



CAPITAL ONE – UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS
CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK

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**Andre Perry named Associate Dean of College of Education and Human Development
*Perry to lead Capital One-UNO Charter Network as Chief Executive Officer***

Andre Perry has been named Associate Dean of The University of New Orleans College of Education and Human Development. The announcement was made by Dean James Meza, Jr. Perry will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter School Network.

“Dr. Perry is an exceptional educator and leader with a passion for education,” said Dean Meza. “Since his arrival in New Orleans, he has taken a leadership role as an advocate for quality public education. As chief executive of our charter school network, he will take the lead in advancing the working partnership between UNO’s faculty and our charter school teachers.”

“I am confident that Dr. Perry will help develop community partnerships with businesses, non-profit organizations, universities, schools and neighborhood organizations,” said Dean Meza. “He will also be instrumental in fulfilling UNO’s role as an urban university working to rebuild its surrounding neighborhoods.”

“My educational, personal and professional experiences have prepared me for this wonderful opportunity to provide quality educational options for New Orleans’ families, especially for the most vulnerable socioeconomic groups, including first generation collegians,” said Perry.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Perry earned his Ph.D. in education policy and leadership, with an emphasis in higher education from the University of Maryland. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Allegheny College. His research and teaching interests are college access and retention, immigrant educational rights, and philosophy and history of education. He has held administrative appointments in scholarship and retention programming, multicultural affairs, and study abroad.

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Through his weekly newspaper column in *The Louisiana Weekly*, Perry provides political commentary on K-16 leadership and governance in Louisiana. He can also be heard on WWNO 89.9-FM during NPR's "All Things Considered". He also serves on the boards of the Greater New Orleans Fair Action Housing Center, Urban League of Greater New Orleans, WWNO-FM, and New Orleans College Preparatory Academy.

The Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter School Network is a seamless pre-kindergarten through college learning community. Schools in the charter network are operated by UNO's College of Education and Human Development. Teachers focus on the individual needs of every child, every day and prepare children for the next educational level. This pre-kindergarten through high school educational process is designed to provide access and placement in community colleges and The University of New Orleans. For more information on the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network, visit www.unocharternetwork.net.

The University of New Orleans (UNO), the urban research university of the State of Louisiana, provides essential support for the educational, economic, cultural, and social well-being of the culturally rich and diverse New Orleans metropolitan area. It opened its doors in 1958 as part of the Louisiana State University System "to bring public-supported higher education to Louisiana's largest urban community." Today, UNO offers 91 degree programs, of which 43 are undergraduate programs, 37 are masters, and 11 are doctoral programs. The 340-acre main campus sits on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, offering easy access to all parts of the metro area.

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