



# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT JUNE 2022



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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**At the ceremony, Dr. Favorite was also honored for her hard work and dedication to building the Forensic Science Laboratory at MLK High School.**



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for your participation in the Criminal Justice Academy at  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter High School  
In Appreciation To  
**Dr. Paris Favorite**



# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INITIATIVES



### A Call to Action by Gregory DeBose, A CBA Graduate and US Army Veteran

The keynote speaker for the 14th College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) Graduating Seniors Banquet and Pinning Ceremony, which took place at the School of Social Work Auditorium on April 28, 2022, was Mr. Gregory A. DeBose. Mr. DeBose, a native New Orleanian, graduated from SUNO in 1992 with a BS degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics. He is a veteran who served three years in the US Army as a Sargent and served one year in Vietnam. Mr. DeBose retired from the Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans in 2011 after 30 years of service and currently lives in Gonzales, Louisiana, with his wife, Louise. Greg and Louise have been married for 47 years, and they have traveled extensively throughout the US.

They have also visited The Holy Land in Israel. Greg still volunteers as a board member for the City of Gonzales Drainage Board. He also volunteers at the Ascension Parish Mental Health/Wellness Board. In New Orleans, Greg volunteered as a Little League Baseball Coach and mentored Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans.

Since 2017, DeBose has sponsored the annual Gregory A. DeBose Business Administration Scholarship to encourage and financially assist a needy Business Administration major in good academic standing. During his speech, DeBose encouraged the graduating seniors to be patient, diligent, honest, and hardworking. He inspired them by sharing how he rose from humble beginnings in New Orleans to become a soldier, a college graduate, a member of the Army Corp of Engineers, a coach, a community volunteer, and, eventually, a retired veteran. DeBose continues to generously give his time, money, and advocacy to his Alma Mater.

### CBA Celebrates the 2022 Graduating Seniors Banquet and Pinning Ceremony

The 14th College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) Graduating Seniors Banquet and Pinning Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022. 41 undergraduate students and 11 graduate students were honored during the School of Nursing Auditorium ceremony. The pinning ceremony is the CBA's final farewell to CBA graduating seniors in a more intimate environment than the University's graduation/commencement ceremony. During the ceremony, graduates were actually "pinned" in a candlelight ceremony with a unique CBA pin, which is a token of appreciation. The college and student organizations gave out awards both to honor graduates and for outstanding services and student engagement. The keynote speaker during the ceremony was Mr. Gregory A. DeBose, a 1992 BS Business Administration degree graduate with a minor in Economics. Mr. DeBose is also a Vietnam War veteran serving in the US Army. He was accompanied by his wife, Louise, during his presentation.

In addition to the Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, other presiding officers were Mrs. Timotea Bailey, CBA Director of Student Services, Mrs. Shelina Gethers, Administrative Assistant, Ms. Ria Brown, Administrative Assistant, Dr. Charles Briggs, Chair, Business Administration, Dr. Patricia Robertson, Associate Professor of Public Administration, Dr. Krishna Poudel, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Dr. Obyung Kwun, Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems, and Mrs. Constance Woods, DXC Technology Partnership program's Student Success Specialist.

The candidates pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration were Carl Alexis; Michael Frazier; Dariane Lewis; Travis Senatus; George Becnel; Brandy George; Rodney Marco; Michael Sentino; Shemar Boutte; Judy Gilmore; Anthony Mason; Brandon Smith; Tatyana Brisby; Jazzlyn Gaspy; Nachell McFadden; Tayauna Thomas; Briana Brooks; Wakeisha Grant; Brian Murray; Lucies Thompson; Briana Brooks; Jacqueline Henry; Stacy Robertson; Catyris Torry; Carey Broussard; Timothy Howard; Giselle Rogers; Shamira Vigne; Nyesha Enclarde; Brandy Johnson; Maya Sanders; Kenneth Yamoah; Denesha England; Gregory Lazard, Jr.; and Melissa Scott-Solomon.



The candidate pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration was Lyiena McMillan. The candidates pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems were Keandra Darjean; Andre Jones; Rickayla Selmon; Tehya Grissett; and Brandi Robert.

The candidates pursuing a Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems were Nicholas Boyette; Tarilate Owei; Praneeth Thumma; Curstin Kaufman; Vinisha Pothireddy; Lawrence Weatherstrand; Tiffany Merrick; Veshundra Sanxton; Anjail Wright; Venkata Murari; and Farhana Shaheen. Over 90 students, staff, faculty, and family members attended the ceremony. The ceremony was supported by the DXC Partnership program.



