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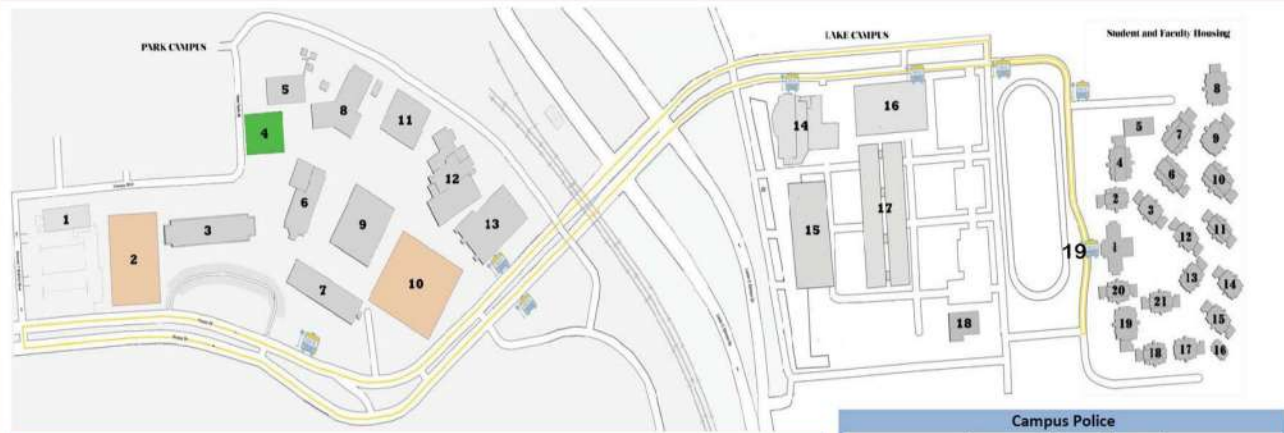
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# Southern University at New Orleans

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### Park Campus

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|--|---|
| 1. Conference Center                         | 8. Maintenance Building                           |
| 2. Natural Sciences Building                 | 9. Leonard S. Washington Memorial Library         |
| 3. New Science Building                      | 10. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building |
| 4. Tennis Courts                             | 11. Cafeteria (Knight's Dining Hall)              |
| 5. Central Plant                             | 12. University Center                             |
| 6. Old Science Building (Brown Hall)         | 13. University Gymnasium                          |
| 7. Emmett W. Bashful Administration Building |   |

### Lake Campus

- 14. College of Business & Public Administration
- 15. College of Education & Human Development
- 16. Mille M. Charles School of Social Work
- 17. Multipurpose Complex (Modular Building)
- 18. Information Technology Center
- 19. Housing

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For emergencies: Call 911

### Departments / Schools Phone Extensions

African American Studies Center	5006	Graduate Studies	5484
Arts & Humanities	5154	Health Info Management	5083
Business	5331	Natural Sciences	5245
Education	5351	Social Sciences	5478
General Studies	5484	Social Work	5376

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# SUNO Police Department

The Southern University at New Orleans Police Department is a full-service, nationally accredited law enforcement with sworn officers and civilian staff committed to serving with professionalism and pride.



Our department works to develop and sustain proactive community crime prevention opportunities and programs such as Active Shooter Safety and Crime Prevention and Safety Trainings, Alcohol & Drug Awareness Classes, Drivers Safety, Operation Identification, R.A.D Self-Defense, and more!

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SUNO Police  
Campus Safety  
Guide







## SUNO Knights,

We've had an exciting Fall 2023 semester! We kicked off by welcoming the Class of 2027, and now we're wrapping up by celebrating SUNO's profound influence on the city we love and call home. The renaming of Press Drive to SUNO Knights Drive is a tribute to the relentless dedication of every Knight and a constant reminder that we are more than an institution; we are a community with a rich legacy and a promising future.

Each semester, we pursue opportunities to expand our academic programs and enrich your student experience.

This semester, we welcomed the first cohort of students into SUNO's newest degree program: the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. In an era dominated by digital landscapes, this program aims to equip our graduates with the necessary skills to thrive and make a difference in this critical field.

