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FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT



Grateful for the Opportunity to Serve LSU

When I first arrived on LSU's campus as a new law professor in 1986, I never dreamed that I would one day have the opportunity to lead this incredible institution. I am very grateful for the trust that the Board of Supervisors has placed in me, and I look forward to what the next few months will bring while I serve as interim president.

For the past three years I've been the dean of LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, returning to the place where I started my academic work more than thirty-five years ago. In the course of my career, I've also been the president of Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire and the dean of the University of Tennessee's College of Law.

While life has taken my family across the country, for us, LSU will always be home. When my family first moved to Louisiana, I thought we might stay three years – but instead we fell totally in love with this university, this community, and this state. I know that as alumni, all of you intimately understand the infectious spirit of LSU – it is truly something that never leaves you.

Even though I've been a dean twice and college president once before, I'll always be a teacher at heart. I'm passionate about my subjects, and my students matter to me. Here at LSU, the teaching of and learning by our students is at the core of what we do. Their learning and our teaching is the center and launching point for everything else—research, scholarship, creative activity, and athletics.

In terms of accomplishments, we're continuing to shatter records. Our student body is larger and more diverse than at any point in LSU's history. Many of our academic programs are ranked among the nation's best, and the University was again recognized as a best value for the favorable debt-to-earnings ratio of its graduates.

The LSU Alumni Association is a critical partner in ensuring the success of our students through scholarships and other vital means of assistance. We are incredibly grateful for all that you and your fellow graduates do to support LSU. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Geaux Tigers!

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At the dawn of a new decade, Vice President of Digital & Continuing Education Sasha Thackaberry and her team at LSU Online – a group of future-thinking professionals she's recruited from across the country – are redefining higher education and the function it serves for all parties involved, from the application process to workforce. The nucleus of their operation consists of a simple notion: give each individual student exactly what they need to succeed in whatever it is they're doing, whether striving toward a first degree or seeking to sharpen skills they already possess.

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PRESIDENT AND CEO MESSAGE



Lots of Reasons to Celebrate

What a sensational end to the 2010s and an exciting beginning of the new decade! Exceptional achievements by student scholars, student athletes, and outstanding faculty made LSU champions on and off the field and garnered national and international attention.

In this issue we'll revisit the thrilling football season and celebration of Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow, SEC and Peach Bowl victories, the College Football Playoff National Championship, and gridiron record-setting accomplishments. And, we'll take a look at LSU Online, which delivers indemand, affordable programs for graduate, undergraduate, and associate degrees and certifications. Rigorous standards, award-winning faculty, flexibility, and convenience provide today's students what they need to complete a degree and to enhance professional opportunities.

You'll also find a wrap-up of our busy activities, among them the Traveling Tigers trips, the Alumni Band Reunion, Past Chairs Luncheon and Annual Meeting, and the LSU Faculty and Staff Retirees holiday celebration. The annual Chapter Workshop kicked off the spring semester, and I am looking forward to my first "chapter season" adventures – visiting with alumni and supporters at crawfish boils and other events from coast to coast.

A highlight of the spring semester is the Hall of Distinction, honoring outstanding LSU alumni. Those selected for induction on March 27 are Alumnus of the Year Gary Wooley, Young Alumna of the Year Jessica Harthcock, Kurt Davis, Renee Horton, Lewis May, and Steve Scalise. Meet them on page 7.

I know you join me in wishing the very best to my "interim colleagues" LSU President Tom Galligan and LSU Foundation President and CEO Rob Stuart. They are loyal Tigers, and I look forward to working with them in the coming months to promote and strengthen the University even as we transition to new leadership.

A celebration is in order, as your LSU Alumni Association – chartered in 1905 as the Society of the Alumni of Louisiana State University – marks its 115th anniversary this year, and *LSU Alumni Magazine* reaches a 95-year milestone. The LSU Alumni Federation published the first issue of *Alumni News* in February 1924 (see Looking Back on page 54).

Thank you, loyal friends and supporters, for your commitment to LSU and for sharing your resources, energy, talents, and enthusiasm with us as we move the University into the 2020s and decades to come.

Geaux Tigers!

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Gordon Monk Interim President/CEO





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LSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Chapter Events



A.P. Tureaud, Sr., LSU Black Alumni Chapter Board of Directors, from left, seated, Jeremiah Sams, Nicole Moliere, Katrina Dunn, and Lyndon Darensbourg; standing, Melody Robinson, Felicia Harry, Dr. Keon Anderson, Marco Moran, J. Ofori Agboka, Sheara Jennings, and Gary Huntley.



