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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR BOUIE

Dear Southern University System Board of Supervisors,

Welcome to the February 2026 Chancellor's Report. It is my pleasure to share with you a snapshot of the remarkable work taking place across Southern University at New Orleans as we continue advancing our mission of access, excellence, and community impact.

This report reflects the collective dedication of our faculty, staff, students, and partners who remain committed to student success and institutional growth. From meaningful professional development opportunities and dynamic student engagement to innovative academic programming and nationally significant scholarship, SUNO continues to move forward with purpose and vision.

February was marked by collaboration, learning, and inspiration. Our University Professional Conference reaffirmed our commitment to continuous improvement and shared leadership. Our students benefited from hands-on experiences, mentorship, and exposure to real-world professionals, while our faculty and staff demonstrated excellence through research, service, and program development that extend far beyond our campus.

We are also proud to highlight the upcoming opening of the Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art and its historic exhibition, *From the Nile to the Mississippi*. This moment represents more than an exhibition—it is a powerful statement of cultural reclamation, education, and the global impact of HBCUs.

As you review this report, I hope you feel the energy, resilience, and determination that define Knight Nation. Together, we are building a university that honors its legacy while boldly shaping its future.

Thank you for your continued support of SUNO.

With gratitude and respect,

DR. JOSEPH BOUIE, JR.

Chancellor, *Southern University at New Orleans*



In the Know AT SUNO

UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

The SUNO University Conference was a key event aimed at enhancing faculty and staff development. It began with an inspiring address from the Chancellor about the university's current state. Attendees participated in various breakout sessions focusing on topics like innovative teaching, technology integration, leadership, and diversity initiatives. The conference facilitated idea exchange and provided valuable insights into higher education trends. It emphasized mentorship, resources, and community growth, fostering a culture of continuous improvement within SUNO. Participants left inspired and energized for the new academic year.



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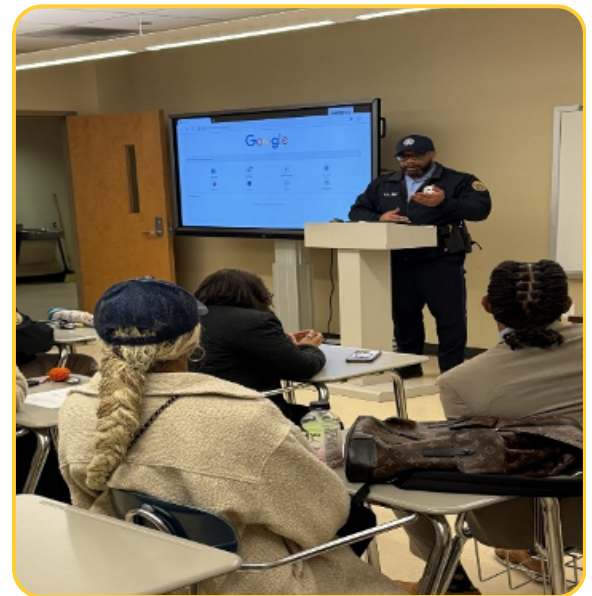
SUNO Criminal Justice Club Hosts NOPD Officers

The SUNO Criminal Justice Club had the honor of welcoming Officers Bax and Rico from the New Orleans Police Department, along with Ms. Green from NOPD Recruitment and Selection. They delivered an engaging and informative session highlighting the diverse career paths available in law enforcement, including:

- Patrol
- Investigations
- Specialized units
- Administrative roles

Students participated in a vibrant question-and-answer session, gaining valuable insights into the challenges, rewards, and personal growth associated with a career in law enforcement. Officers Bax, Rico, and Ms. Green inspired students to pursue their ambitions with dedication, integrity, and a commitment to serving the community.

This session served as a reminder that every student has the potential to make a significant impact in public safety, community service, and criminal justice reform. Through hard work, perseverance, and proper guidance, the next generation of criminal justice professionals can foster safer communities and emerge as leaders in their field. The SUNO Criminal Justice Club remains dedicated to providing students with experiences, mentorship, and resources to transform these aspirations into reality.





