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As we welcome our newest group of Tigers, we know that whether they come from Lafayette, Los Angeles, or London, they will come to love our university and what it means to the state of Louisiana. As alumni like yourself know, there is truly no other place like LSU.

We know that with an LSU education, one's potential is boundless. We have witnessed our graduates land rovers on Mars, write Academy Award-winning scores and New York Times best sellers, be awarded Pulitzer Prizes, and lead Fortune 500 companies.

Together, we are Tigers, united in the common pursuit of excellence.

Geaux Tigers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. King Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "F." and last name "Alexander" clearly legible.

F. King Alexander
LSU President



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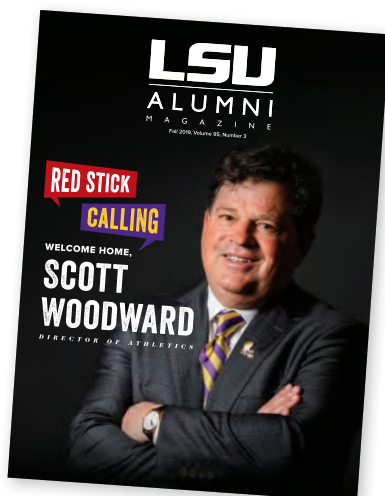
New LSU Director of Athletics Scott Woodward answered the call, as did LSU Board of Supervisors member Robert Dampf, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed, corporate trainer Rori Smith, Manship School of Mass Communication Dean Martin Johnson, LSU Alumni Association Senior Director of Alumni Engagement & Marketing Sally Stiel, and College of Science Dean Cynthia Peterson.

All True Tigers through and through.

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PRESIDENT AND CEO MESSAGE



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Red Stick – and LSU – Call Alums Home

I know LSU Tiger Nation joins me in wishing Athletic Director Scott Woodward (1985 BACH H&SS) the very best in his new venture. It's a big win for LSU. Scott's valuable experience in academics and athletics administration *and* his love for his hometown and his university made him the perfect choice for the top job. Welcome home, Scott.

Scott is among several alumni we are welcoming back to the capital city in this issue. Robert Dampf, Kim Hunter Reed, Rori Smith, Martin Johnson, Sally Stiel, and Cynthia Peterson are, like Scott, True Tigers through and through.

They made lifelong friends and valuable contacts, and they earned degrees that prepared them for successful futures. The *Forever LSU* instilled in their hearts and minds forged a lasting connection to the campus and the city, and when Red Stick called, they returned with a commitment to help make the University and Big BR ever better.

Speaking of “home” – twenty-five years ago we dedicated the Lod Cook Alumni Center at a gala featuring U.S. Presidents Ford, Carter, and Bush. Cook, who was then chairman of the board and president /CEO of ARCO, envisioned the center as a focal point for alumni engagement. He saw himself as a catalyst to create a “front door” for alumni and friends to enter when they returned to campus.

That vision was realized in more ways than anyone could have imagined, and the LSU Alumni Association footprint continued to grow. In 2001, President George H.W. Bush returned to campus to dedicate The Cook Hotel and Conference Center and in so doing declared the facility “a point of light for LSU.”

There is no doubt that both the alumni center and the hotel/conference have leveraged the dynamic growth of the Association *and* an awesome and engaged community of LSU alumni and friends. Take a walk down memory lane with us on pages 34-35.

Looking to the future, here's a brief update on the Association's long-range strategic plan, which was launched in January.

Network – The LSU Professional Networking initiative is on schedule to go live in 2019, and networking events are under way in multiple cities. Be on the lookout for an email announcement as you'll want to be a part of this exciting opportunity.

Engage – The initial meeting of the newly formed Young Alumni Council was held in the second quarter of the year. The feedback from these young professionals is important to the future of the Association. Mark Kent Anderson, a member of the Association's Global Board of Directors, is the council's leader. Visit lsualumni.org/blog/young-alumni-advisory-council.

Inspire – Through the LSU Engagement Forum, the Association is leading the way in partnering with representatives of the LSU Foundation, TAF, and LSU's colleges and schools to coordinate alumni engagement throughout the University.

Inform – LSU Tiger Advocates, the grassroots advocacy program, was upgraded with new software to facilitate immediate communication between LSU Tiger Nation and Louisiana legislators. Since 2015, LSU Tiger Advocates has helped stabilize state funding for higher education, making the program very beneficial for LSU. See 2019 Legislative Update, page 40.

Finally, echoing our cover-story message, “Welcome Home,” we look forward to welcoming you to campus this fall for football games and other exciting

events. And, of course, whether business or pleasure brings you to Red Stick, we hope you'll make The Cook Hotel your home away from home. Visit thecookhotel.com.

Geaux Tigers



Cliff Vannoy
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From Our Readers

Indian Mounds

Hi, Brenda -

Great job! Thanks very much for your work on this. Hopefully it will raise the awareness of the mounds, and given that the paper we submitted is in review and not yet published, you have written the first article giving the results! Thanks very much!

Brooks Ellwood

Professor of Geology & Geophysics

Greetings from Seattle

I was proud to be the oldest alum at the recent gathering of LSU graduates here in Seattle. I proudly wore my LSU Tigers shirt. I was nostalgically prompted to look up a photo of an LSU reunion in Puerto Rico which I attended in about 1944. I was working on an English language paper there at that time. Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list.

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Chapter Events



Joining Forces – LSU Golden Girls and Southern University Dancing Dolls alums danced together for the first time at the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge Ebb and Flow Festival celebration in April. The performance marked the Golden Girls' sixtieth year and the Dancing Dolls' fiftieth year.



South Florida – Eric Brumfield, Bill Spillers, John Adams, and Felipe Arenas were among the many Tigers enjoying crawdads with all the trimmings at the chapter's crawfish boil at Tropical Park in Miami.



Connie Johnson, Melissa Edgar, Robby Mayne, and Ginger Haberle.



Carol Calkins and her family.



Robby Mayne, Ryan Menards, and Mike Thomas.



Christi Kennedy, Rhonda Bossard, and Ginger Haberle.

Tyler Texas Tigers – More than 500 Tyler Tigers gathered at True Vine Brewing Company in April for the chapter's crawfish boil. Patt Mason and Bayou Boogie provided zydeco music, and Coffee Landing boiled more than 1,500 pounds of crawdads.



Charles Moniotte, Jim Lasecki, and Bill Ogelsby.



Stephen Capps and Bill Ogelsby.

LSU Asheville –

More than 100 Tigers in Western North Carolina enjoyed crawdads (550 pounds), camaraderie, and Cajun music at the chapter's annual crawfish boil at Shrine Club Asheville in April. While chatting with boil master Jim Lasecki, Tracy Jones, assistant vice president of the LSU Alumni Association, discovered that in 2007, then-Athletic Director Skip Bertman allowed the Virginia Tech Alumni Association to host a pre-game tailgate in the Field House prior to the Tiger-Hokie football game. Lasecki, at that time, president of the Virginia Tech alumni chapter in New Orleans and today a Tiger by Choice, shares his talents and "gives back" to LSU to repay that favor.



Grabbing crawdads.



Larry Klein, scholarship committee member; Jeff Gray, chapter president; Ty Montgomery, scholarship recipient; and Rod Schwarzer, chapter secretary. Not pictured, Jill Bohnet.

North Houston Scholars –

The North Houston Alumni Chapter recognized area LSU scholarship recipients Jill Bohnet and Ty Montgomery at a scholarship award celebration at Schilleci's New Orleans Kitchen in The Woodlands, Texas, in July. Congratulations and best of luck to both students from College Park High School in The Woodlands.



Little Rock-area Tigers celebrate spring at the annual crawfish boil. Photo by Al Aquino

LSU Little Rock – Some seventy-five Tigers spent the afternoon eating crawfish and jambalaya at the annual crawfish boil at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. A silent auction with a Coach O-autographed helmet and various other LSU items contributed to the chapter's scholarship fund. Tammy Brown and John Grubb, from the LSU Alumni Association, set up a "pop-up" shop. "It was a fun day had by all," writes Kelly Carmon, chapter president.



Peyton Carmon always tests the crawfish before the boil for viability – and the fun factor.



The Carmon family – Chris, Kelly, Peyton, and Grayson.

Chapter Events



Southern California Chapter Scholarship recipient Daniela Sestich and dad Mike Sestich.



Cathy Mueller, Adrienne Tesarek, Charles Favors, Lynda Wilson, Suzanne Erdelyi, Ham Homan, and Murlyn Burkes.



Erin Caron, Tim Caron, unidentified Tiger, Kathy Kalohi, Cathy Mueller, Don Mueller, and Terri Wheeler.



Rob Pooley, Stephanie Hingle, Melissa Corkern, Davis, Rusty Davis, and Natalia Ramirez, and Michael Ramirez.

SoCal – LSU alumni, friends, and fans passed a good time at the Southern California (SoCal) annual crawfish boil at Seaside Lagoon in May. Crawfish, jambalaya, boudin, hot dogs, and more were on the menu, and music, dancing, raffle prizes, and a silent auction kept the crowd entertained.



1943 LSU alumna Dee Walker Jones, center, with College of Science Dean Cynthia Peterson and LSU Alumni Association President Cliff Vannoy.

Seattle Professional Networking – LSU alumni, friends, and students in the Seattle, Wash., area gathered at Pioneer Square's 13 Coins Restaurant in May for a reception with visiting LSU guests from the LSU Foundation, LSU Alumni Association, E.J. Ourso College of Business, and the College of Science. Sharing news about the Fierce of the Future capital campaign and campus updates were Kenny



Larry Heimendinger and student Connor Leblanc.

Anderson, executive director of the Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute (SEI); Ed Watson, professor in the MBA Program and Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute; Mike Murphy, senior director of development, College of Business; Daniel Murray, associate director of donor engagement, LSU Foundation; Cynthia Peterson, dean of the College of Science; and Cliff Vannoy, president of the LSU Alumni Association. (See also "From Our Readers," page 5.)



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Tampa Tigers Suzanna Johnson and Wes Eaves.



Gene Rizzo digs in.



Christopher Davis, Grace Steinhauser, Marianthi Vlachos, Andrew Davis, and an unidentified Tiger.

Tampa Tigers – The Tampa Bay Chapter served up 1,200 pounds of crawfish, fifty pounds of shrimp, red beans, jambalaya, corn on the cob, sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, and, of course, Abita beer to more than 300 LSU alumni and friends at the annual boil. “Hopefully, no one left hungry,” writes Roy Brady, chapter president. “We had some great raffle items as well as an auction for a football signed by Coach O, a baseball signed by Coach Mainieri, and a copy of *Walking With Tigers* signed by Jeffery Marx and Alex Bregman. Everybody ‘passed a good time.’”



Bat Girl Alumnae – Members of the newly formed LSU Bat Girl Chapter gathered for the first time at Alex Box Stadium in April.



Tarrant Tigers – LSU alumni and friends gathered for the chapter's annual boil at Longhorn State Park in April. The event was catered by Acadia Parish Crawfish Company, run by LSU alumna Daniel Demaline, and alum Robert Gaines, chapter president, served as DJ. “We had a silent auction for a baseball signed by Paul Mainieri and a football signed by Coach O, and enjoyed music, fun, food, fellowship, and a dart game,” writes Sherry Thompson.



Crawdads in Indiana – Tom and Susan Aycok, of Noblesville, Ind., hosted some forty LSU alumni and friends at their home in June for the LSU Indiana Chapter's annual crawfish boil. Crawfish were flown in from Kenner Seafood, and Tom Aycok, Tom Lampo, and Jim Welsh did the cooking.



Getting ready to feast on crawdads.

Sin City – Some 1,000 Tigers in the Las Vegas area gathered at the Downtown Las Vegas Event Center in April for the Sin City Tigers sixteenth annual crawfish boil. Old and young alike enjoyed crawfish with all the trimmings, barbecue, face painting, balloon crafts, lawn games, zydeco music, and a raffle.



Crawfish races – ready, set, go!



The Vegas Tail Pinchers Drinking Team.



Chapter board members, from left, Leslie Danks, Rene Kivell, and Rob Kivell.



Ed Taylor.

Panhandle Bayou Bengals

— Tigers from across the Florida Panhandle gathered at Shoreline Park South to put away more than 700 pounds of crawfish, boudin, andouille, pork loin, and boiled pineapple; enjoy Cajun and zydeco music; and take part in raffles and auctions. “We had a great turn out of more than 150,” writes John Spurny. “Besides our member volunteers, we had volunteers from the Marine Corps and Navy to help out, and Coach Pete Jenkins and Coach/ sports broadcast celebrity Max Howell were our special guest speakers.”



Caterer Mike Droogsma talks with guest speakers Coach Max Howell and Coach Pete Jenkins.



Dave and Julie Francis.



NYC Tigers – Mike the Tiger welcomed LSU alumni and friends to Legends in the heart of the Big Apple for the New York City Chapter's annual crawfish boil in June.



San Diego – More than 4,500 LSU alumni and friends were on hand for the thirty-first annual San Diego crawfish boil at the Chargers' old practice field at Qualcomm Stadium in May. The crowd put away 22,000 pounds of crawfish; enjoyed live music from New Orleans' own Cowboy Mouth, the Euphoria Brass Band, Theo & the Zydeco Patrol, and Mission Bay High School Preservationists; a mini Mardi Gras parade; and a silent auction featuring items from Devery Henderson, Reggie Bush, Alvin Kamara, Coach Orgeron, and Coach Maineri, among others. Proceeds benefit San Diego-area students attending LSU and several local charities. The chapter marked \$1 million in total contributions to the Association in 2019.
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Chapter Events



Jody Bruscato, Tasha McLean, Scooter Pleasant, and Phil Gagnet.



Susan Beck and Wyn Bomar.



Chuck and Debbie Gamble with young Tigers at the crawfish races.

Boil on the Bay – Baldwin County, Ala., Tigers and friends passed a good time at Boil on the Bay in May, enjoying tails, tunes, and tailgating. The Baldwin Bengals' annual event is a fundraiser for scholarships for Eastern Shore students attending LSU.



Enjoying Louisiana crawfish on the Pavilion at Logan University.



Marc Tenholder, Nico Cusamano, and boil chairman Brent Beckman.



Jerry and Beverly Shea, chair of the LSU Alumni Association Global Board of Directors, with Marc and Kristen Tenholder.

St. Louis – The 2019 alumni crawfish boil in St. Louis, Mo., attracted 250 folks who enjoyed a taste of Louisiana in the 900 pounds of steaming crawfish served up with all the trimmings.



Farewell – Members of the Central Virginia Chapter bid farewell to President Zach and Andrea Vickery in June, before the couple moved to Oswego, N.Y., for Andrea's new teaching position at SUNY Oswego. Seated, from left, are Carey Lockhart, Susan Lockhart, Terry Jarreau, Marie Bruno, and Jenise Guidry; standing, Mike Shelton, Andrea Vickery, Stew Guidry, Sam Rosenthal, and Zach Vickery.

Geaux-ing Strong in Birmingham



Richard Coston, Beth Herbert, Kenneth Haynes, William Haynes, David Leong, Jay Benefield, and Ken Lowe at the LSU-Alabama basketball game in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

It's been a busy year for the always-active Greater Birmingham Chapter. Watching the Tigers basketball team turn up the heat on the Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa on March 2 set the tone for a great year and an exciting end to the Tiger's regular season. A group of fans trekked back to Bama territory again to watch the Tigers take on the Tide on the baseball diamond in April.

More than 500 pounds of crawfish were boiled to perfection at the Greater Birmingham Crawfish Boil in April held at Avondale Brewing Company. More than 100 fans enjoyed great weather and LSU-Cajun-dance themed music, provided by LSU alum Brian Brazil's 6.4.1. Media Group, while chowing down on the tasty mudbugs dished out by LSU alum Gaston Lanaux of Birmingham's Cajun Steamer. Matthias Giusseppe Paxtor took home \$200 in cash from the 50/50 raffle. This year's silent auction sold over \$550 in memorabilia, netting nearly \$2,000 for the chapter scholarship fund.

In May, the chapter brought home a \$1,000 check and first-place trophy in the Backyard Division for Best Gumbo in Birmingham at the Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala. This year's specialty, smoked rabbit and andouille sausage gumbo, was cooked up by the team's award-winning chef Charlie Galatas.

Hungry LSU fans in town for the SEC baseball tournament enjoyed a three-day tailgate party hosted by the chapter. Teaming up with Jambalaya Girl and Kiobassa Smoked Meats, members dished out more than thirty gallons of jambalaya over the three days – making lots of new friends!

Birmingham alums set their sights on even more activities for the summer – Boilin' and Braggin', Bell Center Tailgate Challenge, and Student Sendoff Reception – and headed into fall with football view-ins and its largest fundraising event, A Taste of Louisiana Food Festival & Cook-off, scheduled for Oct. 5.

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By Debbie Greengard



Linh Chin-Lai, Richard Coston, Kenneth Haynes, chef Charlie Galatas, Paul Chin-lai, Greg Cain, David Leong, and Vanessa Crawford Jones at the Annual Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala held at Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark.



Getting ready to chow down are, standing, Christi deMontluzin and Ryan deMontluzin; seated, Rachel Leong, Sarah Leong, Tammy Leong, Bette-Lynn Manskie, Matthew Leong, and Jay Benefield.

To find or join a chapter in your area, visit lsualumni.org/chapters.

Snapshots

Photos by Johnny Gordon



Robin Montgomery, Daryl Dietrich, Barbara Franke, Maxine Reddoch, Sue Ellen and James Williams.



Elva Bourgeois, Patti Exner, Sindee Roppolo, and Karla Lemoine.



Billy Seay and Nedra Seay with Gretchen Gottfried.



Jerry Exner, Cindy and John Tyler, Jane and William Metcalf, and LSU Alumni Association President Cliff Vannoy.



Winners of the Most Festively Dressed Award – Ed Zganjar and Lorry Trotter.



Happy Fourth of July!



2019 National Senior Games gold medal winner Julia Hawkins.

Celebrating Independence

Day – University retirees gathered at the Lod Cook Alumni Center on June 26 to celebrate the upcoming Fourth of July holiday with a lunch, bingo, and entertainment by Jason Duplessis, Kenny Fife, and Doug Pacas. Special recognition was given to Julia Hawkins, who earlier in the month brought home the gold from National Senior Games in Albuquerque, N.M. The event, one of two annual gatherings hosted by the LSU Alumni Association, was sponsored by AARP Louisiana.



Terry Patrick Harris and Ruth Patrick.



Employee of the Year Mignon Kastanos and LSU Alumni Association President Cliff Vannoy.

Outstanding Employee –

Mignon Kastanos, director of marketing and communications at the LSU Alumni Association, received the Minsky Award for Outstanding Employee of the Year. The award, established by Dr. Louis R. Minsky, former longtime member and officer of the Association's Global Board of Directors, recognizes the employee

who regularly goes above and beyond the call of duty, demonstrates excellence on the job, and fosters admiration among colleagues.



Welcome Aboard – Blake Mitchell joined the LSU Alumni Association in June as community systems manager in the Alumni Engagement Department, working with the software platform Graduway and supporting marketing efforts. He was most recently a marketing and engagement graduate assistant at

LSU Athletics and previously a marketing and promotions assistant at Murray State Athletics. He holds a bachelor's degree in sports management from the University of Tennessee and graduated from LSU in May with a master's degree in sports management.



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BY BRENDA MACON





ANSWERING THE CALL

SCOTT WOODWARD

Photo by Chris Parent, LSU Athletics

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The media spotlight can be blinding when someone takes a high-profile position, particularly for those who value privacy and would prefer the

spotlight shines on others. So far, new Director of Athletics Scott Woodward has managed the bright lights of public scrutiny with grace and imperturbable self-possession.