LSU Board of Supervisors members, from left, Lee Mallet, Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair Mary L. Werner, Past Chair James M. Williams, and Rémy Voisin Starns.



Dr. Keon Anderson, chair of the scholarship committee; scholarship winners Sybil Pun and Bria Snell, and Nicole Moliere, chapter president.



2019 LSU Legends James M. Williams and Jan Barker Alexander.

LSU Legends – The A.P. Tureaud, Sr., LSU Black Alumni Chapter hosted its annual LSU Legends celebration in October. Legends Jan Barker Alexander (1989 BACH MCOM) and James M. Williams (1995 BACH H&SS) were recognized and two students were awarded scholarships. Bria Snell, a freshman biochemistry major, received the A.P. Tureaud, Sr., Endowed Scholarship and Sybil Pun, a freshman engineering major, received the 1964 Endowed Scholarship.



From left, front, Tom and Louise Eason, Paula Bates, and Melissa Olivier; back, Pam Barker, Karen Peace, Scott Bates, Kris Heirs, and Charlie Olivier.



Tammera and Tony Moss (former #6 Tiger), Young Alumni Advisory Council representative Adam West, Katherine West, and Chandler Warren.



From left, Vice President of Advancement Tammy Abshire, Charlie Olivier, Karen Peace, Susan Whitelaw, Steve Glassell, and Will Blanchard.

Boo Bama Bash – Caddo-Bossier Chapter Tigers added \$20,000 to the Susan K. Whitelaw Scholarship fund during its Boo Bama Bash in November.

2020 Hall of Distinction

Alumnus of the Year, Young Alumna of the Year Named











Renee Horton





Steve Scalise

Gary Wooley, founder and president of Wooley and Associates, Inc., was named the 2020 LSU Alumnus of the Year, and Jessica Harthcock, CEO of Utilize Health, is the LSU Young Alumna of the Year.

Wooley, of Houston, Texas, and Harthcock, of Hermitage, Tenn., will be inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction on Friday, March 27, along with Kurt Davis, executive vice president for affiliate relations at ViacomCBS, New York City; Renee Horton, quality engineer at NASA Space Launch System Michoud Assembly Facility, New Orleans; Lewis May, of Houston, Texas, associate principal and urban design director of Page Southerland Page, a multidisciplinary architecture and engineering firm; and Steve Scalise, U.S. House of Representatives Republican Whip and representative for Louisiana's 1st Congressional District.

The first LSU Alumnus of the Year award was conferred in 1966; the Young Alumnus of the Year Award was established in 1999 to recognize alumni who have attained professional prominence early in their careers. Including the 2020 inductees, the LSU Alumni Association has recognized 313 individuals representing a cross-section of LSU graduates.

To attend the 2020 Hall of Distinction Gala, email brandli@lsualumni.org.



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Your Board of Directors

Getting to Know Jeffery M. "Jeff" Mohr, Chair



From left, Brittany Mohr's fiancé Philip Hunter, Michael, Brittany, Lisa, and Jeff Mohr.

Jeff Mohr, an at-large member of the board since 2017, moved into the chairman's chair in January to lead the LSU Alumni Association into the new decade. The organization is in good hands.

President of Lewis Mohr Real Estate & Insurance Agency, Jeff's leadership skills were sparked during high school and college while working in the business with his father, Lewis, who founded the agency fifty-two years ago. Those skills were perfected when he inherited the company at age twenty-three following his father's sudden death. Looking immediately to the future, Jeff diversified, and the company tripled in size. With a focus on building relationships through business, helping people through the difficult times in their lives, and investing in its employees, Jeff and his wife, Lisa, have advanced the family-owned agency to where it is today – a third-generation business that includes their daughter, Brittany, who is eager to follow in her father's and grandfather's footsteps. Their son, Michael, is studying to be a Jesuit priest.

Jeff graduated from LSU in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in business then earned a master's in insurance management from Boston University. While at LSU, he was involved in Delta Tau Delta fraternity and was part of a group who challenged another fraternity on campus to play in the charity bowl. "We got to play in Tiger stadium – wear the uniforms and the players were our coaches," he said. "Interesting tidbit, Steve Ensminger was the Delt coach."