Moreover, we reinstated volleyball and added baseball to our athletic program, offering you more chances to support your classmates and show your Knight Pride!

The SUNO Foundation's 2023 Southern Knights in New Orleans Emmett Bashful Scholarship Gala was a resounding success, raising over \$100,000 in scholarships and support for our student-athletes.

Embodying the sentiment that "you can go anywhere from 6400 SUNO Knights Drive," we have partnered with the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and Ross University School of Medicine. This alliance allows SUNO alums to participate in a 15-week program, leading to enrollment in medical school with waived MCAT scores. This initiative will significantly reduce the time, cost, and stress typically associated with medical school admissions. We are incredibly proud of SUNO Alumnus Sheldon Williams, the first student accepted into the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine through this partnership.

SUNO is also now part of "The Power of Prosperity" project in partnership with Single Stop and Stackwell. Launching in Fall 2024, this project is designed to assist HBCU students in building generational wealth.

I also want to congratulate the 64th Miss SUNO, Ciara Perique, and the 2023-2024 SGA President, Dana M. Bailey, who have shown exceptional leadership and spirit.

The semester has been remarkable, and I am confident we can make the Spring 2024 semester even more extraordinary!

With Kind Regards,

**James H. Ammons, Jr., PhD**

**Chancellor, Southern University at New Orleans**





# A Message From Madam President



Dear Fellow Knights,

Welcome to Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), where we focus on rebuilding the collegiate experience. I am blessed and humbled to serve as the Student Government Association (SGA) President at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). Thank you for learning more about the Student Government Association and the 2023 - 2024 FORCE Administration. We are an administration "Focused On Rebuilding the Collegiate Experience." and dedicated to serving the TOTAL Knight. Our administration focuses on developing our students to reach their highest potential by providing them with all the necessary resources to achieve their goals.

Our resilient University has continuously reminded me of the beauty of stewardship, advocacy, strength, and community. Southern University at New Orleans captured my heart the first semester I walked on campus. I was captivated by welcoming students, faculty, and staff and the surplus of opportunities SUNO provides; the culture of our campus centers around developing every Knight to be successful in every area of their life. Southern University at New Orleans is a university that leads our students toward exceptional experiences and connections to successful careers. Southern University at New Orleans has many resources for students to access. Alongside the numerous organizations, faculty, and curriculum, SGA aims to make your college experience successful.

To my incoming and returning Knights, the best advice I can give scholars is to find a way to leave your mark. Every Knight should consider that. Find your passion, skill, and niche, and use that to positively impact the people around you. No progress is little progress. No dream is insignificant. The purpose is attainable. As SGA President, I must be the student voice in rooms where only a few students get to be.

Know that I do not take this responsibility lightly. I truly honor the opinions and concerns of my peers, and I hope that my journey as President will reflect the character and initiatives of my fellow constituents. Therefore, please come by the SGA Office on the third floor of the University Center, room 306, and see us.

Our job as student leaders is to listen to our peers' ideas and concerns and serve in the best way possible to ensure the collegiate and Knight experience is one to remember. We encourage every Knight to vocalize their concerns, ideas, and issues by emailing us at [SGA@SUNO.EDU](mailto:SGA@SUNO.EDU). We love where students can speak up on ways to enhance the student experience. Don't be a stranger! And most importantly, remember, You can go anywhere from 6400 SUNO Knights Drive. GO, Knights!

Sincerely,  
**Dana M. Bailey**  
SGA President 2023-2024

## Student Government Association 2023-2024

Your Student Government Association representatives are dedicated to protecting and preserving the traditions of our university as we work to make SUNO an even better place to learn and grow.

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Dana M. Bailey

Graduate Senator  
Irie Arnaud

Junior Class Senator  
N/A

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Event Coordinator  
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Garrett Ford



# Welcome B.S. Cybersecurity Program

In a world that revolves and relies so much on technology, we must be vigilant in mitigating the threats and dangers of our cyberspaces. Employers worldwide are consistently searching for cyber experts to assist them in keeping organizations safe. It is why top companies and universities provide cyber certifications and degree programs as the industry becomes increasingly competitive.