Captain Jason Rivarde, Director of Training and Commander of the Public Information Division at the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, visited Southern University at New Orleans to speak to the Criminal Justice Club. He emphasized professionalism, ethical decision-making, and continuous training in modern law enforcement.

Rivarde shared career insights, pathways into law enforcement, and the evolving relationship between agencies and communities. He encouraged students to stay committed to their studies, seek mentorship, and view themselves as future leaders. The session was informative, allowing for meaningful dialogue and practical advice, aligning with the club's mission to connect students with real-world practitioners.

Recruiting Future Knights

Dr. Raymond Delaney represented Southern University at New Orleans during an event at Dillard University, where he recruited future students and scholars for our Evening & Weekend College Program.

As a former non-traditional student himself, this initiative holds significant personal meaning for him—this path transformed his life. With the continued support of the Southern University at New Orleans Foundation, we remain committed to opening doors and enhancing access to higher education.



Health Information Systems

Jairus Ballard is actively engaged in leadership development, participating in the Chronicle's Strategic Leadership for Chairs workshops in January 2026, which focused on effective leadership skills and peer engagement. His commitment extends from including involvement in the Shelton State Community College Advisory Board and the AHIMA Membership Town Hall Meeting, reflecting his dedication to health information management.

Mr. John Barrilleaux took part in the University of Arizona Global Campus advisory board meeting, providing industry insight for program quality. He was also selected to present at the March 2026 LHIMA Conference on coding challenges in inpatient rehabilitation settings. Both Dr. Ballard and Mr. Barrilleaux attended the RPCC Health Information and Educational Technology Program Advisory Board meeting, collaborating on program development for students pursuing a HIMS degree at Southern University at New Orleans.

Publications

- **Dr. Mostafa Elaasar**
 - **Physics Letters B, Elsevier**
 - Study on exclusive pion electroproduction from the proton, focusing on hard/soft factorization via beam-spin asymmetry.
 - The research utilized a 10.6 GeV polarized electron beam on a liquid hydrogen target at Jefferson Lab Hall C, measuring differential cross sections and asymmetries.
 - Findings indicated a flat Q^2 -dependence of the cross-section ratio across a range of kinematics, compared to generalized parton distribution predictions.
- **Dr. Gregory Ford:**
 - **Antioxidants, MDPI Article**
 - Investigated redox state changes in plasma following acute ischemic stroke in rats.
 - Evaluated plasma concentrations of thiols and their ratios 24 and 48 hours post-occlusion.
 - Results showed significant oxidative stress at 48 hours, highlighting plasma redox status as a potential biomarker for reperfusion injury and supporting redox imbalance treatment to reduce oxidative damage post-stroke.

PARTNERSHIPS

- **Indiana University School of Optometry (IUSO)**
 - SUNO and IUSO established a 4+4 pathway that allows SUNO students who complete a minimum 120-credit pre-optometry curriculum with at least a 3.5 GPA to apply to IUSO's Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) program. Qualified SUNO students may be considered for up to two reserved seats per entering O.D. class, creating a direct pipeline into a professional doctorate. The agreement also highlights structured advising/engagement (pre-application appointment, test-optional admission framework, shadowing expectations, and priority consideration for IUSO's summer program) to strengthen readiness and recruitment.
- **Grand Valley State University (GVSU) – SUNO Articulation Agreement (Graduate Pathways)**
 - SUNO and GVSU entered an articulation agreement to create efficient pathways for SUNO students to progress into selected GVSU graduate programs through coordinated advising, recruitment, and credit-transfer planning. Program options include graduate degrees such as Accounting (M.S.A.), Biology (M.S.), Health Administration (M.H.A.), Public Administration (M.P.A.), Public Health (M.P.H.), School Psychology (M.S. & Psy.S.), Nursing (M.S.N.), and Biomedical Sciences (M.H.S.). Student benefits highlighted in the agreement include access to in-state tuition at GVSU, campus-visit opportunities (as funding permits), robust support resources/mentoring, and a \$5,000/year scholarship for up to two SUNO students per year.
- **SUNO & Delgado Community College 60+60 Pathways Agreements**
 - **60+60 Pathway to the B.A. in English**
 - DCC and SUNO created a 60+60 articulation pathway that enables associate-degree graduates to transfer and complete the Bachelor of Arts in English at SUNO in as little as two additional years. Students who complete at least 60 transferable credit hours at DCC with a 2.0 GPA become candidates for the program, then finish the remaining 60 upper-division credits at SUNO. The pathway is designed to reduce credit loss, accelerate time-to-degree, and support statewide attainment goals while preparing graduates for employment or graduate study.

