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## BOR Approves Millie Charles Endowed Chair

I am happy to report that the Louisiana Board of Regents (BOR), at its meeting today in Baton Rouge, awarded funding for the Millie M. Charles Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Social Work. The total amount of the Endowed Chair is \$1 million. Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) raised \$400,000, and the BOR, via support from the State Legislature, provided an additional \$600,000.

During my appearance before the Senate Finance Committee on June 7, 2007, presidents and chancellors were asked if we had any additional funding requests. I presented a number of items, including funding for the Endowed Chair. We thank Governor Kathleen Blanco, the Senate Finance Committee, a host of state legislators and the faculty and staff of our School of Social Work for helping SUNO to garner this historical accomplishment.

Establishment of the Endowed Chair honors the legacy of retired Dean Millie Charles, whose work in the field of social work is recognized nationally and internationally. The scholar recruited to fill the Endowed Chair will provide the academic support to enhance the development of teaching and research, addressing the barriers that impact human rights and developing leaders with a focus on the impediments of social justice.