However, complex professional fields overlook individuals of minority communities for these opportunities. It is why the installment of Southern University at New Orleans' Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity Program for the Fall of 2023 is a call for celebration. Providing this tremendous opportunity to SUNO students and the Orleans community, SUNO is a leading HBCU in promoting POC communities taking part in technological advancement and safety revolution.

## SUNO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY

CLASSES BEGIN  
FALL 2023

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Our B.S. Cybersecurity Program provides students with a hands-on, skills-based approach to learning with fully configured physical labs and over 30 workstations. The program's curriculum comes from leading industry providers, such as CompTIA, C-Council, and CISCO, to prepare students to compete in CCNA, A+, Network+, Security+, and CEH certification programs. More importantly, the program reinforces traditional learning styles for its students while gaining skills and knowledge of real-world threats organizations face daily.

Furthermore, our program offers resources like the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and encourages students to participate in cyber activities like the National Cyber League Competition (NCL). Our Cybersecurity Program Director, Dr. Kenneth Williams, has over 24 years of service as a cybersecurity expert, author, researcher, and public speaker.

Cybersecurity Office Manager Palua Slumkoski, Professor Ricardo Mesa, and Dr. Yanjun Yu serve him. We at *The Observer* and all of Southern University at New Orleans thank our Cybersecurity Program staff and students for their hard work and success this Fall!

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Jasmine Boskent-Thomas



# Enroll in B.S. Cybersecurity Today

Our B.S. Cybersecurity Program requires students to complete 120 course hours. These courses will consist of general education, area of concentration, and enhanced and free elective classes. In addition, students must complete 45 credit hours of 300 to 400-level courses.

To apply, we recommend that students have the following:

- **Must meet the university admission requirements**
- **Must have a grade point average of 2.0 or a minimum of a grade of "C" in recommended courses for transfer**
- **Contact the Office of E-Learning to enroll in the Smarter Measure orientation training session should they want to take an online course.**

Scan the QR Code below to view our program's curriculum below and see if SUNO Cybersecurity suits you!



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**IN CYBERSECURITY**  
**FALL 2023**

**N.I.C.E. FRAMEWORK**  
**FOR CYBERSECURITY**  
(NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION)

**FEATURES**

- LOUISIANA PREMIER CYBERSECURITY DEGREE PROGRAM WITH HANDS-ON STATE-OF-THE-ART ADVANCE LAB
- INDUSTRY CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT - CISCO NETWORK ACADEMY, COMPTIA, EC-COUNCIL
- CYBERSECURITY FUNDAMENTALS/ADVANCE TOPICS (SEC+, CLOUD+, CISA+, CASP+, CEH, CPENT, CHFI, CND, CCSE, ECIM, CIH)
- NETWORKING SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS/ADVANCE TOPICS (NET+, CCNA, CCNP, CCIE, CYBEROPS, DEVNET)
- IBM CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
- SCHOLARSHIPS & PAID INTERNSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES
- CYBERSECURITY COMPETITION HACKING SKILLS WITH GAMING

CONTACT DR. KENNETH WILLIAMS FOR MORE INFORMATION AT [KLWILLIAMS@SUNO.EDU](mailto:KLWILLIAMS@SUNO.EDU)



**B.S Cybersecurity**  
**Curriculum**



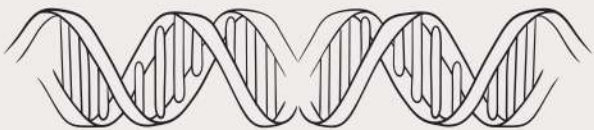


Southern University at New Orleans Biology and Forensic Science undergraduate students Charrel Williams and Rayan Demery did presentations in the summer of 2023. It was a tremendous event due to Williams and Demery's passion for the sciences. *The Observer* was honored to speak with these extraordinary young scientists in this editorial exclusive Q&A.

### 1. Why did you decide to major in Biology?

“I have been fascinated with the world around me since I was a little girl. Biology is a natural science discipline that studies all living organisms, allowing me to learn even the smallest microorganisms” (Williams).

