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Building a Better LSU for All Tigers

From the moment I became interim president and learned about the ongoing work to create our Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap, I have repeatedly made one thing clear to our talented team of LSU faculty, staff, students, administrators, and alumni who have been working to make our roadmap goals a reality: **We must focus on action. That's because this is critically important work and, more importantly, because our words alone will ring hollow if they are not backed by significant action.**

Today, I am proud to say that we continue to take concrete steps to further enhance inclusion, equity, and diversity on our campus. In late January, we convened our second Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Leadership Retreat with the nine subcommittees that have been working since last summer to address items in the roadmap relating to academics, communications, community building, physical

“Outstanding work by our LSU Family for our LSU Family.”

environment, staff, faculty, recruiting and retention, student health and wellness, and university policies. The subcommittees provided a progress report on their 2020 accomplishments and the initiatives they will continue

working on throughout this year and into the future. I encourage you to take some time to review a summary of their work at our lsu.edu/together webpage, where you can also learn about additional work we're doing to foster greater inclusion, equity, and diversity at LSU.

I'm also proud of our new Diversity Statement for LSU, which was crafted over the course of several months by a diverse group of talented students, dedicated faculty, awesome staff, and very generous alumni who stepped forward to give back to make LSU a better place for everyone. We recently updated our website with the new statement, so please check that out as well. This is outstanding work by our LSU Family for our LSU Family.

Achieving the extensive and ambitious goals in our Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap is one of our top priorities for several important reasons. One of them is stated quite eloquently in our new statement: “We believe diversity, equity, and inclusion enrich the educational experience of our students, faculty, and staff, and are necessary to prepare all people to thrive personally and professionally in a global society.” Additionally, as Louisiana's flagship university, our mission is to provide educational opportunities to all our diverse state's sons and daughters.

We have made great progress over the past decade to increase diversity in our student enrollment. Our freshman class is not only our largest and most academically talented but also the most diverse in our history, with a record high number of Black and Hispanic students, and historically underrepresented students accounting for more than 30% of the class. Black student enrollment at LSU has increased by 87% over the past decade, while enrollment of Hispanic students has risen 130%. However, many studies show that significant gaps remain in college opportunity and educational outcomes for historically underrepresented students across our country, which contributes to earnings and employment gaps and diminished social mobility that hinders our economy at large.

We are quite a bit further down the road than we were in August 2019 when the roadmap work began, but we also know that we are still in the early stages of a long journey that, again, will be measured by our actions. If we continue building upon the momentum we have built to bring every action item in our Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap to fruition, we will reach our ultimate destination. We will cultivate a campus environment that is better for every single LSU student, faculty, and staff member – today and into the future – and we will be better positioned to achieve even greater outcomes in recruitment, enrollment, retention, and graduation for decades to come.

Geaux Tigers!

Thomas C. Galligan, Jr.
LSU Interim President and Professor of Law



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Last summer's resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement served as a clear reminder for universities across the country, including LSU, of the importance of an inclusive and anti-racist campus. The LSU administration also took action by formally releasing its Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap, a comprehensive, three-year plan that details how the University will foster a more inclusive campus community. The plan rolled out during a time of national reckoning about racial injustice, but, according to Dereck Rovaris, LSU vice provost for diversity and chief diversity officer, the process of creating the roadmap began long before the summer of 2020.

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A photograph of four students in the foreground, seen from behind, looking out over a large, crowded stadium during a football game. The students are diverse in appearance. The stadium is filled with spectators, and the field is visible in the distance.

WE ENHANCE DIVERSITY TO ENRICH OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY.

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PRESIDENT AND CEO MESSAGE



“We’re all in this together, and together we will accomplish great things. We always do.”

Moving Forward Together

Like most of you, we were ready to close the 2020 calendar, putting behind us its unprecedented events and hoping the “new normal” to which we had adjusted would soon revert to *normal*. While that has not happened in the first few months of 2021 – we are still masking, social distancing, Zoom meeting, etc., – there are signs that things are somewhat improving. But there is still a long way to go. As your LSU Alumni Association staff travels that long road together, we are determined to find good in difficult times and successfully adapt to what is in many ways an unknown future.

The very nature of an alumni organization is to bring together graduates, former students, and friends to support each other and their alma mater. Gatherings and personal interactions are essential. That is what we missed the most last year – events such as across-the-country crawfish boils, football gatherings at home and away, the scholarship awards banquet, and the Retired Faculty/Staff Christmas Luncheon, all traditional highlights on our calendar.

That said, we are moving forward. On the calendar are the Retired Faculty/Staff Luncheon, July 4th and Christmas luncheons, the 2020-2021 Hall of Distinction induction ceremony, Traveling Tigers trips to away football games – the first to UCLA!, The Cook Hotel 20th Anniversary Celebration, the Annual Meeting & Luncheon, and the 2021 Scholars Awards Banquet. In the best-case scenario, we will be greeting each other in person, masked and socially distanced, perhaps, but *together*.

We especially hope that the Hall of Distinction inductees can be recognized in person this fall as last year’s ceremony was cancelled due to the pandemic. The 2020 honorees will be inducted along with those chosen this year: Dr. Louis R. Minsky, partner, Minsky & Carver Medical Center for Personal Wellness, Baton Rouge, Alumnus of the Year; Nicole B. Hilton, founding partner/design architect, Cole Hil, Douglasville, Ga., Young Alumna of the Year; Mark Grant, TV director, CBS Sports and CBS Sports Network, Baton Rouge; Gregory J. Hamer, Sr., CEO, B&G Food Enterprises, Morgan City, La.; the late Dr. Henry A. Gremillion, dean, LSU Health School of Dentistry, Metairie, La.; and Todd G. Schexnayder, senior vice president, Fidelity Bank, Baton Rouge. See page 6.

Our cover story – “Tigers Together” – highlights the many positive efforts underway to foster inclusive educational opportunities and an equitable workforce environment at the University. The Association’s diversity/inclusion document is being finalized at this time. We look forward to sharing our initiatives with you in the summer issue.

The pandemic tested all of us. However, when we look back and see what we have accomplished, it gives us the strength and resolve to move forward to meet future challenges. We’re all in this together, and together we will accomplish great things. We always do.

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Gordon Monk
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LSU 2021 Hall of Distinction

Alumnus of the Year, Young Alumna of the Year Named



Dr. Louis R. Minsky

Dr. Louis R. Minsky, partner, Minsky & Carver Medical Center for Personal Wellness, Baton Rouge, was named the 2021 LSU Alumnus of the Year, and Nicole B. Hilton, founding partner/design architect, Cole Hil, Douglasville, Ga., named LSU Young Alumna of the Year.

They will be inducted into the 2021 LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction along with Mark Grant, TV director, CBS Sports and CBS Sports Network, Baton Rouge; Gregory J. Hamer, Sr., CEO, B&G Food Enterprises, Morgan City, La.; Dr. Henry A. Gremillion (posthumous), dean, LSU Health School of Dentistry, Metairie, La.; and Todd G. Schexnayder, senior vice president, Fidelity Bank, Baton Rouge.

"The LSU Alumni Association annually recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves and the University through their careers, their personal and civic accomplishments, their volunteer activities and their loyalty to their alma mater," said Gordon Monk, association president and CEO. "These individuals have excelled in all of these areas and exemplify the essence of a true Tiger."

Sharing the limelight with the new inductees will be those individuals named to the 2020 Hall of Distinction but not recognized due to cancellation of spring activities because of the coronavirus. They are 2020 Alumnus of the Year Gary Wooley, founder/president, Wooley & Associates, Inc., Houston; Young Alumna of the Year Jessica Harthcock, CEO, Utilize Health, Hermitage, Tenn.; Kurt Davis, executive vice president for affiliate relations, ViacomCBS, New York City; Renee Horton, quality engineer, NASA Space Launch Systems Michoud Assembly Facility, New Orleans; Lewis May, associate principal/urban design director, Page Southerland Page, Houston; and Steve Scalise, U.S. House of Representatives Republican Whip, New Orleans.

The first LSU Alumnus of the Year award was conferred in 1966. The Young Alumnus of the Year Award was established in 1999 to recognize alumni who have attained professional prominence early in their careers. Including the 2021 inductees, the LSU Alumni Association has recognized 319 individuals representing a cross-section of LSU graduates.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR DR. LOUIS R. MINSKY

— Louis Minsky, a partner in Minsky & Carver Medical Center Concierge Medicine for Personal Wellness, is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. He is chief of staff at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, medical director of clinical informatics of the General Health System, and an assistant professor at the LSU Medical Center.

He was chief deputy coroner for East Baton Rouge Parish from 2005-2012 and currently serves on the board of the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum, as East Baton Rouge Medical Officer for the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and is serving on the Mayor's Covid-19 Task Force.

He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Medical Association, American College of Physician Executives, Louisiana State Medical Society, and East Baton Rouge Parish Medical Society.

Minsky has been a member and officer of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1994 and is a major donor to the Alumni Fund, the Lod Cook Alumni Center, The Cook Hotel, and the Andonie Museum. In addition, he has served for many years as the official doctor on Traveling Tigers sports trips.

Minsky earned his bachelor's degree in microbiology in 1981 and his M.D. from the LSU School of Medicine in 1985.

YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

NICOLE B. HILTON – Nicole Hilton, founding partner and design architect at Cole Hil, is the first African American female graduate of the LSU School of Architecture to become a licensed architect. She established the architectural firm in 2014. In addition to her architectural design expertise, Hilton advocates for design excellence and diversity and inclusion within the design profession.

She served on the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Georgia board in 2016 and is a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Atlanta Chapter. She mentors through the AIA/ NOMA mentorship program and periodically participates in architecture school design reviews at Kennesaw State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and LSU.

Hilton earned a bachelor's degree in architecture in 2007.

MARK E. GRANT – Mark Grant, television director of CBS Sports/CBS Sports Network, directs NFL, college football and basketball, golf, and tennis events. He joined CBS in 1998 after serving first as association director then as director of television at ESPN.

He started his career as master control operator, producer, and director at Cablevision of Baton Rouge. One of the first directors of 3D television sports broadcasts, Grant is a three-time Emmy Award winner with CBS Sports and a three-time ACE Award winner, the cable industry's highest award.

He earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism in 1981 and was inducted into the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication Hall of Fame in 2003.



Nicole B. Hilton

DR. HENRY A. GREMILLION – The late Henry Gremillion earned an undergraduate degree from the College of Arts & Sciences in 1973 and graduated from the LSU School of Dentistry in 1977.

He was the school's first graduate to be named dean and was recognized nationally as a dedicated educator who worked tirelessly for his students, as evidenced by his Summer Enrichment Program initiative, created to diversify dentistry by identifying poor and minority students and preparing them to be competitive in applying to dental school and to succeed when they were accepted.

His most visible achievement as dean was the completion, in 2018, of the \$31 million Allen A. Copping, DDS, Advanced Clinical Care and Research Building. Named for the former dental school dean, LSU Medical Center chancellor, and LSU System president, it was the first addition to the campus since its founding in 1968.

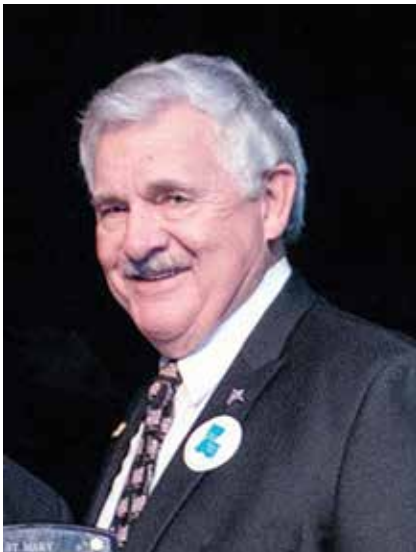
Dr. Gremillion passed away on May 18, 2020.



Mark E. Grant



Dr. Henry A. Gremillion



Gregory J. Hamer, Sr.

GREGORY J. HAMER, SR. – In 1982, Greg Hamer and his wife, Brenda, created B&G Food Enterprises, when they received a franchise from Taco Bell to operate a restaurant in Morgan City, La. Today, B&G operates more than 150 restaurants in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. B&G is the largest Taco Bell Franchisee in Louisiana and maintains corporate headquarters in Morgan City, La.

His outstanding business and civic leadership has earned Hamer and B&G a spot in the LRA Hall of Fame; national coverage in *Entrepreneur* magazine; recognition as Louisiana Humanitarian of the Year in *Louisiana Living* magazine, Community Foundation of Acadiana-St. Mary Affiliate Philanthropist of the Year, and St. Mary Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

He was inducted into the Ourso College of Business Hall of Distinction in 2014 and B&G was recognized in LSU 100: Fastest Growing Tiger Businesses.

That philosophy of service and commitment is shared with the LSU family. Hamer is a member of the E.J. Ourso College of Business Dean's Advisory Council, serves on the Tiger Athletic Foundation Board of Directors, and is an active member of the LSU Alumni Association. The Brenda and Gregory Hamer Sr. Endowed

Scholarship support students in the College of Business.

Top-level Association donors for many years, a recent gift from the Hamers increases their support of the Alumni Fund to promote the overall mission and vision of the Association through the initiatives of the organization's strategic plan - Your Front Door to the Future.

Hamer earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1968.

TODD G. SCHEXNAYDER – Todd Schexnayder is senior vice president and human resources director at Fidelity Bank. He joined Fidelity in 2015, after he retired as senior vice president of human resources at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. He was previously senior vice president of human resources at Pan-American Life Insurance Company.

Schexnayder is active in numerous community and professional organizations and serves his alma mater through involvement with the LSU National Diversity Advisory Board, the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter, and the College of Humanities & Social Sciences Advisory Council. He was a member of the Manship School of Mass Communication Alumni Executive Board, serving as president from 2006-2009.

Schexnayder earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism in 1981.



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Board Officers Named, Employees Recognized at Annual Meeting



LSU Alumni Association President Gordon Monk presents a gift of appreciation to Jeff Mohr, outgoing chair of the Board of Directors.



Trudi Schriber, business manager, was recognized for twenty-five years of service.



President Gordon Monk and Employee of the Year Emily Johnson, marketing manager.



President Gordon Monk; Dr. Louis Minsky, LSU 2021 Alumnus of the Year; and Lori Minsky



Dr. Mary Lou Applewhite was one of several past chairs recognized at the luncheon.



Tracy Jones, vice president for operations and advancement, received a fifteen-year service award.

Bart Schmolke was named chair and David Braddock chair-elect of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors at the organization's Annual Meeting and Past Chairs Luncheon in November 2020. Schmolke replaces outgoing chair Jeff Mohr.

Schmolke, an independent financial advisor with Financial Solutions Group in Alexandria, La., joined the board in 2017 as an at-large member. Braddock, of Dallas, cofounded Broad Oak Energy, Inc., in 2012 and currently serves on its board of managers. He was named to the Association board in 2017.

"It is an honor to serve with so many outstanding people on our board and work with the Association staff. All of these people care deeply for the University, and it is heartwarming to know that there are so many that truly love LSU like I do," said Schmolke. "Right now, it is a very tough time, but to serve with people of such high character helps me know we will get through these times."

Re-elected for three-year terms were Brandon Landry, of Baton Rouge, District 1; Mark Kent Anderson, of Monroe, La., District 6; Michael Bethea, of Madisonville, La., at-large; Karen Brack, of San Diego, Calif., at-large; and Kathy Fives, of Baton Rouge, at-large.

In a surprise announcement, Monk revealed the 2021 LSU Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Louis Minsky.

Minsky, a partner in Minsky & Carver Medical Center Concierge Medicine for Personal Wellness, is also chief of staff at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, medical director of clinical informatics of the General Health System, and an assistant professor at the LSU Medical Center. He has been a member and officer of the Association Board of Directors since 1994 and is a major donor to the Alumni Fund, the Lod Cook Alumni Center, The Cook Hotel, and the Andonie Museum. In addition, he has served for many years as the official doctor on Traveling Tigers sports trips. Minsky earned his bachelor's degree in microbiology in 1981 and his M.D. from the LSU School of Medicine in 1985.

Service awards were presented to Trudi Schriber, business manager, and Tracy Jones, vice president for operations and advancement. Emily Johnson, marketing manager, was recognized as Employee of the Year.

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The voting ballot from the June 13, 1927 Annual Meeting of the LSU Alumni Federation.

It is now about 9 o'clock, and as the Alumni Banquet, which is the "Piece de Resistance" of the day, is scheduled for 9:30, you will realize that the promoters of this program have rendered you some service, because I can talk to you for only about half an hour without breaking into the program and running the risk of having the hunger and sometimes thirsty members of the association stampede in a body for the flesh pots of food and flagons of good cheer which await them down in the Banquet Hall of the Istrouma Hotel. – The Hon. Henry L. Fuqua

The banquet at which Fuqua spoke capped off the Alumni Meeting held earlier in the day on June 6, 1905. Nearly 100 alumni met in Garig Hall. They elected Lewis S. Graham as the organization's first president and approved the charter of Society of the Alumni of the Louisiana State University, which was incorporated on June 19.

The original Society, formed in 1869 but not chartered, seemed to be primarily a social club – "... graduates of the Institution, who ... wishing to revive the pleasant recollections of their Cadetship, meet annually on the day before Commencement Day." The group held fundraisers every so often to pay for a dinner.

Over the decades, the Society became the LSU Alumni Federation, then the LSU Alumni Association. The extravagant evening repast enjoyed by LSU graduates at the Alumni Banquet 116 years ago gave way to more

modest feasts. In 1945, the meeting was held in the Venetian Room of the Cafeteria Building. Other venues included the North Dining Room in Hatcher Hall, the Chancellor's Dining Room at the Faculty Club, and the Royal Ballroom in the Student Union.

Today, cocktails, camaraderie, and a simpler but equally delicious dining event is part of the Annual Meeting & Past Chairs Recognition luncheon, held each November in the Lod Cook Alumni Center's Noland/Laborde Banquet Hall following the fall meeting of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

"While it is a required 'business meeting,' the event is also a reunion," said Association President Gordon Monk. "Alumni and their guests seem to truly enjoy the chance to visit old friends and make new ones while supporting their alma mater through the Association."

A short but comprehensive business meeting preceding the luncheon includes financial and board governance reports and the election of officers and directors, all of which require approval by the general membership. The LSU president welcomes alumni and shares brief "state of the University" remarks, and special recognition is given to past chairs, and staff service and Employee of the Year awards are presented.

"Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there were far fewer guests at the recent meeting, but we hope to fill the banquet hall this November," Gordon said.

The 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19, 2021.

Snapshots



From left, Martha Junkmann, Lori Melancon, David Odom, Sam Rosenthal, and Cindy Blackburn of Mission BBQ; Jason, Marc, Jack and Allison El Koubi, chapter members.



LSU Police Department patches.

donated more than \$10 million to national and local charitable organizations since opening its doors in 2011.

Photos: Elaine McCracken.

Central Virginia Alumni –

Central Virginia Alumni Chapter members gathered at Mission BBQ in Midlothian, Va., in February to present LSU Police Department patches to display at the restaurant. A second presentation was made at the Richmond, Va., establishment later in the month. The LSU patches are the first from a university police department among the hundreds on exhibit. Mission BBQ has



Anna Cook, Melissa Chadborn, and Abby Brown catch up on each other's news and plan new adventures.



Erick, Cooper, and Megan Hand, of Mercer Island, Wash., shop at the Shelton Gift Shop before the LSU-South Carolina game. The family gives kudos to Larry Heimendinger (1967 BACH SCI), of the Seattle Alumni Chapter, for his enthusiastic recruiting pitch that convinced Cooper to enroll at LSU last fall.



Christening The Bar – Following the Annual Meeting, The Bar at The Cook Hotel was officially christened, with guests, staff, and members of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors and The Cook Hotel Board of Managers in attendance. Pictured from left, are Kathy Fives, a member of both boards; Bob Lemoine, who donated his time and expertise as project manager; Association President Gordon Monk; Vice President and General Manager John Grubb; 2020 Board of Directors Chair Jeff Mohr; and Senior Vice President Amy Parrino. The Bar, serviced by Unique Cuisine, offers cocktails and culinary creations to guests.

Pregame: The New Normal –

Limited numbers of fans gathered at The Cook Hotel before home football games. Though the fans pictured took a quick break for photos, they did observe the required social-distancing and masking restrictions.

Snapshots



LSU alumni Austin Theriot (2007 BACH H&SS), Chelsey Blakenship (2010 BACH MCOM), and Tater Tot.



Christina (1984 MAST HS&E) and Heath Fontenot and their children.



Cooper Knecht (1978 BACH HS&E) and her grandson, future Tiger Ryder Leach.



Aaron Bachert (2004 BACH HS&E).

Billy Cannon 5K – The inaugural Billy Cannon Halloween (Virtual) Run, hosted by the LSU Alumni Association and Tiger Athletic Foundation, paid tribute to Billy Cannon's famous run on Halloween night in Tiger Stadium in 1959. Several hundred runners took to the roads, trails, and treadmills in their hometowns for the three-day event sponsored by TJ Ribs. It was free to participate, but voluntary donations supported the LSU Alumni Fund and the Billy Cannon Memorial Scholarship.



LSU alumna Sarah Joy Hays, top, owner of CounterspaceBR Bakery in Baton Rouge, and Auburn alumna Christa Cotton, owner of El Guapo Bitters in New Orleans, walked viewers through a fun gameday brunch recipe – and Tiger tailgate cocktails to complement it.



Jimmy Manasseh (1985 BACH H&SS, 1988 JD), whose father, the late Paul Manasseh, was the first public relations director of the Denver Broncos and longtime LSU sports information director, recalled favorite moments and memories with former Auburn athletic director David House. Manasseh has served as the interior public address announcer in the Paul Manasseh Press Box at LSU home football games since 1982.

