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Southern University at New Orleans School of Nursing Nominated for Prestigious 2026 Nightingale Award

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) is proud to announce that the SUNO School of Nursing has been nominated for Nursing School of the Year by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation as part of the prestigious 2026 Nightingale Awards.

The nomination recognizes SUNO's continued commitment to excellence in nursing education, workforce development, and preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals to serve communities throughout Louisiana and beyond.

Hosted annually by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation, the Nightingale Awards celebrate excellence in nursing practice, education, leadership, and healthcare innovation across the state. The 2026 Nightingale Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 7 p.m. at L'Auberge Casino Hotel in Baton Rouge.

"We are honored that our School of Nursing has been recognized among the state's leading nursing programs," said Dr. Joseph Bouie, Jr., Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans. "This nomination reflects the dedication of our faculty, staff, students, and healthcare partners who work tirelessly to prepare highly skilled, compassionate nurses ready to meet the healthcare needs of Louisiana. As we continue to expand our nursing program and invest in the future of healthcare education, this recognition affirms our mission of excellence."

Since launching its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, SUNO has rapidly emerged as a leading nursing education provider in Louisiana. The program has experienced significant growth, strengthened partnerships with healthcare systems across the region, and celebrated the graduation of its inaugural nursing cohort in 2025.

"This nomination is a testament to the extraordinary work being done by our faculty and students every day," said Dr. Adrian Rolle, Dean of the School of Nursing. "Our mission extends beyond educating nurses—we are preparing healthcare leaders who will make a meaningful impact in their communities."

More than 700 attendees, including nursing professionals, healthcare executives, educators, sponsors, and community leaders, are expected to attend the Nightingale Awards ceremony. The event will honor outstanding achievements across Louisiana's nursing profession and showcase the strength, compassion, and innovation that continue to elevate healthcare throughout the state.

SUNO's School of Nursing remains committed to addressing Louisiana's critical nursing workforce needs through high-quality academic preparation, experiential learning opportunities, and strategic partnerships with healthcare providers.

For more information about the Southern University at New Orleans School of Nursing, visit the university's website www.suno.edu.

About Southern University at New Orleans:

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), founded in 1956, is a public historically black university committed to providing quality educational opportunities for the diverse populations of the Greater New Orleans region. As part of the Southern University System, SUNO offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and professional success.

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