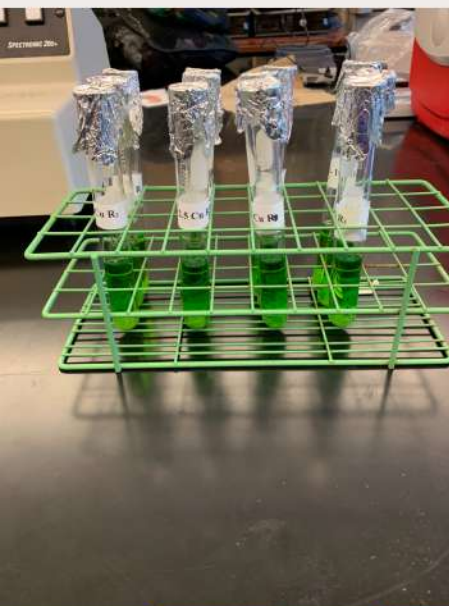
“I decided to major in Biology because I aspire to become a Pediatric Doctor” (Demery).



### 2. How do you collect data, and how do you make sure it's accurate and valid? Or what research methods do you use to collect data?

“Over 96 hours, I monitored the subjects to determine the LD50 and morphological deformities (abdominal curvature, discoloration, mobility) in replicates of 3 at 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 24, 48, 72, and 96-hour time intervals” (Williams).

“I collected the plant's growth on Mondays and Thursdays, recorded soil temperatures on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and recorded daily greenhouse temperatures. Then, I used Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets to complete data analysis, finding the mean, variance, standard deviation, and standard error” (Demery).

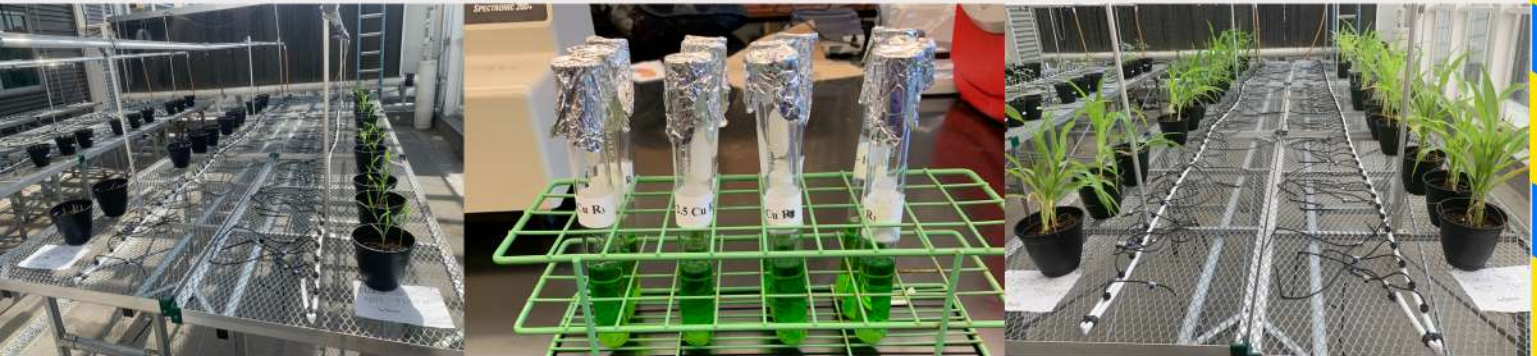




### 3. What was the topic of your project/presentation, and your results and conclusions?

“My presentation topic is “Acute Toxicological Effects of Copper on Palaemonetes spp. (Grass Shrimp).” My project aimed to see how copper (Cu) affected grass shrimp (*Palaemonetes pugio* L.) in varying salinity concentrations (1 ppt, 5 ppt, 10 ppt, and 20 ppt) over 96 hours. Salinity is a factor in the acute toxicity of copper to grass shrimp. As the salinity levels increased, the subjects were more active, displayed fewer signs of morphological deformities, and had lower mortality rates. Due to copper being less bioavailable at higher salinities (10 ppt and 20 ppt), the toxicity of the heavy metal did not affect the subjects as it did in lower salinities (1 ppt and 5 ppt)” (Williams).