Active in the community, he is currently chair of the Better Business Bureau of South Central Louisiana and is past president of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Louisiana and of the Baton Rouge Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). He coached youth soccer and baseball for many years, and is an active member of St. Thomas More Church.

What's your favorite thing about your career?

I really enjoy helping people. No one likes insurance, but to guide clients through the process and, after they have a claim and you find them at their lowest point, you reassure them that it is, indeed, going to be alright. It is rewarding to have helped and mentored so many young people who have gone on to successful careers not only in insurance but other careers as well. You just have to care.

What experiences had significant impacts on your life?

Probably the two most important were having heart surgery the day after I graduated from Catholic High and, after my dad dying, becoming a business owner as a twenty-three-year-old newlywed.

What is your most memorable accomplishment?

Outside of a successful thirty-six-year marriage raising two great children, I would have to say my success with the business. When my dad died, not many people put a lot of faith in a twenty-three-year-old kid. I will say this, the doubters just inspired me to work harder and achieve what they said I could not do.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?

Tough question. I would not have minded being the head coach while winning the 2019 national championship. That would have been fun. On the serious side, I would like to be the pope for a day to just learn what he knows.

What was your favorite place on campus as a student? Now?

I loved the Quad. There used to be a little burger joint in the basement of one of the buildings, and we would eat there between classes. Of course, the Delt house after a football game was always a good time. Today any of the sporting venues are always special.

What does it mean to you to serve your alma mater and fellow graduates through the Association?

It is an incredible honor that my peers thought so much of me. It has been humbling. People say all the time that LSU is a great university – and it really is. Not only do we excel in athletics, but look at our recent accomplishments in academia. A Nobel Prize winner two years ago, and just last summer we recognized the engineers who were instrumental in getting to the moon. Today we look ahead to going back to the moon and beyond. The biggest honor is working with our alumni staff, who truly are some of the most dedicated and loyal advocates of our University. The staff is very special. They make us all proud! Stop by and get to know them; they really want to help you.

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Snapshots



LSU Faculty & Staff Retirees Club President Gail Cramer, Marjorie Whitehead, James Robinson, Jynx Marcel, and LSU Alumni Association Interim President Gordon Monk.



David Wetzel, Kay and Doug Harrison, and Margarita Wetzel.



Santa and Mrs. Claus with, from left, Jerry Juneau, Roland Dommert, and Beth and Steve Tope.



Roger and Jan Hinson with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Jerry and Patti Exner, Rita Culross, and Sindee Roppolo.



Thomas Dietz and Lorry Trotter took home prizes for their festive costumes.

Yuletide Celebration – LSU retired faculty and staff celebrated the holiday season with lunch, caroling, and bingo – and a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus – at the LSU Alumni Association's annual Christmas gala in December at the Lod Cook Alumni Center. In the spirit of the season, those attending contributed more than \$1,000 to benefit the Food Bank of Greater Baton Rouge, a project supported by the LSU Faculty & Staff Retirees Club. Photos by Johnny Gordon

Scholars Banquet 2019

Honoring LSU's Best and Brightest



Former LSU President F. King Alexander, center, with the President's Alumni Scholars, from left, Chris Sansar Gupta, of Alexandria, La.; Sabra Renee Belott, of Granbury, Texas; Cade Riley Ganepa, of Denham Springs, La.; Natalia Gomez, of Austin, Texas; Mary Grace Anabella Beck, of Baton Rouge; Alexandra Rose Basse, of Folsom, La.; Martin Yavorov Ivanchev, of North Potomac, Md.; Oluwatobi Tolunimi Ojenfakinde, of Shreveport, La.; and Ashley Sheridan Patron, of Belle Chasse, La.

Some of LSU's best and brightest students – President's Alumni Scholars and Flagship Scholars – and the donors who funded their scholarships were recognized by the LSU Alumni Association at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in November 2019.

President's Alumni Scholarships were awarded to the University's Top 10 entering first-year students:

- Alexandra Rose Basse, Folsom, La.
- Mary Grace Anabella Beck, Baton Rouge, La.
- Sabra Renee Belott, Granbury, Texas
- Jill Elizabeth Bohnet, Spring, Texas
- Cade Riley Ganepa, Denham Springs, La.
- Natalia Gomez, Austin, Texas
- Chris Sansar Gupta, Alexandria, La.
- Martin Yavorov Ivanchev, North Potomac, Md.
- Oluwatobi Tolunimi Ojenfakinde, Shreveport, La.
- Ashley Sheridan Patron, Bell Chasse, La.

