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# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

**MARCH 2026**

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**  
**AT NEW ORLEANS**

# A MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR BOUIE

Dear Southern University System Board of Supervisors,

Welcome to the March 2026 Chancellor's Report. It is my distinct honor to share with you the continued progress and momentum at Southern University at New Orleans as we advance our mission of access, excellence, and community impact.

This month's report highlights the strength of Knight Nation—demonstrated through student achievement, faculty scholarship, strategic partnerships, and transformative campus developments. From the grand re-opening and renaming of our Counseling & Psychological Services Center in honor of Dr. Kimberly Paige, to impactful research publications and dynamic academic programming, our university community continues to lead with compassion, innovation, and purpose.

We proudly celebrate milestones across our colleges and institutes. Our students are publishing in peer-reviewed journals, securing internships, earning scholarships, and engaging in meaningful research and civic dialogue. The Small Business Development & Management Institute is experiencing renewed momentum through strategic partnerships and brand revitalization, while our Renewable Energy Management Program is expanding industry collaboration and investing in enhanced academic technology to support student success.

Our commitment to career readiness and economic empowerment was on full display through the Spring 2026 Career Fair and the Young Economists Summit, both of which strengthened pathways between education and industry. These initiatives affirm our dedication to preparing scholars who are workforce-ready and globally competitive.

A defining highlight of this season is the opening of the Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art and its historic exhibition, *From the Nile to the Mississippi: King Tutankhamun and the Giovanni Amin Collection*. This landmark moment reflects our role as a cultural and intellectual anchor—honoring global history while connecting it meaningfully to the heritage of New Orleans and the broader African diaspora.

As you review this report, I hope you feel the energy, resilience, and forward-thinking spirit that define our institution. Together, we continue to build upon our legacy while boldly shaping the future of SUNO.

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and continued support.

With gratitude and respect,

**DR. JOSEPH BOUIE, JR.**

Chancellor, *Southern University at New Orleans*



# In the Know AT SUNO

## RE-OPENING OF THE COUNSELING CENTER

### *Southern University at New Orleans Celebrates the Grand Re-Opening of the Counseling & Psychological Services Center*

We are thrilled to announce the Grand Re-Opening of our Counseling & Psychological Services Center, now officially renamed in memory of our former director, Dr. Kimberly Paige, who passed away in the summer of 2025. This renaming honors her compassion, leadership, and profound impact on our campus community.

Paige was a mentor, advocate, and a source of support who touched countless lives. We are grateful to have gathered with her family, friends, faculty, and staff to celebrate her legacy and tour the center that proudly bears her name.



## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Patrice Sentino and Dr. Derrick Freeman welcomed back research students as they prepare to present their final Capstone projects. The session provided an opportunity to reconnect, offer guidance, and encourage scholarly excellence as students finalize and showcase their research contributions.



### ***Celebrating Black History***

In recognition of Black History Month, Rev. Dr. Torin Sanders and Dr. Adrian Rolle presented scholarship from their recent book chapters in *Persisting Challenges of Racism in Contemporary Society*. The event engaged students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members in dialogue on the historical and contemporary impacts of racism across social systems. The program also featured poetry, a performance of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, and remarks from Chancellor Bouie and Dean Sentino, with student Treyton Burley serving as Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Clyde Robertson moderating.

Participants strengthened their understanding of systemic racism's enduring influence, particularly within education and healthcare, while fostering reflection and cross-disciplinary engagement aligned with the university's mission of social awareness and civic responsibility.



## Community Engagement

On January 15, 2026, Dr. Damekia Morgan facilitated a civic dialogue with community activists and visiting Macalester College Bonner Community Scholars exploring the post-Katrina educational landscape in New Orleans. The discussion examined policy shifts toward charter governance, community voice, and access to educational opportunity, with participants analyzing system challenges, innovation, and the role of organizing in advancing accountability and equity.



The engagement promoted cross-regional learning, deepened understanding of policy and structural change in education reform, and strengthened partnerships between community leaders and emerging civic scholars committed to public service and social justice.