“My project topic was the Eco-Physiology Effects of Copper on Sunflower and Corn. This project aimed to grow and study the plant's function, structure, and reaction to abiotic factors while they adapt to different concentrations of copper (0, 2.5, 5, and 10) ppm. The various concentrations showed other trends for non-fertilized and fertilized sunflower and corn plants. In conclusion, the null hypothesis was not accepted because the immature fertilized plants showed harmful effects of the copper and fertilizer soil solution during the first two weeks of their growth. Still, as they matured, they began tolerating the synergistic effects of copper and fertilizer and showed signs of improvement” (Demery).



### 4. Is there anything SUNO can do to help students in your field? Can you tell me about your challenges and what SUNO can do to help?

“I worked with Dr. Kambhampati throughout my project. I was able to handle the challenges related to a need for more equipment or materials because he was readily prepared with whatever we needed. Regarding SUNO, I would like more advanced equipment in our labs, course assistance, and career pathway opportunities for those majoring in Biology. In the Biology department, we need more tutors for certain subjects, which sometimes makes it challenging to complete coursework because we need help. Our lab equipment is excellent, but we need better tools for more advanced experiments to broaden our research. Most of the time, for biology majors, our career pathways often lead to medical school. Still, I do not plan on attending medical school, so I want to see what other careers are available for my degree and how to go about it” (Williams).

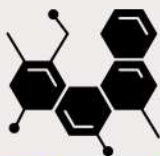


“The whole SUNO campus should show full support for the upcoming presentation. Most of the time, the audience is mainly other science majors and science professors, so sometimes the student may not feel supported by the whole SUNO. Throughout the internship, I faced no challenges besides the air conditioner not correctly working, which caused a little discomfort when I came to collect data on the plants” (Demery).

### 5. At the end of your presentation, what did you think of the presentation review process, like the professors' questions?

“After presenting my project, I received positive feedback from my professors. They asked me various questions about my results and the future of my research” (Williams).

“At the end of the presentation, I enjoyed the professors' questions because they showed how much they enjoyed and their interest in what the students learned. Also, their questions might sometimes give us ideas or a different approach for future research” (Demery).



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# Welcome to SUNO Athletics

The return of Southern University at New Orleans' Athletic Department continues to bring monumental joy and pride. We greatly appreciate the assistance and leadership of our athletic program's Head and Assistant Directors, James A. Matthews and William Green, along with all athletic faculty and staff, in developing a successful department. Furthermore, we must thank our department's sponsors and supporters, such as HBCU+ and the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCACsports), for their assistance.



Our athletic department prides itself on proper sportsmanship values, teamwork, leadership, and the development of well-rounded individuals. More importantly, they understand the need for university and communal support for the program's future, so the department promotes various opportunities to interest incoming students and current SUNO Knights. Of course, our phenomenal SUNO and Lady Knight Basketball teams are taking the court by storm, but our Volleyball and Baseball teams are adding their talent to the mix.

However, our media department does an excellent job promoting engagement on the SUNO Athletic Department's social media and website page with up-to-date game information, program highlights, and university and community events. We also receive journalism coverage from sources like Sideline Reporter, Diamond Forrest, and student Skylar Stephens of Xavier University of Louisiana, with live interviews and game recaps.



The success and growth of the SUNO Athletic Department demonstrate our university's TEAM values ("Togetherness Empowers all Mechanisms"). We at *The Observer* want all our students to do their part in supporting our athletic department's events and opportunities, such as their internship program (see page 13 for more information). If you want to do your part in assisting and encouraging our student-athletes and ensure the future success of our Athletic Department, be part of something great, be part of SUNO!

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# Athletics Internship Program

The Southern University at New Orleans Athletic Department Internship Program allows students to gain experience in communications, marketing, or equipment and game day management.

The program runs three semesters (fall, spring, and summer), with community service or course credit applied, as this is a volunteer student internship. Furthermore, along with undergrad and graduate, high school students may apply for the program with parental or legal guardian consent.

