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**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

*Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean*

**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to the 16 members of the College of Arts and Sciences who received awards at the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs "Breakfast of Champions" on March 12, 2020:

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| Dr. Bashir Atteia     | Dr. Christian Clement | Dr. Heon Kim          | Dr. Nebiat Sisay   |
| Dr. Robert Azzarello  | Dr. Mostafa Elaasar   | Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin | Dr. Illya Tietzel  |
| Dr. Rachid Belmasrour | Dr. Paris Favorite    | Dr. John C. Obih      | Dr. Meiko Thompson |
| Dr. Zheng Chen        | Dr. Murty Kambhampati | Dr. Joe Omojola       | Dr. Yi Zhen        |

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Congratulations to Mr. Adam Falik, Assistant Professor of English. His short story "Portraiture" was published in the March 2020 edition of the journal, Necessary Fiction.

**HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (HIMS)**

Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon McGee for securing a scholarship for HIMS' students to provide access to the educational Electronic Health Record (EHR-Go) virtual clinical learning platform. This scholarship provides opportunity for HIMS seniors to complete internship courses with robust, clinical-based assignments with the same rigor of a face-to-face experience in a virtual format.



Mr. John Barrilleaux, Mrs. Sharon McGee, Mrs. Laura Douressreaux-Collins, and Ms. Kimberly Theodos presented at the Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA)'s Annual Convention in New Orleans LA on March 2-4, 2020. SUNO HIMS Students presented research posters for the first time at the convention.



Mr. John Barrilleaux was recognized for his service as secretary-treasurer for 2018-2020 and inducted as president-elect. Mrs. Laura Douresseaux-Collins was recognized for her service as president and inducted as the past-president. Congratulations to HIMS Student Randelyn Hunt who received the Eddie V. Cooksey LHIMA Scholarship during the LHIMA annual business meeting.



**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (Continued)****MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM**

- On March 1, 2020, Dr. Eid and Dr. Ross Parry, Professor of Museum Studies at the University of Leicester, UK, received \$125,188 in grant funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council in the United Kingdom. The purpose of this funding is to investigate digital literacy and competence in US and UK museums.
- On March 5, 2020, Dr. Eid attended the 2020 Alumni Awards Dinner at Drapers' Hall in London (UK) where he was a finalist for an Alumni Award.
- Due to COVID-19, many of our faculty members are now using online platforms such as WebEx to provide virtual instruction, conduct office hours, advise current students, as well as answer questions from potential students. The most recent session was conducted by Museum Studies professors, Drs. Hollis, Eid, and Ezeluomba on April 9, 2020. (See picture below)



## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS &amp; PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean***STAFF AND FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Dr. William Belisle, Director of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs, hosted the Breakfast of Champions on March 12, 2020 to recognize individuals who had made significant contributions in proposal writing for funding from external agencies during the 2018-2019 grant funding cycle. Among those recipients recognized was SUNO Small Business Incubator Director, Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu. She was awarded the 2019 Most Funded Grants Award.
- Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu hosted a series of live business seminars on WBOK radio on March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020, to provide information designed to assist New Orleans' small business owners to take their businesses to the next level, as well as assisting those prospective business owners who wish to start a business. For more information about business opportunities, please tune in every Thursday to WBOK from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. as Mrs. Beaulieu provides additional information and valuable small business resources.
- Computer Information Systems (CIS) faculty members, Drs. Obyung Kwun and Ghasem S. Alijani, along with CIS Graduate Student Robin Johnson submitted a study entitled "Barriers that Affect HBCU Students' Help-Seeking Behavior" that was accepted by the International Journal of Education and Social Science. The purpose of this study is to examine barriers that prevent HBCU students from seeking academic assistance. This study is scheduled to be published in the first quarter of 2020.
- Dr. Nabie Conteh's, Associate Professor of CIS, paper, "Cybersecurity: Risks, Vulnerabilities and Countermeasures to Prevent Social Engineering Attacks," was cited in one of IGI Global's top publications, Encyclopedia of Criminal Activities and the Deep Web (<https://www.igi-global.com/book/encyclopedia-criminal-activities-deep-web/223181>).
- Dr. Nabie Conteh's second paper, "Mitigating and Preventing Breaches through the Design of Mathematical Modeling of Cyber Interaction," was accepted for online presentation by the International Association of Business & Public Administration Disciplines (IABPAD) for their 2020 Virtual Conference that will be held on April 23-26, 2020.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Dr. Melva Williams, Interim Vice Chancellor

SUNO CLASSES HAVE RESUMED

Southern University at New Orleans' 2020 Spring Semester classes are back in session 100% online. See graphic below for contact information regarding a variety of departments:

**WELCOME BACK!**  
 WE ARE WORKING REMOTELY, **BUT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.**

**CLASSES HAVE RESUMED**  
**100% ONLINE**



*How to get help with...*

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SUNO VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

On Monday, April 13, 2020, the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management began hosting Virtual Information Sessions to provide a general overview of the University, including academics, student life and housing, admissions, and financial aid. This first session was held from 4 to 5 p.m. via a link on SUNO's homepage (www.suno.edu).



**OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**  
(Continued)**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS ACADEMIC GUIDELINES  
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented interruption to student learning during the mid-semester of Spring 2020. This unfortunate development warranted a rapid adoption of Remote Instruction of all classes. As a result of the challenges faced by students, faculty and staff due to the change in mode of course delivery, the Southern University System established general guidelines to enable individual campuses to develop flexible guidelines with due consideration to students' various difficulties resulting from the COVID-19 disruptions.

Below are guidelines for students, faculty and staff, with great focus on establishing a flexible grading system that individual students may choose after final grades for the Spring 2020 semester are made available. Students are strongly advised to consult with their Academic Advisors, Department Chairs, Deans of Colleges, financial aid staff and others before making decisions concerning any of the options. It is important to consider implications for professional school admissions, cumulative grade point average at graduation, and financial aid for continuing students, etc.

These guidelines, effective April 8, 2020, apply to the Spring 2020 semester, unless otherwise extended.

**Guidelines and Grade Options**

1. **Final Examination Schedule** shall remain as published in the Revised Spring 2020 Calendar, i.e. Graduating Seniors' examinations will be held from April 20-22 and grades are due by April 24; final examination for other students shall be held from May 4-9, with grades due on May 12.

2. **Grade Options**

**All courses will be graded using the existing grading system.** This is the existing grading system and it is already available to all students. If a student is satisfied with the normal grading system, no further action is required on the part of the student. The grades will be posted on the transcript. If a student is not satisfied with the normal grading system, Southern University at New Orleans provides the following three options to assist the student:

- **Retroactive Withdrawal (W)**

A student may withdraw retroactively from a course or courses using an electronic, modified Withdrawal Form specifically designed to reference COVID-19 flexibility. The course(s) will appear on the transcript with a W designation indicating that the student withdrew from the course. The transcript will reflect that the 'W' occurred during COVID-19 disruption. The electronic withdrawal form is due in the **Registrar's Office by May 26, 2020.**

- **Incomplete (I) grade**

A student may petition to receive an Incomplete (I) grade. Per the existing policy, the student initiates the request with the Instructor of record using the form designed for that purpose. For this policy, the form is electronic and is modified to carry a note that this is in respect to COVID -19 flexibilities. The Instructor of record having assessed the student, will determine the amount of academic work required to remove the 'I' grade to receive an appropriate letter grade. The form makes it clear that it is the student's responsibility to satisfy all requirements for changing the 'I' grade to a satisfactory permanent grade, and should this not be done, the 'I' grade will automatically become an 'F' on the transcript. The 'I' grade petition form is due in the **Registrar's Office by May 26, 2020.** Instead of a six-week time frame to meet the requirement for 'I' grade removal, the time frame is extended to the **end of the Fall 2020 semester.**

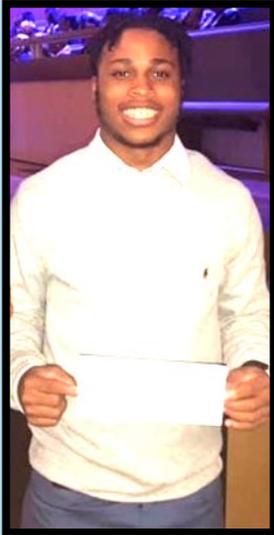
- **Pass/Fail (P/F) grade**

To provide additional flexibilities for students, students may request a **Pass/Fail** option which will be recorded on the transcript as "**P**" or "**F**". As with the 'W' and 'I' grades, students are strongly encouraged to seek consultation with their Advisors, Department Chairs and College Deans before selecting this option. The **Pass** grade is reserved for final grades of C or better, with the exception of programs where a D grade is acceptable for the particular course. For graduate programs, the **Pass** grade is reserved for grades of A or B, unless a grade of C is acceptable for the particular course. A "P" or "F" grade has zero quality points and will not lower or raise the grade point average. An electronic request form, reflecting COVID-19 flexibility, will be available timely to process this option. The form is due in the **Registrar's Office by May 26, 2020.**

## EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

*Ruth W. Johnson, Director*

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Steveland Williams, a participant in the Educational Talent Search Program and a 2020 graduating senior at McDonogh #35 High School. Mr. Williams is a recipient of over \$4,000 in scholarship money from the Honorable Heidi Lovett, Ph.D. Scholarship Fund and he will play football at Langston University in the fall.



Congratulations to Educational Talent Search Program participants and 2020 graduating seniors at John F. Kennedy Senior High School, Kelvin Russell (seated, second from left) and Alton Wilson (seated, second from right) on National Signing Day 2020. Both students have been accepted to ASA College – Miami.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH & UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

*Ms. LaVerne Toombs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer*

**SUNO BLUE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE**

To assist SUNO students in adjusting to the ever-changing conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking that you make a donation at <https://foundation.sus.edu/southern-university-at-new-orleans> or mail a check payable to Southern University at New Orleans to:

Southern University at New Orleans  
Office of Community Outreach & University Advancement  
6400 Press Drive  
New Orleans, LA 70126



**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING**

On Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 3 p.m., Interim Chancellor Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr. presided over a Virtual Town Hall Meeting. Dr. Ammons, along with his Executive Cabinet, interfaced with students online via webcam and answered their wide range of questions as relayed by Student Government Association (SGA) President Patrick Shaw.



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