Tiger Nation Challenge

Longstanding SEC West Tigers at LSU and Auburn annually take their competition on the field to a new level during Tiger Nation Challenge, held the week before the annual gridiron matchup. In 2020, LSU beat Auburn for the fourth year in a row, raising more than \$166,000 to support student scholarships, alumni and student programming, and more. Among the many activities sponsored by both schools were the TNC Virtual Cooking Series and TNC Virtual 18:56 Speakers Series.

Scholars Recognized at Virtual Awards Event



President's Alumni Scholar Claire White and Flagship Scholar Antavion Moore took part in the virtual scholarship awards celebration.



President's Alumni Scholars and Flagship Scholars – LSU's best and brightest future graduates – and the donors who funded their scholarships were recognized at the virtual 31th Annual Scholars Awards in November 2020. Students picked up their certificates and medals at the Lod Cook Alumni Center following the event.

LSU's "Top 10" students received President's Alumni Scholars awards.

They are Daniela Azevedo, Richmond, Texas; Brooks Davis Belanger, Shreveport, La.; Miscia Edouard Fortna, Orlando, Fla.; Elanor Lucia Fuller, Kaukauna, Wis.; River Keats Holland, Benton, Ark.; Camille Anastasia McGarvey, Columbia, Md.; Jean Ross Normand, Broussard, La.; Anna Elizabeth Stebbins, New Orleans, La.; Anna Catherine Strong, Madison, Miss.; and Claire Elise White, Shreveport, La.

The President's Alumni Scholars, also known as Cain Scholars, received scholarships funded through the Association from an endowment made in memory of Ola and Ruth Cain by Gordon A. Cain and Mary H. Cain. Resident and nonresident students receive the full cost of attendance for eight semesters. The current value for Louisiana residents is approximately \$32,000 per year; for nonresidents, \$49,000; the award includes a \$2,000 stipend to study abroad.

There were 456 Flagship Scholarships awarded. The scholarships, funded by individuals, organizations, and alumni chapters are valued at \$3,500 per year for residents and \$20,500 per year for nonresidents. Recipients can earn up to an additional \$1,550 through the President's Student Aide Program, working in one of LSU's many campus departments.

To establish or donate to a scholarship, visit lsualumni.org/giving.



John Boston (1971 BACH BUS), donor of the Mary Clare and Joseph Boston Endowed Flagship Scholarship congratulated scholarship recipients and their families.



Proudly displaying their LSU Alumni Association scholarship certificates are, from left, Ola and Ruth Cain President's Alumni Scholars River Holland and Daniela Azedao and Flagship Scholar Aidan McGehee.

Editor's note: In keeping with coronavirus pandemic restrictions, masks were worn at all events and removed briefly for photographs and dining.



DR. SEUNG JONG PARK

MANAS GARTIA

GRACA VICENTE

MATTHEW JOHNSON

LSU REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT



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DR. LAVONDA BROWN

BY BAILEY CHAUVIN

GABRIELA GONZÁLEZ

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE DIVERSITY, equity, and inclusion enrich the educational experience of our students, faculty, and staff, and are necessary to prepare all people to thrive personally and professionally in a global society. Therefore, LSU is firmly committed to an environment that affords respect to all members of our community. We will work to eliminate barriers that any members of our community experience.

To make LSU a place where that can happen, we must recognize and reflect on the inglorious aspects of our history. We now acknowledge the need to confront the ways racism, sexism, ableism, ageism, classism, LGBTQ+ phobia, intolerance based on religion or on national origin, and all forms of bias and exploitation have shaped our everyday lives.

We accept personal and professional responsibility to eliminate bias and oppression wherever they are found. We understand our obligation to speak up when we see bias whether it be in our teaching, study, or daily work. Our community will educate themselves proactively and continuously about how to intervene and bring bias to the attention of others with commitment and compassion.

We will hold ourselves accountable for our actions and inactions, and for maintaining intentional, measurable, and meaningful efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion, including through ongoing evaluation of our policies, practices, and procedures.

Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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*LSU's vice provost
for diversity and chief
diversity officer.*

LAST SUMMER'S RESURGENCE OF THE Black Lives Matter movement served as a clear reminder for universities across the country, including LSU, of the importance of an inclusive and anti-racist campus.

LSU student leaders met the movement, not only by announcing their unequivocal support of Black Lives Matter, but by organizing on-campus demonstrations to protest racial injustice, relaunching the #BlackOutLSU campaign, establishing a Black Student Athletes Association, and successfully petitioning for the removal of the name of Troy H. Middleton from the campus library.

The LSU administration also took action by formally releasing its Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap, a comprehensive, three-year plan that details how the University will foster a more inclusive campus community. The plan rolled out during a time of national reckoning about racial injustice, but according to Dereck Rovaris, LSU's vice provost for diversity and chief diversity officer, the process of creating the roadmap began long before the summer of 2020.

"We started working on this in August 2019, which was a great advantage for us as an institution," Rovaris said. "We were not creating a document in response to a single incident or series of incidents – this was a culmination of what we can do as an institution to make us better for diversity."

The University organized a twelve-person committee of faculty, staff, students, and alumni in August 2019, and the first draft of the roadmap was completed by April 2020. Two months later, the committee was able to incorporate additional goals from BlackOutLSU student leaders and the LSU Board of Supervisors and begin working on the plan's implementation. The roadmap is divided into four subcategories – campus climate, faculty, students, and staff – each with unique goals. Nine subcommittees, most of which meet on a biweekly basis, are tasked with accomplishing those goals.

Many LSU community members immediately associate the first roadmap subcategory, "campus climate," with the removal of Middleton's name from the library. A sixteen-person Building Name Evaluation Committee, led by Rovaris, was established in August 2020 to assess all other campus building names. The committee, which includes students, faculty, staff, and alumni, has reviewed the lives and contributions to LSU of all those individuals whose names appear on campus buildings.

According to Rovaris, an inclusive campus climate is not only free of symbols of racism but also is accessible for all. He described an instance when he was walking alongside a student using a wheelchair on the cobblestone sidewalks outside the Student Union. When he noticed the student's body shaking as he pushed his wheelchair along the sidewalk, Rovaris realized that, while aesthetically pleasing, LSU's cobblestone sidewalks make the campus less accessible for some members of the community.

"We've got some places on this campus that are not very accessible for folks who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We're also looking at how this campus is situated in terms of the visually impaired and people who have hearing deficits," Rovaris

said. “We’re not just talking about names of buildings; how do we function as a campus to be inclusive for all?”

Hiring and retaining diverse faculty and staff are the major components of the roadmap’s “faculty” and “staff” subcategories. Rovaris considers faculty diversity to be of particular importance, beginning with ensuring a fair and representative hiring process and continuing through providing underrepresented faculty members the support they need when they arrive at LSU.

The roadmap’s “student” subcategory details numerous measures the University plans to take to foster diverse academic and social environments on campus. The roadmap details many goals that the subcommittee dedicated to this topic is working to achieve, such as assessing organizational inequities in student organizations and Greek Life and reducing financial and academic barriers for underrepresented students.

Just seven months after the Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap was introduced, LSU made progress toward creating a more inclusive campus environment. Key accomplishments include adjusting the name of the Office of Diversity to the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, reevaluating how LSU recruits faculty members, and becoming the first Louisiana public university to promote its African and African American Studies program to department status.

To Rovaris, LSU’s most substantial accomplishment has been securing a commitment to diversity and inclusion from all sectors of the campus community.

“The most influential change has been the full commitment of all parties involved. We’ve got the Board of Supervisors, executive administration, deans, student organizations, and alumni,” Rovaris said. “Having that widespread support for these issues is what’s driving this thing. People are committed to seeing this move forward.”

Bailey Chauvin, a political science junior, is editor-in-chief of *The Reveille*.

LSU TOGETHER

THE ROADMAP TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

ENHANCING DIVERSITY AT LSU IS A CORE INSTITUTIONAL

value. The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI), a division of the Office of Academic Affairs, is committed to fostering inclusive educational opportunities and an equitable workforce environment at the University.

Through its units – the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Women’s Center, and the Clarence L. Barney, Jr. African American Cultural Center, the central office provides leadership to ensure that diversity is a vital component in all decision-making processes on all administrative, academic, budgetary, and strategic planning fronts.

To that end, ODEI ensures that LSU as a whole is actively recruiting and supporting a diverse student body while simultaneously recruiting and supporting faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. And, knowing the University hosts large communities of students and scholars from around the world, the office works to develop intentional programming to meet the needs of these international communities.

The 2020-2022 Roadmap to Diversity and Inclusion addresses issues in four categories – campus climate, faculty, students, and staff – and makes general recommendations.

Visit lsu.edu/together/docs/roadmap-to-diversity.pdf

DIVERSITY ROADMAP STEERING COMMITTEE

Dereck J. Rovaris, Chair, Vice Provost for Diversity and Chief Diversity Officer

Chris Barrett, President, LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Caucus; Associate Professor, English

Monique Cain, President, Black Faculty & Staff Caucus; Director – Information and Security Services, Residential Life; Adjunct Professor, College of Human Sciences and Education

Michelle Carter, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Melissa Crawford, Manager, Data & Communications, Office of Strategic Initiatives; LS-LAMP Program Manager

Gina Eubanks, AVP & Program Leader of Nutrition & Food Science, LSU AgCenter

Monica Leach, National Diversity Advisory Board

Kenneth McMillin, Faculty Senate Past President

Jaimee Pangburn, NDAB

Taylor E. Scott, Student Body Vice President

Jeremiah Shinn, Vice President for Student Affairs

Jose Torres, President, LatinX Faculty & Staff Caucus; Assistant Professor of Sociology

OFFICE OF

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) works closely with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment at LSU. Whether it's campuswide events, being involved in student organizations, or building interpersonal relationships, OMA has something for everyone – including study spaces, a computer lab, and free printing.

Among the student organizations affiliated with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Clarence L. Barney, Jr. African American Cultural Center are Clarence L. Barney, Jr. African American Cultural Center Ambassadors, African Student Organization, Asian American Ambassadors, Black Graduate and Professional Student Association, Black Male Leadership Organization, Black Student Union, Umoja, Black Women's Empowerment Initiative, Black History Month, Robing Ceremony, Juneteenth Celebration, Pre-Kwanzaa, Latin American Student Organization, Louisiana Trans Advocates: LSU Chapter, Minority Women's Movement, Native American Student Organization, Qroma, and Spectrum

WOMEN'S CENTER The Women's Center promotes the advancement of women's issues and gender equality through its services, advocacy efforts, and educational programs. It provides support, referral, and information to students, faculty, and staff in three main areas – programs and events with campus and community partners; print and online information and referral resources at campus, local, state, national, and international levels; and working space.

CLARENCE L. BARNEY, JR. AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER The Clarence L. Barney Jr. African American Cultural Center (AACC) implements educational, cultural and social activities that acknowledge and address the needs of African



THE GOAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

is to promote the well-being of international students as well as to encourage better friendship, interaction, and understanding among international students and between international students and other groups at LSU and the wider Baton Rouge community.

Among its programs and activities are International Fusion, which includes cultural music, dance, and exhibitions in which students from more than 100 countries come together; the International Sports Tournament; football tailgate parties; "Welcome Back" parties; and International Education Week.

American students at LSU. The center also provides a venue for all students to learn about African American culture, heritage, and traditions.

LGBTQ+ PROJECT Through its programs, among them, Spectrum, Safe Space Training, and Qroma, the LGBTQ+ Project actively works to make LSU a safer space for all students, faculty, and staff regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. The project emphasizes providing educational opportunities, ongoing professional development, and programming for students, staff, faculty, and administration with attention to the unique challenges that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) individuals and their allies often encounter. The project also works with students, staff, faculty, administration, student organizations, and University departments to represent LGBTQ+ concerns and provide advocacy and resources.

OFFICE OF

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Office of International Programs dedicates its resources to establishing LSU as a truly international institution by providing services and outreach to support colleges, students, and faculty in international endeavors. Its programs strive to produce students who are internationally inquisitive and informed; support all aspects of international education; and encourage international research and engagement for faculty.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ABROAD

Academic Programs Abroad is the ticket to exploring the globe and broadening academic horizons through short-term programs or longer exchanges. APA has nearly 400 domestic and international programs and partners, with options ranging from one week to one academic year.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ORIENTATION

Since 1943, the program has provided English language training and preparation for students seeking admission to LSU. The ELOP faculty, skilled in cross-cultural communication and multinational class delivery, integrate the language skills needed to be successful in University and professional work and introduce students to LSU campus life and Louisiana culture prior to admission.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER

The ICC, an on-campus gathering spot, promotes international friendship and facilitates greater interaction and understanding between the international students at LSU and the Baton Rouge community through educational, cultural, and social activities.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

International Services provides immigration advisory services and assistance for the community of nonimmigrant students, scholars, and employees sponsored by LSU and is the primary office responsible for compliance with U.S. federal immigration regulations.

THE INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY FOUNDATION

links the Baton Rouge community and LSU's international students in friendship and intercultural exchange. Founded in 1960 as a nonprofit organization, it has fostered global understanding for more than sixty years through its programs:

- Matches Friendship Families with students in nonresidential program. Hosts invite students for meals, include them in activities approximately monthly, as time permits for student and host.
- Organizes events to welcome new students in the fall and spring semesters.
- Arranges for students to address local clubs, schools, and churches about their home culture.
- Coordinates community orientation/shopping tours each semester.
- Sponsors a Loan Closet for students to borrow or purchase, at minimal cost, household items donated by the community.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following information was presented in February at the Diversity Webinar.

STAFF RECRUITING AND RETENTION

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New Employee Orientation features resources and information for diverse employees.
- There is now an exit interview process and HR will have diversity and inclusion efforts in performance evaluations starting in 2021-22 evaluations.
- A leadership and executive hiring committee proposal has been sent to Human Resource Management to include diversity advocates and a more diverse representation of students, faculty, and staff in the interview process. This also includes an Identity Caucus leadership interview session with all three LSU caucuses (BFSC, LGBTQ+, and LATINX) and the Council on Gender Equity.
- A proposal has been submitted to Human Resource Management to recommend an LSU Faculty & Staff Cares page that will list resources for faculty and staff, a diversity snapshot (where we are now / where we want to go), a FAQ Section, Policy Statement Guide, a request to review the current staff grievance process, and adding a staff advisor of choice anytime an employee requests one.
- A proposal has been submitted to the Provost from the Staff and Faculty Diversity Road Map Committees for a salary equity analysis study to be conducted by a third-party. In addition, a request was made to establish transparency in University demographic data by creating a public-facing dashboard to be located on the LSU website.
- Clay Jones the AVP and Chief HR Officer is working with civil service on classified staff pay.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Funmilayo Adediji, Monique Cain, Shea Ferguson, Dan Gaston, Wes Heath, Rachel Henry, Clay Jones, Ally Kristan, Jonathan Levesque, Clint Odom, Todd Queen, Ashley Territo, Carol Thomas, Clovier Torry, Stanley Wilder, Tyrslai Williams-Carter

ACADEMICS

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supported parallel effort to establish the BA and Department in African and African American Studies.
- Concluded the proposal for the Diversity and Inclusion Advocate Certification, whereby students can take specific courses, complete experiential learning, and reflect on how these activities affect their own personal philosophies.
- Worked with the faculty to develop a proposal to require a specific class on the Black experience in America (AAAS 2000) for every undergraduate student at LSU.
- Initiated discussions about creating professional development certifications in inclusion advocacy for LSU faculty and staff.
- Began process of assessing existing curricular and faculty resources for interdisciplinary programs in multiple areas of intersectional study, including Latinx and Disability Studies.

- Petitioned for increase to SREB and Perkins grad student stipends

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Gideon Adeyemo, Jessica Aslin, Chris Barrett, Anna Bartel, Troy Blanchard, Cassandra Chaney, Stephen Finley, Rockia Harris, Walt Holliday, Joan King, Matt Lee, Lori Martin, Erin McKinley, Kwadwo Poku-Agyemang, Petra Robinson, Rob Stuart, Sasha Thackaberry, Evante Topp, Clovier Torry, Carol Wicks, Sonja Wiley



COMMUNICATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created a Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit, which will assist campus communicators with best practices in addition to advised words and statements.
- Tapped into subject-matter experts to showcase diversity and inclusion among LSU faculty and staff.
- Ensuring that internal and external messaging reflects inclusive excellence as a University priority.
- Developed a central channel through which content and experts can be submitted for publishing.
- Created a Communications Advisory Group which will have a voice to help understand current events that should be acknowledged. The group will also promote diversity ideas that accurately portray the topic being acknowledged.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Verge Ausberry, Justin Franklin, Rodney Goldsmith, Erica Hawthorne, Emmy Hicks, Melissa Mapson, John Miles, Jim Sabourin, Amber Salvadras, Steve Sanoski, David Stamps, Akiya Thymes, Chris Trahan

THEY PAVED THE WAY

BLACK FIRSTS AT LSU

COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMMING AND SUSTAINED REFLECTION

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established an Exploratory Committee for Diversity Research at LSU including faculty who are knowledgeable in the subject area and know the LSU landscape.
- Identified internal funding programs to support new internal grants programs for hypothesis-driven research on inclusion, diversity, and equity.
- Develop, organize, and implement a Diversity and Inclusion Conference for Spring 2022. The conference will include national guest speaker(s), sessions/workshops, and workplace trainings.
- Launched a crisis communications team to ensure LSU makes timely statements around racism and injustice at all levels of the University and implements policies clearly outlining the University's standard of disapproval.
- Met with TAF and LSU Foundation CEOs to discuss diversity funding.
- Representatives from all nine subcommittees participated in a revision and update to LSU's diversity statement to include more language on institutional and individual responsibility for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Sam Bentley, Saachi Chugh, Dorothy Kemp, Ken McMillin, Gabrielle Miller, Roland Mitchell, Tyree Mitchell, Annashophia Molina, Gordon Monk, Jade Newell, Janna Oetting, Rick Perry, Tarchia Rankins, Eric Reid, Sr., Stephanie Rempe, Dereck Rovaris, Brandon Smith, Summer Steib, Valori Washington

FACULTY RECRUITING AND RETENTION

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Working to increase the number of faculty from underrepresented groups through effective recruitment and hiring practices.
- Completed the first edition of a Guidebook for Faculty Searches that is available to the campus community in the Faculty Resources section of the Academic Affairs website.
- To recognize those who go above and beyond, two monetary awards have been established that will be given to faculty members for excellence in mentoring colleagues and students. These will be part of the Faculty Awards program each May.
- Re-evaluated the Opportunity Hire Pilot Program, retitled it to President's Faculty Excellence Program, recommended new criteria and protocols for accessing funding, and requested financial investment in new faculty lines.
- Creating an environment where faculty with diverse backgrounds feel welcomed, respected, and valued by continuing to broaden, examine, and refine practices to be more inclusive.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Jinx Broussard, Kate Bui, Jane Cassidy, Melissa Crawford, Chris D'Elia, Mallory Danzy, Maribel Dietz, Marwa Hassan, Trey Jones, Jaimee Pangburn, Cynthia Peterson, Petra Robinson, Isiah Warner, Sonja Wiley, Zakiya Wilson-Kennedy



1950s

- **1950** LSU Board of Education enrolls Black student into the law school (Roy S. Wilson)
- **1952** First Black (male or female) earn a degree from LSU [Masters of Education] (Charles E. Harrington)
- **1953** First Black undergraduate enrolls at LSU (A.P. Tureaud)
- **1954** First Black graduates from LSU Law School (Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial)
- **1956** First Black female graduates from LSU [Masters of Education] (Pearl Henry Payne)
- **1957** First Black graduates from the LSU School of Library and Information Sciences (Ollie H. Burns)

1960s

- **1964** First group (6) of Black students enroll at LSU
- **1964** First Black female to attend LSU (Freya Anderson Rivers)
- **1964** First Black (male or female) to live in a LSU residence hall (Maxine Crump)
- **1965** First Black Tiger Band member (John Sibley Butler)
- **1967** First Black (male or female) earns her Ph.D. from LSU (Pinkie Gordon Lane) [Louisiana State Poet Laureate]
- **1969** First Black baseball player (Henry LeBoyd)

1970s

- **1971** First Black wrestler (Joe Lee Lott)
- **1971** First Black LSU professor (Julian T. White, Architecture)
- **1972** First meeting space for Black students established (Harambeé House)
- **1972** First Black LSU Student Government President (Kerry Pourciau)
- **1972** First Black Ph.D. graduate in chemistry (Richard Evans)

LSU RECEIVES ITS 8th HEED AWARD

LSU received the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. As a recipient of the annual HEED Award — a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion — LSU was featured, along with eighty-nine other recipients, in the November 2020 issue of the magazine. This is the eighth time LSU has been named as a HEED Award recipient.



"It is truly remarkable to have once again received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from Insight to Diversity," said Vice Provost for Diversity Dereck J. Rovaris, Sr. "Few universities have won multiple HEED awards, and of those universities, only a handful have been honored eight times. LSU is one of them. This recognition is based on an intensive review of the entire enterprise's commitment to diversity and inclusion. Once again LSU has demonstrated that our commitment extends way beyond words and statements. At LSU, diversity is good for everyone."



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The university is working with a consultant to develop an ADA Compliance Plan, which should be completed by the end of January 2021. The ADA Compliance Plan identifies the areas on campus that will need to be assessed. The compliance plan is the first step in developing a new ADA Transition Plan, which will evaluate ADA access throughout campus services, programs, and facilities and help prioritize remediation as well as funding requests for the ADA deficits.