We encourage all to consider the following opportunities:

- **Athletic Communications and Marketing**
- **Equipment/Team Manager**
- **Game Day Operations**
- **Video Production**
- **Marketing/In-Game Promotion**

If you need further information on the program, please visit the SUNO Athletic Department page on the Southern University at New Orleans website at [www.suno.edu](http://www.suno.edu).



**SUNO Knight  
Internship Application**





# Athletics 2023-2024 Schedules



**2023-2024**  
**SUNO KNIGHTS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
10/26 (HOMECOMING) vs Wilcox Curry University 3 PM	11/2 vs Loyola University 7 PM	12/2 vs Wiley College 3 PM	1/11 vs Oakwood University Huntsville, AL 8 PM	2/1 vs Tougaloo College Jackson, MS 7 PM
10/30 vs University of Mobile Mobile, AL 7 PM	11/7 vs Life University Marietta, GA 6 PM	12/5 vs William Carey University Hattiesburg, MS 7 PM	1/13 vs Fisk University Nashville, TN 7 PM	2/3 vs Rust College Holly Springs, MS 7 PM
11/9 vs Point University Point, GA 6 PM	11/11 vs UNO New Orleans, LA 4 PM	12/9 vs University of the Virgin Islands 5 PM	1/18 vs Philander Smith College Little Rock, AR 7 PM	2/8 vs Dillard University 7 PM
11/14 vs Our Lady of the Lake University 7 PM	11/18 vs North American University Stafford, TX 5 PM	12/12 (Exhibition) vs Troy University Troy, AL 6 PM	1/20 vs Wiley College Marshall, TX 7 PM	2/15 vs Oakwood University 7 PM
11/21 vs University of Mobile 7 PM	11/28 (Exhibition) vs Southeastern University Hammond, LA 6 PM	12/14 vs Tougaloo College 7 PM	1/23 vs Dillard University New Orleans, LA 7:30 PM	2/17 vs Fisk University 5 PM
11/30 vs Philander Smith College 7 PM	12/16 vs Rust College 5 PM	12/19 vs Northwestern State University Natchitoches, LA 6:30 PM	1/27 vs University of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas, VI 5 PM	2/28 - 3/3 GCAC Championship Tournament Tuscaloosa, AL
			1/29 vs Talladega College 7 PM	

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**2023-2024**  
**SUNO LADY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
10/26 (HOMECOMING) vs LSU Alexandria 1 PM	11/4 vs North American University 5 PM	12/2 vs Wiley College 3 PM	1/11 vs Oakwood University Huntsville, AL 6 PM	2/1 vs Tougaloo College Jackson, MS 5 PM
11/7 vs Talladega College Talladega, AL 5:30 PM	11/10 vs Nichols State University Thibodaux, LA 11 AM	12/9 vs University of the Virgin Islands 3 PM	1/13 vs Fisk University Nashville, TN 5 PM	2/3 vs Rust College Holly Springs, MS 5 PM
11/14 vs Southeastern Louisiana Hammond, LA 6 PM	11/18 vs North American University Houston, TX 7 PM	12/11 vs University of Mobile 5 PM	1/18 vs Philander Smith University Little Rock, AR 5 PM	2/6 vs Life University Marietta, GA 5 PM
11/21 vs LSU Alexandria Alexandria, LA 5:30 PM	11/28 vs Northwestern State University Natchitoches, LA 6:30 PM	12/14 vs Tougaloo College 5 PM	1/20 vs Wiley College Marshall, TX 5 PM	2/8 vs Dillard University 5 PM
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			1/29 vs Talladega College 5 PM	2/28 - 3/3 GCAC Championship Tournament Tuscaloosa, AL

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# Crescent City Greek Picnic



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Every year, the Bayou Classic brings various visitors to New Orleans. During this time, SUNO's Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the Southern Agricultural Research & Extension Center collaborate to hold their annual Crescent City Greek Picnic. It is the event's second year running, and it invites all Greeks in the surrounding parishes to come and have a good time. The event was extraordinary this year because of the rivalry between the Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints football teams. However, the event was about more than fun and games. It was a time for organizations to provide important information to the community.



