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Pierre A. Capdau-UNO Early College High School Receives \$30,000 in New Band Instruments

Pierre A. Capdau-UNO Early College High School received new band instruments, thanks to a grant from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (MHOF). Band students will receive instruments and method books.

This grant award was made possible by Music Rising, a Gulf Coast recovery program administered by the Gibson Foundation. Music Rising has raised over \$1,000,000 to provide instruments to professional musicians, schools and churches in the region. MHOF is proud to help them in their efforts to identify needy school music programs in the affected areas, and put music

back into their lives.

"Thanks to the grant, the students will immediately be exposed to instruments that they may not have had tangible exposure to otherwise," said Principal Shannon L. Verrett. "Students who may not have had the means to rent or buy instruments will not be hindered by a lack of funds."

"It would have taken years of fundraisers to match this grant,"



Capdau-UNO ECHS music instructor Taylor Lasseigne helps students get acquainted with their new band instruments.

said music teacher Taylor Lasseigne. "Now we are on track to put on our first concert this spring."

New Beginnings School Foundation Names New Board Members

The New Beginnings School Foundation (NBSF) announces the appointment of three new board members. Dr. Mollie

M. Alarcon is a member of the medical staff in the departments of pediatrics and psychiatry at Alton Ochsner Medical Institutions. Hugh E. Hamilton is executive vice president and Greater



**Hugh Hamilton,
Capital One**

New Orleans regional manager for Capital One's banking business. Dr. Vera B. Triplett is clinical director, of The Thomas E. Chambers Counseling and Training Center at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

The foundation's officers are Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, - President, Chancellor, University of New Orleans; William P. Herrington - Secretary, Chairman, Commercial Banking South Texas, Capital One, N.A.; Carla Major - Treasurer, Vice President of Human Resources, Harrah's New Orleans. The remaining board mem-

bers are Patricia Adams, University Counsel, University of New Orleans. Dean James Meza, Jr., University of New Orleans College of Education and Human Development, is an ex-officio member of the board.

NBSF provides governance for the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network. The network of public charter schools is a seamless pre-kindergarten through college learning community. Schools in the network are operated by UNO's College of Education and Human Development.

2007 Teacher's Reception: "You're The Apple of Our Eye"



The Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter School Network held its 2007 Teacher Reception at the historic New Orleans Museum of Art. The theme for this year's celebration was, "You're the apple of our eye." The museum houses a \$200 million collection in 46 galleries. NOMA ranks among the top 25 percent of the nation's largest and most significant museums and is the premier art museum in the Gulf South region.

An estimated 200 people attended the reception which was sponsored by the charter network's founding corporate partner Capital One. Guests included charter network teachers, principals and staff; and representatives from UNO's College of Education and Human Development, New Beginnings Schools Foundation, Louisiana Department of Education and the Recovery School District.

Capital One Executive V.P. Hugh Hamilton (second from right) is joined by principals Ava P. Lee, Medard Nelson; Jonathan C. Williams, Gentilly Terrace; Christine Mitchell, Pierre Capdau; and Shannon L. Verrett, Capdau Early College High School.



UNO Charter Network founder, Dean James Meza, Jr. (right) with New Beginnings Schools Foundation board member, Dr. Mollie Alarcon.

(from left) Robert Logan, Director of Charter Schools, Recovery School District; Dr. Kelvin Adams, Chief of Staff Recovery School District; Dr. Darlene Morgan Brown, Director, Capital One-UNO Charter Network; Hugh Hamilton, Executive Vice President and Greater New Orleans Regional Manager, Capital One; and Dr. James Meza, Jr., Dean, UNO College of Education and Human Development and founder of the UNO Charter Network.



Charter Network Announces Staff Changes



Michele Jackson



Scott Farrell

The Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network announces the following staff changes:

Michele Jackson has been appointed Assistant to the Director. Prior to joining the charter network, she served as Assistant to the Director of Southwest Educational Development. SEDL is a private, nonprofit education research, development, and dissemination (RD&D) corporation based in Austin, Texas.

Scott Farrell is the charter network's

Coordinator of Administrative & Financial Services. Previously, he was Executive Assistant to the Dean/Director Academic Services in UNO's College of Engineering.

Edith Gross has been appointed Professional Development Coordinator. She most recently served as No Child Left Behind Coordinator for the Recovery School District of New Orleans.

Fitzpatrick Nedd is the charter network's new Business Manager. He previously served in a similar capacity as the University of New Orleans Payroll Manager.

Georgi Bienvenu has been appointed Program Manager. She previously served as assistant registrar for graduation UNO's Office of the Registrar.

Charter network director Dr. Darlene Morgan Brown said, "We have assembled a professional team that will help us achieve more efficient administrative operations. This also makes it easier for principals to focus on the needs of each student who attend our charter schools.



Edith Gross



Fitzpatrick Nedd



Georgi Bienvenu

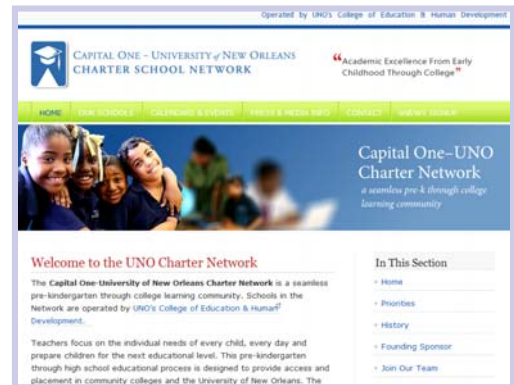
New Website Provides Link to Schools & Info

The Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network has unveiled its new website. The portal, which has a new address (www.unocharternetwork.net), includes information on the network's schools, priorities, history, governance and administration.

The website also features continually updated school calendars, press releases and photo galleries. The website was created by **five65design** in conjunction with **Pierre Principle Communications**.

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