- Working to become a state leader in inclusive architecture by committing to Universal Design and architectural/design accessibility beyond minimum legal requirements.
- Assessing, and as needed, accelerating current plans to remediate existing structures and campus environments for compliance with state and federal accessibility laws.
- Identifying and addressing pressing accessibility issues that can be paid for with existing money and utilize the Campus Access Site Team to help develop a campus survey and focus groups.
- Continuing to communicate existing commitments to inclusive spaces in public and accessible ways.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Hannah Barrios, Ben Cornwell, Melissa Crawford, Fabio Del Piero, Sheara Jennings, Tyler Kearney, Don Lawhorn, Tony Lombardo, Bill Matterna, Johanna Posada, Emily Smith, Matthew Smith, Jim Spencer, Carol Thomas, Clovier Torrey, Alkis Tsolakis, Judy Wornat

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Helped revise PM-73 to reflect recent changes to Title IX.

- Reviewed and submitted updates to the LSU Code of Student Conduct as it relates to sexual misconduct and inclusion.
- Assessing and auditing current education and training practices for both faculty/staff and students.
- Implementing a strategy for increasing awareness of mental health resources among underrepresented populations.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Joel Baines, Kiemi Brown-Rivers, Stone Cox, Katrina Dunn, Gina Eubanks, Emily Hester, Julie Hupperich, Alaysia Johnson, Kelvin Jones, Sharon Lewis, Lee Ann Lockeridge, Shelly Mullinex, LaKeitha Poole, Nelita Manego Raney, Jeremiah Shinn, Bart Thompson

STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gathered data on FAFSA completion and scholarship awards from the LSU Office of Financial Aid and the LSU Foundation. Analyzing the data to identify and address any barriers for underrepresented students.

- Working with the Office of Retention and Student Success to identify and address any trends or gaps through the analysis of data from the EAB Navigate App.
- Received an update on the progress the Graduate School has made in diversity, equity, and inclusion, including conversations with different graduate student groups, as well as the launch of a new strategic planning process and a symposium featuring a national expert on graduate education.
- Working to increase the ratio of minority professionals by building a formal pipeline for former undergraduate students to return to LSU after they complete their graduate studies.
- Exploring ways LSU can increase participation in the President's Future Leaders in Research Program, which allows students to participate in research projects along with a faculty mentor during their undergraduate career.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Ashley Arceneaux, Jessica Aslin, Jose Aviles, Renee' Boutte-Myer, Jonathan Earle, Emily Hatfield, Kelvin Jones, Alyssa Kimmel, Julia Ledet, John Lewis, Sharon Lewis, Unique Luna, Erin McKinley, Taylor Scott, Miriam Segar, Jim Spencer, Evante Topp, Rekea' Williams

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Drafted a statement of commitment to community for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The statement is intended to weave together LSU's academic pursuits with the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and freedom of speech on the highest levels.
- In response to student requests, identified 18 student-facing policies for priority review with a special focus on diversity, equity, and inclusivity. These policies include Permanent Memoranda and Policy Statements, as well as components of the General Catalog and the Code of Student Conduct.
- Developing a new "equity lens" through which all Permanent Memoranda and Policy Statements will be reviewed.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Angela Blank, Chad Brackin, Michelle Carter, Winston DeCuir, Walta Ghebreyessus, Catherine Herman, Richala Jackson, Ryan Landry, John Lewis, Jared Llorens, Mandi Lopez, Karina Rafati, William Richardson, Jonathan Sanders, Tommy Smith, Ivory Toldson

Most photographs were provided by Eddy Perez and Katherine Seghers, LSU Strategic Communications (Office of Communications & University Relations)

Editor's note: Many photographs in this feature were taken prior to COVID-19 facemask/social distancing requirements.

BLACK FIRSTS AT LSU

- **1972** First Black LSU varsity football players (Lora O. Hinton, Jr., Mikell Williams)
- **1972** First Black male gymnast (Mike Carter)
- **1972** First Black Tigress Pom Pom (Elma Walker)
- **1973** First Black graduate of the School of Renewable Natural Resources [Masters in Fisheries] (Albert J. Doucette, Jr.)
- **1974** First Black LSU basketball player (Collis Temple, Jr.)
- **1974** First Black LSU quarterback (Carl Otis Trimble)
- **1975** First Black cheerleaders (Ladeta Crowley, Herman Harris)
- **1975** First Black volleyball and women's basketball player (Joanette Batiste Boutte)
- **1976** First Black LSU female tenured professor (Christine Minor)
- **1978** First Black softball players (Myra Burrell Brown, Paula Edwards)
- **1978** First Black female tennis player (Kyle Copeland Muse)

1980s

- **1980** First Black Golden Girls (Paula Jackson, Sandra Mims)
- **1980** First Black female gymnast (Debra Ross)
- **1989** First Black (male or female) LSU academic college dean (Carolyn Collins)

1990s

- **1990** First Black female president of the LSU Union Governing Board and Programming Council (Nicole Moliere)
- **1991** First African American head coach of any sport [women's tennis] (Tony Minnis)
- **1991** First Black crowned LSU Homecoming Queen (Renee' Boutte Meyer)
- **1991** Minority Services established. Named Office of Multicultural Affairs in 1993



A MOST DIVERSE GRADUATING CLASS

53.49% 46.51%



The 1,966 total graduates in the fall 2020 graduating class represented one of the most diverse fall graduating classes ever at LSU. The class included the most degrees awarded to Black and Hispanic students, and represented the most degrees awarded to veteran students.

The graduates represented fifty-three Louisiana parishes, forty-seven U.S. states, and forty-five foreign countries. Women made up 53.49 percent of the class, and men made up 46.51 percent. The oldest graduate was seventy-one, and the youngest were twenty.



OLDEST GRADUATE



YOUNGEST GRADUATE

PIONEERS OF EQUALITY

By Ariana Milner



Maxine Crump, CEO of Dialogue on Race Louisiana.

MAXINE CRUMP, CEO OF DIALOGUE ON RACE LOUISIANA, an organization that seeks to eliminate racism through open conversation, is one of LSU's most remarkable alumni. From being the first African American woman to ever stay in a dorm at LSU, to being one of the first women to ever wear pants on campus, her lifelong contributions have made her a trailblazer at the University and throughout the state.

Reflecting on her time as an undergraduate, Crump says, "It was this new ground of college, a new ground of being black in a white setting, and then it was multiplied by wanting to have a life that was normal; I wanted to be a real college student."

She describes her experiences as growth-provoking and adventurous, but also difficult. She often learned to accept the unacceptable: "I could not run for Miss LSU; I couldn't run for cheerleader. There was no thought of doing those things." As far as becoming an inspiration to others, Crump says, "It is a very pleasant thought, because I didn't know that I would become one of those people I have admired. I was just trying to find out how life works in America and how to move into the mainstream and actually assimilate."



Bart R. Swanson Endowed Memorial Professor Jinx Broussard, Manship School of Mass Communication.

Another outstanding alumna, Jinx Coleman Broussard, professor of media history and public relations in the Manship School of Mass Communication, has a similar story. When Broussard departed from her childhood home, a plantation in Vacherie, La., she had no clue that her passion for journalism and her dedication to her studies would eventually land her in and out of the White House, working with mayors, and interacting with at least five presidents and even the pope.

Broussard remembers praying as she hitched a ride to LSU, "asking God not to let me be the only Black in my class." Her prayers did not remain unanswered, as she was greeted by four young Black ladies upon her arrival. Little did she know these girls would become her dorm mates, and their friendship and mutual understanding of what it is like to be cast out during the early days of integration would be her main support system.

Broussard and her friends focused on their studies. She remembers every detail of her days as an undergraduate student: "We went to dinner at 5:00 we watched the news, and we arrived in the library by 6:15 and stayed until 10:00 p.m."

She maintained this routine for four years, and her long nights and hard work were rewarded upon her graduation from the Manship School of Mass Communication, at which she was the only African American. When reflecting on her time at LSU, Broussard describes her experiences as phenomenal as they were taxing, adding "those years at LSU showed me that, despite the obstacles, if you are single-mindedly focused on a goal, you will succeed."

In her day-to-day focus on her undergraduate coursework, being a pioneer for African American women was far from her mind. When asked about her role in making LSU a more inclusive university, she responds, "I have never even considered myself a pioneer; I just considered myself following the path that God sent me on. And if that meant becoming a pioneer, then so be it. It was about going in and doing that job so well that no man, living or dead, could do it any better."

Broussard adds that she has come full circle and is now positioned to do all she can to make LSU an inclusive place for everyone.

Ariana Milner is a freshman majoring in psychology.



Bradie James with Brianna Cobb, agricultural business and English literature; Ololade Adeola, biology and chemical engineering; Alejandro Nunez, mechanical engineering; Orielle Edwards, biological engineering; and Adam Belanouane, finance.

TIGER RESEARCH GROUP – For a second year, Bradie James (2003 BACH H&SS) and the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI), collaborated to create summer internships for upperclassmen through the Tiger Research Group. The interns spent two weeks in Las Vegas, Nev., to gain real-world experience in entrepreneurship.

Mentorship is a critical component of the internship, with students receiving firsthand coaching advice from James, former pro-athlete turned business leader and entrepreneur. Throughout the internship, James shares his life experiences, and ability to navigate obstacles and challenges he has faced along the way. “Being a student-athlete at LSU taught me how to overcome obstacles by persevering through adversity and execute at a high level while maintaining character and integrity,” James said.

Interns are selected from three different student leadership programs of ODEI – the Presidents Millennial Scholars Program (PMSP), the Black Male Leadership Initiative, and the Black Women’s Empowerment Initiative.



Quinn Jones



Quyen Nguyen

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHERS

– Two undergraduate students, Quinn Jones and Quyen Nguyen, psychology majors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, received the LSU Distinguished Researcher Award for 2020. Jones worked with Emily Elliott, professor of psychology, in her research lab, the EARS (Elliott Attention Recall and Sounds) Lab. Nguyen has worked with Katie Cherry, professor of psychology, in her lab since 2017, and Anna Long, associate professor of psychology, was her mentor for her honors thesis.

BLACK FIRSTS AT LSU

1992 First Black Chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors (Clarence L. Barney, Jr.)

1993 Clarence L. Barney, Jr. African American Cultural Center established

1999 First Vice Provost of Campus Diversity appointed (Gregory Vincent)

2000s

2000 First Black LSU Boyd Professor named (Isiah Warner)

2000 First Black female soccer players (Fallon Buckner, Somalia Lindsay)

2000 Safe Space Campaign begins

2001 Office of Strategic Initiatives formed

2002 First Black president of the LSU Staff Senate (Eric T. Reid, Sr.)

2002 First Black female LSU Corp of Cadets Commander (Daphne LaSalle)

2002 First Black (male or female) British Marshall Scholar at LSU (Ebony Spikes)

2004 First Black women's basketball head coach (Dana "Pokey" Chatman)

2004 First Black Miss LSU-USA (Courtney Rawls)

2004 First Black speaker of Student Government Senate (Brandon Smith)

2005 First Black male inducted into the LSU Athletic Hall of Fame [Track & Field] (Eric T. Reid, Sr.)

2006 First Black (male or female) to complete the LSU MBA/JD joint program (Natasha U. Francis)

2006 Black Faculty Association formed

2007 First Black female School of Architecture graduate to become a licensed architect (Nicole Hilton)

2007 First LSU student Morris K. Udall Scholar (Nita Anne Clark)

2008 First Black Men's Basketball Head Coach (Trent Johnson)

2008 First Black Dean of the E.J. Ourso College of Business (Eli Jones)

2009 First Black LSU student earns bachelor's degree in coastal environmental science (Nita Anne Clark)



FELLOW, PROFESSOR CREATE SENSOR TO DETECT COVID-19

By Libby Haydel



Luan Vu



Manas Gartia

Though a vaccine for COVID-19 is currently being distributed around the world, it doesn't mean the virus will disappear anytime soon. Wanting to help save time – and lives – Luan Vu, a biological sciences postdoctoral

research fellow and experienced immunologist, is working alongside biological sciences Wiener Professor and Endowed Chair Stephanie Cormier and mechanical engineering Assistant Professor Manas Gartia to create a smartphone-based biosensor device

for detecting SARS-CoV-2 antigens and SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in body fluids.

An LSU LIFT2 grant provides Vu's team with nearly \$30,000 to complete the project, which has a patent pending.

Vu, who serves as the principal investigator on the project, was working on respiratory infections when the coronavirus outbreak began. He noticed how hard it was for people to get tested in the beginning, prompting the idea for this project. "If I can get someone immediate test results, they can know whether or not to go to work and quarantine at home as opposed to having to wait twenty-four hours and going about their daily lives," Vu said.

Gartia, who has previously developed a smartphone-based app to detect the BRCA1 breast cancer gene, is working on the biosensing part of the device, using a plasmonic-sensing approach and helping with the optical

fiber integration with the smartphone.

Vu said the device will not only make widespread testing available, but also help decentralize COVID-19 testing. "The potential customers of our testing device include but are not limited to federal/state/local governments, schools and universities, public health agencies, companies, and specific community subpopulations such as athletics, bands, etc.," Vu said. "In addition, our platform could be rapidly modified for newly emerging infectious diseases."

"COVID-19 is a good target to start with but not the only application," he said. "Once we master our technology and fabrication, we can apply it to other pathogens and immunoassays. 'Bring a lab to your home' is going to be in the near future."

Libby Haydel is a communications specialist in the College of Engineering.

"LSU IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT AFFORDS RESPECT TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY."



UNITY CELEBRATION

The virtual 2021 MLK Unity Celebration was held on Jan. 21, at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC). The annual event is a time-honored tradition that brings LSU, Southern University, and Baton Rouge Community College together for a celebration of and commitment to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During the Unity Reception, the contributions of leaders were recognized, and student leaders were encouraged to reflect on their roles in resolving critical community issues and to take initiative in enhancing unity among diverse groups within the community.

LSU ADVANCE TO EXPLORE GENDER INEQUITIES

AS UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

grapple with issues of diversity, inclusion, and equity, an LSU group has been awarded nearly \$300,000 by the National Science Foundation to implement the LSU ADVANCE Catalyst project, which will lay the groundwork for a greater awareness of intersectionality in academia. Through the project, researchers will investigate gender inequities in academic leadership and research and help develop a meaningful equity strategic plan to address those inequities.

“Before we can achieve equity in academia at LSU, we need to first examine the structures in place that are hindering progress,” said Cynthia Peterson, principal investigator on the grant and dean of the College of Science. “This grant will allow us to not only start the process, but to also determine next steps for improving the recruitment, hiring, and retention of women and underrepresented minority STEM faculty.”

The two-year project is designed to foster gender equity through a focus on the identification and elimination of organizational barriers that inhibit the full participation and advancement of diverse faculty in academic institutions. Through the grant, LSU ADVANCE Catalyst will focus on four objectives: Knowing LSU through a campus study of university microclimates; telling LSU’s story through institutional data analyses and strategic communication; catalyzing equity by piloting equity strategies that close gaps; and planning for the future by developing an inclusive five-year equity action plan.



Executive Vice President & Provost Stacia Haynie, Interim President Thomas Galligan, and Baton Rouge Area Chamber President & CEO Adam Knapp sign a memorandum of understanding to connect students to local career opportunities and retain graduates in the region.

BRAC, LSU, SOUTHERN COLLABORATE TO RETAIN GRADS

THE BATON ROUGE AREA CHAMBER (BRAC), LSU, AND SOUTHERN University last fall announced a collaboration to leverage Handshake – an early talent recruitment platform connecting employers, talent and colleges – to retain graduates in the region by connecting students to career opportunities through professional internships.

“This is a historic joint commitment of our region’s traditional four-year institutions to be intentional about connecting students to local internship and job opportunities,” said Adam Knapp, president and CEO of BRAC. “Now more than ever, talent drives economic development, and our college students are one of our greatest assets.”

This initiative is of particular significance for small- to mid-sized employers, which often have fewer internal resources to invest in a traditional strategy for recruiting university talent.

LSU and Southern invested in the Handshake platform in 2018. Roughly half of the student populations at both institutions have active profiles, with upperclassmen who are seeking opportunities making up the largest percentages. There are nearly 500 active employer profiles in the region.

THE JULIAN T. WHITE ATRIUM MURAL

By Elizabeth Mariotti



Julian White was the first Black professor at LSU and the second licensed Black architect in Louisiana. He joined the Department of Architecture faculty in 1971 and retired in 2003 after a long, successful career in higher education. He succumbed to cancer in 2011. The Julian T. White Atrium Mural in the LSU Design Building memorializes his incredible legacy at LSU. Photo: Micah Viccinelli

THE THREE-STORY MURAL

honoring Julian T. White is painted in the atrium of the LSU Design Building, 1,075 square feet and visible from numerous vantage points. Renowned muralist Robert Dafford was selected to execute the project, and site installation was directed by The Walls Project, a nonprofit that implements large-scale murals across Baton Rouge. The College of Art & Design mural serves as a testament to Julian, symbolizing how his perseverance paved the way for racial equality at the university.

“Julian White is the person that opened the doors, led the way to free LSU from segregation,” said Alkis Tsolakis, Dean of the College of Art & Design. “In this sense he is an icon to our community.”

The mural depicts White leading a procession of students and faculty, of all

colors, through stately live oaks that evoke the LSU campus. Those following behind him are individuals of different races, men and women, people from all walks of life. Among them walks Isiah Warner, Boyd Professor and Philip W. West Professor of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry.

The mural draws inspiration from a diverse variety of sources, from street art in New Orleans to the “Procession of the Magi” fresco by Benozzo Gozzoli at Palazzo Medici Riccardi in Florence, Italy. The mural artist, Dafford, worked with Julian’s family to capture his likeness, sharing family photographs and stories. The painted scene is joyful, a celebration of his life.

“In photographs, Julian has a kind intensity in his eyes from a young age,” said Casey Phillips, director of the Walls Project. “That kindness is captured in his rendering in the mural.”

The artistic aim of the mural is to portray how White opened the doors for all those who followed, according to Dafford. It’s a story, a narrative of the steady march of progress over time. Interspersed around the figures are images that have personal meaning to his life, such as the scene of White teaching in a classroom, looking out from the balcony window of his infamous office, and buildings that he designed layered along the promenade. The piece reveals the evolution of LSU.

Elizabeth Mariotti is communications manager in the College of Art & Design; Micah Viccinelli is an LSU art student/BFA candidate. To read “The Lasting Legacy of Julian T. White,” visit: issuu.com/lsuad/docs/quad_2020_14j_issuu



RACISM: DISMANTLING THE SYSTEM

The Reilly Center for Media and Public Affairs continued its partnership with Southern University and A&M College’s Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences, Louisiana Budget Project, NAACP Louisiana State Conference, and LSU Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion to host the spring edition of “Racism: Dismantling the System.”

The series, launched in September 2020, features the voices of community advocates, academics, journalists and others working for racial justice in the nation and beyond, focusing on solution-oriented action toward equal opportunity and justice in our communities.

“During a time when everyone was clamoring to learn more about the ongoing crisis of racism in this country, the Reilly Center’s series provided exciting, insightful panels delivering thoughtful conversations critical to understanding the nuance and scope we’re facing,” said Joshua Grimm, interim dean of the Manship School. “Given the success of this series, I’m certain this is just the beginning, and I’m excited to see how this programming strengthens partnerships as the series expands its reach to include solution-oriented projects.”

Episodes are available for viewing on the Manship School’s YouTube channel.

ADVANCEMENT OF BLACKS IN SPORTS



Lori Martin



Nikki Fargas



Kevin Nickelberry

Lori Martin, professor of African & African American Studies; Nikki Fargas, women's basketball coach; and Kevin Nickelberry, men's basketball assistant coach, are among the notable African Americans who have formed a new nonprofit organization, the Advancement of Blacks in Sports.

The organization's mission is to connect and inspire people to boldly advocate for racial, social, and economic justice for Blacks in sports and works to foster a culture of equity and inclusion in all aspects of sports. Visit www.weareabis.org.



Linda Thomas-Greenfield

U.N. AMBASSADOR –

Linda Thomas-Greenfield (1974 BACH H&SS) was tapped by President Joe Biden to serve as ambassador to the United Nations.

A career diplomat, she served as assistant secretary of the Bureau of African Affairs and was previously was director general of the Foreign Service and director of human resources at the Department of State. Her thirty-four career includes an ambassadorship to Liberia as well as foreign postings in Switzerland (at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations), Pakistan, Kenya, The Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica. Greenfield was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 2010.

"WE WILL WORK TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS THAT ANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE"

LGBTQ+ ALUMNI CHAPTER

AN ORGANIZED VOICE FOR THE UNDERREPRESENTED

THE GOALS OF THE LSU ALUMNI LGBTQ+ Chapter, founded in August 2020, are to provide an organized voice for the community and move the campus forward. Its members hail from across the country and around the world.

"This alumni chapter exists to be a voice for underrepresented LSU students, alumni, and anyone impacted by the LSU community; but it also exists as a space for LGBTQ+ people to find community with each other," said Emily Cook, chapter secretary. "I look forward to attending a virtual drag show, Zoom cocktail/mocktail nights, and other events where we just get to be ourselves and make friends."

Michael Jones, chapter officer agrees. "This alumni chapter is a wonderful step forward for LSU. As a gay man, I feel that it is important to give back to my University and give current LGBTQ students resources that may have not been available to me," shares Jones.

Peter Jenkins serves as chapter president, and Anika Aarons is the social media manager.

To learn more and get involved with the chapter, visit its Facebook page – LGBTQ+ Alumni Chapter of LSU.



Top, from left, Peter/Astrid Jenkins and Emily Cook; bottom, Michael Jones and Anika Aarons.

