

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018

184 SENIORS GRADUATING FROM GSB ON FRIDAY

In the long history of the School only 106 bankers out of a total of 16,166 graduates have received all A's on their bank study projects. Tomorrow we will graduate number 107, the distinguished student is Derek Matherne, AVP, Credit Analyst, First American Bank & Trust, Vacherie, LA. He will be recognized at graduation tomorrow by Chairman Robert Taylor who will present him a special certificate. Congratulations! Diplomas signifying successful completion of all requirements of the Graduate School of Banking at LSU will be presented to 184 members of the Class of 2018 at graduation exercises Friday morning.

The ceremonies will begin promptly at 11:00 am at the Cotillion Ballroom in the LSU Union and will conclude by 11:45 or even sooner. Presiding will be President of GSB, Robert Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Bankers Association.

Others on campus and attending are Jody Hudgins, President-elect of the School and Watts Steger, Immediate Past President, John Davis, Past President and Don Woodland, Executive Vice President and Director of GSB.

We also are honored to have with us Mr. Doug Weimer, Executive Director of Continuing Education at LSU. Doug will bring greetings from the university and participate in the ceremonies. His comments will be brief.

Winners of the BMSim competition will be recognized.

It is a GSB tradition for the president of the senior class to say a few words at the graduation ceremony, and this year the president of the Class of 2018, Donald Hillbish, will be on stage. It has been a pleasure working with Donald, Lauren and all officers of the Class of 2018.

WHAT SENIORS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GRADUATION

There will be no rehearsal. Everyone will have a specific seat in the Cotillion Ballroom. A graduation seating chart is included with the Red Stick Times TODAY. Check out your seat assignment along with the graduation set-up on the back. By 10:50, Seniors should be in their seats. Guests will be seated in the section behind the students.

Presentation of diplomas will be row-by-row starting from the front. Each row will rise in unison on signal from the Marshall (Don Woodland) at the far left. The row will proceed to the left steps of the stage. Stop on the top step. When your name is called, walk on the stage to receive your diploma, then continue across the stage to the opposite steps, and return to your seat and sit down.

At the end of the program, everybody will rise and move to the back of the ballroom where the reception will be held. Your family and guests will join you at the reception.

Don't wear your nametags during graduation but have them in your pocket to put on at the reception. You look different dressed up and we want to call you by name.

BUSES will be running Friday between the campus and the airport from about 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Apartments will close at 1:30 pm.

NOTE: Your last meal in the 459 Commons will be breakfast on Friday morning.

TODAY @ GSB

5:30 – 7:00 Dinner

Tomorrow at GSB

8:15 - 9:30 Senior Exams

8:15 - 9:45 Junior Exams

8:15 - 9:45 Freshman Exams

11:00 - 12:00 Graduation Ceremony

BANCGRAD UPDATE

The school publishes twice a year a newsletter for alumni, students, faculty and others. The next issue will be posted on our gsblsu.org website in July. A notification email will be sent to you when it is available for viewing. It will be followed by a new edition in January.

EXAM SCORES

Your final grade for the year is an average of your first and second week exam scores, and this grade will be in the mail to you soon after the close of the session. **Please do not call the office to request your grade!** You will receive a grade report in the mail in about two weeks.

CHECK LIST FOR CHECKING OUT

- Pack carefully and make sure you take everything you intend to. Don't leave stuff.
- Double check for mail, packages or messages.
- You will find large garbage bags in your ECA apartment which should be used to empty the refrigerator, discard any personal bedding, toiletries, etc. that are frequently left at the end of the session. LSU cannot donate these discarded items. **All items should be removed as LSU will charge \$50 per bedroom if the apartment is not like you found it.** Dumpsters and recycle bins are available around the complex for your use. Please help the LSU cleaning staff by using these bags. Thanks!

TO CHECK OUT AT:

East Campus Apartments: residents must check out at the **LSU front desk** in the ECA Activity Center. Check out will begin at 7:00 am.

Give your name and keys to the LSU front desk. If your keys are not returned AT CHECK OUT, you will be billed \$80 to replace your bedroom key and/or \$155 to replace your apt outside door key or \$170 for both keys AND you should also return your apartment's outside key card to avoid a \$25 charge.

**TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE
2019 SESSION:
MAY 19 – 31, 2019**

GOOD FOOD & SERVICE

Many thanks to the excellent management and staff of the 459 Commons. The food was excellent and the quality of service is the level we hope to provide to our banking customers. It was a pleasure dining with you.

GSBLSU STUDENT WORKERS

THE School couldn't operate without the great team of young men and women who perform their assignments with a smile and who take pride in being known as our Student Workers. We are proud of them too, and appreciate the fine job they have done.

Eric Roussel, coordinator at Lod Cook Conference Center.

Alexis Brodnax has logged several hundred miles between the campus and GSB's permanent headquarters on Highland Road, to take care of tons of printing, including the Red Stick Times.

Other student workers include:

Peyton Graphia, Catherine Corder, Abby Perrault, and Meghan Domingo.

Audio/Visuals – **Cole McAlister and Andre Boudreaux**

Bank Management Simulation - **Ross Lemoine.**

THANKS to your cooperation, all 535 of you, the 2018 session of the GSB has operated very smoothly. The problems encountered have been relatively minor and quickly rectified. Also, our thanks go to LSU Dining for providing three excellent squares a day, and to the apartment staff for their good work.

Have a great summer!

THE END

Following exams and graduation on Friday, 535 bankers will head home to be with family and friends after spending two weeks in beautiful Baton Rouge. The end of the session also marks the close of my official association with the school.

My 52-year tenure has been extremely enjoyable, and personally and professionally rewarding. My association with thousands of student-bankers, faculty and fellow administrators and board members has been the highlight of my professional career and I will miss it.

Best wishes to each of you for a very successful banking career.

Don L. Woodland