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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS
**CHANCELLOR'S
REPORT**

OCTOBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR BOUIE

Dear Southern University System Board of Supervisors,

I extend greetings in this month's Chancellor's Report. Southern University at New Orleans stands at an inflection point in its illustrious history, propelled forward by gains in enrollment, the steadfast dedication of our faculty and staff, and the expansion of transformative resources that will indelibly shape the trajectory of our students' futures.

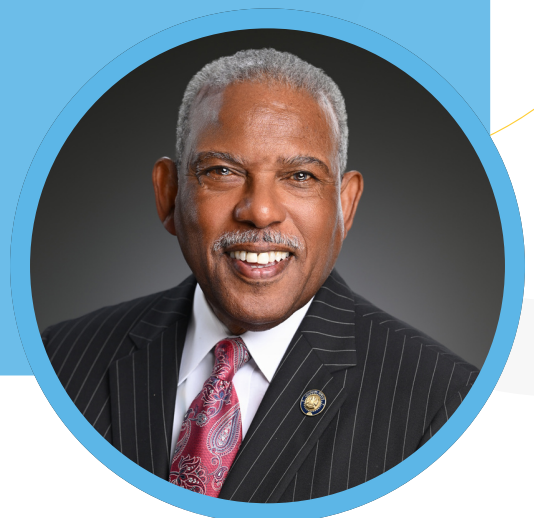
The increase in enrollment is not merely a numerical milestone; it is a testament to the confidence that students and families place in SUNO's mission. This resurgence was achieved through the labor of our faculty, staff, and administrators, who have acted as champions of opportunity, navigating complexities, dismantling barriers, and ensuring that the enrollment process was not only successful but exemplary. Their efforts affirm that SUNO is not simply an institution of higher learning, but a beacon of access, resilience, and excellence.

Concurrently, we are broadening the horizons of student engagement and success through innovative initiatives. The newly established Athletic Computer Lab exemplifies our pledge to merge athletic achievement with academic rigor, equipping our student-athletes with the tools necessary to excel both on the field and in the classroom. Likewise, the White Coat Ceremony for our nursing students stands as a solemn and celebratory rite of passage, honoring their entry into the noble profession of healthcare and fortifying our commitment to supplying the workforce with skilled, compassionate, and resilient practitioners.

Indeed, great things are unfolding at Southern University at New Orleans. We are not merely increasing enrollment; we are amplifying impact. We are not simply inaugurating resources; we are constructing legacies. As we advance, we do so emboldened by a collective vision, to cultivate leaders, to empower communities, and to affirm SUNO as a citadel of learning, progress, and possibility.

I am because SUNO is. We are because SUNO is.
SUNO Yesterday. SUNO Today. SUNO Forever.

With gratitude and respect,
DR. JOSEPH BOUIE, JR.
Chancellor, *Southern University at New Orleans*



In the Know AT SUNO

SCHOOL OF NURSING

ORIENTATION

The SUNO School of Nursing is off to an exciting semester. Our future nurses step into a journey filled with knowledge, compassion, and purpose. From the classroom to the clinic, SUNO is preparing the next generation of healthcare leaders to serve with excellence.



WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The White Coat Ceremony at Southern University at New Orleans marks a pivotal moment in the journey of our nursing students as they transition from the classroom to clinical practice. More than a rite of passage, the white coat symbolizes professionalism, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to patient care. With family, faculty, and community partners present, this ceremony honors the dedication of our students while reminding them of the responsibility they now carry—to provide healing hands, thoughtful minds, and compassionate hearts to those they will serve.

This year's ceremony was highlighted by inspiring remarks from guest speaker Cody Craft, along with words of encouragement from Dean Rolle and our dedicated nursing faculty, making the occasion a truly memorable milestone for our future healthcare leaders.



KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

NEW ATHLETICS COMPUTER LAB

Southern University at New Orleans proudly unveils its new Athletics Computer Lab, made possible through the SUNO Connects grant. This state-of-the-art space ensures our student-athletes have the tools they need to succeed both on the field and in the classroom. With guidance from Program Director Mrs. Constance Woods, and hands-on support in verifying quotes, configuring software, and ensuring technical specifications met student needs, the lab is built to maximize performance all done by Technology Coordinator, LaVeria Johnson.



Thanks to Dr. Bree Cook's vision, the lab also features iMacs alongside Windows PCs, giving students the flexibility to work in the environment that best supports their success.



VOLLEYBALL SEASON IN FULL SERVE

The Lady Knights are in full swing this volleyball season, taking their talents to Austin, Texas, to face Paul Quinn College, Huston-Tillotson University, and Texas College.

While on the road, our team was warmly welcomed and supported by the Central Texas Chapter of the Southern University Alumni Federation, whose hospitality and care made the trip even more memorable.

SUNO is proud of our Knights as they continue to compete with determination and represent our university with pride.



EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

With the expansion of the College of Graduate Studies to include the Office of Professional Studies, efforts to increase our certificates and micro-credentials were enhanced. Awarding of micro credentials/digital badges, funded by our NTIA CMC Grant, the Office of Professional Studies has successfully developed and issued digital badges through Credly for three workforce-aligned competencies: Project Management (7 badges), Database Management (7 badges), and Business Communications (48 badges). On June 5, 2025, a total of 65 graduates from SUNO's College of Business and Public Administration were awarded these digital credentials as part of our continued effort to enhance post-graduate career readiness, professional branding, and digital credentialing access among learners.

MUSEUM STUDIES

Dr. Haitham Eid remained active in local and international museum initiatives this fall. On September 8, 2025, he joined the Global New Orleans Board of Directors meeting and will lead a cultural exchange trip to Egypt from October 6–18. While in Cairo, he delivered U.S. State Department-sponsored workshops at Helwan and Ain Shams Universities on “Museums in Transition.”

He also presented at the Louisiana Association of Museums Conference (Sept. 14–16) on the America 250 State Commission. From Sept. 15–17, SUNO's MA Museum Studies Program hosted Grand Egyptian Museum experts Anwar Rashed and Dr. Nasef Abdelwahed, who shared best practices in preventive conservation and identified ancient Egyptian artifacts at NOMA for a forthcoming publication.

MUSEUM STUDIES GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Southern University at New Orleans is proud to highlight the international impact of its Museum Studies program. Dr. Haitham Eid has been invited by the U.S. Department of State Speaker Program to deliver a series of talks in Egypt.

His engagements will include the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), the American Embassy in Cairo, the International Council of Museums (ICOM), and several cultural heritage institutions, further strengthening SUNO's global presence in museum studies and cultural exchange.

You are cordially invited to attend a lecture entitled

**Museum Innovation:
Building More Relevant
and Impactful Museums**

by **Dr. Haitham Eid**
Professor and Director of the
Master of Arts in Museum
Studies at Southern
University in New Orleans.

Lecture followed by
roundtable discussion

September 28, 2025
5-8 PM

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