, *Senior*

- Majoring in Forensic Science
- Provisionally accepted into American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine



Ricard Stepney, *Senior*

- Majoring in Biology
- Provisionally accepted into American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine



G'von Sargent, *Senior*

- Majoring in Biology
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Diamond Evans, *Senior*

- Majoring in Biology
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Latavia Williams, *Senior*

- Majoring in Forensic Science
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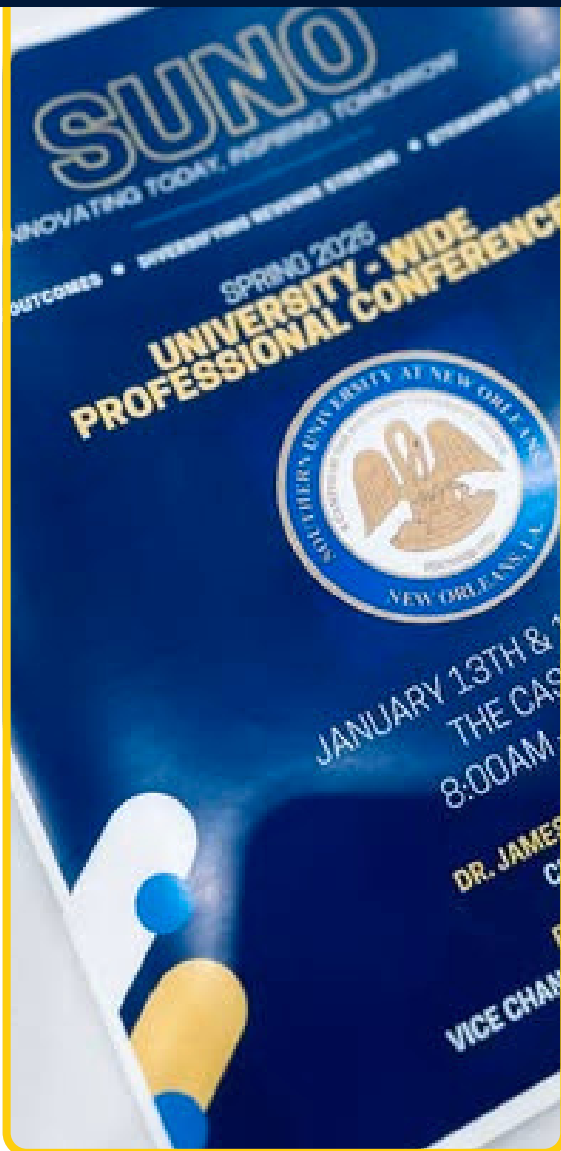
Darryelle Mitchell, *Alumna*

- Accepted into LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

SUNO Alumna, Tashonda Vaughn (*Dr. Kambhampati's former student*), recently completed her doctoral program at Southern University and A&M College earning a PH. D.



UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE



SUNO recently hosted its Annual University Professional Conference, a vital opportunity for faculty and staff to come together, gain valuable insights, and engage in meaningful discussions about the future of our institution. This year's conference was designed to provide a comprehensive update on key areas impacting our campus, including advancements in technology, facility improvements, HR processes, and strategies to enhance student success.

To ensure that faculty and staff received in-depth training tailored to their roles, the conference featured a series of concurrent sessions, each carefully designed to equip participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to better serve our students and the university as a whole. These sessions covered a range of critical topics, from leveraging new technological platforms like DegreeWorks, Canvas, and Banner 9, to best practices in student retention, academic advising, and fostering an inclusive and supportive campus environment. Faculty explored innovative teaching methods to improve classroom engagement, while staff received hands-on training to enhance operational efficiency and student support services.

By investing in professional development and fostering a culture of continuous learning, SUNO is ensuring that our faculty and staff are well-prepared to meet the evolving needs of our students. This conference was not just a moment for learning—it was a step toward collective progress, reinforcing our commitment to excellence and our mission to provide students with a transformative educational experience."



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