#### **SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (May 2022)**

**Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Small Business Development & Management Institute, reported the following activities and achievements during May 2022**

- **Ran broadcast of WBOK program remotely on May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26nd, 2022.** The show offers valuable tools and information designed to help New Orleans small business owners take their business to the next level and assist those wishing to start a business. The show provides resources and information essential to small businesses. The show is broadcast every Thursday from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Host.
- **Southern System TANF Grant Virtual Meeting;** May 9th and the 23rd. The discussion of statewide implementation of the TANF IDA grant on all three System Campuses; SUBR, SUSLA, and SUNO; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- **TANF Virtual Training session** was held on May 14th with 20 participants from around the State.
- **Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable** was held on May 26th with 14 participants. Business owners met for peer-to-peer learning, brainstorming, and problem-solving. Business owners safely explored business and personal issues in a supportive, confidential, and trusting environment. The roundtables are problem-solving sessions that address
- **BASH committee virtual meeting** was held on May 31st to discuss the planning of the SUNO Scholarship Gala scheduled for the end of 2022; Committee Members and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- **NID-HCA New Orleans Home Buyers Class** was held on May 14th-15th. Assisted individuals with preparing to become first-time home buyers. The Small Business Incubator, Ms. Mary Thomas Incubator Tenant, put on the event.
- **Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants;** May 2022; several Incubator tours and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, and Ms. Chantell Mitchell. Incubator now has 13 Tenants in the Incubator.
- **Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing);** two Assessments; Ms. Chantell Mitchell & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- **SEBD One-on-One; (2);** Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director
- **Counseled;** Incubator Clients; Ms. Chantell Mitchell



# Office of Student Services and DXC Team

Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director, CBA Office of Student Services and Recruitment Manager, DXC Partnership; Eric Williams (Recruitment Coordinator); and Constance Woods (Student Success Specialist) reported the following achievements for May 2022:

OSS/DXC Team congratulates the SUNO students hired by DXC as Summer Interns – Todd Delery and Jyothi Sree Kanakamedela

OSS/DXC Team hosted the annual Pinning Ceremony for CBA graduates. Awards and recognition ceremony for graduates

OSS/DXC Team with SUS DXC and LA2SET Team hosted IBM Skills Academy Bootcamp and served as Teaching Assistant. Six SUNO students and three faculty members earned badge certifications in Blockchain, Internet of Things, and Quantum Computing.

OSS/DXC Team continued Summer and Fall advisement and registration of student

OSS/DXC Team reached out to students on academic suspension to discuss recovery plans and Summer options

OSS/DXC Team has made available a Summer grant to students who need financial assistance for the Summer

OSS/DXC Team sent grant applications via DocuSign to CBA students enrolled for Summer.

OSS/DXC Team has partnered with the Office of Admissions to provide support

OSS/DXC Team has contacted dual enrollment partners to discuss Fall schedules and textbook needs

OSS/DXC Team participated in high school fairs for Sarah T. Reed and Higgins High Schools

OSS/DXC schedules recruitment events with Veterans Affairs

OSS/DXC Team attends weekly DXC planning meetings

OSS/DXC Team attends monthly CBA Interdepartmental meetings

OSS/DXC Team attends bi-weekly LED meeting



# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

## Illya Tietzel

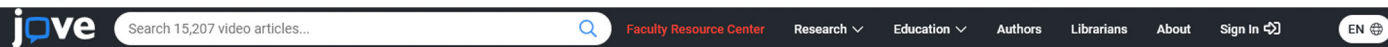
On April 28, 2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel submitted a proposal entitled "ISS transposon research at SUNO" to Expedition Space Lab 2022 competition.

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In April, Dr. Tietzel submitted curriculum courses for the Health & Wellness concentration of a proposal for a B.S. of Allied Health program. Dr. Tietzel is a member of a committee of the Biology Unit of the Department of Natural Sciences developing a proposal for a B.S. in Allied Health program at SUNO. Dr. Bashir Atteia, Dr. David Adegboye, and Dr. Carl P. Johnson are the other members. Dr. Carl P. Johnson is chair of the Department and convener of the committee's meetings.

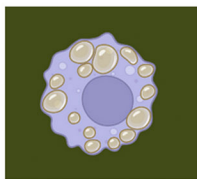
Dr. Illya Tietzel passed the Blockchain for Practitioners Course of the IBM Skills Academy of the IBM Global University Program final exam on May 20, 2022.

