

School of Social Work January 2018



On Sunday, January 14, the newly built School of Social Work was dedicated to the founder of the Social Work program at SUNO. The Millie M. Charles School of Social Work was dedicated with a ceremony honoring Dean Charles who was present for the entire ceremony. The ceremony included blessings by the daughter of Dean Charles, Shkt. H.M.K. Amen and Reverend Kevin Stephens, interim pastor of Christian Unity Church. Mrs. Gloria

Moultrie and Dr. Joseph Bouie presided over the event while Chancellor Lisa-Mims Devezin officially spoke about the Senate Bill 62, which named the School of Social Work in honor of Dean Charles. The bill was sponsored by Senators Ann Duplessis, Diana Bajoie, and Edwin Murray. Former Senator Ann



Duplessis spoke and Honorable Ann Smith, Chair of the Southern University Board of Supervisors spoke about the building dedication to a living legend. Chancellor Mims Devezin spoke about the inspiring journey and mentorship provided by Dean Charles. Leonetta Terrell, President of the New Orleans Association of Black social workers spoke honoring Dean Charles as the founder of the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers. The N.O. chapter purchased a brick (Brick Drive) that will be placed near the building walkway. Former and current students spoke and Dr. Mike Meehan presented a picture story about Dean Charles. All faculty and staff of the school of social work attended, supported and participated in preparing the new building for tours and a small reception that occurred after the event. The ceremony ended with a rendition of one of Millie's favorite songs "What a Wonderful World" a trumpet solo played by Professor Claude Montegut.



This glorious event also captured a photo of four Deans for the School of Social Work. They are from left Former Dean, Ron Mancoske, the honoree Millie Charles, current Dean Rebecca Chaisson, & former Dean Beverly Favre

Dr. Harry Russell

The School of Social Work re-instated the Part-time MSW program in January. Dr. Harry Russell and Mrs. Camille Alexander, Director of Admissions welcomed 17 new students to the School of Social Work in January.



Dr. Ira Neighbors

On January 13, 2018, at the opening reception of The National Conference of Artists—New Orleans Chapter “The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Art Exhibitions and New Orleans Tri-centennial African American Art Exhibition,’ telling our own Story: The African Presence in New Orleans. Dr. Ira Neighbors’ work by Walter James Lowe, III (deceased) is exhibited at The Building Gallery, 1427 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. Dr. Ira Neighbors holds the Walter James Lowe paintings.