AAAS GIVEN DEPARTMENT STATUS

The LSU College of Humanities & Social Sciences announced in February the creation of the Department of African & African American Studies (AAAS). The new department will help meet the needs of the changing demographic of the United States and position LSU to recruit and retain students and faculty who represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds and experiences. The LSU department is one of the first of its kind in the state and among Southeastern Conference schools.

"We are excited to offer students with opportunities to think critically and attain the highest levels of intellectual achievement and personal development through the study of ideas, practices, theories, and experiences of Africans, African Americans, and other diasporic communities," said Lori L. Martin, interim director of AAAS. "Students in the newly created department will learn from a visionary and diverse faculty whose work commands a range of expertise and focuses on history, ethnicity, and gender, social, cultural, political, religious, and literary studies"

The LSU Student Senate passed a resolution in support of AAAS becoming a department on June 3, 2020, as the student body strongly desired that LSU and AAAS also reflect a robust investment in equity, diversity, and programming, which will be included in the curriculum and educational programs that can be provided in a more systematic manner by the department.



LSU International Alumni Chapter officers, top, from left, Othman Al Masqari, Ines Figaora, Bethan Taylor Evans, and Amrat Gandhi; bottom, Alica Norah Nankya, Karan Bhatia, Esra Alraisi and Hannah McHugh.

LSU INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTER

CONNECTING ALUMS AROUND THE GLOBE

THE INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE LSU ALUMNI

Association welcomes alumni from around the world who attended LSU. The organization's primary goals are to connect international alumni from across the globe, lead members to job opportunities, and network while supporting and giving back to the University.

Chapter President Amrat Gandhi, shares why he decided to start the chapter. "I had this idea to bring international alumni together. I reached out to the LSU Alumni Association, and they thought it was an amazing idea and helped me bring it to life. It was the perfect way for me to give back to the University," he said.

Gandhi hopes the chapter continues to grow as the word spreads about the group: "I want alumni to connect with each other no matter where they are in the world. The chapter allows alumni from other countries to make connections, so no matter where you are, there's a Tiger there to help you in your time of need."

To join the chapter, go to geaux.lsualumni.org/international or visit LSUTigerNation.com.

A.P. Tureaud, Jr. addresses the audience at the first reunion of Black students in 1988.



TUREAUD CHAPTER PIVOTS TO ENGAGE STUDENTS, ALUMNI DURING PANDEMIC

By Melody Robinson
Photo: LSU Communications and University Relations

CONNECTING VIRTUALLY IS NOT NEW FOR THE A.P. TUREAUD, SR. BLACK Alumni Chapter. As one of the LSU Alumni Association's few national chapters, pivoting operations to web-based meetings and calls in the midst of a global pandemic was easy. The challenge was to meaningfully engage and support alumni during this difficult time. The chapter was determined to remain focused on its mission to provide alumni and friends with opportunities to network, to raise funds for student scholarships, and to engage with faculty, staff, and students to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as an integral part of LSU.

To continue its upward trend in membership growth, the Tureaud Chapter hosted a 2020 Membership Drive Giveaway, with monthly drawings consisting of signed athletic memorabilia and a grand prize of a three-day stay at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The membership drive was a great success, leading to an increase in membership by 33% percent and ending the year with 288 active members.

As protests against police brutality against Black Americans grew on campus and nationwide, student activists organized to affect change at LSU. The chapter supported the students and Black alumni by speaking out against racism at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on June 19, 2020, supporting the request to remove Troy H. Middleton's name from the LSU Library.

The 12th Annual LSU Legends Forum, traditionally held on campus during Homecoming, was the chapter's first major virtual event. On Oct. 23, 2020, more than 150 attendees took part in the celebratory forum themed: "Cornerstone: How Those Who Were Turned Away Helped Pave the Way." A.P. Tureaud, Jr., the first Black student to attend LSU as an undergraduate in 1953, was honored as the 2020 LSU Legend, the chapter's highest recognition of the careers and civic achievements of alumni.

The celebration also included the presentation of chapter scholarships to three of LSU's brightest future legends and the announcement of the

establishment of the Black Minds Matter Endowed Scholarship Fund by the then-Board of Directors under the leadership of President Katrina Pete Dunn.

The scholarships provides a four-year recurring scholarship for Black undergraduates. Founding donors are the Nu Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.; alumnae of the Iota Theta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the Eta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Joseph O. Agboka; Donald Remy; and the 2020 Miles for My Alma Mater Financial Contributors. More than \$50,000 since the fund's establishment. To learn more or make a donation to the Black Minds Matter Scholarship, visit www.lsublackalumni.com.

Follow us @lsublackalumni.

Melody Robinson is an at-large director and chair of the Tureaud Chapter publicity/public information committee.

Noteworthy



Shafiqul Chowdhury



Brandon Common



Marcio de Queiroz



Samba Dieng



Jesse Downs



Adrian Owen Jones



Michael Mason



Jenny Sones



Joshua Grimm



Tina M. Harris



Michael Khonsari

Shafiqul Chowdhury, professor of pathobiological sciences at the School of Veterinary Medicine, was issued a patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for bovine herpesvirus detection and treatment.

Brandon Common is LSU's new associate vice president for Student Affairs & Dean of Students. He was most recently assistant vice president of student affairs for campus life at Illinois Wesleyan University. Common holds a bachelor's degree from University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's degree from Ohio University, and a doctoral degree in educational organization and leadership/higher education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Marcio de Queiroz, professor of mechanical engineering and director of the Innovation in Control and Robotics Engineering (iCORE) Lab, was elected Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. De Queiroz received the honor in recognition of his research in the theory and application of nonlinear control systems.

Samba Dieng was named senior internationalization officer and executive director of International Programs. He was previously director of International Students and scholars in the Office of International Affairs at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

LSU employees **Jesse Downs**, director, Olinde Career Center; **Adrian Owen Jones**, assistant vice president for advancement services, LSU Foundation; **Michael Mason**, enrollment concierge, Office of Enrollment; and **Jenny Sones**, assistant professor of theriogenology, School of Veterinary Medicine, were named to the *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report 2020* Forty Under 40 list.

Joshua Grimm was appointed interim dean of the Manship School of Mass Communication. Grimm, associate professor, joined the faculty in 2012 and was serving as associate dean of undergraduate studies and administration. He holds the Westmoreland Darden Professorship in Mass Communication. He earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and a doctorate in journalism and mass communication from the University of Iowa.

Tina M. Harris, the Douglas L. Manship, Sr.-Dori Maynard Race, Media, and Cultural Literacy Endowed Chair in the Manship School of Mass Communication, received the Francine Merritt Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Lives of Women in Communication. Presented annually by the National Communication Association's (NCA) Women's Caucus Interest Group, the award honors a scholar who has made a difference in the field of communication through mentoring, service, advocacy, teaching, and scholarship.

Michael Khonsari, professor of mechanical engineering received the 2020 National Lubricating Grease Institute's Clarence E. Earle Memorial Award, which is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the technical literature relating to lubricating greases during the year.

Virologist and School of Veterinary Medicine Pathobiological Sciences Professor **Konstantin “Gus” Kousoulas** and ecotoxicologist and College of the Coast & Environment Department of Environmental Science Professor **Emeritus Ralph Portier** were selected Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI), the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors.

Hai “Thomas” Lin, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, received a Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award from the Oak Ridge Associated Universities Consortium to investigate new materials and processes to improve the sustainability and resiliency of civil engineering infrastructure. He is one of thirty-five junior faculty in the U.S. to be granted the award.

Jared Llorens was named dean of the E.J. Ourso College of Business. Llorens was appointed as interim dean in July 2020 after the initial search for the next dean was paused earlier due to the pandemic. Prior to assuming the interim dean position, Llorens was the chair of the Department of Public Administration. He also holds the John W. Dupuy Endowed Professorship and is a professor of public administration.

Lori Martin, professor of sociology and African and African American Studies, was named the 2020-2021 Erich and Lea Sternberg Honors Professor in the Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College, the highest award conferred to faculty by the college. Sternberg Professors are required to possess outstanding academic qualifications and credentials; a pre-eminent teaching record; and honorable moral and ethical character and are expected to promote intellectual and social progress, trustworthiness, leadership, and patriotism.

Genevieve Palardy, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award for her project, “Understanding Ultrasonic Processing of Layered Polymer Composites Across Length Scales.” The five-year, \$585,950 award supports a project aimed at helping bring a new approach to manufacturing, specifically through the use of polymer composite materials and ultrasonic processing.

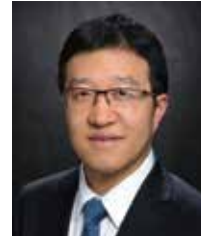
Kristin Sosnowsky, executive associate dean and chair of the School of Theatre, was named interim dean of the College of Music & Dramatic Arts, replacing Todd Queen, who accepted the position of dean of the School of Music at Florida State University. She is a recipient of the Brij Mohan Distinguished Professor Award, given annually to an associate professor in recognition of service to the community through demonstrated commitment to peace, equality, and social justice; an LSU Rainmaker Award; and a Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award.



Konstantin “Gus” Kousoulas



Ralph Portier



Hai “Thomas” Lin



Jared Llorens



Lori Martin



Genevieve Palardy



Kristin Sosnowsky



David Stamps



Scott Terrell

David Stamps, assistant professor in strategic communication at the Manship School of Mass Communication and a research affiliate at Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, teamed up with former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu's E Pluribus Unum organization to research the impact of Covid-19 on Black residents of Baton Rouge. The research included personal stories that provided data to "... allow policymakers to better understand and engage with how communities, particularly Black essential workers, are navigating COVID-19 and tailor resources to address their needs."



Peter Trentacoste



George Voyiadjis

Scott Terrell joined the LSU faculty as associate professor and director of orchestral studies in January. He was most recently guest conductor and faculty instructor at the Aspen Music Festival. Terrell was previously cover conductor with the Philadelphia Orchestra, music director of the Lexington Philharmonic, resident conductor and director of education for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, and assistant conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra.

Peter Trentacoste was named executive director of Residential Life, effective March 1. He has more than eleven years of experience leading residential life units and was most recently executive director of housing and residence life at Ohio University.



Isiah Warner



Sadie Wilks

George Voyiadjis, Boyd Professor and chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, was elected a senior member of the National Academy of Inventors. This year's class includes sixty-one academic inventors representing thirty-six research universities, governmental entities, and nonprofit institutes worldwide.

Isiah Warner, Boyd Professor, Philip W. West Professor of Analytical & Environmental Chemistry, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor, received the 2021 ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry J. Calvin Giddings Award for Excellence in Education recognizing scientists who have enhanced the personal and professional development of students in analytical chemistry.

Sadie Wilks, public relations area head and an instructor at the Manship School of Mass Communication, was named internship coordinator. Since joining the faculty in 2015, Wilks taught a variety of public relations courses and served as the faculty adviser to the Public Relations Student Society of America's LSU Chapter. Her appointment follows the retirement of Mary Ann Sternberg, who served as internship coordinator from 1995-2020.

LSU Communication across the Curriculum (CxC) received the Delphi Award recognizing the program's progressive work in transforming faculty support and the University's institutional culture surrounding teaching excellence. The award, funded by the Teagle Foundation through the USC Pullias Center for Higher Education in collaboration with the Association of American Colleges & Universities, recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that are establishing forward-thinking faculty models to support the rapidly changing landscape of higher education. In its award announcement, Delphi noted LSU CxC's work in creating unprecedented inclusive communities of cross-rank, interdisciplinary faculty within a large research university.

LSU Law, in partnership with the Innocence Project New Orleans, received a nearly \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to review select cases of incarcerated people who have claims of innocence. The two-year grant establishes the Innocence Project Clinic at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center – the first clinic of its kind at a Louisiana law school – in which students will review cases to identify those that may benefit from DNA testing.

A \$6 million gift to benefit the College of Engineering will expand the college's Brookshire Scholars program celebrating the extraordinary career of the late William Alfred "Bill" Brookshire. The gift will extend the impact of the S&B Engineers and Constructors Scholarship well beyond the more than 1,300 students named Brookshire Scholars since the scholarship was established in 2010.

The LSU Police Department was awarded accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. in the law enforcement program. The accreditation serves as the International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies.

The E.J. Ourso College of Business is one of the nation's most outstanding business schools, according to *The Princeton Review*®. The company reported its "Best Business Schools" for 2021 ranking lists in two classifications, and the Flores MBA Program was included as one of 244 on-campus MBA programs that the company recommends to prospective students.

The *International Business Times* included the Flores Executive MBA Flex Program in its Best Executive MBA Programs for 2021 ranking. In this new franchise ranking of seventy schools, the Flores Executive MBA Flex Program came in at fifty-nine overall and twenty-eight among public institutions.

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LSU Foundation Names New Board Members

The LSU Foundation Board of Directors named LSU Board of Supervisors Chair Robert Dampf as its Board of Supervisors representative through



Christel Slaughter



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2022. New LSU Foundation Board of Directors members, serving four-year terms, are Sarah Borders, partner with King & Spalding, Atlanta, Ga.; John M. Engquist, executive chairman of the board of H&E Equipment Services Inc., Baton Rouge; Suzette Kent, global business transformation executive and federal chief information officer for the United States within the Office of Management and Budget, Frisco, Texas; Christel C. Slaughter, a board member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and chair of the U.S. Chamber Small Business Council, Baton Rouge; and Milford “Mike” Wampold, III, chairman and CEO of Wampold Companies, Baton Rouge.

2020 LSU ROARING 10 Announced

LSU announced company rankings for the Tenth Annual LSU 100: Fastest Growing Tiger Businesses in November 2020. The LSU 100 is a highly competitive program that identifies, recognizes, and celebrates the 100 fastest growing LSU graduate-owned or graduate-led businesses in the world. From the companies that apply for the LSU 100, The ROARING 10 list recognizes and celebrates the ten highest revenue generating LSU graduate-owned or graduate-led businesses. The 2020 Roaring 10 are:

- **Goss Advisors**, Alexander Goss (2005 BACH BUS)
- **Gatorworks**, Brian Rodriguez (2006 BACH BUS)
- **Texas Pride Disposal**, Kevin Atkinson (2008 BACH BUS)
- **Jay Ducote Hospitality Group**, LLC, Jay Ducote (2004 BACH H&SS, 2007 MAST H&SS)
- **Automatic Access Gates, LLC**, Christina Glissman (2001 BACH BUS)
- **Scott + Cormia**, Raymond Scott (1973 BACH A&D)
- **Emergent Method**, Niklos Speyrer, (2004 BACH BUS)
- **Perrier Esquerre Contractors, LLC**, Brett Perrier (2005 BACH ENGR, 2008 MBA) and Keith Esquerre (2006 BACH ENGR)
- **Information Management Solutions, LLC** d/b/a Secure Shredding and Recycling, Jon Babb (1980 BACH BUS)
- **Audubon Engineering Company, LLC**, John Taylor, (1987 BACH ENGR); Robert Rosamond (1985 BACH ENGR); Ryan Hanemann (1985 BACH ENGR); and David Robison (2002 BACH BUS, 2002 MAST BUS)

Winter Commencement – a Virtual Celebration



Interim President Tom Galligan, left, applauds December 2020 graduates during the socially distanced commencement ceremony in Tiger Stadium.

Following a unique fall semester, LSU held its most unique commencement ceremony ever on Dec. 18, 2020. For only the second time in LSU history, graduation took place in Tiger Stadium, where 1,966 degrees were conferred.

“Right now, in this very moment, we are taking part in only the second commencement ceremony to ever occur in Tiger Stadium. Only the second – out of 303!” said Interim President Tom Galligan, who delivered the keynote address. “Which means that fewer than 1 percent of all graduating classes have had the great privilege of having their commencement held inside this most hallowed space.”

The December 2020 graduating class represented 53 Louisiana parishes, 47 U.S. states, and 45 foreign countries. Women made up 53.49 percent of the class, and men made up 46.51 percent. The oldest graduate was 71, and the youngest were 20. The class included the most degrees awarded to Black and Hispanic students, and represented the most degrees awarded to veteran students.

Bachelor’s degrees were awarded to 1,311 students; master’s degrees to 486; education specialist or graduate certificates to 34; doctoral degrees to 81; Doctor of Musical Arts degrees to four; and post-bachelorette certificates to 50. Twenty-one LSU employees were among those who received degrees.

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Real-world Designs Win National Awards

By Alison Satake
Photos by Jacob Lyons and Kris Palagi



Kris Palagi implements techniques into the design studios he teaches that he developed over ten years as a professional architect in Hawaii.



Architecture graduate Jacob Lyons.

“In this upper-level design studio, we can show the students a rich picture of the world rather than the focused yet abstract project briefs from earlier assignments.”

For the past three consecutive years, senior LSU architecture students have won awards from the most prominent international research organization supporting university architecture programs, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA). The secret behind the LSU architecture students’ success boils down to intentional yet unique approaches to the program. The students’ design concepts are rooted in real-life site assessments that have been conducted by professional and graduate-level designers in the LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio.

“The Coastal Sustainability Studio is a repository of knowledge on real places with information provided by real residents and stakeholders. In this upper-level design studio, we can show the students a rich picture of the world rather than the focused yet abstract project briefs from earlier assignments. This enables the students to revel and enjoy seeing how their work can be inspired by the complexity of real-life problems and opportunities,” said Kris Palagi, School of Architecture assistant professor, who teaches this senior design studio.

This year, recent LSU graduate Jacob Lyons from Covington, La., received an ACSA award for his work drawn from the Plank Road Redevelopment master plan, which was developed by Build BR, one of Baton Rouge’s historic yet economically neglected parts of the city. Lyons designed an educational urban food plaza with a community garden center, public park, farmers market, and micro-culinary school to emphasize healthy cooking and propagation of local fish and vegetation, which he named Pesce Plaza.

“Being from southern Louisiana, I have always been inspired by how natural ecology has influenced place,

culture and the environment; therefore, I envisioned a sustainable system, which focuses on the natural ecology and marine life used in the aquaponics system, which creates spaces for gathering, learning, and teaching. Being a proponent of sustainability, resiliency, and environmental preservation, the graphics I designed feel warm and inviting while showcasing the simplicity of Pesce Plaza’s many self-sustainable systems,” Lyons said.

The entire building is designed around a vertical aquaponics system where run-off water from the building’s extensive green roof is collected and stored in tanks beneath the large garden ramp and two elevator systems, which filter and dispense the water into the aquaponics systems.

“Pesce Plaza is a compelling design with an art to the presentation that is understated. There’s a buildable practicality of the proposal which makes the elements on the plans believable. The drawings are beautiful, simple and clear. The students’ successful solution tackles the design problem head-on with a clear step by step process. The project shows a clear understanding of steel structure with beautiful execution,” wrote a juror for the ACSA competition about Lyons’ design.

To get to the final, complex plan, Palagi first has his students begin with a wall assembly. While they design the wall assembly, he pushes them to identify how a person would experience this building and what materials available in this specific region are best suited for the location. This process, which he calls a seeding sequence, comes from his ten years of experience working as a professional residential architect on the island of Kauai in Hawaii. “I would first figure out a wall section because I am able to make design decisions in response to the economic and environmental factors prior to nailing down a final building form. This process helped



early discussions with the client and the contractors as both the scale of the space and a very accurate price per square foot could be determined. I developed this process because it forced me to not design the same house every time and I got to really think about what materials I had access to,” Palagi said.

Once his students have figured out the wall section, they can move on confidently designing the rest of the building including figuring out the HVAC and plumbing. The projects are complex because of the reality and detail.

“CSS has a long history of applied research, supporting communities as it attempts to reduce risk and maintain quality of life. Our goal is to have as many eyes and creative minds as possible focused on the issues facing Louisiana communities. We are thrilled to have some of the best and brightest future architects tackling these challenges alongside CSS researchers,” said Traci Birch, CSS director.

In January 2021, LSU architecture students tackled another real-world project on which CSS is working. With support from the National Endowment for the Arts, CSS is working with The Walls Project to develop a master plan for Baton Roots Community Farm located at BREC’s Howell Park. “For me, it’s about graduating forty or fifty architects a year that are driven to design in response to the unique characteristics of each site and client,” Palagi said.

Alison Satake is the associate director of research communications at LSU Strategic Communications.



Jacob Lyons' design of an educational urban food plaza named Pesce Plaza, which is drawn from the Plank Road Redevelopment master plan, received national recognition. The entire building is designed around a vertical aquaponics system.

D-D Breaux's Best Day Made Jay Clark a Tiger



D-D Breaux and Jay Clark celebrate with Tiger gymnasts.

“D-D knew what she was doing. The program she built is in highly capable hands in her retirement.”

D-D Breaux's best day as a recruiter was spent solidifying the future of LSU gymnastics. She wasn't recruiting an athlete. Breaux's persuasive skills consumed three hours one afternoon in May of 2012, hiring a coach she believed to be one of the nation's best. Although Jay Clark was unemployed at the time, she knew that status was temporary.

Clark's three-year run as head coach at Georgia had ended May 4, 2012. Breaux called him as soon as she read the news. She wanted to hire him, but first she had to get an audience. D-D was convinced he could greatly influence LSU's path to a championship.

“Where are you now?” she asked.

“At the Monteleone in New Orleans,” Clark said.

Breaux was elated by this turn of events. They made plans to talk the next day.

Why was Breaux so eager to hire Jay Clark? He was one of the best coaches in her sport. And, he was unattached at the time. She was certain other schools would come after him. As far as she knew, LSU was first in line.

Breaux had been sold on Clark's positive impact on Georgia gymnastics, one of the nation's elite programs. Georgia had won an NCAA record five straight national championships. *ESPN the Magazine* selected him as one of the nation's outstanding recruiters in 2011.

In Breaux's view, his recruiting alone would be an asset to LSU. She also believed he had no equal in coaching the uneven bars. The upbeat atmosphere of Georgia's home gymnastics meets had been one of Clark's many noteworthy contributions to that program. His input and planning were vital in the completion of the Bulldog's new showpiece practice facility.

