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Memo from the Chancellor's Desk Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D.

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SUNO STUDENT PERFORMS GREAT

I would like to congratulate Ms. N'Kenge Marcelin, the lone SUNO student who participated in an exercise with the Department of Health & Hospitals, Friday, September 7. Here's part of a message that my executive associate, Mr. Harold Clark, received from Ms. Adrian Boutin, who coordinated the exercise:

Good Morning Mr. Clark,

I would like to inform you that the student, Ms. Marcelin, who you sent to participate in the DHH/ OPH statewide "Pandemic Flu Drill", performed the task very well. She did a great job in her role as a press conference reporter. She came prepared and knowledgeable about the Pandemic Flu issue. Ms. Marcelin also demonstrated that she was able to work in a different type of environment than she is accustomed to, as well as work with other seasoned professionals in a professional manner. As a result, we would like other SUNO students to participate in future similar events as they arise. I trust that this was a meaningful experience for Ms. Marcelin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for allowing SUNO to be a valuable player in this endeavor.

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Thanks to Dr. Adrell Pinkney for recommending the student. Again, congratulations to Ms. N'Kenge Marcelin!

SOUTH CAMPUS UPDATE

The following represents a status update on the progress of reconstructing the 11 buildings which comprise the original campus (South Campus):

1. Health & Physical Education Building: The last monthly meeting was held on September 6, 2007. The contractor and the architect both agreed that the building (1st floor) would be completed by November 15, 2007.
2. Central Power Plant: David Assaf, the mechanical engineer, is assessing the existing Central Plant in reference to the new design.
3. Cafeteria: The bid for building remediation is on temporary hold. AIMS Group is in the process of testing the building for fecal coliforms. This test has been completed and now the results are being awaited, as per a conversation Mr. Robert Cannon had with Kirk Juno of the AIMS group.
4. Remaining Eight Buildings: The scope of work is still being developed by the AIMS Group. The company is testing the buildings for fecal coliforms. The next building scheduled for remediation is the Maintenance Building.

NORTH CAMPUS UPDATE

Similar to the front parking lot of the North Campus, the back parking lot will be paved with asphalt. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for October 9th. The bids are expected to go out October 23rd. The actual work could begin some time in November. We will keep you informed.



FRESHMEN MENTOR PROGRAM

SUNO takes the issue of student retention very seriously. In an effort to address this issue, Mr. Wesley Bishop and Dr. Donna Grant have spearheaded development of a Freshmen Mentor Program. Mentors include volunteer faculty and administrative staff, who attended a second meeting today. Each person will work with a freshman student by keeping track of the student's academic progress and assist where needed. Very soon, we will announce details regarding the official kickoff that will feature a keynote address by internationally known motivational speaker Les Brown.