Woodward was greeted this spring by a flurry of media attention that certainly took up an enormous amount of time that, perhaps, he could have put to better use. His cool, unflappable calm defines him as a leader and his poise would make his mentors proud. Returning to Baton Rouge and LSU after fifteen years away, Woodward brings with him a wealth of experience and a refreshing outlook on life.

"I've lived a charmed life," Woodward explained, a life that began with a happy childhood in Baton Rouge. "I grew up in an upper-middle-class family. My dad is a dentist; my mom is a homemaker. I was well cared for and loved and supported."

When he was very young – he estimates he may have been six or seven – he began playing tennis competitively. He gave the sport up when he turned thirteen, in part because he felt it didn't suit him.

"Ironically, tennis is an individual sport, and I'm more of a team guy," he said. "I like team cohesiveness, the whole team dynamic. I really didn't like the solitary nature of tennis, though the sport taught me a lot, and I'll always be grateful for it. In part, playing competitive tennis made me who I am, but it's like being alone on an island, and I like being around other people."

Woodward worked LSU football games as a child in the early 1970s, selling peanuts in the stands and later working in a concession stand. He had an entrepreneurial propensity and an interest in making money and when a family friend gave him the opportunity to hawk bags of peanuts, he took to it with enthusiasm. He was the youngest one working the stands and used his uncommon maturity and cuteness to charm the fraternity boys' dates into buying peanuts from him.

That experience also gave him access to LSU football and Tiger Stadium. "Growing up a young man in Louisiana, nothing is more important to you than politics and LSU football," he jokingly said.

"I always knew I would go to LSU after high school," he said, and he did just that after graduating from Catholic High in 1981. "I never even considered any other schools."

He found the college student experience to be transformative. Majoring in political science, Woodward was mentored by Kevin Mulcahy, who saw promise in his young protégé. Woodward recalls that Mulcahy introduced him to area cultural events, concerts, foreign films, and restaurants while, at the same time, guiding him academically, as if the promising student were at a much smaller liberal arts institution. The power of learning had a profound impact on Woodward, who recalled once walking to his car after one of his political science classes so deep in thought that he couldn't remember how he got there.

"That was an 'Aha!' moment for me," he explained. "I thought, 'This class has captured me. How did I get here? Wow!' That's when I realized that's what it's all about – when you're that caught up in thought. Professor Mulcahy always emphasized, like the Greeks, we should live an examined life. I knew in that moment I had accomplished that goal."

Decades later, Woodward found himself back at his alma mater, working for the administration of Chancellor Mark Emmert. He joined Emmert's leadership team in 2000, managing external communications, including oversight of government relations, communications, marketing, and corporate relations, which required coordinating several departments and a large group of people.

"I was very proud of what we accomplished at LSU before we left," he said. "It was something I will forever be proud of and happy about. Hopefully, we can continue those halcyon years. My experience has been that you take what you learn in life from a variety of experiences, and then you take it to the next level."

He credits Emmert with being one of several important influences in his life.

"I was very lucky in my career to be mentored by a lot of great people," he maintains, "including Mark Emmert, who is about as good as it gets as far as being a college administrator and leader. You soak up what you can from mentors, and you learn from them. At the end of the day, it's about putting teams and people together and having that vision to go where you want to go. You lead by example. That's how I approach my work, and it's what I learned from Mark."

In 2004, Woodward rejoined Emmert, this time at the University of Washington, where Emmert had assumed the presidency.

"When I left Louisiana, the decision was simple," Woodward explained. "Mark Emmert is one of those people I would follow to the ends of the earth, and the University of Washington is an incredible institution and has an incredible medical complex. I learned a great deal about the operations of a high-end research institution; if it's not the leader, it's near the top in NIH funding. My experience there was valuable professionally, and I loved it."

Woodward remained in Seattle even after Emmert left in 2010 to become the president of the NCAA. In 2008, Woodward moved from his original position as vice president of external affairs at UW to director of athletics, a position he held until 2016.

"I'm just glad I didn't screw anything up," he quipped. "While I was there, we rebuilt the stadium, we fixed a football program that was moribund – I'm very proud of those accomplishments, but it was part of a team effort. Everywhere I've been, my supreme goal is to leave the place better than I found it."

Woodward developed a leadership style that emulates his

early commitment to teamwork. "I'm not an autocratic leader," he continued. "I've never viewed leadership as top-down. I view it as team stewardship. I'm more like the executive producer of a film. I try to put things together collaboratively. When the movie is released, you don't go to see me; you go to see the great acting, the great talent. That's what our student athletes and coaches are – our great talent. They're who you're there to see. At the end of the day, if you know my name, that's fine, but if you don't, no big deal. I just need to make sure that it's running right, that we're doing the right things based on the values of this institution."

In 2011, Michael K. (Mike) Young succeeded Emmert as president of the University of Washington and quickly became another major influence in Woodward's life. Young left the university in 2015 to become the president of Texas A&M and, in 2016, he recruited Woodward to College Station to serve as athletics director.

"When I decided to accept the position at Texas A&M," Woodward explains, "it was just time. I had a yearning to be back in this part of the world, and it was an excellent opportunity to continue to work with another great leader. To go to work for someone like that who is at the top of his game – top Harvard Law graduate who clerked for Chief Justice William Rehnquist, someone with enormous cache in the legal and academic worlds, and who was just a lot of fun to work with – was incredible. Besides, the position took me to a top school in the great state of Texas. All that combined, it was a siren call I just couldn't refuse."

Similarly, the call to LSU was one he couldn't resist. "I've never been one to have a 'plan,'" he said. "I'm more organic. It's not a step-by-step process for me."

Returning home to Louisiana was always in his future, Woodward admits, whether for a job or in retirement. That "job" just happened to be the position of director of athletics at his alma mater.

"The time away from my home state provided me with critical new perspectives, new ideas, new ways to do things," he said. "Ultimately, I go back to that descriptor – it's organic. You don't know how it happens or why, but it just becomes a part of you. In all the places that I've been, all the travels that I've had to campuses across the country, all of the world-class universities I have served supported by greater resources, no other school even comes close to LSU in what it means to the people of its state. It just becomes part of who you are."

"So many of us grew up with the parental wisdom that, 'This is your state university. I want you to be a part of it.' This thing we call Tiger Stadium is a gateway. It is often how people are first introduced to it. It's how I was introduced to it. It was a part of my childhood memories – selling peanuts, hanging out in Tiger Town as a kid, going to the movies at University Cinema, just spending time here. It just becomes part of your soul. It dominates every single thing we do in this state. Whether it's the small-town dentist, doctor, CPA, or businessman in Louisiana, by and large, they were educated at LSU, and they're the leaders and they're the people who make Louisiana great – it's the people."

And while Woodward won't be hawking peanuts this season in Tiger Stadium, he will be right where he should be – home.



LEAVING TO COME BACK WITH NEW IDEAS

KIM HUNTER REED

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A role model not only for her daughter, but for all young professional women, Kim Hunter Reed has a winning strategy. She reached a plateau early

in her career in Louisiana, found greater opportunities away from the state, and parlayed those opportunities into a road back home that led to even greater heights. She found success working with a U.S. president and in the inner circle of Colorado state government before being called back to her home state. In 2018, Reed became the first African American woman to lead the Louisiana Board of Regents. An optimist at heart, Reed knows from first-hand experience that a person's life doesn't always take a linear path. And sometimes you just need to leave to come back.

Born in Houston but raised in Lake Charles, Reed has always been an active participant in the world around her. An only child, she recalls, "I was involved in everything – from debate team to dance to running track, I just had to be involved. My parents were always there, cheering me on." That high energy and competitive spirit also propelled her to excel academically from an early age, and she remembers, when she graduated from high school in 1983, "I had a long list of schools I wanted to visit, and my parents had a short list of schools where they wanted me to go – an in-state list at that, because I was their only child and they wanted me to be nearby. LSU was the natural choice."

And Baton Rouge was already a special place for Reed. "I grew up visiting Baton Rouge because my grandparents – my mother's parents – were here," she explained. Having family nearby was an advantage for a young woman from a small town coming to a campus the size of LSU. "I graduated from a class of about 100, so the campus seemed massive to me," she recalled. "But I never felt concerned that I wouldn't fit in or that I wouldn't be comfortable because my grandparents were less than five minutes away. My great-aunt lived close as well, so I knew I had family right around the corner – literally."

Besides family, Reed discovered that she had a strong network of support on campus. When she arrived at LSU in fall 1983, she found the University didn't have a large minority population, but that small group had strong advocates who made them feel at home. "I remember Hue! Perkins in the president's office, Carolyn Collins in Junior Division, and Mr. Dyer and all of the Physical Plant people who would ask me every day, 'How was your class?' or 'How was your test?'" she explained. "People who looked like me checked on me,

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and people who didn't look like me checked on me, and that made me feel at home."

"At LSU, I felt like I was in a place where people really believed that you would be successful," she recalled. "Even when I struggled in classes – I remember calling my grandmother and saying, 'You need to pray for me. I have this hard test.' Because I was that kid who would stress but then make an A. And she would say, 'Well, you know, the Lord helps those who help themselves, so I'm gonna pray, but you better study.' I always believed that people expected great things, and it was up to me to live up to their expectations."

Feeling supported gave her the confidence to become completely immersed in campus life. She served as a counselor in her dorm, was in a sorority, and joined other groups on campus. In particular, though, she was delighted to find both formal and informal debates were going on every day at LSU among students from different cultures and backgrounds. "The college experience was so eye-opening for me – different people, different cultures, and very different perspectives on the same reading or assignment, whether it was in the classroom or Free Speech Alley," she remembered. "Also, I had professors who enjoyed the spirit of debate and asking students to take opposing positions, which gave me a chance to see issues from other points of view. In one of my English classes, we had great discussions. Jesse Jackson was running for president at the time, so there was a debate about whether an African American could be president of the United States." (In a happy twist of fate, Reed was called upon to serve in the administration of Barack Obama more than thirty years later.)

"I just soaked it all in after being in such a small high school in a small community," Reed continued. "We were challenged to think critically, to ask good questions, to hone our arguments and to participate and engage. The ability to know how to think, how to analyze, how to sift through large amounts of information to get to the nuggets that matter was important for me. Being able to see issues from a variety of perspectives and to actively listen helps to move policy forward; that's another thing I learned from classes at LSU. I had so many growth opportunities there. And then, historically, knowing that my grandparents would not have been allowed to enroll at LSU, for me to have the opportunity to attend, to graduate, and to even go back and be a commencement speaker [in August 2018] at my alma mater is very special."

Immediately after she graduated in 1987 with a degree in broadcast journalism and a minor in business, Reed became a reporter for WBRZ-TV, and by the time she was twenty-four, she had become a news anchor for KPLC-TV in Lake Charles. At twenty-six, she was serving as the press secretary for Governor Edwin Edwards, at the time the youngest to do so in the state's history. She also returned to LSU, working on a master's degree in public administration (MPA), which she received in August 1995. "In my master's program, Dr. Jim Richardson was a huge mentor to me," she recalled. "Dr. Richardson had a significant impact on all the students who were in that program. I have a great appreciation for his contributions to Louisiana as a public servant and a mentor."

Shortly afterward, Reed shifted her career path. Asked why she changed direction from broadcast media to higher education, Reed explained, "My grandmother was a teacher for thirty years in Brusly, La., and she was the torchbearer in our family for education. My parents were educators as well. I was blessed to be born into a family of educators; it's in our DNA, this idea of service and education, so that has become my life's work. I went into media – was a news anchor and reporter – but my

grandmother said, 'It's time for you to come back to the family business.'" And so, of course, she did.

She earned a doctorate in public policy from Southern University and served in a number of high-profile postsecondary education positions in the state and worked with HCM Strategists, a public policy firm in the Washington, D.C. area, before being tapped in 2016 to serve as deputy undersecretary at the U.S. Department of Education working on postsecondary diversity and inclusion in the Obama administration. "I met so many snappy-smart people in the Department of Education, and there was always a buzz of activity around how to advance good policy. It was a blessing and an amazing experience," she said of her time there. Following her work in Washington, D.C., Reed was asked by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper to serve as the executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, a position she held until her return to Louisiana in 2018.

Recruited from Colorado to become the Commissioner of Higher Education with the Louisiana Board of Regents, Reed came into the position with important tools she gained during her time away. From the U.S. Department of Education experience, she brought the belief that talent is to be developed broadly, that we see talent in every community. From her work in Colorado, she carried a strong emphasis on collaboration and building networks. She is currently the only female leading higher education in the nation who has served in that role in more than one state.

Reed has a realistic view of the challenges that come with her job and has one simple but impressive ambition: "Our big goal is to increase educational opportunity in Louisiana," she said. "With the current knowledge economy, a person needs a high school diploma and more. And half of our adult population has a high school diploma or less. My job is to be an advocate for talent development, to talk about the value of education, and to make sure that there are affordable, accessible, high-quality options for all of our citizens. Of course, the Board of Regents does not graduate even one student, so our job is to set good policy, to elevate conversations that matter, to invite people to be part of the conversation and part of the solution."

While she was away, her family was still in Baton Rouge, so she stayed anchored to the area through them. "My husband, daughter, and mother-in-law did not move with me to D.C. or to Colorado, so I flew back and forth," Reed explained. "The decision to move was difficult for me, but my husband was so supportive. I discussed it with my daughter, who was fourteen at the time, and told her what I wanted to do and asked her what she wanted to do. She said, 'I want to stay at my school and with my volleyball team,' so we made that work."

"When I left Louisiana, I knew I was coming back eventually," Reed concluded. "There is no place like home. We have deep roots in Louisiana. For me, it's an honor and a blessing to be able to take all that I have learned on my journeys and come back to Louisiana to apply that in a collaborative way with the people who are doing the work each and every day. I did not want to leave my state, but at some point, I realized that the world is not flat, and you can step out of Louisiana, get great experiences, and return. A career can be zig-zaggy. It's not a linear progression for some of us. You make the list of things you think you want to do, and then life happens. You have to have the confidence and the ability to leave, to do other things and then know that eventually you may get the call to come back home."



WANDERING BACK HOME WITH A SMILE AND A MISSION

ROBERT DAMPF

He's one of those people who never meets a stranger, who chats with the people in the row ahead of him at Alex Box and comes away with friends for

life. Affable and self-effacing, Robert Dampf chose the perfect career when he took a slight veer away from the courtroom into the conference room to become a mediator. Now, after nearly forty years away, Dampf is bringing his substantial people skills back to Baton Rouge and LSU as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

Dampf grew up close to campus. He and his best friend Jay Dardenne, whom he has known since they were both five years old, thought of LSU as their own playground. "LSU was just a giant park for us. We played on the Indian Mounds, we rode our bikes everywhere, we went to the Union – we were all over campus." Dampf remembers the first time he walked into the LSU Union and was thunderstruck. The two friends routinely wandered into LSU baseball games, which were then sparsely attended and cost next to nothing for two young, clueless boys. He also recalls how well attended the freshman basketball games were during his youth – Pete Maravich was getting LSU into the sports page headlines regularly. But the most amazing "end-all, be-all" experience for a boy growing up so close to the LSU campus was LSU football. Even today, he confided, he and Dardenne turn to each other when the Tigers are on the field and say, "Is there anywhere else in the world you would want to be?"

As much as he loved LSU even then, however, Dampf's parents were opposed to their sons going to LSU as undergraduates. They felt it was important for their children to leave their hometown and gain independence away from home. For that reason, Dampf's older brother Jack went to Tulane. Dampf visited Jack one weekend and decided he wanted to set his own course somewhere else. He elected to attend "a Tulane-like place, sort of in the neighborhood, which ended up being Southern Methodist University." But, he confessed, "When I graduated from Baton Rouge High in May 1972, I enrolled at LSU to go to summer school because I wanted to say I attended LSU."

He again had that opportunity when he returned to LSU to attend law school. That experience set him on the course that would become his life's work. He has fond memories of those days on campus and recalls, in particular, the old campus apartments for married students. "In 1978, when Courtney and I first married, we lived

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in Married Student Housing,” he explained. “I tell people about that old, roach-infested dwelling on the west side of campus. Forty years later, we live in an old, roach-infested dwelling on the east side of campus. I tell my wife she didn’t exactly hitch her wagon to a star because I didn’t take her very far. I just took her from the west side of campus to the east side to another old house full of roaches.” He recalled that the rent for their apartment was “\$99 a month, all bills paid.” He worked as a law clerk, his wife was teaching school, they had a couple of old, beat-up cars their families had given them, and they had about \$500 of disposal income each month. “We have never been that rich since. I peaked financially when I was in law school,” he quipped.

Shortly after receiving his law degree, he and Courtney moved to Lake Charles, where Dampf practiced law for the next thirty-eight years. Initially a trial lawyer, he found his true calling when he wandered into what was then a new area of practice. “In 1979, when I graduated from law school, if you had said to any graduate, ‘Are you interested in mediation,’ the response would have been, ‘What are you talking about?’ In 1989, when I had been in practice for about ten years, a friend and mentor told me, ‘There’s a new thing called mediation, and you need to get some training. There’s a weekend session open in New Orleans, and you need to go.’ So I went to the training session and decided I was going try it. In 1989, I took three cases; in 1990, I had ten cases; in 1991, I had fifty cases, 1992, 100 cases, 1993, 150 cases. It just exploded. By 1994, I gave the rest of my practice to my partners because I decided I wanted to do this every day. Even now there are probably only fifty to 100 really active mediators in the state, and probably only ten of us who are booked every day. There are people out there who are just as talented as I am, but the advantage I have is that I’ve been doing this so long. I was just lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time.”

He concedes that he has the personality for mediation. “I have a pretty good ability to bring people together,” he said. “It’s more art than science, working to validate those things that should be validated, challenging those things that need to be challenged, and ultimately, building consensus.”

Beginning in the early 2000s, Dampf started working more in the Baton Rouge area with his partner, John Perry. Between 2007 and 2018, he and his wife lived in both places part-time. By then, they had many family members, including children and grandchildren, in Baton Rouge. When his mother-in-law decided to leave San Antonio to be closer to her family, she asked where that would be – Lake Charles or Baton Rouge. The couple then decided it made sense to move permanently to Baton Rouge, though leaving was bittersweet. “Lake Charles is a terrific place. We raised our kids there, we made great memories there, we still have great friends there,” Dampf explained, “And it will always have a special place in our hearts.”

Dampf’s background in consensus building helps him in his interactions with other board members in that he sees how passionate all his fellow board members are in their love for LSU and in doing what they feel is best for the University. “We often disagree,” he said, “but we’re never disagreeable. We’re all motivated to make progress for LSU and to help

the administration. We have some terrific people working at LSU, and it starts at the top. And what I appreciate most about them is their hearts are always in the right place. For example, at Thanksgiving, our kids are all gone, so we went over to the International Student house to help serve dinner, and there was King Alexander up to his elbows in serving dinner to these students. He’s very student-oriented, a true servant who works well with all the many constituents – alums, wealthy donors, faculty, students, parents – and with the myriad issues that come with the job. Aside from being governor, being president of LSU must be the second toughest job in the state of Louisiana.”

Like Alexander, Dampf is a hands-on kind of person, so when the board began talking about the LSU Online program, he decided, “I want to see what this is all about.” So he enrolled in the master’s program in higher education and signed up for a seven-week course on the history of higher education taught by LSU Flores MBA Director Dana Hart. “He is a fabulous teacher!” Dampf said. “I would not have believed that an online class could have come alive the way Dr. Hart made it come alive. Because the students in the class are all around the country, I’m one of the few who actually live in Baton Rouge, so I knocked on his door one day and said, ‘I’m one of your students.’”

