



L-r: Chancellor Ukpolo, Les Brown, Chip Forstall
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L-r: Freshman Vice President, Stephen Hawkins, Motivational Speaker, Les Brown

Les Brown Inspires Students, Faculty and Staff

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) was privileged to have world renowned motivational speaker and entrepreneur Les Brown to serve as keynote speaker for the kickoff luncheon for our Leadership and Mentoring Program for Students initiative (LAMPS). The event took place Wednesday, September 26, at Zea's Restaurant on St. Charles Avenue. Attorney Warren A. "Chip" Forstall, a member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, underwrote the cost of the luncheon. I cannot thank him enough.

Mr. Brown, a longtime friend of Dr. Donna Grant, Executive Director for Enrollment Management Services, gave an inspirational presentation designed to encourage each of us to expand our minds and fight to accomplish our goals. As you know, the goal of the LAMPS program is to effectively address the issue of retention among freshmen. In addition to thanking Dr. Grant for graciously working to secure Mr. Brown for this event, I also thank the members of her staff and Attorney Wesley Bishop, Vice Chancellor for Academic, for their important roles.

Incredibly, Mr. Brown did not charge SUNO any money to appear, and promised during his presentation to further assist us with LAMPS and other initiatives. We will keep you posted regarding the details of his next visit to SUNO (which promises to afford the entire SUNO community to see him) which could occur before the end of the year.