Clark had come to Louisiana, the home of his wife, Julie's, family to get away from Athens for a few days and sort out his plans for the future. They had agreed to meet the next day in Madisonville at Morton's seafood restaurant on the banks of the Tchefuncte River.

Breaux, noted for her tenacity, was always striving to improve every facet of LSU gymnastics. D-D planned to win the race for this coaching talent. She felt that he could upgrade the Tigers recruiting. The athletes he coached in the uneven bars won championships. And, his experience in the planning of Georgia's practice facility would be invaluable since Breaux had plans to develop a practice facility at LSU. These were the factors that motivated Breaux. The addition of Clark to her staff would give the program more momentum. LSU would have a competitive edge.

Little is known of what took place in their meeting at Morton's. We can surmise D-D outlined a partnership. Clark's ideas and input would not only be welcomed, they were the reason she wanted him to come to Baton Rouge. She probably told him that upon her retirement, he would become head coach.

It was a great day's work for Breaux. Obviously, Breaux convinced Clark to join her. In July of 2012, it was announced he would become the associate head coach of the LSU gymnastics team.

Clark has been as good as advertised. No coach in collegiate gymnastics history can match his record coaching the uneven bars. He has coached the Tigers to thirty All-America honors on bars, four of the five highest bars team scores in LSU history and the top two bars title winners in school history. In his career, Clark has coached nine NCAA bar champions and two during his time at LSU. Sarah Finnegan, the first Tiger to win a NCAA bars title, captured two NCAA bar championships under Clark's tutelage. Finnegan led a bars lineup in 2018 that was the best ever at LSU and one of the best in NCAA history.

His recruiting has been equally impressive since he came to Baton Rouge. LSU appears deeper than ever. On the LSU roster today, there are three gymnasts from Georgia and several women from other states that the Bulldogs had pursued. One of the best recruits in Clark's freshman class, Hayleigh Bryant of Cornelius, N.C., ranks with the best in the country. Clark's history coaching NCAA champions and LSU's consistent performance as a gymnastic power is expected to attract more athletes like Bryant.

Breaux had been right to seek out Clark quickly. The job offers kept coming after he arrived at LSU.

D-D knew what she was doing. The program she built is in highly capable hands in her retirement.

Locker Room is compiled and edited by Bud Johnson, retired director of the Andonie Sports Museum and a former LSU Sports Information director. He is the author of *The Perfect Season: LSU's Magic Year – 1958*.



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Only Covid-19 Can Upset SEC Baseball's Best Teams

Tigers' Recruiting Class Ranks No. 2 in Nation



Starting pitchers, from top Jaden Hill, AJ Labas, and Landon Marceaux.

Paul Mainieri appears to have assembled his best LSU team in his fifteenth season in Tigertown. It has all the ingredients for a winner – experienced starting pitchers, experienced relievers, a solid nucleus of returning position players, plus the No. 2-ranked recruiting class. These youngsters will claim three starting positions, and furnish depth in the infield, outfield and pitching.

Unfortunately, some good baseball teams and the deadly Covid-19 could keep the Tigers from making it a dream season. SEC baseball is so formidable this year, that only a pandemic can keep a conference team from winning it all in Omaha.

Mainieri would prefer that LSU's challenge will come from No. 1-ranked Florida, No. 2-ranked Vanderbilt, and No. 5 ranked Ole Miss rather than the coronavirus. The Tigers, picked No. 7 in pre-season prognostications, could finish higher if their highly regarded recruiting class can match its ranking.

In any other year, LSU's pitching might make the Tigers a clear favorite. Mainieri has an All-America starter in Jaden Hill and an All-America reliever in Devin Fontenot, with talented upperclassmen available in the weekend rotation and the bullpen. But the pitching at Florida and Vandy is as good as it's ever been.

Don't forget that invisible threat. SEC baseball experienced a shortened season a year ago due to the virus. There were no post-season tournaments. Sport at every level has been affected by this pandemic.

LET'S CHECK OUT THE TIGERS.

STARTING PITCHERS: A shoulder injury in 2019 and a shortened season in 2020 limited Jaden Hill's performance in the past two campaigns. However, he posted an impressive career stat line – ERA: 0.90 /SO: 28/W-L: 1-0/WHIP:0.54. He was a reliever last season and will be trying to make the transition to a starting role this spring. He has the tools to do so. Hill's fast ball can reach 98 mph, and his pitch repertoire includes an effective change-up and a slider. Hill and two other solid junior right-handers – Landon Marceaux and AJ Labas – could give Mainieri his best-ever weekend rotation. All three had outstanding performances in the fall. Marceaux has a 7-2 career record with a 3.68 ERA and 65 strikeouts. His breaking ball was more effective during the fall, inducing more strikeouts. Labas has recorded a 7-4 won-loss worksheet with 52 strikeouts and a 3.51 ERA.

RELIEF PITCHERS: The relievers could be a major team strength. According to our sources from The Box, Fontenot, the gritty closer, has added a pitch. And, senior curve-baller Ma'Khail Hilliard is throwing with more velocity. Experience and versatility are the words most observers use in describing the relief corps. Grad student Matthew Beck and seniors Fontenot, Hilliard, Trent Vietmeier, and lefty Brandon Kaminer, provide unusual maturity for the bullpen. If Kaminer and sophomore left-hander Jacob Hesty can become more consistent and a promising group of freshmen pitchers deliver when needed, LSU should not lack for rally stoppers.

FRESHMEN SENSATIONS: The pre-season chatter about the Tigers was mostly focused on veteran pitchers – starters and relievers. But LSU's highly ranked recruiting class has a number of athletes who will make a major impact on the team. Freshmen Dylan Crews, Tre' Morgan, and Will Safford made huge impressions in the fall, earning early predictions that the trio would start at right field, first base, and third base. However, Hellmer's bat won him the starting job at third for opening day. The long season suggests that this duel is not over, and that another freshman, Jordan Thompson, can make a bid for playing time at third.

Mainieri often reaches back into LSU's rich baseball history for comparison when he is impressed by a young talent. He left no doubt that Crews is special in pre-season remarks to the media. "He's got a swing like LeMahieu," the coach said, likening his freshman outfielder to New York Yankees star and former Tiger D.J. LeMahieu.

Always optimistic, Mainieri was downright giddy in fall ball over the hitting of Crews and Morgan, as well as the potential for solid depth supplied by freshmen pitchers Garrett Edwards, Will Helmers, Ty Floyd and Blake Money. He even predicts improvement for some who are not currently in the starting lineup, forecasting a rosy future for developing players like outfielder Brody Drost and infielders Will Safford and Jordan Thompson.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Fall ball helped several players solidify an advantage on starting positions, notably catcher Alex Milazzo, second baseman Cade Doughty, shortstop Zach Arnold, left fielder Cade Beloso, and center fielder Giovanni DiGiacomo. Beloso made the transition from first base to the left field during fall workouts, giving the Tigers two long ball threats at the outfield corners. Milazzo is a solid receiver with the arm to nail base running threats. And, DiGiacomo has the speed to make take-away plays in center.



Relief pitchers, from left, Ma'Khail Hilliard, Matthew Beck, Devin Fontenot, Trent Vietmeier, and Brandon Kaminer.

PROJECTED LINEUP:

C	Alex Milazzo, Sophomore
1B	Tre' Morgan, Freshman
2B	Cade Doughty, Sophomore
SS	Zach Arnold, Sophomore
3B	Will Hellmers, Freshman
LF	Cade Beloso, Junior
CF	Giovanni DiGiacomo, Junior
RF	Dylan Crews, Freshman
DH	Gavin Dugas, Junior



Dylan Crews, right field
Mainieri says: "He has the potential to be a true five-tool player; he can run, hit for average, hit for power, has a strong arm and defends at a high level. We are expecting Dylan to make an immediate impact, have a great career at LSU, and leave as a very high draft pick in three years."



Trey Morgan, first base
Mainieri says: "He brings some versatility to our team as he is a very good defender at first base and can also play some outfield. At the plate, he makes a lot of contact and drives balls into the gaps. We're hoping as he continues to develop physically in our strength and conditioning program that he can grow into some real power."



Will Stafford, third base
Mainieri says: "What stands out the most with Will is his 'Baseball IQ,' which reminds me a lot of Josh Smith at the same age. He is a winning player and does all the small things — great base runner, base stealer, defender, bunter. He also has some sneaky pop in his bat that people wouldn't necessarily expect with his stature."



Ty Floyd, right handed pitcher
Mainieri says: "In my opinion, he had the best high school fastball in the draft. His fastball has exploding life, and it sits in the low-to-mid 90s. Ty has worked hard to develop his off-speed pitches, and they have improved remarkably over the last year. It's not a question of whether he will have a role for us this year — only where it will be. He has the potential to be a front-line starting pitcher or a closing relief pitcher."



Blake Money, right handed pitcher
Mainieri says: "Blake is another right-handed arm that has a history of throwing lots of strikes with a quality repertoire of pitches. His fastball will live in the low 90s, and he has an advanced feel for his change-up. His breaking ball has also improved drastically over the last year-and-a-half. He possesses a strong, durable frame that gives us a lot of hope that he can be a starter at our level."

Greg Goldin's Goal

The Most Resilient Athletes in the SEC



Greg Goldin is in his eighth season on Will Wade's staff.

“We need to learn what movements work best for them. We work on movement proficiency during Base Camp.”

“We want to develop the most resilient athletes in the SEC,” says Greg Goldin, LSU basketball’s strength and training coordinator. He has the full support of Coach Will Wade, who values a team with staying power in the competitive league.

“We need to learn what movements work best for them,” he said. “We work on movement proficiency during Base Camp.” Every year that Wade has been a head coach – eight seasons – he has relied upon Golden’s expertise in the vital area of physical training. Goldin furnishes Wade with significant data on an athlete’s practice performance prior to each game.

Goldin utilizes technology to monitor the players as they prepare for a game. He collects statistics on each athlete during a workout: the distance, the speed, the heart rate, and the practice time that each Tiger generates that day. He then shares this information with Wade.

“It is my job to monitor the technology and to educate the coach,” Goldin says. “We have found that if the practice time prior to a game is limited to 1 hour and 22 minutes or 1 hour and 36 minutes the outcome of the game is usually better.”

Goldin’s tech support is just one of several critical contributions that he provides for the basketball team. “Our season is a long one, and we need to be prepared for it,” he says. “We attempt to be well rounded in our approach, but focus on a quality base of strength, cardiovascular health, and injury prevention through various stability and mobility protocols.”

His well-researched agenda includes a range of assessments, a plan for proper training, and development, something he calls “Base Camp” programming. He actually spends time teaching the athletes how to move.

Another key element of his program includes “Boot Camp,” which is the final phase of training before Wade begins concentrating on basketball. It consists of three days of “surprise accelerated team building” in the stadium, in the gym, and in a parking lot near the Mississippi River levee. It involves everything from carrying various weights for miles to flipping tires and dragging 300 pound sleds for 200 yards at a time.

“It introduces the athlete to their first dose of adversity for the year,” Goldin says. “Overtime is hard mentally and hard physically.”

This demanding Boot Camp, he believes, helps prepare the Tigers for the highly competitive SEC schedule and any overtime games.

Goldin was an intern at Virginia Commonwealth in 2013 when Wade was an assistant coach there. Goldin’s work for the Rams’ strength and conditioning coordinator attracted Wade’s attention. That was the year VCU made it to the Final Four. When Wade became head coach at Chattanooga in 2014, he asked Greg to join his staff and the two have worked together ever since.

In that time, Goldin’s conditioning program, tailored for basketball, has earned Wade’s respect. The coach calls Goldin ... “some sort of wizard.” His wizardry includes developing a program for every individual on the team, one designed to fit the player’s physical needs.

Wade even involves Goldin in the recruiting process. “I am here to serve and care for your son,” he tells the prospect’s parents, “just as you have been doing.”

We doubt if any parent ever subjected their son to the rigors of Goldin’s Boot Camp.

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Epidemics, Wars Stymie Tigers



The Influenza Pandemic of 1918 killed an estimated fifty million people worldwide and 675,000 in the United States. Covid-19 isn't over, and it has turned our lives upside down.

Sports – life's toy department – was disrupted like everything else. Pandemics, epidemics, and wars diminished LSU football seasons several times in its storied history. There was both an Influenza Pandemic and the Great War in 1918. It was World War I that sidelined the Purple and Gold in 1918 according to several sports historians who researched those times.

Longtime sports information pro Bill Franques paid tribute to the University's World War I heroes a century later – on October 20, 2018 – this way on LSUSports.Net:

THE SILENT SEASON

One hundred years ago, LSU football players hung up their cleats for a greater cause. Many students and faculty of the Ole War Skule left the campus to serve in World War I, continuing the school's military tradition and canceling the 1918 gridiron season.

MEMORIAL OAK GROVE: In honor of those who did not return, thirty trees were planted in the Memorial Oak Grove with one additional tree

dedicated to "The Unknown" missing in action. The Memorial Oak Grove is located just south of the LSU Student Union near the intersection of Highland Road and South Campus Drive.

FRENCH ARMOR: Reminiscent of French armor and as a nod to Louisiana's heritage, the helmet is the crowning jewel. Like an iridescent Mardi Gras bead, its color will shift from purple to gold under the bright lights of Tiger Stadium.

OAK LEAF PATTERN: The oak leaf pattern in the jersey numbers, collar, and pant striping recognizes the soldiers honored in the Memorial Oak Grove on campus.

CUSTOM FONT: The font is indicative of a style that was prevalent in the early twentieth century.

THE UNKNOWN: To pay tribute to the unknown members of the LSU community who lost their lives in World War I, no nameplate appears on the back of the jersey.

SOLDIER SALUTE: The back of the helmet recognizes 1918 as the Silent Season and as the year the United States claimed victory in World War I. The American flag decal depicts a 1918 flag with forty-eight stars, as Alaska and Hawaii had not yet been admitted into the Union.

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LSU, like universities across the country, began to focus on training officers for the conflict not long after the United States entered the war in 1917. Author Peter Finney, in the first edition of his book *The Fighting Tigers*, points to World War I as the reason that the Tigers didn't field a team. Finney wrote this about the buildup to the 1918 season:

"In the spring of 1917 the United States entered World War I and the rush to the colors made it possible once again for colleges to play freshmen. While many schools abandoned their schedules, LSU followed the thinking of Georgia



To commemorate the century mark of the Silent Season of 1918, LSU emerged on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, from the Tiger Stadium chute in specially designed uniforms that salute the past and pay homage to heroes.

Tech's (John) Heisman – that men in college could better serve their nation by remaining in school to await the call to arms. Heisman cited the Duke of Wellington, who maintained that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the football fields of Eton and Harrow.

"So the Tigers played their eight-game schedule with as much enthusiasm as they could muster . . .

"By 1918 colleges had lost much of their academic flavor: that is, they were then military schools turning out officers. The flow of casualty lists made any attempt at football half-hearted, so it was not a difficult decision for LSU to tuck away its gear until hostilities ended."

In his book, *The Louisiana Tigers*, Dan Hardesty made no mention of the pandemic and there was just a brief reference to the war. Hardesty wrote: "After having no team at all in wartime

1918, LSU authorities knew who they wanted to coach in 1919."

Hardesty did, however, devote attention to the yellow fever epidemic that limited the LSU schedule to two games in 1897 and one game in 1898. There were quarantines and fumigations in an effort to stop the epidemic, remedies that sound like some suggested in the present day pandemic.

Here is Hardesty's account of how it influenced Baton Rouge in 1897:

"A severe yellow fever epidemic in the South delayed the start of school. Everything was quarantined in Baton Rouge, even the campus from the city itself. Anyone wishing to enter or leave the city had to obtain a permit, and even the mail was fumigated, with the *Daily Advocate* assuring its rural readers that they should not worry about catching "yellow jack" from



Steve Van Buren played only one season as a running back at LSU. He led the SEC in scoring with 98 points, ran for 847 yards to finish second nationally in rushing, and capped off the campaign by running for two TDs and passing for another in LSU's first post-season victory, 19-14 over Texas A&M in the Orange Bowl. Van Buren gained 160 of LSU's 181 rushing yards that day and scored his sixteenth touchdown of the season to set a Tiger record.

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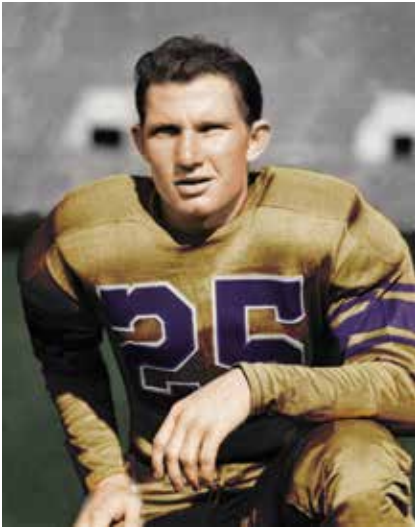
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Y.A. Tittle was always effective against Tulane. As a freshman tailback in 1944, he connected on 14 of 18 passes to lead the Tigers to a 25-6 win over Tulane, a team that had shut out LSU 27-0 the previous season. His career total against the arch-rival of that period was 42 completions in 56 attempts. His older brother, Jack, played at Tulane and he kept telling the coaches to recruit his brother. Y.A. never heard from Tulane.

“Pandemics, epidemics, and wars diminished LSU football seasons several times in its storied history.”

reading the newspaper because it was thoroughly fumigated at the post office.”

The football team could not play until school started late in the year. The Tigers played only one game in 1897. The Tigers defeated the Montgomery Athletic Club 28-6 on Dec. 20. Two games are carried in the record book. But the second game was actually played on Jan. 8, 1898. LSU lost that one 26-0 to a Cincinnati team that toured the South after the yellow fever epidemic had subsided.

Yellow fever returned in 1898, and once again LSU did not start classes until late fall. The Tigers played only one game that season, a 27-0 win over Tulane on Dec. 14.

A search for remedies seemed to be one common denominator for the yellow fever epidemics of the 1890s, the Pandemic of 1918, and Covid-19. A doctor in New Orleans believed he had a solution for influenza in 1918. He advised his patients to “put a small amount of sulfur in each shoe every morning, and goodbye influenza.” To insure that the sulfur was “working,” he told his patients to carry a silver dollar in their pockets. According to the doctor, the silver would change color in reaction to the sulfur emitted by the body. The sulfur didn’t work.

And we thought that ingesting Clorox was a bizarre suggestion for treating the coronavirus in 2020!

The horror of World War II was brought home early to the LSU campus when beloved ex-player and assistant baseball coach Alex Box was killed in North Africa.

Only five SEC teams – Georgia Tech, Georgia, LSU, Tulane, and Vanderbilt – fielded football teams during World

War II, with Vandy playing an informal five-game schedule. Tech and Tulane benefited from the Navy’s V-12 officer training program. Players from other schools enriched their rosters, while LSU and Georgia played sixteen- and seventeen-year olds and those rejected from military duty. The war sent many of Bernie Moore’s best players from the 1942 team into the service, including three top tailbacks – Sulcer Harris to the Army, Alvin Dark to V-5 Marine Corps officer training program at Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette), and Dub Jones to V-12 Naval officer training program at Tulane where he became an All-American.

The “next man up” in that day was converted blocking back Steve Van Buren, who received a military deferment when he failed the eye exam at the induction center. In 1943, he was the nation’s No. 2 rusher with 847 yards and the SEC’s leading scorer with 98 points. He set an LSU record with 16 touchdowns that season. In LSU’s first-ever bowl victory – 19-14 over Texas A&M in the Orange Bowl – Steve gained 160 of the Tigers 181 rushing yards. He ran and passed for two TDs in the first quarter and ran 63 yards for a score in the third quarter. Van Buren was the first of two military deferments LSU had among its roster of predominately teenagers during World War II. Y.A. Tittle’s asthma made him a 4-F in 1944.

Although a pre-induction physical determined that both Van Buren and Tittle were unfit for military duty, their performance in the National Football League qualified them for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

A romantic wedding scene featuring a bride and groom in a classic pose. The groom, in a black tuxedo, is dipping the bride, who is wearing a white wedding dress with a long veil. They are standing in front of a large, ornate fountain with multiple water jets. The background shows a grand building with arched windows and a glass entrance, illuminated at night. Warm, golden light from candles and the building's interior creates a soft, intimate atmosphere.