Describing himself as “technologically deficit,” Dampf related that he needed help with the enrollment process, so he just showed up on the doorstep of the LSU Online office in Pleasant Hall with a cookie cake one day. “They could not have been nicer. They walked me through the process, helped me fill out the forms, and transferred me to the ‘learning concierge,’ Niki Brandi, who was also terrific.” While he ended up switching to auditing the course, the experience gave him first-hand knowledge of the program and allowed him to report to the board and to Alexander on the quality of the staff and faculty involved.

When asked what he feels is LSU’s best attribute, Dampf became uncharacteristically quiet. He said, “I think about this a lot. We’re a school, but if you think we’re just a school, you’re missing the boat. In a sense, we are the essence of Louisiana. We’re culture, we’re sports, and obviously, we’re education. We’re a place where a guy, who never went to LSU and who lives fifty miles from here, has an LSU sticker on his car and has tremendous pride. People at other schools feel the same way, I know, but we are the Flagship. I think about my dad coming out of World War II and going to LSU on the GI Bill. That’s why I was pretty passionate about this ‘holistic admissions’ issue. While that was a very controversial issue, it affected very few students, maybe 250 or so. Of those 250 kids, maybe half of them became LSU Tigers from some small town in North Louisiana, and that’s life-changing. I think about kids I knew in Lake Charles who weren’t strong enough academically for LSU, so they went to Baton Rouge Community College for two years to work their way into LSU because it was their dream. Our best attribute is that we can be so many things to so many people, whether just as sports fans or as an aspiration. LSU is so many things to so many people.”



RETURNING TO RED STICK WITH PANACHE

MARTIN JOHNSON

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School of Mass Communication

Hometown boy makes good – and then brings it back home to make an impact: Martin Johnson, dean of the Manship School of Mass Communication, holder

of the Kevin P. Reilly, Sr. Chair in Political Communication, and professor of mass communication and political science, returned to Baton Rouge in August 2014. He was recruited from the University of California, Riverside, where he served as the chair of the political science department. Johnson earned his undergraduate degree in journalism from LSU (1991) and his Master of Arts (2000) and Ph.D. (2002) degrees from Rice University. In 2014, his book, *Changing Minds or Changing Channels? Partisan News in an Age of Choice* (University of Chicago Press, 2013), coauthored with Kevin Arceneaux, won the prestigious Goldsmith Book Prize. All of his professional achievements started in Baton Rouge and ultimately led him right back home.

Johnson grew up in the shadow of LSU, living less than a mile away and frequently riding with friends to campus. His parents were both schoolteachers – with degrees from LSU, he was quick to point out – so summers were spent with family, swimming at the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse pool, and reading. Because they lived so close to campus, and his mother was still working on her graduate degree, he recalls spending quite a bit of time on campus as a child. “Of course, I was a nerd (and still am),” he laughed, “so in middle school and high school, I would meet my friends at the Union during the summers – to study for Latin Club. Well, we *would* go over to Godfather’s Pizza on Chimes Street occasionally, so it wasn’t *all* study.” He has fond memories of those days and realized early on that he wanted to be on campus as a student. That dream became reality when he received what was then called the Chancellor’s Alumni Scholarship (now President’s Alumni Scholarship), a reward for his hard work and excellent academic preparation at Baton Rouge Magnet High School. The scholarship made the choice of LSU for at least his undergraduate education a slam dunk.

The scholarship paid for tuition, put him in communication with other students who were Alumni Scholars, and allowed him to work on campus – an opportunity that was perhaps the greatest benefit he could have received. As a student worker in the Manship School, he was matched with Jay Perkins, now an associate

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professor emeritus, who became a strong influence as Johnson chose his career path. Perkins, whose areas of expertise include investigative reporting and politics, sparked Johnson's interest in journalism and public affairs, introduced him to a network of professionals, and encouraged him in areas he had not previously considered. Johnson flourished under this mentorship: He became the editor of the *Reveille* and was actively involved in the school. In Johnson's current role as dean, he appreciates being able to meet the students who receive these scholarships because he understands from a personal perspective the impact the awards can make.

After graduation, he worked on several professional projects away from Louisiana for a time before finally deciding in 1997 to pursue graduate degrees at Rice. While in graduate school, he reconnected with Sherri Franks, whom he had met while both were undergraduates at LSU and who was working on her doctoral degree in history at the University of Arizona, through a network of mutual friends from LSU. They eventually married. Shortly after he received his Ph.D., he was offered an assistant professorship in the political science department at the University of California, Riverside, so the two moved to California. Sherri joined the religious studies department there.

At UC-Riverside, he moved up through the academic ranks, becoming a full professor, leading his department, and making lifelong friends in the process. Why would anyone leave California? I asked. Johnson had a ready answer: Louisiana is *home*. "We lived in paradise, that's true, but this is *LSU*," he said.

He still had ample reason to come back: He was offered the Kevin P. Reilly, Sr. Chair in Political Communication, an incentive he could not resist. "I've always admired the holders of this endowed chair," he explained. "Tim Cook was an early holder, and I was lucky to have known Tim. He was very generous with me as a junior scholar, and I was heartbroken at his untimely passing [Cook, 51, died in August 2006]. And Regina Lawrence, the next holder of the chair, and of course, Kevin P. Reilly, Sr., the chair's namesake – just being in the same sentence with these people is an honor." Johnson became dean of the Manship School in July 2018 after a competitive national search.

The opportunity at LSU also worked well with Johnson's research and academic interests, and he serves as one of five

faculty in the Manship School who hold joint appointments with political science. He credits the vision of Jack Hamilton, former dean of the school, who helped position the school in the direction of media and public affairs, with making this formal collaboration between the two departments possible. Johnson pointed out that this unique arrangement, as well as collaborations and joint appointments with other departments, adds depth and quality to an already outstanding academic program. The school also maintains the Public Policy Research Lab, a highly respected center that has been involved in public policy research, service, and development at the state and national levels for seventeen years.

Asked about the changes in Baton Rouge since his childhood, Johnson mentioned something he attributes to Wayne Parent, who was a professor in the LSU political science department for many years until his recent retirement. Johnson, who took Parent's course in Louisiana politics as an undergraduate, recalled what a profound and lasting impact that course had on him. He explained that, in the context of Parent's course, most urban centers in South Louisiana outside of New Orleans were effectively suburbs. "That's probably the biggest point of contrast from when I was growing up in Baton Rouge. At the time, Baton Rouge had a much more suburban feel, while today it feels much more urban. It has a vibrant city center, and there's so much going on in downtown now. Baton Rouge has many more choices and options than it did before. The city seems much more cosmopolitan, more diverse than when I was a child growing up here."

These changes in the larger community around LSU also influence current students at LSU. Asked about how that difference affects these students, Johnson gave this example: "Our students go in a lot of different directions. Some stay local and become involved in journalism, politics, public relations, and advertising in the city, the state, and the region, but a lot of them end up in Washington, D.C. A group of fairly young LSU alums who all live and work there find ways to spend time together. They work on different things, on different sides of the political aisle, in different sectors – but they've stayed friends, and they've stayed connected to each other. That's true in other geographic areas as well. Our students tend to find each other because LSU and the Manship School have a strong alumni community."



SWINGING BACK TO THE BEGINNING

CYNTHIA PETERSON

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A music lover, Peterson presented a TEDxLSU talk in which she explained how scientists, like musicians, respect each other, listen to each other, learn from each other, and find the rhythms and harmonies in their individual and collective work that soar, enlighten, and inspire. That talk epitomizes Peterson's leadership style, and that style is part of the formula that is paying big dividends as the college continues to experience increases in enrollment that are phenomenal.

Peterson was born in Baton Rouge but grew up in a number of places, both in the U.S. and abroad, as her family followed her father's Air Force career. The family settled in Shreveport when she was in junior high, and she finished high school there as the valedictorian of her class. LSU was part of the family tradition, but the determining factor in her decision to attend LSU was the University's offer of an LSU Alumni Top 100 (now Flagship) Scholarship.

She chose to major in biochemistry, though she wasn't sure of her career direction until, in her junior year, she took a course that gave her the opportunity to work in a laboratory. During the first half of the semester, the students worked in teams on projects chosen for them, but in the second half, they were challenged individually to find a professor to work with on a project. "That was my introduction to research," she said. Professor Rich Gandour in the chemistry department set her to work on a real project using a spectrophotometer, giving her insight into the collaborative side of science. "I began to understand that laboratory science is not a solitary endeavor. All these other people – not only the professor but graduate students and post-docs

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— were working in the lab along with me. People socialized and had a good time together while they worked hard, and I thought, ‘What a cool thing!’ It was an insight I don’t think I would have had any other way.”

As a senior, she served as an undergraduate teaching assistant, an experience she counts as the second turning point in her career path. “I took that as a huge responsibility,” she recalled. “I was expected to teach my class, make sure they were prepared for exams — so that gave me a little bit of teaching experience.” She discovered she really liked being on the other side of the desk, and she realized that, if she wanted to teach at the university level, she needed to go to graduate school, so she did. “I didn’t come into the University knowing what I wanted to do — that evolved over time — but I found myself at LSU,” Peterson recalls. “The experience I had as an undergraduate at LSU launched my career.”

After graduation, Peterson chose the graduate program in biochemistry at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport as her next academic step. “Some of my classes were with the medical students, but I found I got a lot of personal mentoring in the continuing courses in my field because the classes were small. Working on my Ph.D., I had a project that seeded my interest in protease inhibitors. I started working in that area then, and I’m still working in the same broad area of protease inhibitors today.”

She earned her Ph.D. and continued her training in a postdoctoral position at the University of California-Berkeley for four years, then joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she remained for the next twenty-two years.

An early learning experience that made a significant impact on her life: “I am forever grateful to a senior faculty member who was well-known for his successful NIH grant-writing ability. Early on, he agreed to read through a draft of my first grant — which was a lot to ask of someone to begin with, a time-consuming task — and he took time with me and gave me candid feedback. Essentially, he said, ‘This needs a lot of work.’ I sort of hung my head after he left, but I picked it back up off my chest and listened to his advice, and that grant was funded on first submission. It’s that kind of mentoring and caring about other people that makes a difference in someone’s career. With that kind of support, I was able to be successful, eventually becoming the chair of my department and moving into an associate dean position.”

Since returning to LSU, Peterson has overseen significant increases in college enrollment, with a 25 percent increase in freshman enrollment in fall 2018 that came from a 46 percent increase in undergraduate applications that year. As of mid-2019, the increases were continuing. Her initial strategy was fairly simple: She talked to lots of people in the college. “There are five separate units and about 250 faculty members in the college,” she said. “That’s a lot of people with different expertise, way more than I, as a biochemist, could begin to know. And just reading about somebody on paper wasn’t going to be enough to really understand the fabric of the college. I spent my first semester at LSU talking with each of the faculty members to hear about their passions, their research, their dreams, what they like about LSU, what could be done differently. I really wanted to understand who we are.”

From those conversations, and with some additional research, Peterson developed a plan to bring the various units within the college together. A major commonality was the

emphasis on research as a part of education. “Every semester, we have about 300 undergraduates who are actually doing research in the laboratories across the college,” Peterson said. “And of course, graduate education is an essential component of who we are and what we do. We have about 500 graduate students in the college.”

Another aspect was to bring the units together as often as possible. She explained, “The work at the edges of the disciplines is really some of the most exciting space and where things are moving forward. I’m not trying to homogenize the disciplines, because there is value in each, but there’s great synergy when we bring ideas together from these different areas.”

The critical element, however, was to communicate the college’s strengths. “My vision — our vision, it’s a shared vision as a group — for the college is to be at the forefront, to be on the cutting edge, to be pushing the boundaries, training the next generation of scientists, and also to continue to make the landmark discoveries that we’re currently getting so much press for,” she said.

Under Peterson’s leadership, the college has developed a number of outreach projects that connect it with the local community and inspire the next generation of scientists — beginning in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Additionally, the college has produced a video that shows in movie theaters, publishes newsletters and annual reports, and underwrites “Science Friday” through the local public radio station.

Peterson has an additional goal: As the first female dean of the college, she takes diversity as a major responsibility. “There are many areas in science where diversity has been slower to develop than in other fields,” she acknowledged. “To address those issues, I’ve established an office of diversity and inclusion in the college with a great leader, Zakiya Wilson-Kennedy. We’re getting funding from several federal agencies to develop and implement programming. We’re hitting a large range of students, helping to show them that LSU is a very inviting place.”

Despite her myriad responsibilities, Peterson continues her research and, with the help of Yuzhuo Chu, a post-doctoral fellow, maintains a lab on campus. She credits Chu with helping keep her on track with her research. “I am a scientist, so it was important to me, when I came to LSU, to make sure that I didn’t give that part of myself up, that I continued that scholarship,” she explained.

Her reason for returning to LSU after so many years away resonates with a sentiment that other returning LSU alums share. “I enjoyed my colleagues and my time in Tennessee very much. I was not on the job market; I was very settled,” she said. “But then the phone rang. The person who called said they wanted to talk to me about a position as dean of a college of science at a major research university — in Louisiana. It didn’t take much in the way of deduction to think, ‘That would be my alma mater! My alma mater, the place that launched my career, that beautiful campus, a place so familiar to me, so dear to my heart. Well, my goodness, maybe I’ll just think about that.’ And here I am. LSU has its own special character, a *joie de vivre*, a wonderful culture, a kind of ‘jazz culture,’ a rhythm that inspires and draws us back, no matter where we are or what we’re doing.”



ROARING BACK TO RED STICK LIKE A WHIRLWIND

RORI PATRISE SMITH

Keeping up with Rori Patrise Smith is like catching the coattails of a tornado. A bundle of compressed energy and constant motion with a

high-beam smile, Smith leads a lifestyle that has her all over the country several times a month. And yet, in the midst of this fast-paced career, Smith finds her “moment,” an ineffable feeling of belonging, in her family’s home state.

Though her parents are both from Louisiana – her mother Pat Locks Smith was born in Baton Rouge, and her father Robert H. Smith, Ph.D., in Bastrop – they were living near Washington, D.C., when Smith was born, and she graduated from high school in Montgomery County, Md. Just after she graduated, the family moved back to Baton Rouge, where her mother’s parents and other extended family still lived.

After graduating from LSU in 1992 with a bachelor’s degree in journalism, Smith moved back to Washington, D.C., to serve as a legislative correspondent in the United States Senate office for one year. Since 1994, Smith has been with Delta Air Lines, Inc., first as a flight attendant and then as a flight attendant safety and customer service instructor; day-to-day coordinator for training in Minneapolis during the Delta-Northwest merger; and flight attendant recruiter and member of the airline’s brand and marketing team. However, her career has taken some unexpected and adventurous side paths as well.

“You never know where, when, or how opportunity will find you,” she said. “You just have to be prepared for it. For me, it all began back in high school, my mom and dad saying, ‘get involved, take that first step, do what you have to do.’ And don’t plan too much, just be ready.”

The first of those side paths occurred in 1995, when Delta offered employees a one-year sabbatical leave. Though she had only been with Delta a year at that point, Smith decided to take the leave and find a new adventure. That decision led her back to Baton Rouge, where she became the evening weather anchor. One viewer commended David Ward, then the assistant general manager at WAFB: “Bravo on the 10 p.m. weather woman, whose name I don’t even know yet. She’s poised, articulate, and obviously in love with life.”

The next adventure occurred after her return to Delta. She was on a routine flight in early 2001 when she met then-Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris. Harris was then preparing to become a candidate for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in the

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2002 elections. She invited Smith to meet with her later to talk about becoming her press secretary. Smith was intrigued by the idea but wasn't sure she was ready to leave Delta.

Then, sadly, the events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed everything. Because of the impact the disaster had on the airline industry, Delta needed to regroup and subsequently offered its employees the opportunity to take leaves of absence for up to five years. Smith, who was project manager for customer satisfaction at Delta headquarters in Atlanta at the time, took the offer for the full period.

She went to Sarasota, Florida, and served as Harris's press secretary and director of outreach during the successful 2002 campaign. "I spent a year there, and – oh, my gosh! – you talk about taking what you learn in the classroom and then applying it to a campaign! Yeah, I studied journalism and broadcasting in college, I took the media law class like everyone else, and I made my videos and media presentations, and you know, I was ready. But this piled it on even more. I always thought I was the one who would be asking the questions, and here I was the one answering the questions! That twelve months in Sarasota taught me so much, and it was such a blessing because it led to even more opportunity. Harris wrote a book [Center of the Storm, 2002] after that campaign, and in the foreword, she wrote about her staff, and she thanked Smith, adding, 'Rori has taken Sarasota by storm all by herself.'" Not only had Harris noticed Rori's impact, but so had the community: She was inducted into the Sarasota, Florida Gulf Coast Business Review's "40 Under 40" in spring 2002.

Shortly after, Smith was asked to become the official spokesperson for the 2003 Republican National Convention, which took her to New York City, where she spent the next year and a half planning the convention. She recalls her joy when, after then-President George W. Bush completed his speech, he looked at her as she stood on the floor of the convention and mouthed, "Thanks, Rori!"

After the election that year, she was then asked to serve on the Presidential Inaugural Committee, and after that six-

week gig, she was appointed by the president to serve as the associate director of public affairs for the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a position she held until her return in 2006 to Delta.

Since returning to Delta, Smith has continued training and recruiting and has served on branding and marketing committees for the company. She is also the owner of Bunni Enterprises, LLC, a public relations and public affairs company that focuses on customer service. She serves as the master of ceremonies for the LSU Alumni Association's annual Hall of Distinction gala and was recently asked to join the The Cook Hotel Board of Managers.

Through all of her varied experiences, Smith finds balance in coming home. While Atlanta may be the hub for Delta, Baton Rouge is the hub for her. Like a bird who leaves her nest, she ventures out into the world and finds connections and adventure; then, she flies back home to her nest to recharge and find support.

"Are you familiar with Doloroso?" she asked. Doloroso is a small community in Wilkinson County, Miss., on Highway 61. At that point, the highway rises high above the valley that is just north of Doloroso, delivering an unexpected and breathtaking view at the top. A traveler can see forests for miles, all the way to the horizon. "That's my moment," Smith explained quietly. "That's where it really hits me that this is home. The drive reminds me of traveling from Baton Rouge to North Louisiana to visit my grandparents. The memories will last forever, and the peak at Doloroso serves for me as a remembrance of those drives – especially at Christmas."

Smith credits her parents, who have been married for more than fifty-four years, as her "rocks," her foundation. She and her brother, Robby, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas, are also very close, and she recalls with great fondness spending time with her maternal grandparents after moving back to Baton Rouge.

"These are my roots," she explained. "Family supports me no matter where I am or what I'm doing." Those close family ties continue to keep Smith grounded even as she literally flies away.



BATON ROUGE CALLING

SALLY STIEL

LSU alumni have opportunities to find a sense of community wherever they go – even far from Louisiana. The extended community of alumni groups

and Greek networks provides young graduates with the chance to spread their wings, find new job markets, and gain valuable experience in areas far removed from Louisiana.

Sally Stiel discovered her own home-away-from-home community when she decided to move to Las Vegas after graduation. She knew no one, had applied for a job there through an online service with a company with which she had no experience, and left the comfort of a home she had known all her life to find her next great adventure. Seven years and a myriad of experiences and new connections later, she has returned home and now uses that adventure as senior director of alumni engagement and marketing with the LSU Alumni Association to continue the legacy of LSU communities in cities both at home and beyond for the next generation of LSU graduates.