Local providers and leaders such as Crescent Care offered free testing; Tobacco-Free Living, Communities of Color, and The Louisiana Cancer Research Center were also present to provide information about the hazards of secondhand smoke. Notably, the Southern University Ag Mobile Center was also there, touching on the importance of their certification programs. It was an exciting time, and we at *The Observer* and all of Southern University at New Orleans encourage our faculty, staff, students, and local community to participate next year. We can't wait to see what will happen in 2024's Crescent City Greek Picnic!

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Southern University at New Orleans' 2023 Homecoming Week was a blast! If you did not have a chance to come out for this year's festivities, you deeply missed out. We started our weekend with the Alumni Cocktail Party in our Millie Charles School of Social Work Building. We also had our Campus Beautification at the University Center, where our student leaders, such as S.G.A., The Royal Court, Greeks, and Knight Ambassadors, demonstrated their leadership and encouraged faculty, staff, and students to give back to our campus community by keeping SUNO beautiful. In addition, to keep up SUNO's beauty, our students gained community service hours for their diligence throughout the event. Next, we had our Homecoming Church Service at Come Into The Light Ministries with Pastor Anthony and SUNO's Lady Vonda Taplin, leading us into our Homecoming Brunch at our University Cafe.



Once we got a good set into the week, our weekday festivities started with a bang! We had our Alumni Virtual Event and the S.G.A. Inauguration/Installment Ceremony on Monday in the Social Work Auditorium. We also had our Yard Party and Mid-Knight Madness Pep Rally. The next day, we had our Alumni Career Spotlight and Student Expo in our University Center and our Comedy Show and Concert featuring Smiley Da Comedienne, Lamar Devon, and B.J. So Cole. Of course, we had our weekly Pretty Wednesday on the Quad, but we also celebrated the coronation of our 64th Miss. SUNO, Ciara Perique, and her Royal Court in our University Gym.







We had our Music Feud and Alumni Game Night on Thursday in the University Center. Along with that, we had our Bike Ride at Pontchartrain Park. Friday was our Float Decorating event in our Housing Parking Lot, The Emmett Bashful Scholarship Gala, and The official homecoming Pre-party in the School of Social Work Auditorium.



We had our Homecoming Parade that Saturday, an event to see. Our elegant Queen and her court were equally beautiful as our S.G.A. President, Dana M. Baliey. The student body and faculty showed up, showed out, and made our mark with this one. The unveiling of SUNO Knight Drive and Emmett W. Bashful Blvd was a call to celebrate SUNO Knights everywhere and shows that Southern University at New Orleans is "Where Leaders are formed and shape our communities."







The sounds of the marching units as they had a beautiful explosion of melodies sounded down the streets in the Gentilly community, which led us right back to campus for the Homecoming Tailgate. The community's involvement was immaculate to see that we had returned to re-spark that community engagement. The Epsilon Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated threw it down; from the grilling to the music to playing cards at the table, it was for the culture.



At the end of SUNO's Homecoming week, our Knights showed that we will always keep SUNO's beauty and pride with our Restore the Yard Campus Clean Up that Sunday. Southern University at New Orleans 2023 Homecoming Week was emaculating, and we at *The Observer* and all of SUNO hope to see all of our Knights back for Fall 2024's Homecoming festivities!

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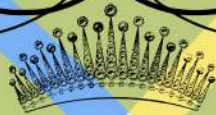




# Royal Court Coronation



Southern University at New Orleans  
2023-2024 Royal Court



The 64th Miss. Southern University at New Orleans  
Ciara Perique



Miss. Senior  
Naya Kendrick



Miss. Junior  
Amiya Martin



Miss. Sophomore  
Amani Jenkins



Miss. Freshman  
Taliasen Lewis



# A Beauty Beyond Time: The 64th Miss. SUNO Editorial Exclusive

Q&A Written & Edited By  
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Our 64th Miss. Southern University at New Orleans and her Royal Court, along with S.G.A President Dana M. Bailey, was a reckoning force this semester by demonstrating the power of sisterhood, political strength, teamwork, and genuine SUNO Knight pride! However, we at *The Observer* wanted a deeper insight into one of the leading ladies, Ciara Perique. We sat down with Miss. SUNO to get her view on this Fall semester, goals for the Royal Court, and plans for the future.

