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Capital One-UNO Charter School Network Names New Principals and Assistant Principals

The Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter School Network has named new principals and assistant principals for 2008-2009 school year. “These appointments are part of our strategic plan of creating a network of model schools to serve the children of New Orleans,” said Dr. Andre Perry, Associate Dean of UNO’s College of Education and Human Development and CEO of the Capital One-UNO Charter School Network.

Heidi S. Sargent has been appointed principal of Pierre A. Capdau-UNO Charter School. She most recently was organizational development coordinator for the Fort Bend Independent School District in Sugarland, Texas where she coordinated the district’s New Teacher Orientation program and designed training materials for personal training and departmental usage, including the district’s Differentiated Instruction Initiative and CHAMPS classroom management program. Sargent earned a Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision from University of Houston-Victoria, and a Masters of Arts in Secondary Education from Louisiana State University. She is a native of New Orleans.

Michael Booker, Ed. D. has been appointed principal of Pierre Capdau-UNO Early College High School. He most recently served as director of off-campus sites at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn., where he was responsible for supervising the state’s largest dual enrollment program. Booker has 21 years of experience with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in a variety of roles – including coordinator of an alternative school for weapons violators, athletic director, coach, and assistant principal. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Administration, and Educational Specialist’s degree from Tennessee State University. Booker is a native of Jackson, Tenn.

Edward Brown, Jr. has been appointed principal of Medard Nelson-UNO Charter School. Brown previously served as assistant principal of Priestley Charter School in New Orleans,

where he was responsible for observation and supervision of teachers. He also worked in the New Orleans Parish Public Schools system, where he taught science and special education. Brown received his Masters of Arts in Urban Education from Southern University. He is a native of New Orleans.

Charlotte Burney-Tillman has been appointed principal of Gentilly Terrace Elementary. She previously served as a New Leaders for New Schools resident principal in the New Orleans Recovery School District. She has seven years experience in the field of education. She has also worked in the Spring Independent School District (Texas) and the Aldine Independent School District (Texas). Burney-Tillman earned her Masters of Education in Education Administration from Sam Houston State University, and Masters of Science in Health Education from Texas Southern University. She is originally from Biloxi, Miss.

J’Vann L. Martin has been appointed assistant principal of Pierre Capdau-UNO Charter School. She most recently served as a teacher leader and third grade teacher at Martin Behrman Charter School in New Orleans. She worked with the school’s administrative team, which was responsible for establishing a positive and orderly climate by opening lines of communication with staff, students, and the community. Martin received a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of New Orleans. She is a native of New Orleans.

David C. Chimento has been appointed assistant principal of Medard Nelson-UNO Charter School. He was previously vice principal at A+ Academy Charter School in Dallas, Texas, where he supervised teachers and students in pre-k through sixth grades. Chimento earned a Masters of Education in Elementary School Administration and Supervision from Our Lady of Holy Cross College. He is a native of New Orleans.

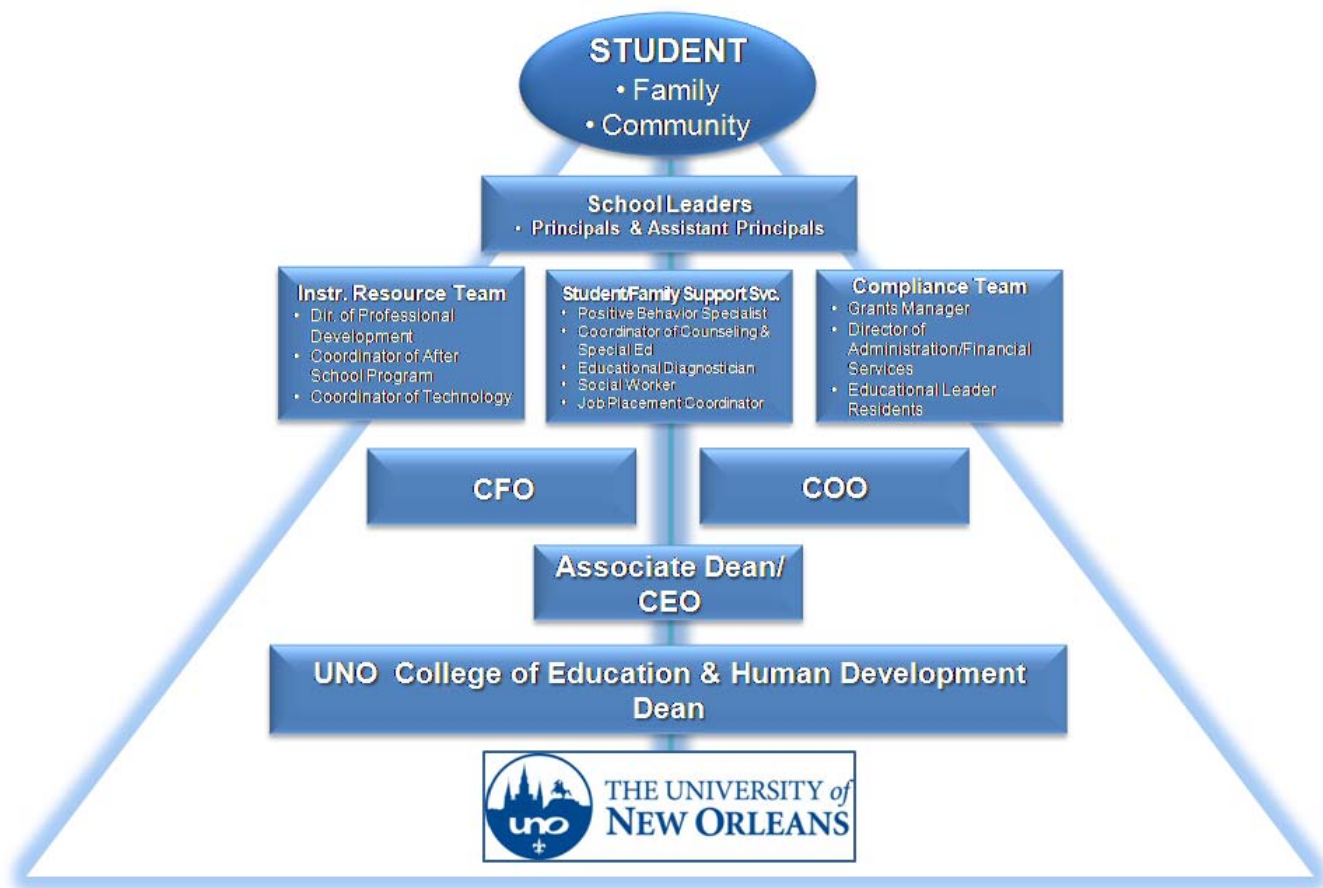
Tracy J. Tinguee has been appointed assistant principal of Gentilly Terrace Elementary. She was previously a fifth grade language arts teacher at Isaac Litton Middle School in Nashville, Tenn. Tinguee received a Master of Arts in Education from Xavier University (New Orleans) and Master of Science in Teaching from Loyola University (New Orleans). She is a native of New Orleans.

Juaquana C. Stewart returns to Capdau-Early College High School as assistant principal. She has served in that capacity since July 2007.

“Our new principals and assistant principals are all transformational leaders who will focus on teacher empowerment, student services and neighborhood development,” said Dr. Perry. “These changes are consistent with UNO’s mission, as an urban university, to lead the rebuilding of our surrounding neighborhoods and the entire New Orleans region.”

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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