Stiel grew up in Franklin (“one of the prettiest main streets in South Louisiana”) and graduated from Hanson Memorial High School. Her mother, father, and older sister had gone to LSU, and her mother remained active in the Delta Kappa chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority as an alumna. The family attended events on campus frequently, so she was familiar with campus throughout her childhood and developed a fondness for the University.

When she arrived at LSU as an undergraduate, she lived on campus, joined ZTA, and participated in community service projects and events – all opportunities that allowed her to meet diverse groups of people and to make friends and develop a network of connections. Through those connections, she found an internship in Baton Rouge for a local ad agency run by LSU alumna Ann Edelman. Stiel credits Edelman with helping her find direction on her career path before she graduated from LSU. “She challenged me like no other boss in my career has and knew I’d be better for it,” Stiel recalled. “She helped set me up with LSU alumnus Jeff Zehnder’s media team to train me on systems that I would need to learn in order to get a competitive media job outside of Baton Rouge.”

A communication studies major, Stiel graduated in 2003 ready for the next big step in her life. With a recommendation from Edelman and a desire to “see what’s outside Louisiana,” she found an entry-level advertising position in Las Vegas. “I moved there

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knowing one LSU alumna, D'Anna Malbrough, whom I had only met once prior to moving there," Stiel said. "She booked me a hotel room for a week, gave me a stack of apartment guides, and really helped me get my feet on the ground."

Stiel found herself among other people about her age at the advertising agency where she worked, which gave her the opportunity to develop new connections and friendships in her new surroundings. She also found that the experience helped her learn to navigate an unfamiliar place and unfamiliar people. "It really took me a while to get used to such a large, new city," she explained. "I had to get out of my comfort zone and eat dinner alone, walk into a room of strangers and make what could sometimes be an awkward introduction to already established groups of friends." Stiel admits that she still gets nervous when she's in a room full of new people, but she now feels confident that she can deal with that situation.

Perhaps the most important connection Stiel made was with the Las Vegas LSU alumni chapter, the Sin City Tigers. A very active chapter, the group held frequent events, especially during football season, that helped keep Stiel connected to LSU. "I attended an LSU game watch party for the first time and was quickly approached by their chapter president, Kathy Fives, who welcomed me and made me feel like I was a part of a family," Stiel recalled. "I was very homesick my first fall away, and the LSU watch party was a comfort zone. It was also a neutral ground that allowed me to build networks and friendships with CFOs, casino and hotel general managers, and other local marketing professionals, which otherwise would have been hard to do in such a large city."

Stiel became an active participant in the group, and that participation paid off in ways she never expected. "These people helped me network with people in their circles, and the relationships just continued to grow over my six years there and expanded to other LSU alumni chapters regionally, specifically in California," she explained. "About a year in, I became involved with the chapter in a volunteer role, which taught me the workings of a nonprofit board structure and how to build sponsorships to help grow our crawfish boil. Our boil raised scholarship funds to send a local Las Vegas student to LSU. I didn't realize at the time how valuable that entire experience would be in my current position – thirteen years later."

Stiel's return to Baton Rouge also was the result of an LSU connection. One of her clients at the advertising agency was Kim

Ginn, an LSU alumna. As early as 2008, Ginn and Stiel worked together on media and brand development for a new casino in Baton Rouge. That new casino was L'Auberge Casino and Hotel, and in early 2012, Stiel was offered the advertising manager position at the casino. Through Ginn's mentorship, Stiel learned how to expand her career from media and public relations to a more comprehensive marketing and business operations focus.

Despite her desire to return to Baton Rouge, she had mixed feelings. She had come to love Las Vegas and her friends there, but she credits Garth Brooks for helping her make the final decision. "On the day I was offered the job, my parents and I had tickets to the Garth Brooks concert at the Wynn," she recalled. "Brooks closed with *Calling Baton Rouge*, and on the first note, I remember looking at my parents in tears saying, 'That's it, I'm coming back home.'"

In 2017, about five-and-a-half years after she moved back, Stiel accepted her current position with the Association, in part because of her experiences in Las Vegas. She now works with groups like the Sin City Tigers to support and facilitate activities that create LSU communities and help young graduates find connections away from home.

She has this advice for alumni who live away from LSU and Baton Rouge: "You're always going to be homesick for Baton Rouge (especially in the fall!), but LSU alumni, fans, and friends are all over the world and can help bring that 'missing piece' to you, no matter where you are. We have hundreds of volunteers, alumni, fans and friends who help to build LSU experiences for people all over. Whether you're looking for professional networking and social opportunities, crawfish boils, football watch parties, or you just want to help out a future Tiger or contribute financially to the University, there's something for everyone. Ultimately, you control how active you are, whether you live in Louisiana or not, so it's up to you to decide how to take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to you. It's amazing what eye contact, a smile, and the two words 'Geaux Tigers' can do to open a conversation when you see someone in LSU gear. My undergraduate degree at LSU and the alumni support along the way were instrumental in helping me to get to where I am today."

Brenda Macon, formerly an editor, writer, and manager at LSU, is a freelance writer and editor and serves as executive secretary for the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists.



CELEBRATING

25
YEARS

THE LOD COOK ALUMNI CENTER

Photography by Jim Zietz, Johnny Gordon, Prather Warren, Harry Cowgill, and John Wozniak

On May 20, 1994, the Lod Cook Alumni Center was dedicated amid a frenzy of fireworks, a 21-gun salute, a jet flyover, jazz music, and a gourmet Louisiana feast, with a 1,000-person guest list that included former presidents Gerald R. "Jerry" Ford, James E. "Jimmy" Carter, and George H.W. Bush. The black-tie event dedicated the new building that LSU alumni could finally call home.

"It will become the focal point of alumni activities and serve as the catalyst for greater alumni involvement. We will use it for fundraising, reminiscing and inspiring sons, daughters, and friends to carry on the LSU tradition," said Lod Cook.

Indeed it has. The magnificent Lod Cook Alumni Center continues to call LSU alumni, friends, and supporters home. And it will – today, tomorrow, and forever.

Take a trip down memory lane with photographs from that sensational event used in the feature "Call It Home," which appeared in the magazine's summer 1994 issue.

1. Chef Phillippe Parola chats with President Ford about the evening meal. **2.** Pausing for a photo op are, from left, Chancellor William E. "Bud" Davis; J. Hals Benhard, chairman of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors; John R. Williams, chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors; former Presidents Carter, Ford, and Bush; Carole Cook; White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty; Gov. Edwin Edwards; Lod Cook, and LSU System President Allen A. Copping. **3.** More than 1,000 dignitaries and LSU faithful took part in the grand opening festivities. **4.** Lod Cook Leads the presidents and special guests on a tour of the new center. **5.** Former presidents Jerry Ford, George Bush, and Jimmy Carter join Lod and Carole Cook for a carriage ride along West Lakeshore Drive to the Lod Cook Alumni Center. **6.** LSU newest grad, JoLynn Wiemer, removes the Golden Key. **7.** Lod Cook, LSU President Allen Copping, and LSU Alumni Association President & CEO Charlie Roberts look on as LSU's oldest living graduate, Andrew Just Babin, opens the box that holds the Golden Key to the new center. **8.** After cutting the cake in honor of Carole Cook's birthday, the chefs toss their toque blanches in celebration. **9.** The former presidents address guests at the grand opening dinner. **10.** President Ford and Carole and Lod Cook are the first to enter the Lod Cook Alumni Center after its formal dedication. **11.** The New Orleans Olympia Brass Band leads guests to West Lakeshore Drive for the official dedication ceremony. **12.** Singer Robbie Britt, atop the Lod Cook Alumni Center, ends the ceremony with his rendition of I Love the U.S.A. **13.** Onlookers were treated to a spectacular fireworks show on University Lake and a 21-gun salute. **14.** The Acadiana Barbershop Chorus, a teaming of the Louisiana Purchase Quartet and the Bayou Blend Quartet, entertain guests with a song. **15.** Bruce Cain and the Louisiana Professional Culinary Academy satisfied guests' appetites for fine Louisiana cuisine. **16.** Mack McLarty, Edwin Edwards, Jimmy Carter, George Bush, and Jerry Ford sport LSU head gear from the gift shop in the center.

Please consider make a special gift and/or a planned gift to the LSU Alumni Association to support the preservation of the Lod Cook Alumni Center for future generations. Contact Amy Parrino at 225-578-3835.

Noteworthy



Samuel Bentley Sr.



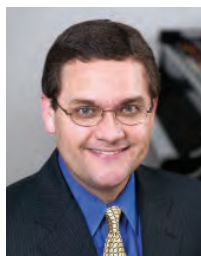
Linda Hooper-Bùi

Samuel Bentley, Sr., the Billy and Ann Harrison Chair in Sedimentary Geology, assumed the permanent role of vice president for research and economic development June 1, after serving as interim since February. He has served as associate dean for research and administration in the College of Science, director of LSU's Coastal Studies Institute, and as the Erich and Lea Sternberg Professor in the LSU Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College.

Linda Hooper-Bùi, professor of environmental sciences, received a Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana's 2019 Coastal Stewardship Award recognizing her extensive contributions to Louisiana wetlands restoration and conservation. Hooper-Bùi is the director of LSU's chapter of EnvironMentors, an award-winning, after-school science mentoring initiative that pairs LSU undergraduate and graduate mentors high school students from Scotlandville Magnet High to help improve their understanding of science.



Geoffrey C. Clayton



Willis Delony

Geoffrey C. Clayton, the Ball Family Distinguished Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy was elected vice-president of the American Astronomical Society. As representative of the Board of Trustees, Clayton will be responsible for the overall scientific content of the society's major meetings.

Willis Delony, the Virginia Martin Howard Professor of Piano & Jazz Studies, and **Gabriela González**, professor of physics, were awarded Boyd Professorships by the LSU Board of Supervisors in May. The designation is LSU's highest and most prestigious academic rank and is only awarded to faculty who have achieved national and international recognition for outstanding research, teaching, or creative achievements.



Gabriela González



Bill Demastes

Distinguished Research Master Awards honoring exceptional research and scholarship were presented by the Office of Research & Economic Development to **Bill Demastes**, the San Diego II Alumni Professor of English Rhetoric, and Classical Studies, for the arts, humanities, social, and behavioral sciences; and to **Kam-biu Liu**, the George William Barineau III Professor in the College of the Coast & Environment's Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences, for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Kam-biu Liu



Tina M. Harris

Tina M. Harris joined the Manship School of Mass Communication this fall as the Douglas L. Manship, Sr.-Dori J. Maynard Chair in Race, Media & Cultural Literacy, the first position of its type in the nation. Harris will do research and teaching on advancing issues of diversity, access and social justice in media and society, and will build upon her extensive research base. She was previously a professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Georgia.



Dereck J. Rovaris, Sr.

Dereck J. Rovaris, Sr., vice provost for diversity, was named president of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE), the premier organization to drive leadership development, access, and vital issues concerning blacks in higher education. The group provides opportunities for collaborating and networking among individuals, institutions, groups, and agencies in higher education globally.

Jeremiah Shinn was named vice president for student affairs, effective July 1. He was formerly vice president in the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management at Boise State University and served at various institutions as assistant dean of students, associate director of student activities, director of student involvement and leadership center, associate vice president for student affairs, and assistant vice president for student life.

George Voyiadjis, Boyd Professor and chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, was elected a member of the European Academy of Sciences. The organization, recognized by Royal Decree in 2003 by King Albert II of Belgium, is a fully independent, international association of distinguished scholars that recognizes and elects to membership the best European scientists with a vision for Europe as a whole, transcending national borders and with the goal of strengthening European science and scientific cooperation.

Scott Wilks, a professor of social work and coordinator of the Graduate Specialization in Gerontology Work, was awarded a \$3.73 million grant for to improve the quality of life for Louisiana residents and families living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders funded by the Federal Health Resources and Service Administration. The initiative is a partnership of the School of Social Work, Ochsner Health System, Chamberlain University College of Nursing, and Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area. The School of Social Work is one of only three social work programs nationally to receive this funding recognition.

LSU is rated as the best value university in Louisiana and sixty-ninth among public universities across the country in *Forbes* 2019 America's Best Value Colleges rankings. Among public SEC peers, LSU is the fourth best value, ranked ahead of Auburn University, University of Alabama, University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, and University of Missouri, among others. LSU is ranked 110th overall in the latest America's Best Value Colleges list.

Of 144 schools considered, the College of Engineering's Digital Media Arts & Engineering program was ranked among the very best in several categories in the Game Design School Rankings by Animation Career Review – No. 1 in Louisiana; No. 9 in the South; No. 21 nationally among schools offering master's degrees in game design; No. 22 nationally among public schools and colleges; and No. 46 nationally among all programs. Rankings are based on academic reputation, admission selectivity, depth and breadth of the program, value as it relates to tuition and indebtedness, geographic location, and employment data.



Jeremiah Shinn



George Voyiadjis



Scott Wilks

OOPS! Adam Melvin, recipient of a NSF CAREER award, was incorrectly identified as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the summer issue. He is an assistant professor of chemical engineering. The magazine regrets the error.

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In Focus



Brigadier General Vincent B. Barker, the 377th Theater Sustainment Command Deputy Commanding General, gave the commissioning oath to graduating cadets.

Spring Commissioning –

Twenty-two graduates were recognized during the LSU Spring ROTC Commissioning Ceremony. Brigadier General Vincent B. Barker, the 377th Theater Sustainment Command Deputy Commanding General, was the guest speaker for the ceremony and gave the commissioning oath. Eight LSU graduates from the Army ROTC program, five graduates from the Navy ROTC program, including three Southern University graduates, and nine graduates from the Air Force ROTC program were commissioned.

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Giving Day – The University's first Giving Day – April 30 – set the benchmark for future giving as Tigers everywhere gave, and generous donors multiplied the impact by creating exciting challenge gifts. LSU Tiger Nation raised \$829,027 from 2,770 donors, and the LSU Alumni Association topped the list for most donors and dollars – 316 and \$171,197. Until Giving Day 2020, you can support LSU students, faculty, and staff by giving online for academics at lsufoundation.org/give, for alumni engagement at lsualumni.org/giving, and for athletics at lsutaf.org/donate.



From left, Beth Donze, representing her late husband Frank Donze, Lyn Rollins, Kim Hunter Reed, and Manship School of Mass Communication Dean Martin Johnson.

Manship Hall of Fame – Three mass communication professors were inducted into the Manship School of Mass Communication Hall of Fame in April. They were the late Frank Donze (1977 BACH MCOM), who served as the “dean” of New Orleans political reporters and was with the Audubon Nature Institute at the time of his passing; Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed (1987 BACH MCOM); and Lyn Rollins (1988 MAST MCOM), the lead play-by-play broadcaster for SEC and ESPN coverage of LSU sports since its inception.



Cadets of the Ole War Skule President John Milazzo, Ole War Skule board member Harry "Skip" Philips, LSU Board of Supervisors member Mary Werner, Cadets of the Ole War Skule Past President Richard Lipsey, and guest speaker Col. Joey Strickland.



Lt. Col. Rian Carter, professor of military science; Cadet Col. Dallas Sampey, corps commander; and Capt. Dean Rawls, professor of naval science, Southern University.

Memorial Day Observance - LSU honored former students, faculty, and staff, as well as all veterans who have given their lives in service to their country on May 30, traditional Memorial Day. The noon ceremony at the LSU War Memorial included a wreath-laying ceremony, *Taps*, and a moment of silence. Col. Joey Strickland, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, gave the keynote speech at the luncheon following the event.

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2019 Legislative Update

The Louisiana Legislature's 2019 Regular Session ended with good news for LSU.

To begin with, the state's financial support for LSU's operations has remained stable. While the past decade has been fraught with instability, long-term projections show a fiscal stability for the state that should translate into a solid foundation for the University to build upon.

In addition, several major campus buildings received approval for renovations in the state's capital construction budget.

The Art Studios Building, which dates from the 1920s, is slated for a \$15 million overhaul, which will be augmented by a \$2 million contribution from New Orleans developer Roger H. Ogden. The building has been in line for a renovation for more than twenty years, which is about the average wait time for a capital project.

The long-awaited work on the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse was also approved to move forward. The planning of the project will be completed shortly, and renovations are set to begin in the near future. The building's original interior design will be restored, while a buildout will be completed on the abandoned space that constitutes two-thirds of the facility.

The LSU AgCenter also received more than \$7 million to expand the

food incubator facility for cold packing usage. This project was supported by Louisiana Economic Development as part of their efforts to promote the growth of small business.

The session also saw several pieces of legislation that affect the University. There were bills related to medical marijuana research at the AgCenter, and lawmakers passed a revision to the hazing law, a mandate for lower cost online textbooks, and calls to study establishments of dental and law schools in the Shreveport area. In addition, a dual enrollment task force was charged with creating a statewide framework to ensure universal access to college courses for all high school students.

There was also a change in LSU's governmental relations team. Jason Droddy has accepted a position with the LSU Board of Supervisors, and Chris Vidrine will serve as the interim head of governmental relations. Louis Gremillion joined the team right after session as policy adviser, and will be assisting Vidrine in communicating LSU's priorities to its friends and supporters.

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ODK Spring Events



Stewart Lockett, Charles Hunter, Baton Rouge Area ODK Alumni Chapter President Bridger Eglin, Maria Enger, and Zoë Williamson.



Chapter President Bridger Eglin with Stephanie Riegel, Otey White, John Spain, Roxanne Dill, and Greg Meriwether.

The Baton Rouge Area ODK Alumni Chapter honored outstanding student members and hosted a program on media and society in April.

Four students were recognized for their scholarship and leadership by the Baton Rouge Area ODK Alumni Chapter. Zoë Williamson, of St. Francisville, La., received the Arden O. French Leadership Award; Maria Enger, of Hattiesburg, Miss., received the LSU Alumni Association's Eaton Excellence in Leadership and Service Award named for the late Mary Frey Eaton; and Stewart Lockett, of Lafayette, La., and Charles Hunter, of Baton Rouge, were awarded certificates acknowledging their academic and leadership accomplishments.

Taking part in the presentation "The Role of Media in Today's Society" were Stephanie Riegel, editor, *Baton Rouge Business Report*; Otey White, president, Otey White & Associates; John Spain, vice president, Baton Rouge Area Foundation; Roxanne Dill, professor of mass communication; and Greg Meriwether, anchor and managing editor at WAFB TV.

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Barry Cowan's work makes for a lot of fun for readers who enjoy his Tiger Trivia column in *LSU Alumni Magazine*. To celebrate his fortieth column, he's gone back in time to share some favorites – and included a few new “challenges.”

Barry, assistant archivist in LSU Archives is author of *Louisiana State University: The Campus History Series*, co-author of *Historic Photos of LSU Football*, and has contributed articles to the *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* and *KnowLA: Encyclopedia of Louisiana History, Culture, and Community*.

Thanks, Barry, for a decade of entertainment and insight!

