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### ***SUNO to meet with participants of groundbreaking leadership program***

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) will be holding the Spring 2009 Parents & Participants Meeting of members of the Chancellor's Emerging Leaders Program (CELP) on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held on the SUNO Lake Campus, Building 43.

In November 2007, SUNO teamed up with Sophie B. Wright Charter Middle School to encourage and provide incentives to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled at Wright to complete high school and matriculate through college. SUNO has agreed to provide four-year, full-tuition scholarships to students who successfully complete the program. Eligible students will be provided housing, academic and personal counseling, and additional support services to help ensure success during the eighth grade and beyond.

At the meeting participants will be paired with both student and community mentors. The participants will also get a recap of other program requirements including:

- Participation in TOPS throughout high school
- Taking the ACT
- Completing the Louisiana high school core curriculum
- Participation in the SUNO Early Start Program as well as other requirements

For more information about the program, contact Wesley Bishop or Shrylin Davis at (504) 286-5325.

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