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**Special points of interest:**

- Park Campus
- Retention

*“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”*

# From the Chancellor’s Desk

## PARK CAMPUS

Thanks very much for your cooperation and patience during our transition from the Lake Campus to the Park Campus. While much work remains to be completed, the progress indicates that we have come a long way.

The air conditioning/heating systems in the buildings are working. The challenge with the heat in the Administration Building, for example, revolves around the lowness of the temperature setting which triggers the heat to come on. We are working with the contractor to correct this issue.

## RETENTION

Ensuring that students matriculate successfully at SUNO is everyone’s responsibility. I thank you for continuing to build on our efforts to better serve students. A report released Wednesday by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education gave Louisiana subpar grades in several categories. In particular, our state received an F for the low number of students going to college and the difficulty in paying for it, a D for the small percentage of Louisianians who have finished college and a C-plus for the number of

Meanwhile, if any employee feels uncomfortable due to any building being too cold, arrangements to work in a space on the Lake Campus may be initially addressed with the Vice Chancellor to whom you report.

Students with disabilities should contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities immediately if any services are needed from Park Campus Buildings that they cannot access. The office is located on the Lake Campus, Building 35B, and the telephone number is 284-5335. Signs promoting this will be placed around campus.

students who graduate.

For the past three years, my administrative team has worked tirelessly to address our retention challenges. Some of the efforts, such as the Leadership and Mentoring Program for Students (LAMPS), have been visible, while others such as calling and visiting students

pretty much go unnoticed.

More of these efforts will become quite visible within the coming months, but in the interim I encourage everyone to continue doing what they can to improve SUNO’s nurturing environment which plays a major role in retaining students.



File Photo: Chancellor’s Emerging Leaders Program participants