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#### *SUNO to host televised mayoral candidates' forum on Tuesday, January 26th*

NEW ORLEANS, LA. – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will host a televised mayoral candidates' forum on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Health & Physical Education building on the Park Campus at 6400 Press Drive. SUNO has partnered with the Citywide Ecumenical Coalition (CEC) and WHNO-TV to produce the event. The forum will be broadcast live on WHNO-TV, streamed live on NewOrleans.com, and recorded on local Telemundo affiliate, KGLA-TV. The moderator will be SUNO's interim director of public relations, Eddie Francis.

The mayoral forum is faith-based, and will focus on issues that affect the quality of life in New Orleans. The content is based on a study done by Democratic Party strategist, author and Tulane University professor James Carville. The study indicated that the road to the office of mayor of New Orleans would go through African-American churches.

The CEC aims to extend the local leadership conversation based on the perception that the church should remain socially isolated on issues affecting members of the faith community. The group, led by Bishop J. D. Wiley of Life Center Cathedral, consists of religious leaders from the New Orleans area, and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all citizens.

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