10 YEARS OF

TIGER TRIVIA

- What was Bert Jones called while he was quarterback for the Tigers?**
 - The Slidell Shotgun
 - The Ruston Rifle
 - The Pistol
 - Anything but late for dinner
- Which two professors founded *The Southern Review* in 1935?**
 - Henry Howe and Richard Russell
 - James Nicholson and Thomas Atkinson
 - David Boyd and Anthony Vallas
 - Cleanth Brooks and Robert Penn Warren
- Which former Tiger holds NCAA records for most points scored and scoring average over his college career even though he last played in 1970?**
 - Shaquille O'Neal
 - Pete Maravich
 - Howard Carter
 - Ricky Blanton
- Who was the first Louisiana governor to graduate from LSU?**
 - John McKeithen
 - Huey P. Long
 - Ruffin G. Pleasant
 - Mike Foster
- How did Elena Carter Percy pay for her dorm room and board in 1932?**
 - She was a waitress at the Faculty Club
 - She was a tutor
 - She traded nine head of cattle for it
 - She sold her car
- Which former LSU president and longtime dean of the Law School served as a judge in the Nuremberg war crimes trials following World War II?**
 - Ira Flory
 - Paul Hebert
 - Troy Middleton
 - Robert Tullis
- How long did E. S. Richardson serve as president in 1939?**
 - Less than 1 year
 - Less than 1 month
 - Less than 1 week
 - Less than 24 hours
- According to LSU's Time Table of General Daily Duty of 1877, what time was reveille?**
 - 5:30 AM
 - 7:00 AM
 - 8:30 AM
 - There was no reveille
- What was the Tigerette Corps?**
 - A cheerleading squad
 - The flag corps
 - Baton twirlers
 - A group of women students who learned first aid and volunteered in hospitals during World War II
- When did the first Mike the Tiger arrive on campus?**
 - 1893
 - 1924
 - 1936
 - 1958
- Which dormitory was named for an LSU alumna killed in 1944 while saving other Marines from a burning building?**
 - Evangeline Hall
 - Germaine Laville Hall
 - Grace King Hall
 - Ruffin G. Pleasant Hall
- Which Oscar-winning actress majored in drama at LSU in the late 1940s?**
 - Elizabeth Taylor
 - Natalie Wood
 - Joanne Woodward
 - Lee Remick
- What were the campus radio station's call letters before they became KLSU?**
 - WPRG
 - WLSU
 - KFGC
 - All of the above
- Which head coach of any sport has had the longest tenure?**
 - D-D Breaux
 - Charles McClendon
 - Harry Rabenhorst
 - Skip Bertman

15. According to the 1881 cadet regulations, what types of behavior were prohibited?

- (a) Issuing or accepting a challenge to fight a duel
- (b) Keeping a dog, horse, or servant
- (c) Playing musical instruments during study hours
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of the above

16. Who was the first alumnus to become president of LSU?

- (a) David Boyd
- (b) Thomas Boyd
- (c) James Nicholson
- (d) William Preston Johnston

17. According to the 1949-50 I Book, what time was curfew for freshman women students on weeknights?

- (a) 8:00 PM
- (b) 9:00 PM
- (c) Midnight
- (d) There was no curfew

18. Who was the first Tiger football player to be named All-American?

- (a) "Doc" Fenton
- (b) "Fatty" Ives
- (c) "Gus" Tinsley
- (d) "Gus" Kinchen

19. Which building on campus was named for the civil rights attorney who helped the first African American students gain admission to LSU?

- (a) A. P. Tureaud Hall
- (b) Thomas D. Boyd Hall
- (c) David F. Boyd Hall
- (d) Campbell B. Hodges Hall

20. How many alumni and former students served during World War II?

- (a) Approximately 3000
- (b) Approximately 4000
- (c) Approximately 5500
- (d) Approximately 6500

21. Who was considered the major influence behind the concept and construction of the French House?

- (a) James F. Broussard
- (b) Huey P. Long
- (c) Troy H. Middleton
- (d) James P. Cole

22. What was the women's basketball team called before they became the Lady Tigers?

- (a) The Tigresses
- (b) The Ben-Gals
- (c) The Bengal Belles
- (d) The Tigerettes

23. Why did First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visit campus in 1937?

- (a) To host a war bond rally in Baton Rouge
- (b) Because she had never visited
- (c) To give a talk about a typical day in the White House
- (d) To campaign for her husband's reelection

24. When did the Ballet Corps change its name to the LSU Golden Girls?

- (a) 1965
- (b) 1968
- (c) 1976
- (d) 1980

25. Where was the main campus cafeteria located until 1950?

- (a) Highland Hall
- (b) The Pentagon
- (c) The Union
- (d) Foster Hall

26. How old are the Indian Mounds?

- (a) Approximately 50 years old
- (b) Approximately 500 years old
- (c) Approximately 5000 years old
- (d) No one knows

27. Which LSU president led troops during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II?

- (a) Campbell Hodges
- (b) Paul Hebert
- (c) Harold Stoke
- (d) Troy Middleton

28. Although the football stadium has always been called Tiger Stadium, when did the name become official?

- (a) 1958
- (b) 1964
- (c) 1970
- (d) 2002

29. Which alumnus rose to the rank of major general to command the Second Division of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I?

- (a) John Archer Lejeune
- (b) Troy Middleton
- (c) Campbell Hodges
- (d) John J. Pershing

30. Which university's law school was established with help from LSU law professors?

- (a) Tulane
- (b) Southern
- (c) Loyola
- (d) Grambling

31. What item was included in the 1964 Gumbo?

- (a) A phonograph record
- (b) An 8-track tape
- (c) A cassette tape
- (d) A floppy disc

32. Which men's basketball players were nicknamed "The Astronaut" and "Hi-C"?

- (a) Shaquille O'Neal and Pete Maravich
- (b) Chris Jackson and Stanley Roberts
- (c) DeWayne Scales and Howard Carter
- (d) Bob Petit and Joe Dean

33. Which members of the 1958 National Championship football team were sons of LSU coaches?

- (a) Billy Cannon and Max Fugler
- (b) Don Purvis and Tommy Davis
- (c) Durel Matherne and Billy Hendrix
- (d) Johnny Robinson and Charles "Bo" Strange

34. To whom were the first Boyd professorships awarded in 1953?

- (a) Robert Himes, Charles Coates, and James Nicholson
- (b) T. Harry Williams, Phillip West, and Eric Voegelin
- (c) Arthur Prescott, William Stubbs, and William Dodson
- (d) Troy Middleton, John Hunter, and Martin Woodin

35. Who is the winningest player in the history of LSU Women's Tennis?

- (a) Paris Corley
- (b) Dana De Watlington
- (c) Eden Richardson
- (d) Serena Williams

36. Who was the first African American student to enroll at LSU?

- (a) Roy Wilson
- (b) Maxine Crump
- (c) Pinkie Gordon Lane
- (d) A. P. Tureaud, Jr.

37. When did the first African American student enroll at LSU?

- (a) 1860
- (b) 1926
- (c) 1950
- (d) 1964

38. Which of the universities below were once junior colleges administered by LSU?

- (a) UL-Lafayette and Southeastern
- (b) Northwestern and Louisiana Tech
- (c) Grambling, Loyola, and Tulane
- (d) Nicholls, McNeese, and UL-Monroe

39. When did the Tigers baseball team win their first SEC championship?

- (a) 1939
- (b) 1975
- (c) 1991
- (d) 2000

40. How many trees were planted in the Memorial Oak Grove to honor LSU's World War I dead?

- (a) 10
- (b) 18
- (c) 20
- (d) 31

Answers: 1:b, 2:d, 3:b, 4:c, 5:c, 6:b, 7:d, 8:a, 9:d, 10:c, 11:b, 12:c, 13:d, 14:a, 15:d, 16:b, 17:a, 18:c, 19:a, 20:d, 21:a, 22:b, 23:c, 24:a, 25:d, 26:c, 27:d, 28:b, 29:a, 30:b, 31:a, 32:c, 33:d, 34:b, 35:b, 36:a, 37:c, 38:d, 39:a, 40:d

By Bailey Chauvin
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Art history professor Darius Spieth speaks at the Louvre.

“I want to get them involved and get them to know as much as possible on a personal level despite the large numbers of people.”

Alumni Professor Inspires with Enthusiasm for Art

Darius Spieth’s passion for art never fails to keep him busy. Two weeks before our interview, he delivered two talks on eighteenth-century art markets at the Fontainebleau Festival of Art History and at a Study Day hosted by the Sorbonne in France. He left for Venice the day after our interview to visit the Art Biennale, a world-famous contemporary art exhibition.

Spieth was selected earlier this year as the San Diego Alumni Association Chapter Alumni Professor because of his contributions to the art history program at LSU. His research largely focuses on the relationship between art, history, and economics, particularly in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries.

Spieth’s lifelong passion for art began at age fourteen, with an interest in furniture design and glass. Even before graduating from high school, he was going to flea markets to further his designer glass collection, selling things to auction houses, and refurbishing antiques. As his interest in art and collecting habit grew, he decided to pursue a career as an art historian.

After receiving a bachelor’s degree in art history and French at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Spieth earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. However, he found an interest in the subject of much of his future research while studying for an M.B.A. at the International University of Japan. “You had to write a thesis for the M.B.A. in Japan, so I wrote a thesis about an art market subject that was later published in a finance journal,” Spieth said. “It was at this time that I developed a niche interest in art market research.”

Spieth’s experience in his field ranges from working for an art dealer specializing in Russian avant-garde art to serving as a curatorial fellow at Harvard University’s Fogg Art Museum. He arrived at LSU in 2003 with the hopes of sharing his art history knowledge through teaching students

and publishing works.

Today, Spieth’s work is featured in numerous exhibition catalogs and books. He currently serves as general editor for the *Grove Guide to Art Markets*, a dictionary of art markets soon to be published by the Oxford University Press. He’s also published books of his own, including *Revolutionary Paris and the Market for Netherlandish Art* in 2017. The book explores the large demand for Netherlandish art in late eighteenth-century Paris within the context of the French Revolution. According to Spieth, the project quickly became much larger than anticipated. “It seems very focused, but as I went about it, it turned out that there were tens of thousands of historical auction house catalogs,” Spieth explained. “Each catalog has hundreds of entries in it – it’s very difficult to deal with this material.” According to Spieth, the book required about eight years of research and writing.

Spieth teaches a wide array of art and art history classes at LSU, including an African art class he created and Art 1001, usually the largest class on campus. Spieth said he enjoys teaching large classes like Art 1001 and encourages his students to engage with the materials as much as possible. “I want to get them involved and get them to know as much as possible on a personal level despite the large numbers of people,” Spieth said. “It’s amazing that it happens all the time. There are so many students I get to know on a personal level, which I find very rewarding.”

From teaching students during the day to writing and researching at night, there’s certainly no denying Spieth’s passion and enthusiasm for his work. “I’m always engaged and involved with these materials,” Spieth said. “I tell the students in Art 1001 that art is the first thing I think about when I get up in the morning and art is the last thing I think about when I go to bed.”

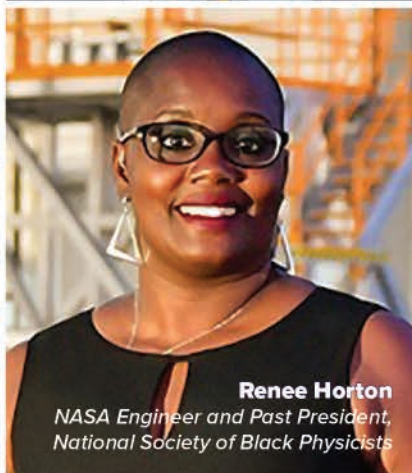
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Tigers' Success in 2019 Depends on Line Play

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Defensive end Breiden Fehoko.



Defensive end Rashard Lawrence.

“LSU’s success this fall will largely depend on its linemen. Off-season moves have improved the picture for the D-line.”

Keith Jackson, the late, great sportscaster, once labeled linemen as “The Big Uglies.” It was a name the iconic announcer used in admiration of a good football team’s strength. “What I like most about this Nebraska team,” Jackson once said, “are the Big Uglies.”

Beauty, after all, is in the eye of the beholder. A Tiger tackle making a block to protect the LSU quarterback looks like Miss America to Ed Orgeron.

LSU’s success this fall will largely depend on its linemen. A quick review of Coach O’s Bayou Bengals reveals positives almost everywhere else. To compete in the SEC West, LSU must erase all doubts about the depth in both the offensive and defensive lines – especially the O-line, where the Tigers struggled last season, using seven different starting combinations.

Off-season moves have improved the picture for the D-line.

Tyler Shelvin (6-3, 362, Sr.) has gained the confidence of the coaching staff, and freshman sensation Siaki Oka (6-3, 371) made a huge impression this spring. That solidified the depth at the nose tackle position. It also allowed last year’s starter, Breiden Fehoko (6-4, 291, Sr.), to be moved back to his natural position of defensive end. He can still provide depth, if needed, at nose tackle. But Fehoko is expected to team with senior Rashard Lawrence (6-3, 317) to give the Tigers two impressive starters at defensive end this fall. Depth at defensive end should be improved. Juniors Glen Logan (6-4, 297) and Neil Farrell (6-5, 295) are expected to build upon their performances of last season, the bowl game and spring practice.

Promising JC transfer Soni Fonua (6-3, 285, Jr.) and freshman Nelson Jenkins (6-4, 305) will get the chance to provide additional support for the position.

The outlook for the offensive line isn’t as robust. Memories of last season’s early troubles linger. The Bengal blockers must find an uplifting performance to build upon. Ending the season with an impressive bowl game effort may have been the tonic this group needed.

Four lettermen return at offensive tackle – Saahdiq Charles (6-5, 315, Jr.), Austin Deculus (6-7, 321, Jr.), Adrian Magee (6-4, 335, Sr.), and Badara Traore (6-7, 323, Sr.). If two were head and shoulders above the rest, ability-wise, the situation might yield positive results. Look for Charles and Deculus to begin the season as starters and Magee to provide backup at both tackle and guard. Traore has impressed onlookers with his improvement over last season. His effort will get him an opportunity for playing time.

Two redshirt freshmen – Dare Rosenthal (6-8, 333) and Cameron Wire (6-7, 296) – have the size and the potential to make a difference with rapid development.

The guard position appears more stable with three lettermen returning and two highly regarded incoming freshmen – Damien Lewis (6-3, 322, Sr.), Adrian Magee (6-4, 335, Sr.), Chasen Hines (6-4, 336, So.), Kardell Thomas (6-3, 358, Fr.), and Anthony Bradford (6-5, 367, Fr.). Magee and Lewis are expected to start. Hines and Thomas will play supporting roles.

One of the bright spots from last season’s offensive line is Lloyd Cushenberry (6-4, 309, Jr.), the returning starter at center. Hines and freshman Charles Turner (6-4, 265) are likely to provide the depth at center. However, look for the staff to find additional depth as the season approaches.

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*.

Coppola, Nuss Named to All-America Team

Beach Volleyball Tigers Finish Third in NCAA



Kristen Nuss(13) and Claire Coppola (#14), LSU's All-America pair.

Beach volleyball reached new heights at LSU this spring, finishing third in the NCAA championships at Gulf Shores, Ala., on May 3. Coach Russell Brock's team finished the season with 31 victories, a program record. The

Photos by LSU Athletics

Tigers crashed the nation's top five after the first week of the season and spent most of the campaign ranked as the nation's No. 4 team.

LSU defeated Pepperdine, 3-0 and Stetson, 3-2 in team competition before losing to eventual champion UCLA, 3-0 and USC, 3-2.

Juniors Claire Coppola and Kristen Nuss, LSU's No. 1 pair, won the USAV Collegiate Beach Championships for the second consecutive year, beating Pepperdine's Brook Bauer and Deahana Kraft in three sets at Hermosa Beach, Calif., on May 11.

Coppola and Nuss were named All-America by AVCA and volleyballmag.com.

In their three seasons in purple and gold, Coppola and Nuss have set the standard for LSU beach volleyball. Competing in every collegiate match together, the LSU duo became the two winningest players in the program's six-year history earlier this season. They currently sit at 91 career victories.

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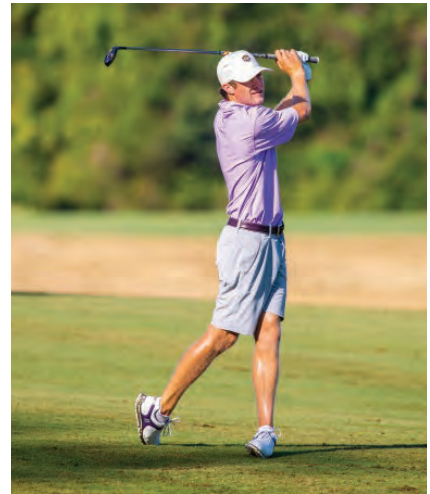
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Three Men Golfers Honored

By Aaron Hyder



Philip Barbaree, Luis Gagne, and Nathan Jeansonne, left to right, brought home SEC honors for the Tigers.

Philip Barbaree and Luis Gagne were named to the All-SEC Second Team, and Nathan Jeansonne earned recognition on the SEC Community Service Team for 2019. All three played a part in LSU advancing to the NCAA Championships for the eighth time in the last 10 years this week at the NCAA Stanford Regional.

It's Gagne's third-straight All-SEC honor as he was a member of the second team in 2017 and a member on the first team a year ago. The Costa Rica native played in nine tournaments this season for the Tigers and registered four top-10 finishes in those appearances.

The senior was consistent this year with 26 of his 27 rounds played counting towards LSU's team score. Gagne led the team with 3.44 birdies per round and also averaged a career best 71.04 strokes per round this season for the team low. He recently made the 400th birdie of his career during round two of the NCAA Stanford Regional, and his tie for 10th place at the regional was the 19th top-10 showing of his career to rank him

fourth on LSU's all-time list.

Barbaree earned the first All-SEC accolade of his career with the appearance on the second team. Barbaree has had a career year with a scoring average of 71.2 strokes per round. He led the team in each of the following categories – birdies (94), eagles (6), and pars (343). The junior from Shreveport, La., is the only Tiger to have teed it up at all 10 tournaments this year and his score counted towards the team score in 27 of those 30 rounds.

He has a career high three top-five finishes this season; his best showing of the season was a tie for third place at The Prestige which helped LSU win the team title.

Jeansonne volunteered at Halloween and Thanksgiving with the Tigers last fall to receive the community service award. The senior from Keithville, La., has one top-10 finish to his name this season, a tie for eighth at The Prestige. In addition to that, he has finished in the top twenty-two other times (Maui Jim Intercollegiate and David Toms Intercollegiate).

Aaron Hyder is assistant communications director in LSU Athletics.

The Duplantis Athletic Club **Once Upon a Time in Tigertown**

It's a story Tiger fans treasure. LSU pole vault star Greg Duplantis meets LSU Lady Tiger athlete Helena Hedlund, a native of Sweden. They marry in 1987, settle in Lafayette, La., and raise a family of four pole vaulters.

Antoine Duplantis, the second son, switched to baseball, became the Tigers all-time hits leader, and set four LSU records. He was a member of LSU's national runner-up team in 2017, played for the U.S. national baseball team in 2018, and signed a professional contract in 2019.



Mondo got an early start with a pole vault pit in his yard.

Photo provided by the Duplantis family

But Mondo, his little brother, was awesome.

Mondo may be the best pole vaulter on the planet. As an LSU freshman, the third Duplantis son won the SEC indoor and outdoor championships and the NCAA indoor title, finishing second in the NCAA outdoor vault. He has already qualified for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Mondo is the current U20 world record holder in the pole vault. He set the mark of 19 feet, 10 1/4 inches at the 2018 European Championships, winning the gold representing his mother's country, Sweden, and becoming only the fifth man in the history of the world to clear that height outdoors. That event qualified him for Sweden's national team in the Olympics.

Why not the U.S. Olympic team?

The time-consuming U.S. Olympic trials often conflict with an athlete's preparation for the NCAA track and field championships. Not Mondo. He set his sights on winning his event and helping his Tigers win their twenty-third SEC track and field championship – and LSU's first track and field title for the men's team since 1990. The team finished tenth in the NCAA team championships.

Besides, Duplantis has family ties to Sweden.

