



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT  
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## LES BROWN TO HELP KICKOFF LAMPS INITIATIVE



World renowned motivational speaker Les Brown will deliver the keynote address during the kickoff luncheon for SUNO's Leadership and Mentoring Program for Students (LAMPS), Wednesday, September 26 at Zea Rotisserie & Grill, 1525 St. Charles Avenue, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The invitation-only luncheon is being sponsored by Attorney Warren A. "Chip" Forstall, a member of the SU System's Board of Supervisors. Coordinated by Dr. Donna Grant, Director of Enrollment Management Services, and Attorney Wesley Bishop, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the purpose of SUNO's LAMPS initiative is to ensure academic success and retention among freshmen. Volunteer faculty, staff and students, who have already committed to working with the program, will serve as mentors.

## MTSU TO HOLD BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SUNO

The academic partnership between Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will be expressed via sound Thursday, Oct. 4, during The Presidential "Prism" Gala Concert, a music-filled benefit for SUNO. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in MTSU's Tucker Theatre, an array of bands, orchestras and choral ensembles from the McLean School of Music—as well as special guests Cedric Dent of the Grammy-winning Take 6 and David Pruet, world-music percussionist—will team to present an evening of diverse musical performances that pay tribute to our historic institution. We thank MTSU and the entire Murfreesboro, TN community for their continued support.

## SOPHIE B. WRIGHT'S SUCCESS SHOWCASED BY WYLD-FM

Dr. Rose Duhon-Sells, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, joined Sharon Clark, principal of Sophie B. Wright Charter School, to discuss the school's impressive success during a special education forum Wednesday, September 19 that aired live on WYLD-FM (98.5) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. SUNO chartered Sophie B. Wright during the summer of 2005. The broadcast, which happened at Sophie B. Wright, was hosted by Harold Clark (Hal Clark), Executive Associate to the Chancellor, and longtime host of WYLD-FM's Sunday Journal.



## ATTORNEY WESLEY T. BISHOP JOINS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

Attorney Wesley Bishop, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, was appointed by New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin to serve on the city's Criminal Justice Council. The New Orleans City Council ratified the appointment Thursday, September 20.

## ALLIANCE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES AUSTIN BADON

State Representative Austin Badon, who serves as SUNO's Coordinator of Community Service Learning, was recently honored with a Legislator of the Year award by the Alliance for Good Government.