



# THE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW ORLEANS

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## School of Education

### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education sponsored a panel discussion entitled "Bridging the Gap for First Generation College Students in New Orleans: Perspectives from Educational Leaders" on November 1. The event was well-attended, including students, staff, faculty, and even our new UNO President, Dr. Kathy Johnson, on her first day in her role. The dynamic panel discussed the journeys first-generation college students take in higher education and how our campus can better serve them.

Be on the lookout for exciting event announcements for Spring 2024!



# Program Highlights

## Counselor Education

In October, students, faculty, and alumni participated in the Louisiana Counseling Association Annual Conference in Baton Rouge. Yvanna Pogue Vicks (Doctoral Candidate) was selected for the LCA Graduate Student Award, Dr. Heather Olivier (Doctoral Alumna) was selected for the LCA Research Award, and Dr. Chris Belser (Faculty) was selected for the LCA Professional Service Award. Within LCA Divisions, Dr. Anabel Mifsud was selected for the LACES Counselor Educator—Junior Award and Dr. Chris Belser was awarded the LSCA Research Grant. UNO was well represented at the conference both by attendees and presenters. The program would also like to congratulate Dr. Anabel Mifsud for winning the COLAEHD Faculty of the Year Award!

## Teacher Education

Patty Glaser (Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction, 2008) of Discovery Schools Network was named to the 2023 "Women of the Year" list by New Orleans City Business. A number of recent alumni have been named as their school's New Teacher of the Year: Linda Plasse of Emmett Gilbert School of Excellence; Michelle Bellotti of Mimosa Park Elementary; Tiffany Ball of Ruppel Academie Francaise; and Rebecca Bennett of Bains Elementary. In addition, Rebecca Bennett was also named the West Feliciana Parish's New Teacher of the Year. We are thrilled to announce that the University of New Orleans School of Education has received reaccreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)!

## Educational Administration

Congratulations Decina Hebert Rodriguez (Ph.D., 2016) on being named the Lafourche Parish Principal of the Year!! The program is also proud that two 2nd year students in our M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership program, Jewel Morgan and Anthony Martino, for being named Teacher of the Year at their schools in St. Bernard Parish.

## Human Performance & Health Promotion

Holly Hedrick, a HPHP alumna from Spring 2023, was accepted into Loyola University's School of Nursing and will begin the program in January 2024.

# Spotlight



**Jeannie Brown**  
Alumni

Jeannie is an alumna (2019) of the M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration program. After working in various roles at Delgado Community College for nearly 14 years, she became the Director of Trio Student Support Services at Loyola University-New Orleans in 2021. Recently, Jeannie has become the Vice-President of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid at the University of Holy Cross. Jeannie remembers that her experience in the program was “absolutely wonderful. I had a sense of belonging where I was able to connect with other higher education professionals” and credits the program with “learning about student development and how various theories were designed to identify student experiences in college. I also learned how to better evaluate data that is relevant to college administrators.”



**Mauri Carver**  
Student

Mauri will be graduating this December with her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration. In the 2022/2023 academic year, Mauri was a member of UNO’s volleyball team before she transitioned to her current role as a graduate assistant for UNO’s Athletics Department. Mauri was awarded an NCAA Ethnic Minority Scholarship by the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee for the 2023-24 academic year. Additionally, she was also selected to participate in the 2023 NCAA Career in Sports Forum, an annual educational program that brings together 200 selected NCAA student-athletes to learn about and explore potential careers in sports, particularly college athletics. Following her graduation, Mauri will be joining the volleyball staff as a full-time assistant coach and serving as an academic advisor for three sports teams (Women’s basketball, Baseball, and Track and Field).

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