On May 24, 2022, Dr. Illya Tietzel became a guest editor for a collection of articles in his area of specialty in immunology, i.e., macrophage biology. He reviews abstracts submitted to the peer-reviewed Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) Methods Collection. The methods collection that Dr. Tietzel is supervising as a guest editor is entitled "Generation, Detection, and Characterization of Alternatively Activated Macrophages."



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#### Guest Editors



Illya Tietzel

Southern University at New Orleans

Dr. Tietzel is a tenured full-time Biology professor in the Department of Natural Sciences at Southern University in New...

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#### Collection Overview

Macrophages are diverse in their phenotypic markers, physiology, and biological role. Classically activated and alternatively activated macrophages are part of the range of macrophage types. The nomenclature is also diverse. Classically activated macrophages are described as M1 cells and alternatively activated macrophages are labeled as M2. Alternatively activated macrophages are involved in wound healing, their antimicrobial effector functions are reduced and their role in infectious diseases is of great interest. Alternatively activated macrophages of human or mice origin show many shared similarities, but also some interesting differences in gene expression and transcriptional markers. Surface expression of phenotypical markers such as are used to

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Moreover, Interdisciplinary Studies honored Janine Mackey with awards for having the highest academic point average for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2021 semesters. Myeisha Growe received the outstanding student award.

Dr. Lewis discussed skills needed to successfully navigate through the next step in one's educational courses and information on the Interdisciplinary Studies Program with Criminal Justice Majors of Delgado Community College on April 29, 2022.

Dr. Deneen Lewis and Ms. Nyla Ceaser Noble attended the following virtually:  
Title: "Symposium: A Day of Diagnosis"

Diagnosis of Addictive Disorders: What Is It and How Do I Do It?  
(Symposium One) Diagnosing and Effectively Treating Adult ADHD  
Presenter: Melissa Flemings, Ph.D.  
(Symposium Two)

Eating Disorders: Prevalence and Treatment in the Pandemic  
Presenter: Eleanor McAuliffe  
(Symposium Three)

Diagnostic Pathways: Guidelines for Accurate Diagnosis  
Presenter: Gary Gintner, Ph.D.  
(Symposium Four)

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Presenter: Adrienne Trogden, Ph.D.

The University of New Orleans "Big Times in the Big Easy" sponsored the Symposiums on March 26, 2022.

## Millie M. Charles School of Social Work School - June 2022

The School of Social Work continues its engagement in scholarship, service, and celebration. Recently, Dr. Kevin J. Brown published *One hundred years before Rosa Parks: Four women who desegregated transit* in *The Journal of Public Transportation*. The article chronicles late 19th century efforts by four courageous women who risked their safety and reputations to advance early civil rights efforts. Dean Rebecca Chaisson submitted a manuscript, *The Black Women's Tax*, a script about the additional cost that Black women pay in the higher educational environment. The manuscript by four Black Scholars narrates the issues and events that tell the stories of the other women's work and the history of taxation for Black women. Dr. Harry Russell and Dean Chaisson have received a Board of Regents grant to enhance technology in the BSW program in the School of Social Work.

This month, the School of Social Work has been busy with numerous events featuring our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The School hosted and helped co-sponsor graduation for entrepreneurs in Full-Circle, a program dedicated to assisting formerly incarcerated individuals with employment, training, and business skills. Ms. Shantel Maurice, SUNO criminal justice graduate '17, founded Full-Circle to help and serve this population of formerly incarcerated individuals. The picture below is Shantel Maurice, left, and Keshawn Harris, one of the guest speakers for the event. Seven participants graduated from the program and presented their business ideas, including event planning, tee shirt production, cosmetology services, and other small business ideas and initiatives. They all received the LLC from the State of Louisiana through contributions and fundraising efforts of Full Circle. Dean Chaisson and Dr. Holly McKenney welcomed the participants to the School of Social Work and invited participants to apply to SUNO.



# MILLIE M. CHARLES SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



## Reception for MSW Graduates- Dr. Padgett, Dean Chaisson, and Dr. Freeman

The School hosted a reception for graduating MSW students sponsored by Dr. Padgett, Dean Chaisson, and Dr. Freeman.

Approximately 40 MSW graduates attended the reception designed to honor their successful completion and persistence during the pandemic. Because many of the graduates were taught in a hybrid environment, the event helped to facilitate meeting faculty and new graduates.



The New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers also attended. Tanyaka Cline, a recent SUNO graduate, is the current president of the local chapter. Melissa Haley, an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work, is the National President of the Black Social Workers. A number of faculty members were in attendance, including Drs. Murray, Brown, Sentino, Sanders, Morgan, Byrd, and Professor Montegut were all in attendance to wish the graduates well as they pursue their careers in social work. Mrs. Linda Brooks, the administrative assistant, also attended. Left, students enjoy the fellowship at the event. Below, from left, are members of the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers. .

