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# Memo from the Chancellor's Desk **Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D.**

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## A Message from Chancellor Victor Ukpolo

**SUNO ranks as the city's fastest growing 4-year institution in New Orleans.**

An article in Thursday's *Times-Picayune* examines enrollment at New Orleans area colleges and universities. Based on our analysis of the article's enrollment data, from Fall 2006 to Fall 2007, SUNO's nearly 14% percent enrollment increase makes us the fastest-growing 4-year institution in New Orleans! We are in the process of researching information about all universities to determine our ranking statewide. Thanks to our students for their continued support, and to our faculty and staff for continuing to work hard to effectively serve our students and educate them.

### RECENT APPOINTMENTS / ACCOLADES

The entire SUNO community is invited to share with our office any appointments or accolades you have earned so that we may share them with everyone. With that, I am proud to announce these recent accomplishments/accolades:

**Dr. George Amedee** was appointed to the City Planning Commission for a term that will expire June 30, 2012. He also is a member of the Mayoral Fellows Committee.

**Dr. Joseph Bouie** was on the list of persons being considered to temporarily serve as City Councilman-at-Large due to the recent resignation of Oliver Thomas.

**Dr. Cynthia Honore-Collins** was recently named to serve on the Board of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center.

**Ms. Ruth Johnson** was recently elected President-Elect of the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs for the November 2007 to November 2008 term.

**Dr. Lisa R. Mims-Devezin** recently conducted training sessions for the RiboPrinter System that quickly identifies bacteria and then compares them at the strain level for efficient and consistent characterization. SUNO is the only university in the state that possesses this state-of-the art equipment.

**SUNO's Small Business Development and Management Institute (SBDMI)**, the College of Business and Public Administration in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences/Criminal Justice, held a closing ceremony and reception Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the completion of the Nxlevel Entrepreneurial Training Program. Twenty ex-offenders from a special AMERICORPS program (one of four in the country) were enrolled in the Nxlevel Entrepreneurial Business Plan Program. The program targeted ex-offenders who desired to start their own businesses. The twenty ex-offenders enrolled in NxLevel decided to take the next step by using self employment to become self sufficient.