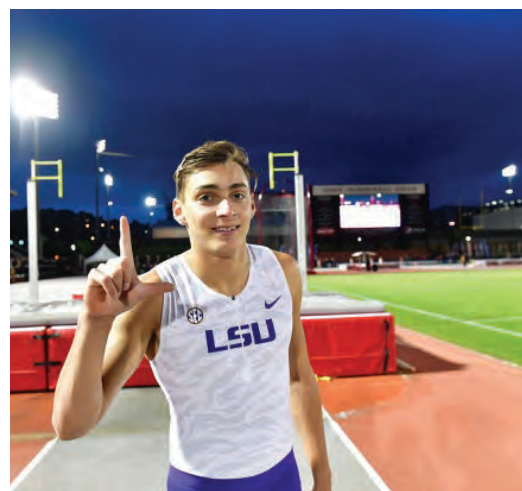
He also seems to be partial to Fayetteville, Ark. He set the collegiate outdoor record at the SEC championships in May at Fayetteville, clearing 19 feet, 8 1/4 inches. In February, he broke the NCAA indoor record in Fayetteville with a vault of 19 feet, 5 inches at the SEC Indoor Championships on his way to the NCAA indoor pole vault title.

Mondo came to LSU as a world-class athlete. What would you expect? Dad Greg was a world-class pole vaulter at LSU and a U.S. Olympic team alternate in the 1980s. Mom Helena was a heptathlete for the LSU women's track team and an outstanding volleyball player. The couple developed a small athletic complex at their home providing a trampoline, a batting cage, and a pole vault pit for their children. It is little wonder that Mondo was a pole vault prodigy. He had two athletic parents coaching him, two older brothers to compete with, plus a pole vault pit in his backyard.

Andreas ranked in the Tigers' Top Ten as a pole vaulter with a personal best of 17 feet, 9 1/4 inches and competed in that event for Sweden's national team.

Antoine, the Tigers right fielder for four seasons, was chasing a record this spring. LSU's all-time leader in hits, games played, at-bats, and triples, he was a key member of the team that finished as a national runner-up at Omaha in 2017 and the U.S. national team in 2018. He was drafted in by the New York Mets.

Johanna "Yo" Duplantis, the first girl, competes for Lafayette High and is a world-class pole vaulter in her age group.



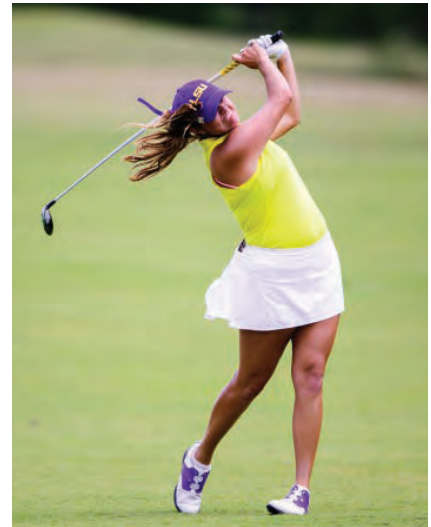
Mondo Duplantis won three of the four major pole vault events – the SEC indoor and outdoor championships, helping the Tigers capture the SEC team outdoor title – won the NCAA indoor championship and finished second in the NCAA pole vault competition. Now he will turn pro to compete in international meets and the 2020 Olympic games.

Photo by LSU Athletics

“Mondo was a pole vault prodigy. He had two athletic parents coaching him, two older brothers to compete with, plus a pole vault pit in his backyard.”

Women Golfers Earn All-Louisiana Honors

By Judy Willson
Photos by LSU Athletics Creative Services



Named to the All-Louisiana Team were, from left, Monia Dibildox, Kathleen Gallagher, and Presley Baggett.

LSU junior Monica Dibildox was voted the 2019 Louisiana Women's Golfer of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association, and senior Kathleen Gallagher and freshman Presley Baggett joined Dibildox on the All-Louisiana Team. Baggett was also voted the 2019 Louisiana Freshman of the Year.

Dibildox was the top collegiate golfer in the state with a 74.48 stroke average over 29 rounds in the 2018-19 season. During the year, the native of Saltillo, Mexico, finished three tournaments at par or under – the Mason Rudolph Women's Championship, the Magnolia Invitational, and the Clemson Invitational – and shot six rounds of par or under. She finished as the first or second scorer for the Tigers in eight of LSU's 11 tournaments this season. Dibildox shot a career low 2-under in two rounds and 1-under twice including the second round of the NCAA East Lansing Regional.

Baggett was the top collegiate freshman golfer with a 75.70 average in 27 rounds for LSU this season. The rookie from Canton, Miss., earned the first top-10 finish of her career at the LSU Tiger Golf Classic with a tie for sixth place. Her career low of 2-under was shot in the second round of the SEC Championship.

Gallagher finished out her collegiate career with a 75.28 average while representing LSU in all 29 rounds of competition in 2018-19.

The senior from Greenwood, Miss., finished two tournaments at par or under, including a tie for eighth place at the Clemson Invitational with a 4-under two-round score. She also tied her career low with a 4-under in the first round at the Magnolia Invitational. Gallagher made her second career appearance in the NCAA Tournament in early May to wrap up her career at LSU.

Judy Willson is associate communications director in LSU Athletics.



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*Sunseri, Sanchez Named All-America***LSU Softball Ranked No. 10 in Nation**

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Coach Beth Torina's Tigers have been trending upward, ranking in the Top Ten in the last five years and achieving that status in six of the last eight seasons. Improved facilities and competitive performances have lifted the LSU program to elite status nationally. In eight years, Torina has taken the Tigers to the Women's College World Series four times.

LSU softball had quite a season, finishing the year ranked No. 10 in the nation. The Tigers have been ranked in the Top Ten in six of the last eight seasons. Coach Beth Torina's team compiled a 43-19 record on the year, reaching the NCAA Super Regionals for the fifth consecutive season.

Two of the Tigers gained NIFCA All-America honors — Shelby Sunseri and Amanda Sanchez, both named to the second team.

Sunseri was chosen as Utility/Pitcher, ending the season with a .340 batting average and 17 home runs, one short of tying for the single season record. As a pitcher, she finished with a 2.34 ERA and a 13-10 record. She pitched five shutouts, tied the single-season saves record with five, and recorded a team-high 86 strikeouts.

Sanchez was named to second team as a third baseman. She had a .354 batting average, scoring 35 runs, getting 47 hits, a team-leading 16 doubles, nine home runs and 54 RBI. She finished with a .627 slugging percentage and a team-best .529 on-base percentage.

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Lady Tigers Finish Third in NCAA Meet



Sha'Carri Richardson.
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Sha'Carri Richardson sped to times of 10.99 in the 100 meters and 22.37 in the 200 meters to become the first U20 woman in world history to run under 11 seconds in the 100 meters and under 23.4 seconds in the 200 on the same day. Her electric performance came at the NCAA championship semi-finals at Austin, Texas, in June.

Richardson's time of 10.75 broke Dawn Sowell's collegiate record of 10.78 that was set in 1989. The top three NCAA 100 meter sprinters in NCAA history all attended LSU – Richardson (10.75), Sowell (10.78/1989), and Aleia Hobbs (10.85/2018). Richardson won the 100 meters and finished second in the 200 meters at the NCAA meet finals the next day.

"Knowing the kind of tradition LSU has in the women's sprints, it's kind of crazy to think I'm up there with the all-time greats," Richardson said. "You see those names like Dawn Sowell, Kimberlyn Duncan, Aleia Hobb, and Mikiah Brisco, and to know that I'm in their presence is special."

The 4x100 meter relay team of Tonea Marshall, Kortnei Johnson, Rachel Misher and Richardson finished second. Richardson's total of 20 points made her the high point scorer of the 2019 NCAA championships. She was the first freshman to accomplish that since Ariana Washington of Oregon did so in 2016.

LSU's women took third place in the NCAA championships. It was the best finish for the Lady Tigers in the NCAA meet since 2011.

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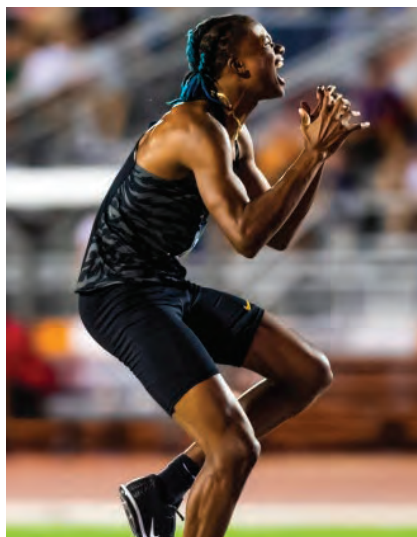
Harrison Wins Two Events in NCAA Meet

JuVaughn Harrison became the first man in the history of the NCAA Outdoor Championships – dating back to 1921 – to win both the long jump and high jump titles in the same meet.

The sophomore's 20 points helped the LSU team to finish seventh with 28 points in the NCAA meet at Austin, Tex., in June. Mondo Duplantis' second place in the pole vault gave the Tigers the other eight points. It marked the 22nd straight year that the LSU men's team finished in the top ten in the NCAA outdoor championships.

Harrison had career bests in both events – 7' 5.25" in the high jump, coming two days after he won his first national title in the long jump with a 26'11".

He also had a stellar outing at the SEC Outdoor Championships in May, scoring 18 points with first place in the high jump and a second in the long jump to help lead LSU to its first SEC title since 1990.



JuVaughn Harrison.
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1950s



Mary Jane Penzo (1952 BACH H&SS), of Springfield, Va., earned a Master of Arts degree from George Washington University in May. She was

enrolled in the Smithsonian Associates graduate program Decorative Arts and Design History, and her thesis, "The Gothic Style in American Arts & Crafts: The Rose Valley Community and Its Furniture, 1901-1906," was accepted. Rose Valley is a suburb of Philadelphia, Pa.

1960s



Ronald B. Marks (1964 BACH H&SS) received the Southeastern Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Lifetime Achievement Award at the

organization's annual meeting in Killarney, Ireland, in May. At the Jack Kent Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation in April, he was recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus of the LSU Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery of the LSU Health Science Center New Orleans.



Norman Cantrelle (1979 BACH ENGR) was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Biloxi, Miss. He is currently a senior regional engineer with Suez WTS in the Gulf Area.



David R. Cassidy (1972 BACH H&SS, 1975 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA*:

America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Louisiana in the area of Corporate/M&A: Tax-Band 2.

1970s



Richard Arsenault (1977 BACH H&SS, 1980 JD), a partner in Neblett, Beard & Arsenault in Alexandria, La., co-chaired the Harris Martin Complex

Litigation Symposium in New Orleans. He was selected by the American Academy of Attorneys as one of the Top 100 attorneys in Personal Injury Law in Louisiana and has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Mass Tort Trial Lawyers in Louisiana by the Mass Tort Trial Lawyers Association.



Bill Dickens (1978 BACH HS&E), professor emeritus of health and human performance at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., was

awarded the Society of Health & Physical Educators (SHAPE) Southern District Donna L. Dunaway Medal. The highest award given by the organization recognizes those who have made significant and sustained contributions and given meritorious service to the Southern District over a significant period of time. Dickens is the eighth recipient of the medal. An educator, scholar, researcher, and coach for fifty-two years, he retired in 2016 following years of service to the department, the university, SHAPE, and the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance, and to the profession at large. Dickens was resident manager at Broussard Hall from 1971-75 and assistant director of the Carl Maddox Field House from 1973-75.



Ralph Bender (1976 BACH BUS), chief financial officer of Manship Media, was named chairman of the board of Media

Financial Management Association and its subsidiary, the media industry's credit association, BCCA. His term runs through -June 30, 2022.

DEGREES

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LLM	Master of Laws
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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



Gregory D. Frost (1977 BACH H&SS, 1981 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA*:

America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Louisiana in the area of Healthcare-Band 1.



Eve B. Masinter (1979 BACH H&SS, 1982 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA*:

America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Louisiana in the area of Labor & Employment-Band 2.



Thomas M. Mitchell (1960 BACH ENGR) served twenty-nine years in the U.S. Army Reserve, spent six years studying oceanography, and for twenty-eight

years practiced oceanography at Texas Instruments, ARCO Oil and Gas Company, and Texaco, Inc. He has been a contributor at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference for thirteen summer sessions and is the author of the newly released book *Winds, Waves, and Warriors* (see Tigers in Print, page 76). Mitchell earned master's and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M. He and his wife, Dottie, also an Aggie, live in Georgetown, Texas.



E. Fredrick Preis, Jr. (1971 BACH BUS, 1974 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA*:

America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Louisiana in the area of Labor & Employment-Band 2.



Claude F. Reynaud, Jr. (1974 BACH BUS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA*:

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1980s



Paul Coreil (1984 MAST AGR, 1995 PHD AGR), former vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service for the LSU AgCenter and

now vice chancellor and professor emeritus, was named interim chancellor of LSU of Alexandria in May. He will serve in the position through June 2021, to provide consistent leadership of the university.



Melissa Juneau (1982 BACH HS&E, 1983 MAST H&SS), former chief executive officer of The Emerge Center, was named a recipient of the 2019 Zurich

Classic Community Impact Award in April. Zurich North America annually recognizes the work of local nonprofits during the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. The center empowers children with autism and individuals with communication challenges to achieve independence through innovative and family-centered therapies. Juneau retired in June after nearly twelve years of leadership. Her achievements include the recent expansion of Emerge with the establishment of The Emerge School for Autism, the first charter school for children with autism in Louisiana, and The Emerge Foundation, which provides philanthropic support to both the center and the school.



Herb Vincent (1983 BACH MCOM), associate commissioner for communications at the Southeastern Conference, was named president of the College

Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) in June. He is the sixty-fifth president of the organization and will serve a one-year term in 2019-20 after serving as first vice president. He also

received a 2019 Arch Ward Award, presented annually to a CoSIDA member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of athletic communications, and who by his or her activities, has brought dignity and prestige to the profession. Vincent was previously senior associate athletic director for external affairs and associate vice chancellor for university relations at LSU.

1990s



John T. Andrishok (1993 BACH BUS, 1997 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading*

Lawyers for Business for Louisiana in the area of Construction-Band 3.



Blake R. David (1997 BACH H&SS, 2001 JD), senior personal injury partner with Broussard and David in Lafayette, La., was recently named to the executive

committee of the Louisiana Board of Regents, serving as chair of the finance committee. He was appointed to the board by Gov. John Bel Edwards and confirmed by the Louisiana Senate in 2017.



Fenimore Fisher (1996 BACH BUS) joined DLA Piper as chief diversity and inclusion officer in July. He was most recently vice provost and chief diversity

officer at Johns Hopkins University and also served as vice president of diversity and employment analysis for Walmart, as well as the executive director of the Rainbow/PUSH – Wall Street Project. He is an advisory board member of the National Multicultural Women's Conference; an affiliate of Working Mother Media; a past member

of the National Leadership Council for the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN); and a past member of the Corporate Advisory Council for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF). He is the recipient of numerous diversity and inclusion awards, including the Collaborative Leadership Interagency Award from the New York City Police Department and the Multicultural Leadership Award from the National Diversity Council. Fisher earned a J.D. from Ohio Northern University, and a labor mediation certification from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.



Emily Black Grey (1994 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was listed in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA:*

America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Louisiana in the area of Healthcare-Band 2.



Mark King (1996 BACH HS&E) was promoted to sales manager at Danos in July. King joined Danos in 2012 as senior account manager, where he served as the

single point of contact and oversaw all aspects related to British Petroleum (BP) Gulf of Mexico and Land Operations. Before joining Danos, King was an account manager with Moody Price, an industrial equipment supplier. Prior to his career in the oil and gas industry, King worked as a teacher and coach in secondary education. While at LSU, King was a four-year varsity letterman for the football team. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Houma, La., and have two daughters. King is an avid triathlete and an active supporter of the American Cancer Society.

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These memories are the root of John Hughes' love for and devotion to his alma mater. And they played a major role in the decision he and his wife, Katt, made to leave a legacy, to give back by paying it forward for future alumni through an estate gift to the LSU Alumni Association and to Tiger Band.

"You can't take it with you," the 1972 general studies graduate said, "but you can leave what you will for the benefit of others who may positively change the world with their new ideas and accomplishments. Giving back to LSU is to give the opportunity LSU gave me to new students to help change their lives for the better and in doing so, enhance the world around us."

A member of the Alumni Tiger Band since its inaugural appearance in 1986, John revives memories of his undergraduate experiences each fall as he marches with the Golden Band from Tigerland down Victory Hill to perform once again in Tiger Stadium.

Some of those memories are poignant.

"The late sixties was a turbulent time. The Vietnam War was in full swing and many of our fellow students were drafted then showed up on the Band Hall bulletin board as KIA or MIA," he recalled. "It was hard to fathom, sometimes, when you consider you were marching next to that student last year or even last semester."

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"The question to me always is 'why not?' The 'LSU Experience' is a great positive choice for growing to a higher level of potential," he said. The choices and personal relationships you make from the myriad opportunities at LSU will last a lifetime. And, through and with the encouragement of the LSU Alumni Association, you will come back home – back to LSU and back to those good vibrations!"

Longtime loyal annual donors, the couple has now included both the Association and Tiger Band in their estate plans, creating a major gift that fulfills a need to help future alumni flourish. John and Katt are, indeed, True Tigers – passionately involved and generously sharing their time, talents, and treasure to support LSU.



2000s



Jay Ducote (2004 BACH H&SS, 2007 MAST H&SS), the Baton Rouge food celebrity known best for his Jay D's products, Gov't Taco restaurant, Bite & Booze blog and radio show, and his runner-up finish on Food Network Star, was one of two "Culinary Ambassadors" helping the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Consulate in India, and the Indo-American Center put on a three-day culinary entrepreneurship workshop in Kolkata, India, in May. Ducote spoke on global food ways, the cultural and economic power of food, sustainable foods, and culinary trends.



Erin Sayes Kenny (2007 BACH MCOM, 2011 JD), a partner in Taylor Porter, is the first Baton Rouge lawyer to receive the "On the Rise – Top 40 Young

Lawyers" honor bestowed by the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. The distinction provides national recognition for ABA young lawyer members who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal and community service. Kenny has been named by her peers among the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" and among the *Best Lawyers in America*. She is chair-elect of the Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Council, recently completed a three-year term as a board member for the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and a member of the LADC Young Lawyers Committee since 2016. In 2015, the LADC recognized Kenny as a finalist for the Frank L. Maraist Award for outstanding contribution to the legal profession and education. Kenny serves on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge.



Allie Livaudais (2007 BACH H&SS) was promoted to a manager in the tax services section at Ericksen Krentel in New Orleans. Allie is a member of and website director at the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance, American Institute of CPAs, and Society of Louisiana CPAs. She earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of New Orleans.



Chris Nichols (2002 BACH ENGR, 2007 JD), an intellectual property and registered U.S. patent attorney in McGlinchey Stafford's Baton Rouge office, was recognized as a 2019 National Rising Star in *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine's 2019 "IP Stars" ranking. He is a former patent examiner with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.



Joe Martin, Kristen Rushing, and Matt Dardenne.

What started ten years ago as an idea shared among friends has transformed into a twenty-person creative and media team nestled in Baton Rouge's downtown business district.

Kristen Morrison Rushing, Matt Dardenne, and Joe Martin – all 2009 graduates of the Manship School of Mass Communication – have made a name for themselves in the highly competitive advertising world with Red Six Media.

"In 2009, the job market was looking pretty bleak. We figured 'what could we possibly lose?'" said Martin, creative director.

Red Six Media, named in reference to the six original founders, was born in June 2009, a month after graduation. The company put down roots at the LSU-run Louisiana Business & Technology Center and in 2012, after gaining momentum and securing a strong client base, moved downtown and has continued to grow.

