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CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK

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**CAPDAU-UNO EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE FIRST IN NEW ORLEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN URBAN LEAGUE COLLEGE TRACK PROGRAM**  
*College Track helps students realize their dream of going to college.*

On Monday, July 7, a group of 50 Pierre A. Capdau–University of New Orleans Early College High School freshmen will be the first New Orleans students to take part in Urban League College Track, an after-school, college preparatory program that helps students from under-resourced communities graduate from high school and succeed in college. The 4 to 6 year program sets high expectations for student achievement and offers a variety of programs in three core service areas: Academic Affairs, Student Life, and College Affairs.

College Track will open its fourth center in New Orleans, in partnership with the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. College Track’s opening session will be held at UNO’s College of Education and Human Development, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on July 7.

“We are very pleased that our Early College High School students are in the first New Orleans-based College Track class,” 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. “College Track adds significant value to the charter network’s mission of preparing our students for enrollment in college.”

College Track’s core program areas are designed to ensure that participants not only receive admission to college, but are fully prepared to succeed in that environment when they arrive. Navigating higher education demands more than just academic excellence, it requires a comfort with bureaucratic and organizational processes that students often lack.

“We recognize and appreciate the involvement of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans in the College Track partnership. This is exactly the type of community participation that will lead to successful schools in New Orleans,” Dr. Perry noted.

“We are proud to introduce College Track to New Orleans. The program has a successful track record of producing successful college graduates in California,” said Nolan V. Rollins, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. “We are confident that College Track will play an important role in helping build a brighter future for our children, families and the entire region.”

College Track began working with a small group of students at a high school in East Palo Alto, Calif., in 1997. The organization now serves over 550 high school and college students through centers in the San Francisco Bay Area and New Orleans.

The Urban League, celebrating 70 years in the New Orleans area, is a non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization dedicated to empowering communities and changing lives. Through advocacy and direct service, the League serves upwards of 5,000 clients annually in education, childcare, business development and employment and training programs. For more information on the Urban League, visit them online at [www.urbanleagueneuorleans.org](http://www.urbanleagueneuorleans.org).

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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