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Professors Jangwook Jung and Cristina Sabliov
"Incorporation of Lignin in Natural and Synthetic Biomaterials to Alter Mechanical and Biochemical Properties for Enhanced Wound Healing"

John Philip Kelly Bernstein

Psychology, PhD
Professor Matthew Calamia
"Exploring Predictors of Older Adults' Performance on a Novel Driving Simulator Task"

Dependra Bhatta

Applied Statistics
Agricultural Economics, PhD
Professor Krishna P. Paudel
"Sustainable Management of Groundwater in Louisiana"

Claire Olivia Burns

Psychology, PhD
Professor Johnny L. Matson
"The Association Between Autism Spectrum Disorder and Parental Age"

Jasmine Arnette' Burrell

Biological Sciences, PhD
Professor Jacqueline M. Stephens
"Regulation of MPCs and KAT8 During Adipogenesis and Nutritional Regulation"

Allen Keith Carpenter

Music, DMA
Completed a Non-Thesis Program of Research and/or Creative Activity

Chanachok Chokwithaya

Engineering Science, PhD
Professor Yimin Zhu
"A Framework for Augmenting Building Performance Models Using Machine Learning and Immersive Virtual Environment"

Alex Donovan Cole

Political Science, PhD
Professor Cecil Eubanks
"Gunter Grass: Class, Politics, and Memory"

Ryan Nicole Cummins

Psychology, PhD
Professor Mary Lou Kelley
"Moderators of Academic Performance and Symptom Severity in Adolescents with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder"

Vikash Dangal

Agricultural Economics, PhD
Professor James Matthew Fannin
"Three Essays on Variation in Intergenerational Mobility and Incarceration in the United States"

Lakshapathy Widanelage Judith

Chemistry, PhD
Professor Gerald Schneider
"Structure and Dynamics of Phospholipid Vesicles and the Dependence on Nanoscale Interactions with Molecules of Varying Complexity"

Friedrich Wilhelm Alexander Dunkel

Mathematics, PhD
Professor Blaise Bourdin
"A Phase-Field Approach to Diffusion-Driven Fracture"

Lorita Ann Eichelberger

Educational Leadership and Research, PhD
Professor M-M Sulentic Dowell
"A Single Case Study on the Impact of Louisiana's Induction Program on High School Beginning Teachers"

Judson H. Eldredge

Communication Studies, PhD
Professors James Honeycutt and Stephanie Houston Grey
"Two Communication Approaches to Explaining Interpersonal Sibling Differences: Interpersonal Conflict Causing Sibling Deidentification and Media Use Cultivating Family Communication Orientation"

Sydney A. Yvonne Epps

Educational Leadership and Research, PhD
Professor Jacqueline Bach
"Experiences of Transgender Men Who Joined National Pan-Hellenic Council Sororities Pre-Transition"

Ashley Chanelle Fulton

Chemistry, PhD
Professor Justin Ragains
"Methods for 1,2-cis-selective O-Glycosylation and Synthesis of an A. Baumannii Lipooligosaccharide Core Disaccharide"

Sen Gao

Chemistry, PhD
Professor Andrew Maverick
"Transition Metal Complexes of Pyridyltriazole and Bipyridine Ligands"

Bethany Billé Garfield

Geography and Anthropology, PhD
Professor Barry Keim
"Leave it to the People: Position and Positioning of Stakeholders in Top-Down Sustainable Development and Risk Reduction Frameworks"

Rachel Pierson Gill

Agricultural and Extension Education, PhD
Professor Michael F. Burnett
"The Impact of Type of High School Completed and Selected Demographic Characteristics on Retention of Students Enrolled in a Research University (RU/VH) in the Southern Region of the United States"

Erin C. Good

Physics, PhD
Professor Catherine Deibel
"A Study of 26Al (p,gamma) 27Si with Silicon Array for Branching Ratio Experiments (SABRE)"

Sahar Haddadian

Civil Engineering, PhD
Professor Celalettin Emre Ozdemir
"Numerical Modeling of Wave- and Current-supported Turbidity Currents over an Erodible Bed"

Ali Haghshenas

Mechanical Engineering, PhD
Professor Michael M. Khonsari
"Methodologies for Improvement of Metal Fatigue Life"

Prakash Hamal

Chemistry, PhD
Professor Louis H. Haber
"Second Harmonic Generation Spectroscopy and Microscopy of Liposomes, Nanoparticles, and Cells"

Jeffrey Neil Harding

Biological Sciences, PhD
Professor Stephanie Cormier
"The Effects of Radical Containing Combustion Derived Particulate Matter in Adult Mouse Respiratory System"

Brian Dalton Harris

Civil Engineering, PhD
Professor Navid Jafari
"Geotechnical Properties, Design, and Performance of Natural Infrastructure"

Peyman Hosseinzadeh Namadi

Civil Engineering, PhD
Professor Zhiqiang Deng
"Development of Artificial Intelligence Approach to Nowcasting and Forecasting Vibrio Prevalence in Coastal Waters"

Benjamin Franklin Howland

Comparative Literature, PhD
Professor Greg Stone
"The Exemplary Spartacus: Reception, Adaptation, and Reconstruction"

Yawen Hu

Biomedical and Veterinary Medical Sciences, PhD

Professor Masami Yoshimura
"Effects of Alcohol and Adenylyl Cyclase Type 7 on Innate Immune System"

Tallis Huther da Costa

Electrical Engineering, PhD

Professor Jin-Woo Choi
"Fabrication and Application of Flexible Sensors"

Andrew William Johnson

History, PhD

Professor Aaron Sheehan-Dean
"That Diabolical Sect: Anti-Masonry, Religion and the Making of American Citizenship 1825-1850"

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Educational Leadership and Research, PhD

Professor Eugene Kennedy
"College Expectation and Matriculation: High School Students Journey to Postsecondary"

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Physics, PhD

Professors Jonas Fontenot and Kenneth Matthews
"Modeling Anatomic Changes for Adaptive Radiotherapy in Locally Advanced Lung Cancer Patient Population"

Kathryn Sweet Keating

Sociology, PhD

Professor Tim Slack
"Facets of Family Resilience: South Louisiana and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill"

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Engineering Science, PhD
 Professors Carol Friedland and Isabelina Nahmens

"The Effects of Relational and Social Behaviors Exhibited by Construction Project Team Members on Relationship Quality and Project Outcomes"

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"Deep-Ultraviolet Laser Ablation for Biomolecular Analysis"

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"Race, Gender and Salary Equity: A Cross Classified Random Effects Approach to Examining Faculty Pay and Salary Equity Within Higher Education Research Institutions"

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Chemistry, PhD
 Professor Revati Kumar

"Computational Investigations of Battery Electrolytes"

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"Identification of Novel Host Genes Required for Antiviral Immunity and Viral Genome Replication in Caenorhabditis elegans"

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Professors Jesse Allison and Edgar Berdahl
"Indeterminate Sample Sequencing in Virtual Reality"

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Professor Amin Kargarian Marvasti
"Parallel and Asynchronous Distributed Optimization for Power Systems Operation"

Jennifer Mader Morrisette

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 Professors F. Richard Roberts and Michael F. Burnett
"University Faculty Design Thinking Personas for Online Course Development: A Q-Methodological Study"

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Petroleum Engineering, PhD

Professor Mehdi Zeidouni
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Biological Sciences, PhD

Professors Jeremy Brown and Christopher Austin
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Jonathan Allen Nations

Biological Sciences, PhD

Professor Jacob Esselstyn
"Function, History, and Ecology in the Exceptional Diversification of Murine Rodents"

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Political Science, PhD

Professor Joseph Clare
"Civil War Interventions: An Examination of the Roles of the Media, Political Executives, and the Domestic Opposition"

Juan Rafael Nufiez Forestieri

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Engineering Science, PhD

Professor Manas R. Gartia
"Point-of-Care Devices for Therapeutic, Medical and Environmental Applications"

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Professor Michael E. Hellberg
"The Roles of Host Species, Geographic Scale and Environmental Stressors in Shaping the Composition of Coral Microbiomes"

Christianne Leah Ricard

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Professor Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell
"Village Folk: Exploring the Female Black School Counselor's Perception of Role Confusion and Burnout in Urban Schools in South Louisiana"

Zachary Brewer Rodriguez

Biological Sciences, PhD

Professor Christopher Austin
"Evolution of Green Blood in New Guinea Lizards: Phylogenomics, Biogeography, and Comparative Genomics"

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Professor Dorota Heneghan
"Transatlantic Perspectives of Deviant and Criminal Women in European, Latin American and American Narratives"

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Samer Youssef Rustom

Plant, Environment Management, and Soil Sciences, PhD

Professor Eric Webster
"Florpyrauxifen-benzyl Activity and Use in Louisiana Rice Production"

Junghyung Ryu

Oceanography and Coastal Science, PhD

Professor Kam-biu Liu
"Late Holocene Environmental Changes and Ecosystem Dynamics in Louisiana's Coastal Wetlands: A Multi-Site, Multi-Proxy Investigation"

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Business Administration, PhD

Professor Rudy Hirschheim
"Understanding the Mechanisms of Value Co-Creation in Collaborative Consumption Services"

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Business Administration, PhD

Professor Rudolf A. Hirschheim
"Towards an Understanding of Signaling, Network Embeddedness and Online Crowdfunding Success"

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Agricultural and Extension Education, PhD

Professor Michael F. Burnett
"Comparison of In-Office Psychiatric Encounters with Out-of-Office Psychiatric Encounters Regarding Efficacy, Presenteeism, and Self-Perceived Stigma Among Adult Recipients of Psychiatric Treatment for Depression in Louisiana"

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"Sexually Dimorphic Oxytocin Receptor-Expressing Neurons in the Anteroventral Periventricular Nucleus Regulates Maternal Behavior"

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Professor Alecia Long
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Professor Geoffrey Coalson
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Shelley Renee Upton

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Professor Anna Long
"Components of Psychological Flexibility and Inflexibility that Predict Risk-Taking Behaviors"

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"Readiness to Change and Smoking Expectancies Among Adult Male Substance Users Currently in Substance Use Treatment"

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Professor Gaines Foster
"Free People of Color in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana"

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Professor William Shelton
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Professor Arnold Nelson
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Chemistry, PhD
Professor Donghui Zhang
"Synthesis and Investigation of Amphiphilic Polypeptoids for Environmental and Biological Applications"

Yong Zhang

Engineering Science, PhD
Professor Wanjun Wang
"Centrifugal Microfluidic Platform for Solid-Phase-Extraction (SPE) and Fluorescence Detection Applications"

Zelong Zhang

Geology, PhD
Professor Jianwei Wang
"Investigating Geochemical Processes of Fluid-Rock Interactions on Materials Related to Energy and Environment"

Wenbo Zhu

Chemical Engineering, PhD
Professor Jose Romagnoli
"An Integrated Framework for Chemical Process Monitoring Towards Smart Manufacturing"

Xinji Zhu

Biochemistry, PhD
Professor Vince LiCata
"Salt Dependence of Thermodynamic Stability of a Cold-active DNA Polymerase I Fragment"

Marija Zivanovic

Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology, PhD
Professor Zhi-Yuan Chen
"DsRNA as a Potential Tool for Cercospora Leaf Blight Management and Elucidation of Factors That Contribute to Late Disease Onset in the Reproductive Growth Stage of Soybean"

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1960s



C. Stokes McConnell (1969 BACH H&SS, 1972 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

1970s



John W. Barton (1971 BACH H&SS, 1976 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



David R. Cassidy (1972 BACH H&SS, 1975 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and to the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the areas of Tax and Business/Corporate.



Murphy J. Foster, III (1979 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and to the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the areas of Construction Litigation and Employment & Labor.



Gregory D. Frost (1977 BACH H&SS, 1981 JD) an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Leo C. Hamilton (1973 BACH H&SS, 1977 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Paul M. Hebert (1970 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Michael R. Hubbell (1978 BACH BUS, 1980 MAST BUS, 1987 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Eve B. Masinter (1979 BACH H&SS, 1982 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and to the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the areas of Employment & Labor, Civil Litigation, and Insurance Coverage.



Van R. Mayhall (1971 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and to the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the areas of Business/Corporate, Tax, Securities & Corporate Finance, and Administrative Law.



Stephen Panepinto (1974 BACH BUS), chairman, president and CEO of Plaquemine Bank and Trust Company, was elected to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) Board of Directors. He will serve a four-year term representing Louisiana financial institutions, community development organizations, and insurance companies that are members of the FHLB Dallas.



Robert M. Mills (1976 BACH BUS) was elected Louisiana State Senator for District 36, which covers parts of Bossier, Bienville, Claiborne parishes and all of Webster Parish in northwest Louisiana. The term of service is 2020-2024, and he maintains offices in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, as well as in Minden and Bossier City, La.



Claude F. Reynaud (1974 BACH BUS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Linda Thomas-Greenfield (1974 BACH H&SS) was tapped by President Joe Biden as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. During her thirty-five year career in foreign service Thomas-Greenfield served in a number of positions, among them director general of the Foreign Service; ambassador to Liberia; postings in Geneva, Pakistan, Kenya, Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica; and top diplomat in the Bureau of African Affairs.

1980s



Tom Amoss (1983 BACH BUS), owner of Amoss Racing Stable, a thoroughbred horse racing operation, received the Big Sport of Turfdom Award from Turf Publicists of America in December. The award recognizes a person who enhances coverage of Thoroughbred racing through cooperation with media and racing publicists. Amoss has amassed more than 3,800 victories. He has also served as a racing analyst for TVG, ESPN, NYRA TV, and Fox Sports.

Photo: Anne M. Eberhardt

DEGREES

BACH	Bachelor's Degree
MAST	Master's Degree
PHD	Doctorate
SPEC	Specialist
DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
JD	Juris Doctorate (LSU Law School)
LLM	Master of Laws
MD	Medical Doctor (LSU School of Medicine)
DDS	Doctor of Dental Science (LSU School of Dentistry)

COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

AGR	Agriculture
A&D	Art & Design
C&E	Coast & Environment
H&SS	Humanities & Social Sciences
SCI	Science
BUS	Business
HS&E	Human Sciences & Education
ENGR	Engineering
M&DA	Music & Dramatic Arts
MCOM	Mass Communication
SCE	School of the Coast & Environment
SVM	School of Veterinary Medicine
SW	Social Work



Richard Arsenault (1980 JD) was a guest lecturer at Baylor Law School's LLM program on the topic of litigation management. He was appointed to the National Board of Trial Advocacy's

National Board of Complex Litigation Specialty Program Commission and selected as recipient of the Alexandria Bar Association's "Causidicus Award." In September 2020, Arsenault chaired the LSBA 27th Annual Admiralty Symposium, which he has chaired since its inception. He was appointed to the LSBA Theme CLE Planning Committee; chaired the Annual LSBA Complex Litigation Symposium; was selected by the *U.S. News & World Report* for inclusion in the 2021 Best Lawyers Rankings; was selected as one of the 2020/2021 Top 10 Personal Injury Attorneys for Louisiana by the Best of the Best Attorneys; and selected to receive *Martindale Hubbell's* 2021 AV Preeminent Rating. Arsenault will also serve as a member of the Baylor Law Executive LLM National Advisory Panel.



Robert L. Atkinson (1980 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Jim Burnett (1983 BACH A&D), of Solana Beach, Calif., is a partner with OJB Landscape Architecture, which was awarded the 2020 National Design Award for Landscape Architecture from

the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian National Design Museum.



Jude C. Bursavich (1983 BACH H&SS, 1988 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and to the 2021 edition of *Louisiana*

Super Lawyers in the areas of Business Litigation, Energy & Natural Resources, and Class Action/Mass Torts.



Mary Byrd (1983 BACH ENGR) was named associate director at Stennis Space Center. The first female to fill one of the site's top three leadership posts, she has served in several roles during her

twenty-six years at Stennis. She was a contracting officer's representative before being named deputy director of the Stennis Center Operations Directorate, and she was named head of that directorate in 2018.



David M. Charlton (1980 BACH BUS, 1983 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Tom Clark (1986 BACH H&SS, 1990 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Jeanne Comeaux (1980 BACH H&SS, 1994 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Duane Dewey (1983 BACH BUS, 1985 MAST BUS), of Ridgeland, Miss., was appointed president of Trustmark National Bank, CEO of the company and the bank,

and director of the company in January. 2020 He has served as CEO of the bank since January 2019.



Lance Kinchen (1989 BACH BUS, 1992 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Tracy Averett Morganti (1988 BACH H&SS, 1992 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Trenton J. Oubre (1987 BACH BUS, 1991 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.

1990s



Terri Broussard Williams (1999 BACH MCOM) has joined the Public Policy-Americas team at Amazon and will lead its Social Justice Policy Portfolio at the state and local levels. Since 2003,

Broussard Williams has served as a government relations executive at CGI Technologies and Solutions, as well as vice president of the SouthWest Affiliate of the American Heart Association.



Shauna Clark (1990 BACH H&SS), a partner in Norton Rose Fulbright, was appointed global and U.S. chair. She was most recently the U.S. head of employment and labor. Clark serves on the firm's Global

Executive and U.S. Management committees; is a member of the firm's U.S. Diversity and Inclusion Committee and U.S. Racial Equality Council; and previously served as partner-in-charge of the firm's Houston office. Recognized by *Chambers USA* for the fourteenth consecutive year, she has been honored *Texas Lawyer*, which named her a 2020 Texas Trailblazer, as well as *Savoy Magazine* and *Profiles in Diversity Journal*. The global legal research firm Acritas has included her among its Acritas Stars for the past four years.



Cullen J. Dupuy (1990 BACH BUS, 1993 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Emily Black Grey (1994 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Scott N. Hensgens (1993 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and to the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in

the areas of Business Litigation and Intellectual Property.



Daphne James (1992 BACH H&SS) was appointed director of admissions at LSU Law. She was most recently associate director of admissions and previously served as assistant director of admissions and

admissions counselor. She was coordinator of scholarship services at Southeastern Louisiana University and enrollment counselor/minority recruiter from 1996 to 1998. She earned a master's degree in social sciences from Southern University in 1994.



Sheara Williams Jennings (1994 MSW), an associate professor in the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston, was named the Humana Endowed Chair in Social Determinants

of Health. Since joining the university in 2004, Jennings has served as associate dean of doctoral education and interim special assistant to the provost. She is a member of the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter Board of Directors and is the proud parent of a current LSU senior who is a Golden Girl.



R. Elizabeth Andrews "Beth" Kassinoff (1992 BACH SCI) was installed as the 138th president of the Dallas County Medical Society, the second largest medical society in the country. A

graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, she practices internal medicine as part of North Texas Preferred Health Partners.



Mark LeBlanc (1992 BACH AGR, 1996 MAST AGR, 2006 PHD AGR) was named Indiana state chemist and seed commissioner and joined the Purdue College of Agriculture faculty as a professor of

biochemistry in October 2020. He had served as director and head of the Division of Agricultural Chemistry at the LSU AgCenter since 2009 and was previously assistant director of the horticulture and quarantine program for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.



Catherine Maraist (1998 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Stephanie Mills (1991 BACH SCI) was named executive vice president of health services and chief medical officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana in November 2020. Mills was

most recently president of inHealth Strategies and was previously president and CEO of Franciscan Health and Wellness Services, an arm of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady (FMOL). She held various roles with the FMOL system from 2004 through 2017, including chief medical information officer, chief information officer for the system, and vice president of quality and innovation. Before moving into healthcare executive roles, Mills practiced pediatric emergency medicine, including serving as the medical director for the pediatric ER at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. She earned her doctor of medicine degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and holds a master's degree in healthcare management from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



Benton Toups (1997 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), an attorney with CSH Law, Wilmington, N.C., was recognized in *Business North Carolina* magazine's 2021 Legal Elite program in the areas of

Employment Law and Litigation and included in the 2021 edition of *North Carolina Super Lawyers* in the areas of Employment & Labor.

2000s



Keon Anderson (2000 BACH H&SS), dental director of correctional health for the Acclaim Physician Group and the Tarrant County (Texas) Department of Corrections, was appointed to a three-year

term on the United Way of Tarrant County Board of Directors in July 2020. Anderson is a board member and scholarship chairman of the LSU Alumni Association A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter.



Brad Barback (2008 BACH BUS, 2014 JD) joined McGlinchey Stafford as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation group.



Danielle L. Borel (2011 BACH BUS, 2014 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named a Rising Star in the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*.



Carroll Devillier (2006 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list and named a Rising Star in the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*.



David C. Fleshman (2008 BACH H&SS, 2011 JD) was named a partner in Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson. He practices in the areas of construction, general litigation, and sports law.



Druit Gremillion (2007 BACH H&SS, 2011 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named a Rising Star in the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*.



Jay Harper (2005 BACH BUS) joined Dewberry as a vice president and business development director in the federal group located in Fairfax, Va. Harper, former senior advisor to the

administrator with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has more than fifteen years of experience working in state and federal government agencies, including FEMA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. At Dewberry, he will work with clients across the federal market, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, and FEMA.

Photo: Dewberry



Courtney de la Bretonne Hart (2003 BACH MCOM), senior regional marketing manager at Hancock Whitney, was named a 2020 Excellence Honoree at the SME

Excellence in Sales & Marketing Awards luncheon in November 2020. The event is hosted annually by the Sales and Marketing Executives of Greater Baton Rouge.



Chris Hester (2005 BACH HS&S, 2008 JD) was elected to the First Circuit Court of Appeal. He was most recently a judge in Baton Rouge City Court.



Rachael Jeanfreau (2007 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named a Rising Star in the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*.



Briggs A. Knight (2002 BACH BUS, 2005 MBA), an attorney with Jackson Walker, was named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* list.



Benjamin J. Martin (2004 BACH H&SS) was named a partner at Bracewell law firm, Houston, Texas. He ranked among the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* "Ones to Watch" in Houston Oil and gas law and

was named a Rising Star by *Texas Super Lawyers* in 2018-2020.



Sunny Mayhall (2008 BACH MCOM), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named a Rising Star in the 2021 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*.



Derek D. Maxey (2002 BACH ENGR), a senior staff engineer and cybersecurity architect at Lockheed Martin Corporation, was named a Lockheed Martin Associate Fellow. The number of active Lockheed

Martin Fellows is limited to ensure the highest quality and selectivity. The program recognizes and celebrates superb technical achievement and to inspire engineers, scientists, and technologists to the highest levels of excellence.



Ashley Carver Meredith (2011 BACH MCOM, 2014 JD) was promoted to partner at Taylor Porter. She practices in commercial litigation, commercial

transactions, health care compliance, estate planning, and successions and is ranked among the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* "Ones to Watch" in commercial litigation.



Chris Nichols (2002 BACH ENGR, 2007 JD), an intellectual property and registered U.S. patent attorney, with McGlinchey Stafford, was recognized in *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine's 2020 "IP Stars."