**1. For those wanting a refresher, please tell us more about yourself (your major, classification, future career plans, etc.).**

“I am Ciara G. Perique, a senior nursing scholar. I serve as the 64th Miss Southern University at New Orleans. Upon graduation, I would like to go back to graduate school to pursue my master's in nursing and ultimately become a nurse practitioner.”



**2. What made you want to run for Miss. SUNO, and how was your campaigning experience?**

“I remember sitting in Dana's (SGA president) office one day and saying I can do that. I can make a change at this school. So I decided to run in the spur of the moment, and Dana was there backing me the entire time. I can honestly say that campaign season was one of the highlights of my collegiate experience; everything was perfect from the yard party to the band!”

**3. What have you learned or gained from your experience as Miss. SUNO?**

“I have truly learned that everything does not need a response. Per one of my mentors, I learned to walk like a snob and not act like one. I've known to be graceful and poised no matter what situation arises; it has taken me far.”

**4. What goals did you have when you gained your position, and do you feel that you have or are fulfilling them effectively?**

“My goal was to make a difference. To bring to the school a collegiate experience that students wouldn't forget was done with the help of Madame President. I don't think the students will ever forget us and all we have done.”



**5. So, you and Madam President Dana Bailey have a great friendship. How important is your partnership and teamwork to you being able to fulfill your goals and duties as Miss. SUNO?**

“She’s one of my best friends and a perfect accountability partner. Where she lacks, I can pick up, and vice versa. What I’ve learned as a queen is that you are only as good as your president. Teamwork makes the dream work.”

**6. What misconceptions do you believe others have about your role and The Royal Court?**

“I feel as though some people think it’s easy and everything is done for us. It’s not; we work very hard, and our expectations of us are high behavior and academic. Nothing that we do is given.”

**7. What are your favorite semester moments?**

“Coronation was beautiful. Though it started with tears, I was all smiles by the end of the night. I also had a fantastic homecoming weekend, thanks to Madam President. I was the first queen to have a parade in over a decade. We made HERstory!

**8. What do you hope to aspire for the future, Miss. SUNO, and what could she learn from your experience?**

“I hope she gets to experience everything I have, times ten! I pray she gets to experience having the coronation of her dreams. We fought hard for accommodations for the next queen, and I hope the legacy continues. I hope she learns from me that if you don’t serve your kingdom, your kingdom won’t want to help you. A queen always takes care of her kingdom.”





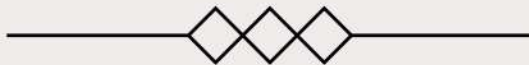
# Emmett Bashful Scholarship Gala



The Fall 2023 Emmet Bashful Southern University at New Orleans Scholarship Gala & Silent Auction was an astonishing night of elegance, entertainment, and philanthropy. The Gala is hosted on our beautiful SUNO campus every year with the assistance and efforts of our Vice Chancellor of Advancement, Dr. Kim E. Rugon, along with our Institutional Advancement Department. Along with that, our Gala is a program under the SUNO Foundation, which aims to focus on creating positive change within the New Orleans community.



We had terrific entertainers such as Chiara Nicole, Frank Richard, DJ B Sharp, and Violinist Michael Ward grace the stage. However, what truly brings this special night together is the SUNO and Orleans community involvement. Our student leaders include SGA President Dana M. Bailey and The 64th Miss. Southern University at New Orleans, Ciara Perique, the SUNO Royal Court, and our outstanding scholarship sponsors allow us to make this night magical. More importantly, Southern University at New Orleans can give all our SUNO Knights access to financial support on their higher education journey.



The national and international economic struggles affect all of us at a monumental level, leaving many students, especially those of unrepresented minority communities, to fail. Our founder and first Chancellor, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, and University President, Dr. Felton G. Clark, established Southern University at New Orleans for African-American students to have equal access to in-state education and professional opportunities.

The Emmett Bashful Scholarship Gala allows our university to continuously give back to our students and enrich the advancement of the New Orleans community through knowledge and pride. We at *The Observer* and all of SUNO thank our Institutional Advancement and Gala sponsors for making this special night possible, and we hope to see you all again in 2024!



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