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SUNO looks to identify Emerging Leaders through new program

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) announces the introduction of the Chancellor’s Emerging Leaders Program (CELP). The initiative is a pre-collegiate program designed to encourage 8th grade students at Sophie B. Wright Charter School to complete high school and attend college. As an incentive, Chancellor Victor Ukpolo announced that “students who comply with various requirements will be awarded a full tuition scholarship to SUNO.”

There will be kick-off event for the program on Wednesday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m. at Sophie B. Wright (1426 Napoleon Ave.). Parents, members of the community and the media are encouraged to attend the kick-off of this marquee program.

There are several components of the CELP:

- Students must agree to participate in the program throughout their high school years, regardless of the senior high school they attend.
- Students must pursue the TOPS curriculum and meet all of its requirements.
- Students’ progress will be monitored by CELP administration and staff.
- Students must participate in SUNO’s Dual Enrollment Program during their senior year of high school.
- Students will participate in a mentoring program with administration, faculty, staff and alumni of SUNO.
- Students will be encouraged to participate in activities sponsored by SUNO throughout their high school years.

The CELP scholarship is renewable on a yearly basis based on satisfactory performance consistent with TOPS program requirements.

Sophie B. Wright Charter School has been managed by Southern University at New Orleans since June of 2005. Since the school has been chartered, Wright has improved its LEAP scores and has also won the praise of BESE Board Member-at-Large/Vice President Leslie Jacobs.

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