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2010s



John Doiron (2018 MAST SCI) was chosen for the 2019 class of medical physics residency training program, a consortium established by Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center to address the nationwide shortage of medical physicists. Following graduation, Doiron will join a private practice medical physics group, HannLeb Physics, Inc., where he will practice at Ballad Health Care System clinics in Johnson City, Tenn., and Abingdon, Va.



Leigh Fairey (2013 BACH MCOM), production manager-digital media for the National Football League, was part of the team taking home Emmy® awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences 40th Annual Sports Emmy® Awards for Outstanding Studio Show-Weekly: "Inside the NBA on TNT" and

Outstanding Studio Show-Limited Run: "2018 NBA Playoffs on TNT - Inside the NBA." The ceremony was held at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall in New York City.



Shelby N. Thomas (2013 BACH H&SS) was named Teacher of the Year at Paetow High School in Katy, Texas, Independent School District (KISD). In 2016, she was named Teacher of the Year at Miller Career & Technology Center, also in KISD.



Amanda Waguespack (2012 BACH BUS) was promoted to a manager in the tax services section at Ericksen Krentel in New Orleans. She is a member of the French Quarter Festivals, Inc. Board of Directors, French Quarter Business Association, Young Leadership Council, American Institute of CPAs, and Society of Louisiana CPAs.



Zoë Williamson (2019 BACH MCOM) was one of five campus leaders from around the country to receive a Hidden Heroes Award from the Andrew Goodman Foundation in June. The award recognizes dedication to ensuring the recipients' fellow college students have access to polling places and voter registration services. Williamson served as a Governor's Fellow in Louisiana Government, worked in the governor's communication office, and was LSU Student Government's director of communications. As a Vote Everywhere Ambassador, Williamson helped lead Geaux Vote in expanding the organization's structure, social media presence, and cadre of volunteers; integrating voter registration into everyday student life and registering 2,500 students to vote; and creating one centralized polling place on LSU's campus to make casting a ballot more accessible for all of LSU's students.

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Christian weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. The family resides in Baton Rouge.

Micah Smith (2007 BACH A&S, 2011 BACH ENGR) and **Lauren Regner Smith** (2007 BACH H&SS) proudly announce the birth of their first son and future Tiger, Christian Keeton Ray Smith, born on Easter weekend, April 18, 2019, at 3:09 p.m.



outside of Houston.

Megan Gibbs Talley (2014 BACH MCOM) and **Drew Talley** proudly announce the birth of their first son and future Tiger, Emerson Henry Talley, who was born on May 7, 2019, at 3:04 a.m. Emerson weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. The family resides in Pearland, Texas,



WEDDING BELLS



Jodie Henderson with her parents, Carolyn and Wayne Henderson, at The Cook Hotel before the wedding.

Jodie Henderson (2004 BACH MCOM, 2007 JD) and **Dr. Irfan Hasan** were married on April 6 at Mt. Hope Plantation in Baton Rouge and honeymooned at Portofino Resort in Pensacola, Fla.



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Vernon Dillon (1981 BACH H&SS), of Wilmington, Ohio, shares a shot of his great-nephew, fifteen-month-old Isaiah Michael Beer, of Wilson, N.C. “I’m starting him off early and young,” writes Dillon. “He’s a future LSU Tiger – in 2037!”



William Hatsfelt celebrated his first birthday at a baseball tailgate, cheering on the Tigers at Alex Box Stadium. William’s parents are Seth (2012 BACH AGR) and Chasity (2012 BACH HS&E) Hatsfelt.



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In Memoriam



Yvonne Lusk Anderson (1948 BACH HS&E), of Monroe, La., passed away on July 29, 2019. She was the first woman president of the now University of Louisiana-Monroe (ULM) Student Government Association in 1945, Junior League of Monroe, and Bayou DeSiard Country Club, and she assisted in the establishment of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at ULM. She was honored by the Junior League for her contributions to the League and her community, and both ULM and LSU honored her for her contributions. She and her husband, Kent, were founding members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Anderson was a generous supporter of LSU through the LSU Foundation and the LSU Alumni Association. Her sons, Mark and Scott, served as chairs of the LSU Foundation, and the LSU Alumni Association, respectively. Kent Anderson served as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors and chairman of LSU Alumni Association. Yvonne and Kent participated in the establishment of the Lod Cook Alumni Center and The Cook Hotel & Conference Center. Memorial gifts may be made to the LSU Foundation (lsufoundation.org) and to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).



Richard Gale Creed (1951 BACH AGR) passed away on May 29, 2019, in Baton Rouge, La. He was an officer in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and Daggers Interfraternity Council. He served in World War II and in the Korean War as lieutenant commander of the *U.S.S. Black*. He was the commanding officer of U.S. Naval Reserve Unit 8-22 in Baton Rouge, a charter member of the Baton Rouge Navy League, state vice president of the Naval Reserve Association and the Reserve Officers Association, and a member of the Sea Cadets. Founder of R. Gale Creed Company-Real Estate Appraisers, he was a leader in upgrading the educational and professional requirements for real estate sales and appraisal professionals and held leadership positions with the Baton Rouge Board of Realtors, Louisiana Realtors Association, National Association of Homebuilders, Million Dollar Round Table, and Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Rotary International, the City Club of Baton Rouge, and the Baton Rouge Country Club. A longtime member of the LSU Alumni Association and a Traveling Tiger, he will be remembered through a charitable annuity trust he established for the organization.



Denver Thomas Loupe (1949 BACH AGR, 1957 MAST AGR, 1961 PHD AGR) passed away on July 8, 2019. Loupe devoted his life's work to the LSU AgCenter, beginning as a county agent, sugarcane specialist, division leader in plant science, and director. He retired as vice chancellor of the LSU AgCenter and director of the Cooperative Extension Service in 1993, after forty-one years of service. He and his wife, Ferne, established and endowed the Denver and Ferne Loupe Team Award and the Denver and Ferne Loupe Fellowship in the LSU Foundation. He was a member of twenty-two professional organizations; an international authority in sugarcane; and received numerous leadership and outstanding service awards from youth, agriculture, and community organizations, including more than thirty awards for his service to the people of Louisiana. A World War II veteran, Loupe was a sixty-five year member of LSU's American Legion Boyd/Ewing Post 58 and an active member of Cadets of the Ole War Skule. He served as Post 58 commander in 1968-69 and was inducted into Hall of Honor for Distinguished Military Alumni in 2007. Donations in his honor may be made to the LSU Alumni Association.



Jerry E. Shea Sr. (1949 BACH ENGR) passed away on July 18, 2019. After serving in the U.S. Air Force for three years and graduating from LSU, Shea went to work for Bayou, along with his late brother Edward Stewart "Buddy" Shea, Jr. The brothers started several offshoot enterprises, including Bayou Pipe Coating in 1971, and Jerry was inducted into the National Association of Pipe Coating Applicators Hall of Fame in 1996. He retired from Bayou in 2000 after providing fifty-five years of leadership in the family business. Often referred to as the "unofficial mayor of New Iberia" and actively involved in the community, he most recently served as Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and was a former king of Andalusia. He served as chairman of the board of New Iberia National Bank during the 1980s. Shea and his wife, Harriet, received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts Evangeline Area Council in 2001 and were named "Couple of the Year" by the Community Foundation of Acadiana in 2013. They founded a scholarship at Catholic High School, and Jerry ballroom danced his way to "winner" of Dancing with the Stars for Catholic High in 2013. Jerry and Harriet Shea were devoted LSU fans and generous supporters of the LSU Alumni Association. Memorial donations may be made to the Jerry and Harriet Shea Catholic High Scholarship Fund or LSU Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Armando Lapitan Aranas
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College of Science
June 12, 2019
Baton Rouge, La.

Nancy Simmons Beverly
Retired Assistant to the Vice Chancellor/
Academic Affairs
July 7, 2019
Haattiesburg, Miss.

Patricia "Pat" Appleton Dale
Executive Assistant, LSU Athletics
May 6, 2019
Baton Rouge, La.

Arlen D. Gross
Retired, LSU Fire & Emergency Training Institute
May 2, 2019
Baton Rouge, La.

John Bryan Henderson
Designated Professor of History
April 25, 2019
Baton Rouge, La.

John A. Spustek
Retired Director of Facility Services
April 20, 2019
Baton Rouge, La.

Barbara Strawitz
Retired Professor of Education
April 2019
Thibodaux, La.

1940s

Adelaide Cazayoux Bondy, 1946 BACH HS&E, Dec. 11, 2017, New Roads, La.

Ruth Bowman Suthon Boudreaux, 1944 BACH H&SS, June 2, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Scott Overton Brame, 1949 BACH BUS, March 31, 2019, Alexandria, La.

Joyce Peavy Caffarel, (1945 BACH BUS), Docent, Lod Cook Alumni Center, May 29, 2019, Brusly, La.

Charles Joseph Faulk, 1949 BACH H&SS, 1951 MAST HS&E, 1961 PHD HS&E, July 4, 2019, Lafayette, La.

George Joseph Guidry, Jr., (1947 BACH HS&E, 1948 MAST HS&E, 1950 MLS), retired director of LSU Libraries, June 6, 2019, Plaquemine, La.

Doris Beatrice Draughon Watson, 1941 BACH BUS, May 2, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Lula Dimple Johnson, 1947 BACH BUS, April 25, 2019, Georgetown, Texas

Albert Dupuy Kidd, 1949 BACH H&SS, 1955 MAST HS&E, June 8, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

William Prentiss "Buzz" Obier, Jr., 1948 BACH ENGR, May 29, 2019, Rosedale, La.

Rosemary Torbet Pillow, 1946 BACH H&SS, July 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Earle Hubert Wagley, 1943 BACH HS&E, May 27, 2019, Maringouin, La.

Claude Otis West, 1949 BACH BUS, June 10, 2019, Minden, La.

1950s

Audrey H. Bodker, 1956 MAST HS&E, April 10, 2019, Ponchatoula, La.

Francs Trudeau Cazayoux, 1952 BACH ENGR, 1964 MD-NO, April 27, 2019, New Roads, La.

Allen Levy Credeur, 1959 BACH BUS, April 25, 2019, Cypress, Texas

William Peyton "Billy" Honeycutt, Sr., 1959 MAST HS&E, May 1 2019, St. Francisville, La.

Billie Jacquelyn Carroll Hyde, 1957 BACH H&SS, May 26, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Roy Joseph Ingrassia, Sr., 1957 BACH AGR, 1963 MD, June 17, 2019, New Orleans, La.

Dorothy Anne Thompson Jines, 1951 BACH BUS, June 21, 2019, Gonzales, La.

Anita deSambourg McDanell, 1957 BACH HS&E, April 15, 2019, St. Francisville, La.

Merritt Eleing McDonald, Sr., 1955 BACH ENGR, April 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Janet Himert Nehrbass, 1951 BACH ENGR, 1989 BACH A&D, May 22, 2019, Lafayette, La.

Peggy Settoon Johnson, 1950 BACH H&SS, June 30, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Louis Stripling Quinn, Sr., 1950 BACH H&SS, 1953 JD, Baton Rouge, La.

Eloise LeBlanc Sheffield, 1951 BACH HS&E, 1962 MAST HS&E, May 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

John "Jack" Stonnell, 1952 BACH H&SS, May 4, 2019, Bozeman, Mont.

William "Bill" Omer Templet, Sr., 1955 BACH H&SS, 1958 JD, June 25, 2019, Donaldsonville, La.

Victor Horace "Vic" Tompkins, 1958 BACH ENGR, June 16, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Elbert Ray Turner, 1951 BACH BUS, May 19, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

John Bloomfield Tyner, 1950 BACH BUS, July 9, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Don Carlton West, 1958 BACH H&SS, April 19, 2019, Houston, Texas

1960s

Norma Joan Pryor Abed, 1965 MSW, June 11, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Jason Abney Gelé, 1966 BACH MCOM, May 9, 2019, Prairieville, La.

Kenneth "Ken" Caracci, 1969 BACH BUS, May 30, 2019, New Waverly, Texas

Edith Grossman Meyers, 1966 BACH HS&E, 1995 PHD HS&E, May 28, 2019, Lafayette, La.

Kathleen Sanford Roberts Ory, 1960 BACH HS&E, 1965 MAST HS&E, June 26, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Edmond Joseph Preau, Jr., 1968 BACH ENGR, April 24, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Miriam Brower Sneed, 1961 BACH M&DA, Feb. 21, 2019, Milan, Tenn.

Michael B. Stupka, 1960 BACH AGR, May 26, 2019, Bogalusa, La.

Stephen MacKorell Wilson, 1964 MD, June 16, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1970s

Ronald James Burkhead, 1971 BACH BUS, May 23, 2019, Opelousas, La.

Esther Ann McHardy Chenevert, 1973 BACH H&SS, June 30, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Ferol Cox Hebert, 1970 BACH H&SS, July 3, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Dwight Gerald Fontaine, 1970 BACH ENGR, 1973 MAST ENGR, June 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Raymond C. "Buddy" Hudnall, Jr., 1971 BACH H&SS, June 15, 2019, Clinton, La.

Robert K. Ishii, 1974 MSW, Jan. 10, 2019, San Jose, Calif.

Carol Anne Johnson, 1978 BACH SCI, July 12, 2019, Houston, Texas

James Russell "Jim" Lewis, 1971 BACH H&SS, 1972 JD, June 28, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Herrington Martin, 1970 MLS, retired librarian, LSU Libraries, May 23, 2019, DeRidder, La.

John Edward Morton, 1979 BACH H&SS, 1982 JD, April 30, 2019, Georgetown, Texas

Ignacio Angel "Natch" Villamil, 1971 BACH ENGR, June 20, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1980s

Mona Gauthier Barber, 1985 BACH H&SS, June 22, 2019, New Orleans, La.

John A. Cox, II, 1989 BACH H&SS, June 10, 2019, Independence, La.

Barbara L. Courtney, 1981 BACH H&SS, Feb. 1, 2019, Las Cruces, N.M.

Susan Hill Hoffman, 1981 BACH HS&E, June 10, 2019, New Roads, La.

Cathy Ellen Laufer, 1985 BACH HS&E, July 19, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Richard F. O'Brien, 1980 BACH AGR, May 27, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Mark David Rea, 1988 BACH H&SS, June 4, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

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Gary Jennings Walker, 1981 BACH H&SS, May 23, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1990s

Michael Warren Collier, 1997 MAST AGR, June 23, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Bryan Paul Boudet, 1997 BACH ENGR, July 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Amelia Dawn "Amy" Pinkston Odom, 1993 BACH MCOM, May 30, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Tristan Cole York, 1996 BACH H&SS, July 15, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

2000s

Philip Jason Candella, 2002 BACH ENGR, April 15, 2019, Carencro, La.

Caroline Pentek Stewart, 2008 BACH BUS, April 25, 2018, Alexandria, Va.

2010s

Sarah James, 2019 BACH ENGR, July 17, 2019, Montz, La.

Steven James Matt, 2011 BACH H&SS, April 2019, Lafayette, La.

Sean Stefano Simone, 2011 BACH AGR, June 8 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

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Confessions of a Texas Tiger

By Joe Williams



Joe and Janine Williams.

My first glimpse of Louisiana was forty years ago, and the prettiest thing I'd ever seen at a convention in San Diego. I'd guess maybe 5'3", brunette, with a Southern accent that would have charmed the rattles right off a rattlesnake. A native Texan, I'd heard dialects all my life but this was something different, intoxicating, and alluring. Later that afternoon, while leading a breakout session, I heard that sweet harmony again as she asked a question from the audience. That voice . . . just mesmerizing. I was twenty-six, five years gone from the University of Texas business school and working on commission in the dog-eat-dog world of real estate sales. This sweet siren had a name too, Janine. On a lark, I inquired if she'd like to join a few of us going out that evening for some Western swing. She agreed. Little did I know my world was about to get a whole lot bigger.

That night I waltzed her across that faux Texas dance floor enough to garner a tennis date the next morning. I picked her up, and we walked a mile or so to the country club down the road. It was my chance to learn just who this Southern Belle was. She told me she was born and raised in Louisiana, Avoyelles Parish to be exact, and her family had migrated from the south of France two generations back. This was my first exposure to a Louisiana native, and I came to learn that describing one's parish is common, especially if you grew up in the country. Her mom and dad were in the farming and cattle business, and she and her three siblings had all attended Louisiana State University – or, as any Louisiana native would say in normal parlance, "LSU." In fact, her dad had hitchhiked to LSU at age fifteen with \$100 in his pocket, and her mom was LSU's first female agronomy major. Don't hear that every day!

I'd heard of LSU certainly but had no concept how purple and gold runs through those veins once fully indoctrinated, which for the average Louisianan seems to be six to eight years old. We started dating via Braniff Airlines, and I coaxed her to Austin, where I was living, to attend a Texas vs. Baylor football game. It was a 2 p.m. kickoff, hot as blazes, and as we sat there sweating, she turns to me and quizzically asks, "Is this all there is?" She mumbled something about football under the lights on a Saturday night in Baton Rouge. I had no idea what she was talking about.

I Was Soon to Learn

She called me the next week to say she needed a date for LSU's homecoming weekend. The Tigers were playing Colorado. I flew from San Antonio to New Orleans, and she picked me up to drive to Baton Rouge. This was my first view of Louisiana – and the elevated drive over miles of marsh was a first for me. That was impressive but paled in comparison to her comment that we needed to stop at the next 7-Eleven to get some scotch. Before I could blurt out, "You can't buy liquor at a 7-Eleven," she was back in the driver's seat with all kinds of libations. In Texas, as in most states, liquor sales are strictly controlled and without a license or state ABC store nearby you can forget picking up that bottle of Jack Daniels. Score one for Louisiana, I thought.

We hit Baton Rouge, and coming from the south turned onto Nicholson Drive, which I now know is the mainline arterial straight into the heart of campus. Janine, two years removed from graduating, was rooming with her girlfriend Lisa, another stunning beauty whose dialect was even more nuanced, if that's possible. Lisa introduced me to her date, Ted, who, she said, "was from South Louisiana," then disappeared with Janine to get their makeup and hair in "game day condition."

In all honesty, what happened in the next two minutes forever forged my love and fascination with the state of Louisiana and its people. I looked at Ted, he looked at me, and he started to talk.

Now I'm a sales guy at heart and can pretty much carry on a conversation with the best of them, but I have to admit, as Ted was talking, I hadn't the foggiest what the guy was saying! I knew I was in trouble within the first fifteen seconds because at

some point he was going to expect a response. What's weird is occasionally I recognized a word. Was that English? Pig Latin? His sentence structure seemed to be jumbled; whole phrases seemed like he was talking backward. Where did Lisa say this guy was from, South Louisiana? Had I missed something? Was that a foreign country maybe? Finally, I had to say something, so I offered the only thing I could think of – a meager, “Yea, right on, bro!” Ted talked on, and I was counting the seconds before the girls returned so someone could translate; otherwise, this was going to be a pretty one-sided affair.

Thankfully, Janine popped back in just in time to line up several small, skinny, plastic bottles on their makeshift bar. She turned to ask what I'd like to drink at the game. “Drink at the game?” I stammered. That sounded silly in retrospect, since before we arrived at her apartment, I was dumbfounded watching drivers cruise through a drive-up daiquiri establishment. My logical question to her at the time was, “How in the world is this not drinking and driving?” But I digress.