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Dr. Murty Kambhampati**
  - Student Charrel Williams' manuscript has been published in Springer Nature's *\*Discover Toxicology\**, a peer-reviewed journal.
  - This achievement is a milestone, demonstrating dedication to research, scholarly activity, and a focus on STEM by our Natural Sciences faculty and students, who are always eager to learn and enhance their skills.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



The Spring 2026 Gregory A. DeBose Business Administration Scholarship was awarded to Coy Guillory, a junior from Baton Rouge majoring in Business Administration, aiming to graduate in 2027. A member of the SUNO Baseball Team since 2023, Coy values discipline, time management, and a strong work ethic from being a student-athlete. He engages in campus organizations to enhance his leadership skills and give back to the community. His motto, "Discipline over Motivation," reflects his commitment to perseverance. Influenced by his father, Coy aims to own a personal training business and mentor youth on physical health and self-discipline.

Gregory A. DeBose, a New Orleans native and SUNO graduate (1992), sponsors the scholarship since Spring 2017. A Vietnam War veteran, he emphasizes the importance of affordable higher education in shaping his life and career.

## Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI)

Shaddai Livingston, new Director of the Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI), reported on significant activities and achievements.

Key highlights include:

Livingston's background: an alumnus of Southern University at New Orleans with a BS in Business Administration and a Master of International Business, she has a decade of entrepreneurial experience, including starting an online beauty company in China and founding the Louisiana Afro-Indigenous Society.

Strategic advancements:

- A partnership with Propeller was launched, enhancing operational efficiencies through online tools and targeted technical assistance for tenant growth.
- Brand revitalization efforts included reactivating the SBDMI Instagram account, updating marketing materials, and launching a weekly newsletter, The Incubator.
- Planning for events such as Black History Month, 2026 courses, a NASA business conference, and industry workshops is underway.

Active leadership participation in statewide meetings and professional development showcases strong operational momentum and partnership development.



## Renewable Energy Management Program

Natalie Hollingshed, Coordinator of the Renewable Energy Management (REM) program,

In January 2026, the Renewable Energy Management (REM) Program at Southern University at New Orleans reached several important milestones that bolstered student support, infrastructure, and industry collaboration. The program successfully secured active internship placements for four REM students, offering them valuable hands-on learning experiences with external partners.

Moreover, over \$100,000 was invested in the installation of brand-new computers in two College of Business labs and the Accounting Tutoring Lab, significantly improving academic technology resources and learning environments for students.

During this same timeframe, the REM Program also managed and coordinated stipend payments for 56 students, ensuring financial assistance to enhance participation, retention, and academic achievement.

## College of Business Hosts the Fall 2025 Young Economists Summit (YES) Competition

The College of Business hosted the Fall 2025 Young Economists Summit (YES) on December 13, 2025, in partnership with The Wall Street Connection (WSC). The event, focused on "Shaping the future of finance and innovation," featured local educator Mr. Donald Hess and aimed to bridge the wealth gap through financial education.

Participants from four high schools presented solutions to economic issues like homelessness and child hunger to a panel of judges, including news anchor Gina Swanson and venture capitalist Kim Redding. Each team received a trophy, and the event garnered positive feedback for its educational impact while promoting CBA's academic programs.



## SPRING 2026 CAREER FAIR

The Spring 2026 Career, Internship & Graduate School Fair was a success, featuring 40 companies and over 65 industry leaders. Nearly 90 students attended, marking a 15% increase from Fall 2025, indicating growing student engagement in career readiness.

The increase in student participation reflects confidence in Career Services and the university's commitment to preparing scholars for post-graduate success. Overall, the event showed progress in employer engagement and student turnout, affirming SUNO scholars' readiness for career advancement. Continuous improvement in employer initiatives is a priority.





## Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art Unveils "From the Nile to the Mississippi: King Tutankhamun and the Giovanni Amin Collection"

The Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art has proudly opened its doors to the exhibition titled \*From the Nile to the Mississippi: King Tutankhamun and the Giovanni Amin Collection.\* This remarkable showcase features meticulously commissioned reproductions of King Tutankhamun's tomb and artifacts, graciously loaned by collector and cultural educator Giovanni Amin.

The opening event attracted attendees from across the New Orleans community, where culture bearers, alumni, and local residents came together to celebrate this unique exhibition.

This marks the first significant Egyptian replica exhibition of its kind hosted at a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), and we invite you to be part of this historic moment. We view this exhibition as a vital act of cultural reclamation, education, and celebration. Moreover, it will illuminate how Egypt's global influence resonates within New Orleans' traditions and landscape.



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