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Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to follow up on March visit to SUNO's campus

NEW ORLEANS, LA. – U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano will visit Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) in a follow-up to her March, 2009 visit to New Orleans. Sec. Napolitano will visit SUNO on Monday, August 17th during the institution's annual University Conference in the Park Campus Cafeteria.

Napolitano will address the SUNO community at 10:30 a.m., CDT. She will deliver remarks about the Gulf Coast rebuilding efforts, including specifics regarding hurricane damaged buildings at SUNO, and she will address the media afterwards.

She will be joined by Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Craig Fugate and Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding Janet Woodka to discuss Gulf Coast rebuilding efforts with federal, state and local partners and make a public assistance announcement.

“SUNO truly appreciates Secretary Napolitano maintaining the commitment that she expressed during her visit here in the spring regarding providing timely answers about the future of the buildings on our Park Campus as it relates to FEMA. Since her March 2009 visit, her staff has worked tirelessly with us in rendering a proper determination of what will occur with hurricane damaged buildings on our campus. I am certain that the entire SUNO community-our students, faculty, staff and alumni- will be extremely pleased with what the Secretary will share,” said Victor Ukpolo, Ph.D., chancellor of SUNO.

Napolitano visited the campus with a large delegation which included U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan, U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon, U.S. Congressman Anh “Joseph” Cao and Governor Bobby Jindal.

** Due to security measures, media representatives are asked to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. CDT, and provide valid credentials. Following remarks, media will be escorted to an adjacent building for the media availability.*

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