Amanda Phillips (2000 BACH ENGR) rejoined Neel-Schaffer, Inc., as a senior coastal engineer and project manager based in the Coastal Science and Engineering Department at the firm's Mandeville, La.,

office. Phillips worked for Neel-Schaffer in 2015. A Registered Professional Engineer in Louisiana and Alabama, she has nearly twenty years of experience in the design and construction of coastal restoration projects throughout Louisiana.



Kristen Nicole Reynolds (2003 BACH H&SS, 1999 JD) joined the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, as an associate in the casualty litigation practice group. She has fifteen years

of litigation experience handling medical malpractice defense in state and federal courts in Louisiana.



Chip Trageser (1990 BACH A&D), of The Woodlands, Texas, is a partner with OJB Landscape Architecture, which was awarded the 2020 National Design Award for Landscape Architecture

from the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian National Design Museum. The award honors the practice's transformation of public spaces nationwide.



Robert Wise (2003 BACH BUS), owner and CEO of ITInspired, was named a 2020 Excellence Honoree at the SME Excellence in Sales & Marketing Awards luncheon in November 2020. The event is

hosted annually by the Sales and Marketing Executives of Greater Baton Rouge.

Photo: Teresa Alvarez



Parker Wishik (2009 BACH MCOM) joined the Aerospace Corporation, a federally funded research and development center for the U.S. space enterprise, as a senior communications

strategist. He works with the civil space community, including NASA, NOAA, private launch companies, and Aerospace colleagues to support and promote groundbreaking human achievements in spaceflight and exploration. With LSU's reputation and notable contributions to space science well-documented, Parker is "thrilled to be the latest Tiger to join the space community."

2010s



Kelsey A. Clark (2012 BACH H&SS, 2015 JD) was named a partner in Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson law firm in January. She practices in the areas of general litigation, tax litigation, and elder law.



Montgomery Gossen (2011 BACH AGR), director of financial planning at BCM Advisors, Lafayette, La., became a member/owner in the firm in January.

Montgomery, a Certified Financial Planner, has worked in the financial planning industry for more than six years. He currently serves as chairman of the Acadiana Family Tree.



Lo Graham (2015 BACH MCOM) is cast as the young version of the lead character, Margaret Monreaux, played by actress Kim Cattrall, in FOX's new television series *Filthy Rich*. A native of

Lafayette, La., Graham attended high school at Ascension Episcopal School and, after earning her LSU degree, spent two years studying acting in Los Angeles and has attended acting training at UCLA and Disney Studios.



Samantha M. Kennedy (2017 BACH MCOM, JD 2020) joined Bienvenu Bonnetcaze law firm. While in law school, she served as president of the Hispanic Law Student Association and the Public Interest Law Society

and volunteered to assist individuals seeking political asylum for legal entry into the United States. As a tribute to her commitment to public service, she received the Louisiana State Bar Association Law Student Pro Bono Award.



James L. Knobloch (2010 BACH MCOM), director of the Social Media + Digital Strategies unit at Optimist Consulting, a specialty boutique agency in New York City, celebrated his two-year anniversary with the organization last fall.



Andrew Mahtook (2016 BACH BUS) joined Liskow & Lewis as a business lawyer practicing in the firm's New Orleans office.



Catherine B. Moore (2015 JD) was named a partner in Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson law firm in January. She practices exclusively in the area of healthcare.



Lucas Self (2013 BACH H&SS, 2016 JD) joined Caplin & Drysdale as an associate in the complex litigation and bankruptcy practice groups in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. He was most recently at

a law firm in New Orleans and previously served as a law clerk to the Hon. Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and to the Hon. Brian A. Jackson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. While in law school, he was a board member and production editor of the *Louisiana Law Review*.



Ryan Terrill (2017 PHD SCIO, a postdoctoral researcher in Moore Lab of Zoology at Occidental College, Los Angeles, Calif., studies the evolution of bird molt, an adaptation that allows birds to

drop and regrow worn feathers each year. As the lead on the Mexican Bird Resurvey Project, he uses big biodiversity data and genomic tools to understand how a century of human-caused change has impacted bird communities.



Taylor Ashworth (2020 JD) joined Liskow & Lewis as an energy litigator practicing in the firm's Lafayette, La., office.



Joe Heaton (2020 JD) joined Liskow & Lewis as an energy litigator practicing in the firm's Lafayette, La., office.



BABY BENGALS



Jonathan Bradley (2006 BACH ENGR) and Mandy Bradley announce the

birth of their second son and future Tiger, Lucas Edward Bradley, on Aug. 12, 2020, at 12:17 pm. Lucas weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 3/4" long. He joins proud big brother, Mason, in their home in Dallas, Texas.



Sid Rodgers (1962 BACH BUS), of Deatsville, Ala., shares a photo of great-granddaughter

Madeline Brooks Rodgers, the first baby born in Baldwin County, Ala., in 2021. Madeline arrived at 3:49 p.m. on Jan. 1 at Thomas Hospital. Pictured are Kyle and Kate Rodgers of Daphne, Ala., along with Dr. Mary Wells (far right) and Megan Smith, CRNP.

Photo: GulfCoastNewsToday



Parker Wishik (2009 BACH MCOM) and Emily Duke Wishik announce the birth of their daughter, Elliot Drew Wishik, on March 14, 2020. Ellie is their

first child, and she arrived at 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 20.5 inches, just in time to bask in the afterglow of the LSU Football National Championship.

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In Memoriam



Charles Howard Barré (1943 BACH SCI) passed away in Baton Rouge on Nov. 18, 2020, at the age of 98. An avid supporter of LSU, Barré was a member of the LSU Foundation, LSU Alumni Association, and College of Science steering committee. He was a substantial donor to the Andonie Sports Museum and the Lod Cook Alumni Center, where he also volunteered his time as a docent. He established the Charles H. Barré Endowed Professorship of Chemistry, and, with his wife, the Charles and Mary Barré Endowed Professorship of Music. Barré was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 1991 and named LSU Alumnus of the Year in 2004.



Stephen Frank "Steve" Carter (1967 BACH H&SS) passed away on Jan. 26, 2021. A graduate of University Laboratory School and LSU, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, a three-time Athlete of the Year, served as Student Government Association President in 1965, and was a three-year letterman on the LSU tennis team, serving two years as team captain. During his career, he served as assistant athletic director and associate athletic director, was head coach of the tennis team, was a two-time SEC Coach of the Year, brought LSU to its first championship in forty-three years, and founded and led the Pelican Tennis Camp. He was named to the University High Athletic Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Tennis Hall of Fame. Carter served three terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives. He chaired the Education Committee and organized and chaired the Capital Region Legislative Delegation. As chair of the delegation, he was twice named Legislator of the Year by the Southwest Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.



Murphy James "Mike" Foster, Jr. (1952 BACH SCI), Louisiana's fifty-third governor, passed away on Oct. 4, 2020. During his two terms, Foster made massive new investments in infrastructure and in both K-12 and higher education, created the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and created the TOPS scholarship program that has provided scholarships to tens of thousands of students.



Suzanne Pauline "Sue" Wilbert Turner (1947 BACH H&SS, 2017 Honorary Doctor of Humanities), Baton Rouge philanthropist and community advocate passed away on Dec. 28, 2020. A major supporter of the LSU Alumni Association and the LSU Foundation, she served on the Foundation Board of Directors and the boards of the Louisiana State Museum and the Louisiana Museum Foundation. She was a trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a trustee emeritus of the LSU Museum of Art.



Thelma S. "Sugar" Woods (Alumna By Choice), a longtime, generous donor to the LSU Alumni Association, died on Jan. 7, 2021. The state-of-the-art, climate-controlled storage building adjacent to The Cook Hotel, lovingly referred to as the "Sugar Shack," was dedicated in February 2006. The Woods – Sugar, her husband, the late Dalton Woods, and their children – endowed three rooms in the hotel, two named for The Dalton Woods Family and one named for the Woods Family Mineral Company LLC.

1930s

Naomi Terry Pruyn Ward Anderson, 1938 BACH H&SS, Dec. 18, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

1940s

Ruth Pinkley Bates, 1947 BACH AGR, Sept. 26, 2020, Natchitoches, La.

Ellen Bernard Covington, 1948 BACH BUS, Dec. 26, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

James Don Edwards, 1949 BACH BUS, Nov. 21, 2020, Athens, Ga.

Leo B. Hoover, 1948 BACH H&SS, Jan. 16, 2021, Independence, La.

Jess Johnson, Jr., 1949 BACH H&SS, 1952 JD, Dec. 22, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Mary Hewes Leaks, 1943 BACH AGR, Dec. 4, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Frances Cason Pace, 1944 BACH BUS, Sept. 28, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Betty Shirley Roland, 1948 BACH AGR, Jan 21, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Oscar Peyton "Red" Waldrep, Jr., 1946 BACH H&SS, Oct. 31, 2020, Denham Springs, La.

1950s

Maggie "Madge" Deville Armistead, 1956 BACH HS&E, 1965 MAST HS&E, Sept. 28, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Ralph F. Braun, 1958 BACH ENGR, Oct. 11, 2020, Washington, D.C.

Charles Vernon Breard, 1958 BACH ENGR, Oct. 24, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Paul Lawrence Davidson, Jr., 1952 BACH ENGR, Oct. 21, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Wayne Thomas Davis, 1957 BACH ENGR, 1959 MAST ENGR, Oct. 29, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Beverly Jean Tinsley Elkins, 1950 BACH AGR, Jan. 19, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Donald Francis Farrelly, 1950 BACH ENGR, Oct. 17, 2018, Prairieville, La.

Jaquelin Smith Freeman, 1951 BACH H&SS, Nov. 18, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Durbin J. "Dub" Gibbens, Jr., 1956 BACH BUS, Nov. 9, 2020, Ponchatoula, La.

Edwin Allen Graves, Sr., 1953 BACH BUS, Nov. 14, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

In Memoriam

Alvin Earl “Coleman” Harkins, Jr., 1959 BACH ENGR, Oct. 12, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Marion Ray Hinson, 1958 BACH AGR, Oct. 18, 2020, Spring, Texas

Gabriel Joseph “Gabe” Jumonville, Sr., 1950 BACH HS&E, 1955 MAST HS&E, Nov. 19, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

James Howard Keene, 1959 MAST AGR, 1962 PHD AGR, Feb. 9, 2021, Jonesboro, Ark.

Walter Richard Krousel, Jr., 1955 JD, Nov. 14, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

John Ladd Lanier, 1956 BACH H&SS, 1959 JD, Jan. 21, 2021, Thibodaux, La.

Libbye Landry Larence, 1954 BACH AGR, Oct. 10, 2020, Venice, Fla.

Florence Heard Larguier, 1956 BACH AGR, Jan. 18, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Eugene Joseph “Gene” LeBlanc, Sr., 1955 BACH H&SS, Oct. 7, 2020, Sunshine, La.

Richard Webster Leche, Jr., 1954 BACH H&SS, Nov. 28, 2020, Covington, La.

Francis Harwood “Frank” Leonard, 1958 BACH AGR, Sept. 21, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Mildred Glascock Maruschak, 1958 MAST HS&E, Sept. 25, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Carroll S. “Sonny” Mayer, Jr., 1952 BACH H&SS, Nov. 23, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

William C. Norris, Jr., 1955 BACH H&SS, 1967 MAST H&SS, Sept. 27, 2020, New Orleans, La.

Anne Byrnes O’Brien, 1959 BACH HS&E, Dec. 24, 2020, Ethel, La.

John Frederick Piker, Jr., 1955 BACH ENGR, 1965 MD-NO, Oct. 25, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Mary Ellen Spiller Robert, 1954 BACH MCOM, Dec. 2, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Ruth Crutcher Sessions, 1955 BACH HS&E, 1957 BACH ENGR, Oct. 4, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Arnold Eugene Simmons, 1953 MAST HS&E, Feb. 12, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Jeannine Hinton Tate, 1951 BACH AGR, Nov. 21, 2020, Zachary, La.

Lucille Rose Ellis Uffman, 1957 BACH AGR, Sept. 20, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

George “Huber” Wilkinson, 1957 BACH AGR, Oct. 21, 2020, Crawford, Texas

1960s

Amy Gail Allen, 1969 BACH HS&E, 1976 CERT HS&E, Jan. 9, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Michael O’Donnell Bourgeois, 1966 BACH H&SS, 1969 MD-NO, Nov. 17, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Thomas A. Burch, 1968 PHD AGR, Oct. 25, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Charles Sidney Comeaux, Jr., 1965 BACH BUS, Sept. 26, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Hugh Michael “Mike” Cannon, 1968 BACH BUS, 1971 JD, Sept. 23, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Linda Delaune Couville, 1965 BACH HS&E, Nov. 21, 2020, Gonzales, La.

Chester Reginald “Reg” Dunbar, Jr., 1965 BACH AGR, Nov. 16, 2020, Greenwell Springs, La.

Bobby Gene Fulmer, 1960 MD-NO, Oct. 1, 2020, New Roads, La.

Douglas Marion “Doug” Gonzales, 1963 JD, Jan. 22, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Gwendolyn Ann Guelfo, 1969 BACH HS&E, Oct. 15, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Stella Dabadie Guidroz, 1965 BACH H&SS, 1968 MSW, Dec. 3, 2020, Hammond, La.

Joseph Burnell Guillory, 1966 BACH H&SS, Jan. 20, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

John Arthur Graves, 1965 BACH ENGR, Jan. 16, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Arthur Joseph “Art” Hannaman, III, 1968 BACH BUS, Dec. 19, 2020, Denham Springs, La.

Susan Coppejans Hodges-Rozas, 1966 BACH H&SS, retired printing consulting supervisor, LSU Graphic Services, Jan. 13, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Terry G. Karns, 1961 BACH BUS, Dec. 2, 2020, Mt. Arlington, N.J.

Cheryl Brackin King, 1966 BACH AGR, 1986 MAST SCI, Oct. 7, 2020, Plaquemine, La.

Dan Lewis, 1964 BACH HS&E, Feb. 2, 2021, Springdale, Ark.

Frederick Othmar Martty, 1962 BACH H&SS, Oct. 26, 2020, New Orleans, La.

Paul Porter Matthews, 1962 BACH BUS, Dec. 24, 2020, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Michael Day McCoy, 1963 BACH AGR, 1993 MAST HS&E, Nov. 16, 2020, New Roads, La.

Harry O. Mills, Jr., 1964 BACH BUS, Feb. 6, 2021, Central, La.

Tyrone Thomas Pizzolato, 1963 BACH H&SS, Dec. 22, 2020, Donaldsonville, La.

Charlene “Shane” Folse Pollet, 1965 BACH HS&E, Sept. 23, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Alvin Thomas “Tommy” Richardson, 1969 BACH ENGR, Jan. 9, 2021, Sorrento, La.

Joseph Aaron Roy, 1960 BACH H&SS, 1963 MD-NO, Jan. 13, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Chester P. Simoneaux, 1961 BACH AGR, Nov. 21, 2020, Port Allen, La.

Victor J. “Vic” Stelly, 1965 MAST HS&E, Dec. 26, 2020, Lake Charles, La.

Donald Ray “Don” “Duck” Stewart, 1961 BACH MCOM, Sept. 26, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Adam John Tassin, Jr., 1969 BACH H&SS, 1969 MD-NO, Dec. 23, 2020, Ville Platte, La.

James Howard “Jim” Turner, 1966 BACH AGR, Oct. 17, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Betty Gay Cooper Yerger, 1961 BACH H&SS, Jan. 26, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1970s

Susan Olivia Womack Blackwell, 1970 MAST HS&E, Nov. 6, 2020, Carlisle, Penn.

Bert Anthony Braud, 1971 PHD M&DA, Oct. 19, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Rachael Virginia Pullig “Ginger” Breithaupt, 1971 BACH A&D, Dec. 18, 2020, Whitehall, La.

Denmon Britt, 1976 BACH H&SS, Oct. 29, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Mary Campo, 1975 BACH HS&E, Jan. 2, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Jesse D. Cannon, Jr., 1972 BACH A&D, Feb. 13, 2021, New Orleans, La.

Robert Capell, III, 1970 BACH ENGR, Jan. 12, 2021, Cumming, Ga.

Walter Louis Comeaux, II, 1973 BACH H&SS, Dec. 1, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Michael Alvin Curole, 1972 BACH ENGR, Sept. 15, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Ila Finley Dieterich, 1972 BACH MCOM, Nov. 3, 2020, Slidell, La.

Daniel W. Hebert, 1970 BACH A&D, Sept. 17, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Judith Corvers “Judy” Hurdle, 1975 BACH HS&E, 1995 MAST HS&E, Jan. 22, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Bernard Joiner, 1964 BACH ENGR, 1966 MAST ENGR, Jan. 12, 2021, Vienna, Va.

Patience Catherine Weidt Keisler, 1972 BACH HS&E, 1979 PHD HS&E, Nov. 29, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Lawrence Marvin King, 1975 BACH SCI, Dec. 13, 2020, Cypress, Texas
Linda “Terry” Armshaw Lewis, 1971 BACH H&SS, Dec. 9, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Martha Albritton “Kay” McKay, 1977 MAST HS&E, Nov. 1, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
James Stephen Melton, 1971 BACH BUS, Jan. 13, 2021, St. Francisville, La.
Carey Joseph Messina, 1978 JD, Feb. 10, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Sandra Ann Navarre, 1974 BACH HS&E, Nov. 29, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Richard Lee Peabody, 1977 BACH H&SS, 1976 MSW, Dec. 22, 2020, St. Francisville, La.
Richard Augustin Richard, 1971 BACH H&SS, Jan. 21, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
J. Webb Taylor, 1971 BACH BUS, Jan. 21, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1980s

Stephen James “Steve” Anselmo, 1984 BACH H&SS, Oct. 25, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Carl Edward Babin, 1987 BACH H&SS, Oct. 28, 2020, Sunshine, La.
Donna Britt Ballard, 1980 BACH HS&E, Jan. 21, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Murray T. Burch, 1984 BACH H&SS, Dec. 16, 2020, Jackson, Miss.
Jeffrey Thomas Daniel, 1981 BACH BUS, Sept. 22, 2020, Roswell, Ga.
Brenda Lee Jarreau Gann, 1988 BACH H&SS, Sept. 6, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Sally Jinene Basiccker Gentry, 1985 BACH H&SS, 1988 MAST HS&E, Nov. 9, 2020, St. Gabriel, La.
Noel Francis Hammatt, 1988 SPEC HS&E, 1992 MAST HS&E, Oct. 16, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Carl Lee Hancock, Jr., 1988 BACH BUS, Nov. 10, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Vira May Lyon Kelton Harvey, 1980 BACH H&SS, Oct. 4, 2020, Covington, La.
William Shelby Maddie, 1983 BACH AGR, Nov. 20, 2020, Flower Mound, Texas
Louis D. “Mike” Michel, III, 1983 BACH A&D, Jan. 8, 2020, Oakland, Calif.
Terry Phillip Orillion, 1982 BACH BUS, Nov. 25, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Paul Slocumb West, 1980 JD, 2005 MBA, Jan. 26, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1990s

Jeffrey Michael Babin, 1995 BACH AGR, Dec. 20, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Carla Rae Cadenhead Boba, 1993 BACH BUS, Dec. 19, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Harry Lee Eskew, 1995 MLS, Nov. 29, 2020, Macon, Ga.
Ralph Joseph Gonsoulin, 1991 BACH ENGR, 2000 MBA, Sept. 16, 2020, Conroe, Texas
Susan Foster Richardson Kean, 1992 BACH H&SS, Jan. 27, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Ruffin Adam Rodrigue, Jr., 1990 BACH BUS, Nov. 25, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
Craig Andre Sauvic, 1991 BACH A&D, Sept. 28, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.
John A. Stowe, 1992 BACH H&SS, Jan. 31, 2021, Denham Springs, La.

2000s

Nicole Janak Chapman, 2009 MAST A&D, Sept. 30, 2020, Zachary, La.
John Earl “Pud” Domingue, 2005 BACH H&SS, Dec. 23, 2020, Scott, La.
Don E. McCarrol, 2001 BACH ENGR, Feb. 1, 2021, Bayou Barbary, La.
Brandon Thomas Nosacka, 2006 BACH MCOM, Dec. 15, 2020, Williamstown, N.J.

2010s

Kevin Jack Steuterman, 2012 BACH BUS, Jan. 8, 2021, Clinton, Utah

H. Parrott Bacot

Professor Emeritus of Art History.
 Retired Curator, Anglo-American Art
 Museum (LSU Art Museum)
 October 10, 2020
 Baton Rouge, La.

Sylvia Bernadette Sullivan Duke

Alumna By Choice
 Oct. 11, 2020
 Baton Rouge, La.

Tommy Francis Hill

Retired Manager, Louisiana State
 Geological Survey
 Dec. 11, 2020
 Baton Rouge, La.

Robert Harold Rasmussen

Assistant Vice-President for LSU System
 Relations
 Nov. 30, 2020
 Shreveport, La.

Judith Ann Schiebout

Retired Associate Professor of Geology
 Director, LSU Museum of Geoscience
 Curator, LSU Museum of Natural Science
 Sept. 24, 2020
 Baton Rouge, La.

Jewel Delagarza Scruggs

Alumna by Choice
 Jan. 4, 2021
 Baton Rouge, La.

Demarcus D. Smith, III

Alumnus By Choice
 Oct. 26, 2020
 Baton Rouge, La.

Robert Edward Wiemer, Sr.

Alumnus By Choice
 Jan. 4, 2020
 Baton Rouge, La.