- **60+60 Pathway to the B.S. in Biology**
 - DCC and SUNO established a 60+60 pathway that provides a streamlined transfer route for associate-degree graduates to complete a Bachelor of Science in Biology at SUNO, targeted for completion within two additional years. Students who complete the 60-credit DCC curriculum with a 2.0 GPA are eligible to transfer into SUNO's remaining 60-credit major requirements. The agreement emphasizes structured transferability and preparation for career placement or graduate/professional study.
- **60+60 Pathway to the B.S. in Criminal Justice**
 - DCC and SUNO's 60+60 Criminal Justice pathway supports associate-degree graduates moving efficiently into SUNO's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, with a planned two-year completion window after transfer. Eligibility includes completion of 60 DCC credits with at least a 2.0 GPA, followed by 60 credits of required major coursework at SUNO. The agreement highlights accelerated completion and preparation for employment or graduate school, aligned with statewide credential attainment goals.
- **60+60 Pathway to the B.S. in Forensic Science**
 - DCC and SUNO created a 60+60 pathway that enables associate-degree completers to transfer and finish the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science at SUNO in approximately two additional years. Students who complete 60 transferable credits at DCC with a 2.0 GPA transition into SUNO's remaining 60-credit major sequence, with clear delineation of general education and major requirements across both institutions. The agreement is designed to accelerate degree completion while strengthening workforce and graduate-study readiness.
- **60+60 Pathway to the B.S. in Health Information Management Systems**
 - DCC and SUNO's 60+60 Health Information Management Systems pathway provides a structured transfer route for associate-degree graduates to complete SUNO's Bachelor of Science in the discipline within two additional years. Students who complete the 60-credit DCC curriculum with a 2.0 GPA transfer to SUNO to complete the final 60 credit hours required for graduation. The agreement emphasizes coordinated course planning and a streamlined pathway into a high-demand health/technology-aligned bachelor's credential.
- **60+60 Pathway to the B.A. in Psychology**
 - DCC and SUNO established a 60+60 pathway to help associate-degree graduates transfer and complete the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at SUNO in as little as two additional years. Eligibility is based on completing 60 credit hours at DCC with a 2.0 GPA, then completing the remaining 60 credits at SUNO with satisfactory academic standing. The agreement is designed to accelerate bachelor's attainment and strengthen preparation for employment and graduate study.
- **60+60 Pathway to the B.S. in Mathematics**
 - DCC and SUNO's 60+60 Mathematics pathway creates a clear transfer plan for associate-degree graduates to complete SUNO's Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, targeting completion within two additional years after transfer. Students qualifying with 60 DCC credits and a 2.0 GPA move into SUNO's remaining 60-credit upper-division coursework required for graduation. The agreement highlights predictable transferability, reduced time-to-degree, and alignment with Louisiana's credential attainment priorities.

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In Spring 2026, the Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art (SUNOMA) will open its doors to *"From the Nile to the Mississippi: King Tutankhamun and the Giovanni Amin Collection."* This landmark exhibition presents detailed commissioned reproductions of King Tutankhamun's tomb and artifacts, generously loaned by collector and cultural educator Giovanni Amin.

More than a display, this is a tribute to King Tut's enduring legacy—reimagined and honored through the lens of an HBCU.

This will be the **first major Egyptian replica exhibition of its kind hosted at an HBCU**, and we are inviting you to be a part of making history. We see this exhibition as a powerful act of cultural reclamation, education, and celebration. This exhibition will also highlight how Egypt's global impact is reflected in New Orleans' traditions and landscape.

We invite you to consider how you or your organization can make the most meaningful contribution.

Exhibition Opening: February 23, 2026
Inaugural SUNOMA Gala: April 11, 2026



Support SUNOMA today by donating or serve as a sponsor for this historical event. To view the sponsorship packet, please visit our website at www.suno.edu or email ewitt@suno.edu



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