Adjunct professor Dr. Michael Robinson has seated with long-time NOABSW member Allen Powell and local president and SUNO MSW alumna Tanyaka Cline.

## Dr. Damekia Morgan

Phi Alpha, the social work honor society, held its induction event for four students in the School of Social Work. The event took place in the SUNO library. During the candle lighting ceremony pictured above, the four students inducted are Christian Batiste, Ayesha Buckner, Jacqueline Ellis, and Jade Newport. Membership in Phi Alpha requires academic excellence, references, and a formal application for admission to this prestigious group.

Dr. Damekia Morgan and Dr. Freeman sponsored the event. Drs. Torin Sanders, Holly McKenney and Dean Chaisson participated in the event. Family members of the inductees were present for the ceremony. Doctoral student and MSW graduate Glinda Powell was the guest speaker.





## Dr. Julianna Padgett and Dr. Torin Sanders



While there was much celebration in the School during the month, the faculty had a mini-retreat focused on increasing and enhancing trauma content in the MSW curriculum. The retreat was facilitated by Dr. Julianna Padgett, interim director of the MSW program, and Dr. Torin Sanders, director of the BSW program. The three-hour retreat involved faculty engagement in current content on trauma in existing courses and dialogue about ways to document and enhance this content. Dr. Padgett and Dr. Sanders are engaged in training and study on this critical topic in the community for our students. The School is preparing to create more needed content and processes to prepare students for work in communities impacted by community disasters that include weather events and traumatizing violence. Below Dr. Padgett is facilitating the retreat. Follow-up will take place in the fall semester.

## Derrick Freeman, Ph.D., and recent graduate Paige Logan MSW'22

Paige Logan, a 2022 graduate of the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work with a master's degree in Social Work, was selected to present her Capstone Research paper at the Annual NASW-LA 2022 Conference. The conference session scheduled for June 3, 2022, from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Paige Logan's Capstone Research Project is titled *"Examining the Effects of Childhood Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence and Intervention Strategies."*



The Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-LA) is the largest professional social work organization in Louisiana—with 1,300+ members—and the only organization representing all social workers in every practice area. NASW-LA is committed to advancing the social work profession and its practice, promoting human rights and social and economic justice, and enabling full access to services for everyone. The NASW-LA 2022 Conference committee members praised the paper by Paige based on the research paper's high quality and timeliness of the topic. Dr. Derrick Freeman served as Paige's Capstone Research Advisor, and Professor Monique Hurst served as her Capstone Research Mentor. Congratulations to our very own Paige Logan, MSW.

## Monique Hurst, Title IV-E and the National Adoptions Association Conference

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**Karen Martin, MSW, Ph.D.**

**SUNO students and New Orleans community received free Android tablets**

During April 18-22, 2022, Southern University and SANO Connect joined forces to provide greater technology access to students and community members by giving free Android tablets to qualified individuals. Dr. Karen Martin and Ms. Kimberly Paige, SUNO's New Director of Counseling, collaborated to bring this activity to fruition. Of the 61 individuals who registered, 39 were qualified. SANO representatives were so excited about the turnout that they would return in the Fall semester to enroll other qualified applicants. Tables were distributed to qualified applicants during May.

### **National News in Essence Magazine**

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As an update, Chase Cassine was featured in the May edition of Essence magazine in the article *"After Losing His Mother, This Therapist Found Healing By Learning to Bake."*

Chase Cassine, LCSW, is a licensed therapist, writer, and staunch mental health advocate. He graduated from Southern University at New Orleans with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Work. Currently, he provides counseling at a community health clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana, specializing in grief, communication issues, adjustment issues, trauma, depression, and anxiety. Additionally, as a trauma-informed therapist, he emphasizes a clinical approach of empathy, safety, resilience, and empowerment. A proud New Orleans native, he is a lover of the city's unique culture and possesses a great sense of humor and an intense passion for baking.







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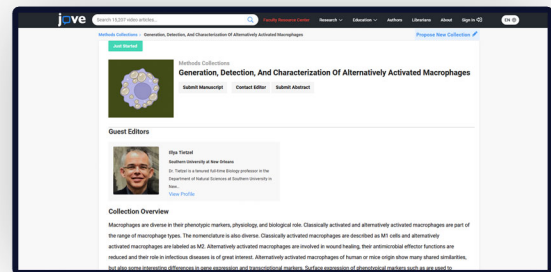
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