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Tigers in Print

Paige Bowers (1995 BACH MCOM, 2012 MAST H&SS)

Overnight Code: The Life of Raye Montague, the Woman Who Revolutionized Naval Engineering (Chicago Review Press)

Raye Montague, an ambitious little girl from segregated Little Rock spent a lifetime educating herself, both inside and outside of the classroom, so that she could become the person and professional she aspired to be. Where some saw roadblocks, Montague only saw hurdles that needed to be overcome. Her mindset helped her become the first person to draft a ship design by computer, using a program she worked late nights to debug. She did this as a single mother during the height of the Cold War, all the while imbuing her son with the hard-won wisdom she had accumulated throughout the years. Equal parts coming-of-age tale, civil rights history, and reflection on the power of education, *Overnight Code* is a tale about the persistence and perseverance required to forge the life of your dreams when the odds against you seem insurmountable, and it shows how one woman refused to let other people's prejudices stand in the way of her success.

Don Callaway (1978 BACH H&SS, 1981 MAST H&SS)

The Captain's Boy (Bancroft Press)
As he returns home from gathering supplies with his father, fourteen-year-old Isaiah is looking forward to showing off his new symbol of manhood to his mother and sisters. What he doesn't expect to find is his home burned and pillaged, his barn up in flames, and his family dead at his feet. Equipped with nothing but a description of the man who led the raid and the few items the raiders left behind, Isaiah and his father take to the road with one goal in mind: justice. When it is clear justice cannot be obtained without bloodshed, they go to meet General Washington and join the American Revolution. With his father forming a cavalry of riflemen, Isaiah learns the ways of the wilderness, hunting, and combat from men with their own reasons for joining the war. Realizing he is now a part of a cause bigger than himself, Isaiah gradually finds out what it means to be a man.

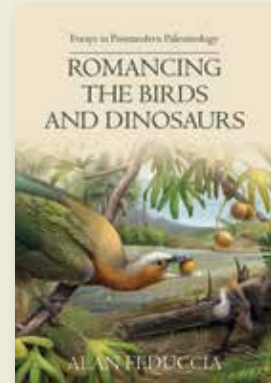
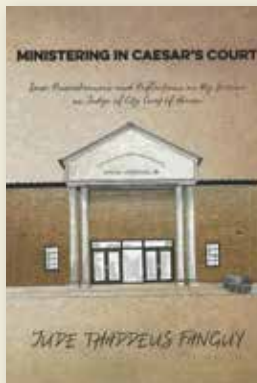
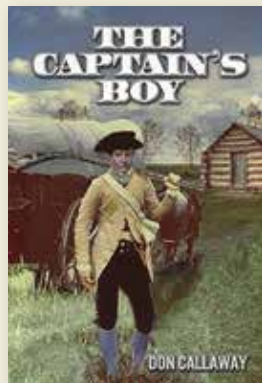
Jude Thaddeus Fanguy (1967 JD) *Ministering in Caesar's Court* (Jude Thaddeus Fanguy)

Jude Thaddeus Fanguy served as judge of City Court of Houma, La., for thirty-six years. *Ministering in Caesar's Court* is a remembrance

of many of the events, cases, issues, and individuals which and who interacted with him during that service. It also reflects on many of those cases and issues. Those years of service were a non-ending learning curve, during which he learned the mechanics of functioning as judge – basically knowing the law, crafting a skill and judicial philosophy. Fanguy began his service understanding the work he did as civic service to his community. In time he came to see his work as kingdom ministry. That gave it a meaning and purpose it did not have previously. It resonated with his evolving spirituality and gave his life a holistic integrity it previously lacked.

Alan Feduccia (1965 BACH H&SS) *Romancing the Birds and Dinosaurs* (Brown Walker Press)

Birds and dinosaurs have dominated human interest for decades. In this well-supported revolutionary view of the field, critical questions are explored with credible evidence and biological thought. Are birds derived directly from advanced dinosaurs, or are they closely related dinosaur cousins? Did flight originate via the natural "gravity-assisted" trees-down model, or from the improbable "gravity-



resisted" ground-up model? Were the earliest birds ground-predators or trunk-climbing gliders? Were dinosaurs hot-blooded with insulating protofeathers, or highly active cold-blooded reptiles? These are among the questions addressed in this path-breaking book. *Romancing the Birds and Dinosaurs* is a lucid revelation of clarity and synthesis, a fascinating unveiling of the underlying science that has produced the good, but also often appalling fossil research and wild speculation in bird and dinosaur evolution. A must read for anyone interested in this rapidly evolving field, the short, concise and incisive essays provide the reader with access to this complex topic.

Vincent Fornias (1977 BACH H&SS, 1977 JD)

Now You Sue Them, Now You Don't: The Magic of Mediating (Full Court Press)

After almost 4,000 mediations, the author, a lawyer for over four decades, has written a practical, concise, and humorous guide that gives useful insights to aspiring mediators concerning both the building of a mediation practice and the demanding dynamics of the process. *Now You Sue Them, Now You Don't: The Magic of Mediating* also serves as a valuable tool for parties and advocates in mediation for its invaluable behind-the-scene look at how a mediator "works his magic."

Neal Golden (1966 BACH H&SS)

LSU Bowl Games: A Complete History (McFarland Publishers)

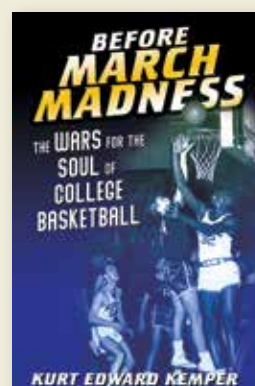
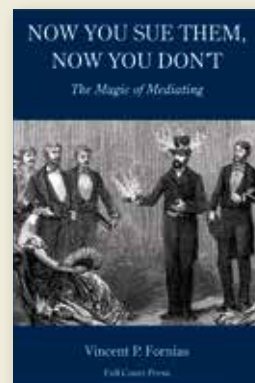
Telling the story of LSU football through coverage of each of the Tigers' fifty bowl games – from 1907 through 2019 – this book provides summaries of the teams' regular season and their opponents' season, along with quarter-by-quarter game

highlights, team rosters, important stats, and quotes from players and coaches. Bowl games are presented in a number of notable contexts, including games against Hall of Fame coaches (1936-1938 Sugar Bowls, 2010 Capital One Bowl), games that featured Heisman Trophy winners (1959-1960 Sugar Bowls, 2019 Peach Bowl), LSU's first games against Black players (1965 Sugar Bowl, 1972 Bluebonnet Bowl), and the first game played by a U.S. football team in a foreign country (1907 Bacardi Bowl).

Kurt Edward Kemper (2000 PHD H&SS)

Before March Madness: The Wars for the Soul of College Basketball (University of Illinois Press)

Big money NCAA basketball had its origins in a many-sided conflict between large schools focused on a commercialized game that privileged wins and profits and a tenuous alliance of liberal arts colleges, historically Black colleges, and regional state universities, and the competing interests of the NAIA, each with distinct interests. Kemper tells the dramatic story of the clashes that shook college basketball at mid-century – and how the repercussions continue to influence college sports to the present day. Taking readers inside the competing factions, he details why historically Black colleges and regional schools came to embrace commercialization. As he shows, the NCAA's strategy of co-opting its opponents gave each group just enough to play along—while the victory of the big-time athletics model handed the organization the power to seize control of college sports. An innovative history of an overlooked era, *Before March Madness* looks at how promises, power, and money laid the groundwork for an American sports institution.



Tigers in Print

N. Stephan Kinsella (1987 BACH ENGR, 1990 MAST ENGR, 1991 JD)
International Investment, Political Risk, and Dispute Resolution: A Practitioner's Guide (Oxford University Press)

The second edition of *International Investment, Political Risk and Dispute Resolution* explores the multi-layered legal framework for the protection of foreign investment against political risk. The authors expertly analyze some of the key issues surrounding this subject, such as structuring transactions to minimize political risk, political risk insurance, state responsibility, treaties protecting foreign investment, and international arbitration between states and investors. This book is addressed to a wide audience and is suitable as a primer for non-specialist practitioners seeking to familiarize themselves with international law pertaining to political risk. While appropriate for practitioner use, this book is also suitable for undergraduate students or for graduates who intend to specialize in international investment law.

Eugene J. LeBlanc (1955 BACH H&SS)

The Luckiest Boy in Sunshine: Despite the Wolves at the Door (Self-Published)

Soon after his birth in 1928, hardship struck the family of Eugene J. LeBlanc. The family home and business, an old country store along the river road, were destroyed by arsonists. The family rebuilt, but business fell off with the end of prohibition and customers unable to pay their accounts during the depression. His father found industrial work and contracted an infection that claimed his life when LeBlanc was only twelve years old. Plunged into poverty, the family



– among the earliest recipients of Social Security survivor benefits – survived. LeBlanc joined the U.S. Navy as World War II ended and attended LSU on the GI Bill. At LSU, he was a charter member of TKE. He found love with coed Rachael Broussard. They married in 1952, settled in rural Sunshine, La., and raised eleven children, all of whom graduated from LSU. LeBlanc was an avid genealogist and local historian. He overcame poverty and loss to fill ninety-two years of life with happiness and love, a second wife at eighty-eight years old, an always open door, and story to share with anyone.

John D. McCown (1975 BACH BUS)

Giants of the Sea: Ships & Men Who Changed the World (Ingram Spark)
 Giants of the Sea is the story of the colossal cargo ships that make today's world trade possible and the nine pioneers most responsible for them. The book covers the development of the modern cargo shipping industry with a focus on the postwar period when specialization and increases in vessel size dramatically reduced shipping costs. Each of today's major shipping segments is covered in detail with data on the ships and related information on their activity. In addition to chapters on each of the nine individuals and

their contributions, an array of other subjects is covered – where ships are built, the cost economics of shipping, the effect of geography, China's impact on shipping, shipping and the environment, challenges facing the industry, and the future of shipping. An underlying thesis of the book is that the extraordinary cost efficiency of shipping is a prime catalyst in the postwar explosion of trade, which in addition to economic benefits, has resulted in lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty and makes the world a more peaceful safer place.

Christopher Savoy (1998 BACH A&D)

Cash Diet (Honoré Press)

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Bob Tompkins (1972 BACH H&SS)

Choice Fruits From the Family Tree - Stories About My Parents, Grandparents and Other Ancestors Who Made a Difference
(Bob Tompkins)

Award-winning journalist Bob Tompkins entertained readers of the *Town Talk* newspaper in Alexandria, La., for almost four decades as a sportswriter, and readers especially liked his columns and feature stories. In his first venture into publishing since his retirement in 2015, he writes stories about a dozen deceased members of his family, each of whom has a rich history. From his parents, Chris and Jean, who stole the show

along St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans on Mardi Gras for many years, to James Brown McCaw, a great-great grandfather who gained fame for running the acclaimed Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond during the Civil War, Tompkins covers a lot of ground in fleshing out these ancestors, who made a difference in helping others during their lives, including two uncles who gave their lives in the service of their country during World War II. The book is targeted especially for relatives who may enjoy learning more about distinguished members of the family, but it is written in such a way to perhaps draw in some, who were familiar with Bob's storytelling ability during his newspaper career, and want to peruse the stories of some of those who preceded him on the family tree.

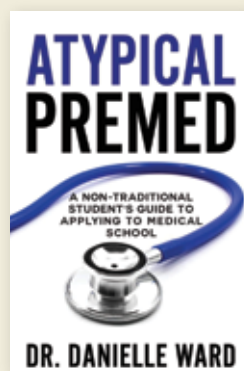
Danielle Ward (2009 BACH SCI)

Atypical Premed: A Non-Traditional Student's Guide to Applying to Medical School (Danielle Ward DO)
The decision to apply to medical school is not one that can be made easily overnight. The process is especially grueling for nontraditional students who do not fit the cookie-cutter mold of the thousands of students applying to medical school each year. As a three-time medical school applicant, single mother, and former nontraditional student, Dr. Danielle Ward knows the difficulties

and obstacles that come along with the decision to start on the path to becoming a physician. *Atypical Premed* was created to prove that despite not fitting the mold, you absolutely can accomplish your dream of becoming a physician! The book is filled with advice, tips, and the author's personal experiences to guide and encourage students from all backgrounds who are interested in pursuing a medical career.

Chris Warner (1993 BACH H&SS, 1995 MPA)

Inside the Eye of the Tiger (Wagon Publishing)
Hall of Fame LSU tennis coach Jerry Simmons' memoirs of twenty-six years of coaching is an engaging and sometimes startling read that will once and for all set the record straight on how business was conducted inside LSU Athletics during its roller coaster ride from 1981 to 1998, and beyond. As told to author Chris Warner by Jerry Simmons in a straightforward, provocative style characteristic of his maverick personality, this is a must-read for anyone hoping to enter the big business of college athletics, whether coaching or administratively; as it is the tell-all sports book that will forever alter the stereotype of the modern, big-time southern athletic department. This is a politically correct book.



From Great Heights

By Elizabeth Mariotti



Elyse Marks at work inspecting an historic building facade.



Elyse Marks (2010 BACH A&D) studies the facade of a historic building, inspecting the walls for cracks. Hundreds of feet below her, the city streets of New York buzz, a distant blur. Tethered to the side of a skyscraper, Elyse scales a window many stories above the ground, trusting her harness and ropes.

“I know that I have participated in some small way to furthering the life of an existing building for future generations to enjoy.”

“I get a rush of fear and excitement every time I go over the roof parapet of a new building – it is an incredible experience,” she shared. “The first time I went on a scaffold I remember being terrified the whole time, but at the same time I found it exhilarating. Over the years it has actually become one of my favorite parts of the job, because it means I get to see the city from a very unique perspective that not that many people get to experience.”

After earning her bachelor’s degree from LSU, Marks received a master of science in historic preservation from Columbia University in 2012. She has worked at architecture and engineering firms in the New York City area that specialize in the restoration and rehabilitation of exterior building enclosures. She is now project manager/studio head at CANY Architecture + Engineering, DPC. Over the past five years, her work has focused on exterior facade restoration of historic and landmarked buildings within New York City.

So far she has worked on several historically significant buildings in New York City, such as City Bank Farmer’s Trust Building, Plaza Hotel, Coty Building, Crown Building, and Flatiron Building. “Contributing to the history of these significant structures has been a great honor to me, not only as a lover of architectural history with a passion for preserving the iconic New York City skyline, but also because it is extremely satisfying to see a project come to completion,” she said.

Her journey toward a career in preservation started when she was an undergraduate. Students were tasked with designing a building of their own choosing, and Marks asked a professor if she could pick an existing building on the proposed project site and create a new use. “It was my first exposure to the concepts of restoration and adaptive reuse.”

Now her projects generally begin when building deterioration is noted, potentially posing public safety issues. Marks and her team conduct a comprehensive building investigation, visiting all roofs, terraces, balconies,

setbacks – “every nook and cranny of the building.” For the parts of the building that can’t be accessed on foot, such as the exterior facade, investigations are typically conducted via rope access, which must be performed by a SPRAT- or IRATA-certified rope access technician. As a SPRAT-certified rope access technician, Marks is able to gain access to all areas of a building to perform close-up inspections, with the purpose of identifying and evaluating deteriorated components of the building facade before they become hazardous.

Marks has received recognition as a female succeeding in a formerly male-dominated field. She was featured on *The Today Show*, along with several of her female colleagues, on her experiences as a SPRAT-certified rope access technician. She was interviewed by *Madame Architect* on her path navigating a male-dominated industry. “One of my proudest moments was finishing the first full facade restoration campaign where I was involved in every step of the process from initial investigation through closeout,” she said. “Being able to witness and have a hand in bringing a beautiful historic building back to its former glory was a revelatory experience for me – it really confirmed that I had chosen the right career path and that I could see myself doing this kind of work for a long time.”

New York City may seem a world away from Louisiana, but Marks said she always knew that she wanted to go to LSU, and it ultimately led her to the “city that never sleeps.” Her architecture degree was invaluable and gave her a head start when she arrived to Columbia for graduate school, she said. “Because my LSU professors had given me a strong foundation of knowledge on building systems, structures, and architectural history, I already understood the fundamentals of building and design.”

The best part of her job: contributing to the preservation of historic architecture that will stand the test of time. “I know that I have participated in some small way to furthering the life of an existing building for future generations to enjoy.”

Elizabeth Mariotti is communications manager at the College of Art + Design

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Keith Comeaux, with his LSU lanyard front and center, helped engineer the Perseverance rover landing on Mars.



Shout out to fellow @LSU alumni that helped make @NASAPERSEVERE a reality: Harish Manohara, Ken Van Amringe, Guy @pyrzak, Morgan Parker, and Elham Maghsoudi. Photo: Thom Wynn/JPL/CalTech

Mars Landing – Keith Comeaux (1989 BACH ENGR), deputy chief engineer for NASA's Mars 2020 rover mission at the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, was a member of the team that successfully landed the Perseverance rover on Mars in February. Perseverance launched in July 2020 and traveled more than 290 million miles to reach Mars. Comeaux posted a photo from Mission Control with the hashtag:

IT'S GEAX TIME!! @NASAPERsevere #CountdownToMars @LSU @NASAPERsevere pic.twitter.com/Elfm3vxA7Keith Comeaux (@kacomeaux) February 18, 2021 Keith Comeaux (@kacomeaux) February 18, 2021

Comeaux was flight director for Curiosity's 2012 entry, descent, and landing on Mars. He was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 2013.



Robert J. O'Brien
Photos: Margaret O'Brien

O'Brien Collection Established –

While an undergraduate, the late Robert J. O'Brien (1958 BACH H&SS) "discovered for the first time how delightfully amusing Shakespeare can be" while listening to a professor recite. He wrote articles on Shakespeare as a college student, mostly regarding the meter and formation of a verse. He earned a master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Iowa, and before teaching at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W.V., he taught at the University of Maryland global campuses in Asia and Germany.

The time spent listening to Shakespeare turned into a consuming passion to collect recordings of Shakespeare. His collection of more than 1,200 disc recordings and 200 CDs date as far back as 1911, and the Dr. Robert J. O'Brien Shakespeare Recording Collection is the result of many years of study, collection, and travel. The collection is maintained by the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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Steve Brown and Chris Fronczek.

Remembering – Frank Fronczek (1970 BACH SCI), director of the X-Ray Crystallography Lab in the Department of Chemistry, writes: “I am saddened to be reminded of Steve Brown’s death. He was a good friend both in high school and then at LSU in the late 1960s. Attached is a picture of Steve with my son Chris Fronczek (2010 BACH ENGR) at a Southern California crawfish boil in May 2017. We miss Steve very much. Brown (1972 BACH SCI) died in December 2019. He was instrumental in founding the SoCAL Alumni Chapter and served on its board of directors for thirty years.



Samuel Stokes plays a rhythm on tuned wine glasses in episode 5 of *Create Together*.

Sharing in Emmy Win – Samuel Stokes (2013 PHD M&DA), an audio curator on the hitRECORD platform since 2015, shares credit for the YouTube Originals series *Create Together*, which was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Innovation in Interactive Media. The platform created early last year when many businesses were shut down and most of everyone’s time was spent at home, highlights the many ways in which creative people from all around the world can still collaborate on artistic projects when it isn’t possible to do so in person.



From left, two-year-old Odessa, seven-year-old Louis, and fifteen-year-old Murdock.

Westies LSU – “Murdock, Louis, and Odessa, are seated in LSU stadium seats acquired when the stadium was renovated,” writes Donna Guidry, of Crowley, La. “My husband, Ryan was a contractor on that job, and we are LSU fans. Everyone loves the Westie LSU photos!” The Guidrys are LSU ABCs (Alumni By Choice).



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Sidney Rodgers (1962 BACH BUS), of Deatsville, Ala., writes: "I go with my son, John, to volunteer at Grace's Kitchen in Birmingham, and there I met volunteer Sabrina Lange (1989 BACH BUS), also an LSU grad."



Assisted Living King & Queen – As part of Mardi Gras fun, St. James Place named its "Assisted Living King & Queen." King John Thomas (1963 BACH H&SS, 1967 MD-NO), a retired orthopedic surgeon and LSU football team doctor, played shortstop on LSU's 1961 Championship baseball team. Queen Rosetta Mainieri is the mother of Coach Paul Mainieri.



Wedding Bells – Patrick Fruge (2016 BACH BUS) and Vanessa Beall (2018 BACH ENGR), of Ocean Springs, Miss., were married on Nov. 13, 2020. "We were married in Baton Rouge at Most Blessed Sacrament by our priest from Mississippi, Father Dominic Pham, assisted by our friend, Father Ryan Hallford, of St. Aloysius Parish. We live in Ocean Springs, Miss., with my – now our – daughter, Kassi Wright, pictured with us. I work at Chevron in Pascagoula, Miss., and Patrick is pursuing a master's degree in computer science at the University of South Alabama."



Payne Hall – The accomplishments, tireless service, and lasting contributions made by Ladell Payne (1956 MAST H&SS) to Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., were recognized with the dedication of Payne Hall in October 2020. Payne, who served as the college’s thirteenth president from 1979-1997, was honored for his lasting contributions to the college and to higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The building also recognizes Haywood A. “Hap” Payne, Jr., Randolph-Macon’s first African American student.

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inauguration and have been part of the official escort to the president in each inaugural event since 1925.

- Presidential Escort at both the U.S. Capitol and the White House – SSG Chris Watkins, trumpet; MSG Jason Sanders, trumpet; MSG Michael Hooke, percussion; MSG Benjamin Cadle, French horn; and SGM Graham Breedlove, trumpet.
- Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery Ceremony – MSG Robert Aughtry, flute.
- With the “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band at the Swearing-in Ceremony, U. S. Capitol swearing-in ceremony – MSgt Christopher McFarlane, bassoon.
- Composer of Integrity Fanfare and March played by the “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band to introduce Vice President Kamala Harris – Julie Giroux.
- Involved in rehearsals leading up to inauguration day were SFC Jennifer Dreispul Trujillo, clarinet; SFC Kelly Satterwhite, horn; and MSG Brooke Barker Eberly, French horn.



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