I admit, when it comes to drinking, I'm a lightweight. These two beauties could easily drink me under the table, and I've since learned why – it's a Louisiana thing. Parents in Louisiana were quite aware of the lax laws surrounding alcohol and the people's propensity for *laissez bon temps rouler*. It's a true French heritage, dating back to the old country where you mixed wine with the drinking water to make it safe. In Janine's family, she explained, at special Sunday meals children of a certain age were allowed to mix a little wine and water. I've since learned that sharing a fine wine or cocktail is a standard courtesy when friends come to call, and that helps kids respect how to do that correctly.

So, sufficiently outfitted for the game, we piled into the car and crawled our way up Nicholson to campus, parking near the alumni center as Janine's parents were attending alumni meetings, both social and business. This was my first introduction, and I was unaware how this was filtered through the eyes of a Louisiana father. Dads in Louisiana rear their daughters knowing they may marry one day but, heaven forbid, not someone from outside the state. In a way, it's part of the LSU culture. If all your siblings and most of their children attend LSU, as Janine's family had, meeting and falling in love with a “foreigner” on campus is not expected. And yes, Texans were considered foreigners. As her dad remarked for years, “Only one great thing's ever come out of Texas and that was Blue Bell ice cream!”

Next on the agenda was to get to the south parking lot for some serious tailgating. We walked up Nicholson Extension then turned north into what certainly had to be the quintessential definition of TAILGATING #101. The girls knew where to go, who to expect there, and every spot filled with the best food and drink I'd ever had. These people could cook – it was an art form. I'd never seen so much hugging, kissing, and laughter in my life. And everybody was related, in a strange sort of way. “You have to meet Aunt Lucy, only she's not really my aunt,” Janine would explain. Whatever you say! And what did they put in the gumbo around here? These were some big families.

It was dizzying, and there was something I rarely saw at other football stadiums – the Colorado fans were partying with the purple-and-gold faithful, who were doling out hospitality and etouffee in equal parts for hours before the game. And it was more than just good sportsmanship, it was *genuine*. I've witnessed it first hand, taking care of guests in this great state is in the DNA, and sharing culinary skills and a good laugh with the opposing fanbase is like breathing air to a true LSU fan. Of course, that is, until game time!

So, much like the swallows at Capistrano, the crowd all of a sudden starts moving as one toward the stadium. They just seemed to know, “it's time!” Everything was packed up, and essentials were collected for the trek to football mecca – Tiger Stadium. I found myself following the girls up the ramps to the first stop, the concessionaire. While standing in line, I noticed something odd. Fans were paying for Cokes then pausing to pour a bit of it in the trash can before taking their seat. Hmm, what was that about I pondered?

The Moment Arrived

We walked through the portal and into the stadium. What hit me immediately was the proximity of the field – jeez, it's right there – like you can reach out and touch it. Even on

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row 35 right at the 15-yard line I felt like I could catch a toss into the flat. It was surreal. You can make out players' expressions! No stadium I've been in since gives me that up-close-and-personal feel. It was already noisy, fans feeling good from hours of great food and libations now gearing up and visiting with seatmates, many of whom they'd celebrated with for years. Little Tiger faces running all around were matched equally by a legion of miniature LSU cheerleaders. It was festive but orderly. Everyone was there for one reason and they knew it.

And then, of all things, here came the star himself – Mike the Tiger – on a pre-victory tour with LSU cheerleaders riding atop his specially designed trailer. I'd never seen a Bengal tiger in the flesh, much less one roaring to the crowd as he made his loop to get the fans fired up. Mike was in rare form, and when he let out that bone-chilling roar, you could hear it all over the stadium. This must be what the Christians felt in the days of the colosseum, I thought, and wondered if the Colorado players had any earthly idea what was about to happen.

Then I experienced something unlike anything I had ever witnessed. The crowd got quiet as the announcer introduced the Golden Band from Tigerland. The drum major, swinging his baton sharply, led the band into the stadium marching to a drum cadence they obviously knew well – breaking off perfectly row by row and stopping five rows deep. You could have heard a pin drop. The crowd was coiled like a spring, literally a tiger ready to pounce. Then, the drum major lifted his baton and pointed it at the students in the northwest corner of the stadium while the band sounded off that familiar “bahm-bahm-baaah-dah.”

Oh my God, the hair stood up on the back of my neck! That quarter section of the stadium went wild with sheer ecstasy and pandemonium. The drum major quickly wheeled his baton in our direction, and I realized the whole band was swinging in unison. They belted it out again, “bahm-bahm-baah-dah.” We rose as one, the whole section – kids, students, dads, moms, old, young, dates. It was like Moses had raised his staff for the Israelites and by God, we were not going to disappoint! I yelled a primal scream that hurt my throat for days after, and I noticed the hair on my body was standing straight. I'd lost all sense of myself. Was this a great atmosphere or what?

As soon as the band finished marching down the field this crowd could have single handedly climbed Mount Everest or crushed the Third Reich, pick one. By the time the players officially made their entrance, I was convinced the game was already over. Playing it was going to be a mere formality. Although as a native Texan and weaned on football myself, I was a bit confused as to why they were in travelling “whites” until Janine's brother filled me in: They don't like purple jerseys at home – bad juju! And in Louisiana you need to pay attention to things like that. At halftime, I thought I'd died and gone to heaven when they trotted out the most gorgeous group of goddesses all dressed in white with gold trim who performed a routine I was convinced was just for me. Oh, the band was out there too? I hadn't noticed. Heavens, they were so close!

The Buffaloes put up a good fight, but the Bayou Bengals were faster, bigger, and this evening, unstoppable. And why not, complete with a fan base and atmosphere every college team would die for? I walked away, fully aware why those prophetic words my soon-to-be fiancé mumbled on that hot day back in Austin made perfect sense. I don't care who you are or where you went to school, until you've experienced seeing the Tigers dismantle somebody under the lights on a Saturday night in Baton Rouge you haven't completed your bucket list. It's transformational, magical. It's something only the great people of Louisiana could do and the special alumni and LSU alumni-to-be can provide. It's like nothing you've ever seen, so don't miss it. It's truly a symbiotic gift shared by a great university and some of the luckiest fans in the world.

Like I always say, “Only in Louisiana!”

Alumnus by Choice Joe Williams, a UT Austin graduate, happily adopted all things LSU and bleeds purple and gold along with burnt orange. He and his wife, the former Janine Laborde, a 1978 LSU Human Ecology graduate, reside in Austin, Texas.

Ambassadors



Ford and Suzie Stinson proudly display LSU colors at Westminster Cathedral in London.



The Stinsons pose for a photo with David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

D-Day Cruise – Ford (1974 BACH H&SS, 1977 JD) and Suzie Stinson’s European Coastal Civilizations cruise, D-Day Remembered 75th Anniversary, “was nothing short of amazing,” writes Suzie. “David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower were guest lecturers on the ship, and David Eisenhower presided over a wreath-laying ceremony at Normandy American Cemetery in which Ford and I, along with other veterans, participated. We were so honored to have been a part of that.”

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Rotarians Dimitris Kollias and John Grubb.

LSU in Greece – LSU Alumni Association Vice President John Grubb and friends represented LSU across Greece in May, showing off the LSU flag at the Acropolis, Delphi (Temple of Apollo), Panathenaic Stadium, Mount Lycabettus, Arachova, Sounioun, Santorini (Fira, Oia, and Pyrgus), and in Heraklion and Chania, Crete. The well-traveled flag (and group) transited more than 14,000 miles in the round-trip journey from Baton Rouge. Demonstrating that the bonds of international friendship in Rotary cross all bounds and borders, Grubb, a member of Rotary of Baton Rouge in District 6200, exchanged Rotary Flags and greetings with Dimitris Kollias, secretary of District 2470 in Greece, at the Acropolis Museum Hotel in Athens on Monday, May 20.



Robert and Melba Barham.

At the Great Wall – “We’re working on our bucket list and showing off the Purple and Gold,” writes Robert Barham, sharing a photo taken at the Great Wall of China.



Deborah Poirrier and Barry Karns.

LSU in Moscow – Deborah Poirrier and Barry Karns (1968 BACH BUS, 1971 JD) share a photo taken at St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow's Red Square during their summer two-week river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow.



From left, Andrew Harvill, Troy Ballard, Charles Moniotte (1974 BACH BUS), Lynn Ballard, Jeani Moniotte (1975 BACH HS&E, 1993 MAST HS&E), Candy Jones (1978 BACH HS&E, 1988 MAST HS&E), Rob Girardi, Debbie Harvill, Mary Alice Girardi, Tracy Jones (1976 BACH HS&E, 1977 MAST HS&E), Lynn Benner, Mike Arnold (1974 BACH H&SS), Chip Claiborne (1979 BACH ENGR), Pat Claiborne, Ken Dixey (1981 DDS-NO), Bambi Dixey (1981 BACH Allied Health-NO), Don Raley, and Sandra Mooror.

The Great Journey – Eighteen LSU Alumni Association travelers journeyed through four countries – Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. The spectacular Matterhorn near Zermatt was taken in by Gornergrat Bahn, Switzerland’s oldest cog railway. In Lucerne a gondola transported the group to view the rugged grandeur of Mounts Pilatus and Rigi with descent via the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway. The Rhine River with all its medieval castles was taken in aboard the *MS Amadeus Silver II* through Strasbourg, France; Mannheim, Germany (Heidelberg); Rudesheim/Koblenz, Germany; Cologne, Germany; with the final port in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Highlights of the trip were the Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame in Strasbourg, the Heidelberg Castle, and the Cologne Cathedral that took six centuries to complete. “Traveling to Europe with the LSU alumni group was an amazing adventure,” writes Charles Moniotte. “We experienced four countries with old and

new friends and met people from throughout the U.S and Canada traveling with their alumni groups. Every detail was prearranged, and well-coordinated. We can’t wait to do it again.” Contact tracyj@lsualumni.org for information on future trips.

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Are you FED UP with Congress? For most Americans, the answer would be an emphatic "Yes!" So why do members waltz back into office term after term? Even in so-called, change years? Are Americans really that dumb? Maybe not. In this book, a veteran activist and observer opens the hood of our political system and reveals as never before the innocent, but crucial errors made by the founders in designing our national legislature. You will learn how those flaws combined with human nature to produce an institution that now fails us so thoroughly, so often, it no longer seems capable of rational public policy. You will see how today's politics seduces and corrupts even the best and most well-meaning leaders, including someone you have trusted (and re-elected) for years. You will understand why our leaders refuse to act, and why reforms fail time and again. "Finally, the author proposes a sensible plan, along with effective steps you can take, to truly Fix Congress, once and for all.

Gary Corbin (1981 BACH H&SS, 1988 PHD H&SS) *A Woman of Valor* (Double Diamond Publishing)

Rookie policewoman Valorie Dawes has a mission: take serial child molesters like Richard Harkins off the streets of her small hometown of Clayton, Conn. for good. But Valorie's past includes childhood abuse trauma of her own, and her battle with this cunning, vicious criminal awakens memories and emotions she'd rather forget. Battling sexism within the department and vilification in the media as a reckless incompetent, Val finds few allies in the pursuit of this elusive, cruel criminal, even as he continues to victimize women and girls in the community. Can Valorie overcome the trauma she suffered as a child and stop Harkins from hurting others – or will her bottled-up anger lead her to take reckless risks that put the people she loves in greater danger?

Jeremy Mason (2017 BACH BUS)

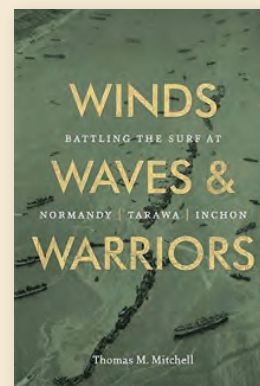
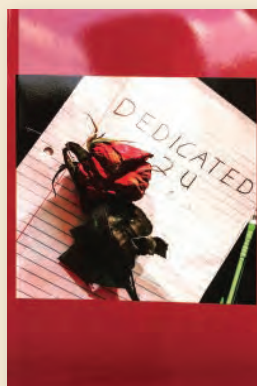
Dedicated 2 U: For My Lois (Jeremy Mason)

An eight-year journey of poetry has culminated into the first published collection from Jeremy Mason. An upstart poet from Arcadia, La., dives straight in with his first book on a broad array of topics from family, life, love, passion, and even depression. A unique blend of urban and classical writing styles profoundly creates vivid imagery that allows you to go

deeper into the mind of this southern poet. With inspirations varying from Langston Hughes to 2Pac, his book discusses a variety of topics that touch the soul.

Thomas M. Mitchell (1960 BACH ENGR) *Winds, Waves, and Warriors: Battling the Surf at Normandy, Tarawa, and Inchon* (LSU Press)

Winds, Waves, and Warriors examines the oceanographic conditions that U.S. military planners considered, or should have considered, when landing troops and vehicles on the beach at three historic amphibious assaults: Normandy, Tarawa, and Inchon. Oceanographer Thomas M. Mitchell brings welcome insight into a little-studied yet extraordinary aspect of ground warfare by explaining why certain tidal and weather conditions existed at those specific places and times, and how they affected the Army and Marine foot soldiers fighting to get ashore. *Winds, Waves, and Warriors* tells of the U.S. military's struggles with a foe that was sometimes just as formidable and unpredictable as the opposing army. When unheeded, unfavorable weather and ocean conditions could lead to tragic and avoidable deaths. The threat posed by the ocean at these historic battles was an important factor not only in the

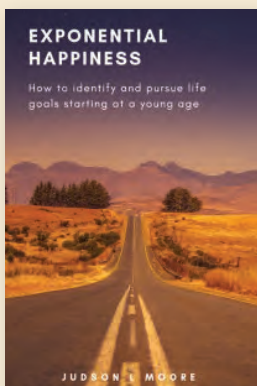


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outcomes of these operations but also to the survival of the troops who fought there.

Judson L Moore (20017 BACH H&SS) *Exponential Happiness* (Leanpub)

From concert promoter to international economic developer, and from Germany to Kyrgyzstan, American author and travel addict Judson L Moore seems to have done it all and to have done it everywhere. *Exponential Happiness* is a guide to his learnings, adventures, and life hacks for how to discover and achieve your goals. “I didn’t have many extraordinary advantages growing up, but what I did have was the encouragement of those older than me saying, ‘Do it while you’re young.’ One day, when I was seventeen, that advice stuck and I started traveling the world. I haven’t stopped, and now half a lifetime later, I want to tell the world what I’ve learned and how YOU can live an adventurous and prosperous life!”



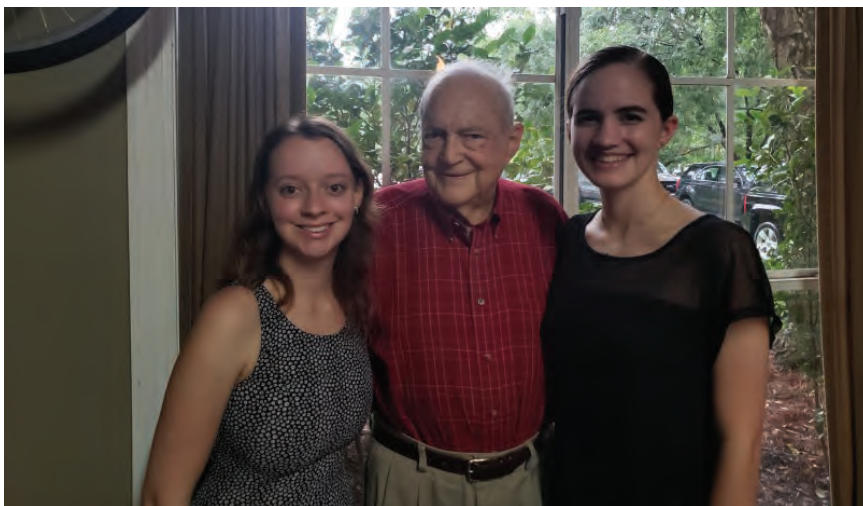
From left, Will Costello, Kimberly Williams Costello, Joe Williams, Janine Laborde Williams (1978 BACH AGR), Lucien “Luke” Laborde, Jr. (1976 BACH AGR, 1978 MBA, 2014 PHD AGR), Sonja Riner Laborde (1978 BACH H&SS), Tori Laborde Wells (2018 BACH AGR), Cody Wells (2013 BACH MCOM), Cindy Dybdahl, and Dave Dybdahl.

D-Day Remembered – The family of the late Lucien P. Laborde, Sr. (1937 BACH AGR, 1991 HON), attended the D-Day 75th Anniversary ceremonies at the American Cemetery in Normandy in his honor. “My dad landed as a captain in the 115th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, on Omaha Beach on the morning of D-Day, June 6, 1944,” writes Lucien “Luke” Laborde, Jr. The logo on the blue caps was his cattle brand – L29, and the photo was taken overlooking the sector where dad landed and came up the bluff.” Lucien Laborde was president of the LSU Alumni Federation (now Association) in 1964-65 and with his brother John P. Laborde co-chaired the LSU War Memorial Commission.

LeBlanc Family Update



Julia Comeaux and fiancé Brandon Hebert.



Marie Comeaux, Eugene LeBlanc, Sr. and Renee Hill.

“The LeBlanc family has added three more granddaughters to its legacy of LSU graduates,” writes 1955 graduate Eugene LeBlanc, Sr., of Sunshine, La. The family now boasts sixty-seven LSU degrees.

Julia Comeaux graduated in December 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering, and May 2019 graduates Marie Comeaux and Renee Hill received degrees in architecture and civil engineering, respectively. Renee was also commissioned in the U.S. Navy. Other May graduates were Amanda Holley LeBlanc, who received a master’s degree in speech pathology, and Alexis Dufrene Ohlsen, who earned her doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

“Grandchildren Emma LeBlanc, Luke LeBlanc, and Stephen LeBlanc are currently undergraduates at LSU, and my youngest two grandchildren – Vianne and Ben – are still in high school,” LeBlanc writes. “The oldest of my twenty great-grandchildren is the same age as my youngest granddaughter, so the next generation will be under way as the grandchildren finish.”



Amanda Holley LeBlanc.



Alexis Dufrene and husband Dylan Ohlsen.



Renee Hill.

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LSU junior Maggie Williams, left, with Fox News report Sandra Smith.

Big Apple Contacts – Future alumna Maggie Williams, of Fort Worth, Texas, met with alumna Sandra Smith (2003 BACH H&SS), Fox News reporter and co-anchor of America's Newsroom, at the network's studios in the Big Apple in June. Williams, a junior pursuing a degree in information systems and decision sciences in the Ourso College of Business, hopes to intern with Fox News next summer.



Trisha, Erin, and Darren Vogt.

Future Alumna – LSU Class of 2023 graduate Erin Vogt, of Mandeville, La., shows off her LSU Bound sign with her parents, Trisha (1988 BACH H&SS) and Darren (1989 BACH ENGR).



LSBID Reunion – Members of the Louisiana State Board of Interior Designers (LSBID) first board of examiners gathered in Baton Rouge in June to commemorate the anniversary of the formation of the board in 1984. From left are, Deborah Steinmetz (1973 BACH A&D), Steinmetz and Associates, New Orleans, La., current president of LSBID; William Ray, retired, of Cape Cod, Mass; Judy Capdevielle Girod (1971 BACH A&D), Lothrop Associates, White Plains, N.Y.; Gayle Benson, of New Orleans; and Shirlee Singer, retired, a former instructor and department head at LSU and the University of Iowa. Also attending was LSU School of Interior Design instructor John Campbell, who was instrumental in the passage of the original legislation.



Sarah Kutas.

New Grad – Sarah Clayton (1967 BACH H&SS) shares a photo of Sarah Kutas (2019 BACH C&E), of Memphis, Tenn., the first recipient of the Kay & Shot Gueymard Scholarship established by Clayton. The new grad – already an active member of the LSU Alumni Association – entered dental school at the University of Tennessee in July.

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