The President's Alumni Scholars, also known as Cain Scholars, receive awards funded through the Association from an endowment made in memory of Ola and Ruth Cain by Gordon A. Cain and Mary H. Cain. Resident and nonresident students receive the full cost of attendance for eight semesters. The current value for Louisiana residents is approximately \$33,000 per year; for nonresidents, \$50,000 per year. The award also includes a \$2,000 study abroad stipend and the opportunity to earn up to an additional \$1,550 per year by participating in the President's Future Leaders in Research Program.

Flagship Scholarships, funded by individual donors, organizations, and alumni chapters through the Association, were awarded to 350 students. Residents receive \$3,500 per year and nonresidents receive \$20,500 per year. Recipients can earn up to an additional \$1,550 by participating in the President's Student Aide program, which provides an opportunity for students to work on campus in one of the university's departments.

Photos by Johnny Gordon



LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors 2019 Chair Beverly Shea; President's Alumni Scholar Elizabeth Bohnet, of Spring, Texas; and Association Interim President Gordon Monk.



Alice Ziegler; Kalob Morel, recipient of the Robert E. Sappenfield Memorial Endowed Flagship Scholarship; Elizabeth Showers, recipient of the Ray and Gene Ziegler Family Endowed Flagship Scholarship; and Joanne and Bill Ziegler.



Senior Director of Alumni Engagement Sally Stiel, Interim President Gordon Monk, Provost Stacia Haynie, and Dallas Chapter members Deborah Adebo, and Linda and Ron Young.



Evan Daigrepont, center, recipient of the Tom D. Jones, Jr. and Evelyn H. Jones Endowed Flagship Scholarship, with Tracy and Candy Jones, left, and his parents, Charlotte and Robert Daigrepont.

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Gordon Monk presents outgoing Chair Beverly Shea framed artwork by artist Lauren Barksdale Hill.



LSU Alumni Association Names New Officers

Elects Six New Members to Board of Directors

Past Board of Directors chairs, from left, Susan Whitelaw, Leo Hamilton, Dr. Gil Rew, Dr. Louis Minsky, Jay Babb, Jerry Shea, Dr. Mary Lou Applewhite, and Dr. White Graves.



Incoming Chair Jeff Mohr, Interim President Gordon Monk, and Past Chair Jerry Shea.



Dr. John and Charlene Stovall with Dick and Katherine Juneau.



Board of Directors Chair Beverly Shea and Interim President Gordon Monk present framed resolutions to outgoing board members Susan Whitelaw and Dr. Gil Rew.

Jeffrey M. "Jeff" Mohr was named chair and Bart B. Schmolke chair-elect of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors at the organization's Annual Meeting and Past Chairs Luncheon in November 2019.

Mohr, president of Lewis Mohr Real Estate and Insurance Agency in Baton Rouge, and Schmolke, of Alexandria, La., a financial advisor with Financial Solutions Group, joined the board as at-large members in 2017.

"It is an honor to be elected by my fellow board members to lead the LSU Alumni Association, which is, without question, one of the finest alumni associations in the country," said Mohr. "But what really makes the LSU Alumni Association special is the dedicated staff that works so hard on behalf of our university and its alumni and loyal supporters."

Six new members were elected to the board. Michael B. Bethea, of Covington, chief executive officer of Offshore Technical Compliance, will serve a one-year term and Dr. Corey G. Foster, of Lake Charles, senior partner at Imperial Health Cardiovascular Specialists, was elected to a two-year term.

Elected to three-year terms were R. Scott Jenkins, of New Orleans, a partner at Jones Walker; James D. "Jimmy" Gosslee, of Shreveport, chairman of Coldwell Banker Gosslee and president of Gosslee & Associates, Inc.; Cassandra M. Chandler, of West End, N.C., president and CEO of Chandler Consulting Group; and G. Archer Frierson III, of Shreveport, director of brokerage and leasing at Vintage Realty Company.



Interim President Gordon Monk, center, with employees receiving employee recognition awards, from left, Claire McVea, Vicky Washington, Brandli Greer, and Nate Fronek. McVea, Washington, and Fronek celebrated five years of service and Greer marked thirty years of employment with the Association. Not pictured, Frances Snowden, twenty years of service.

Re-elected for three-year terms were Mohr; David B. Braddock, of Coppell, Texas, cofounder, CEO and managing partner of Broad Oak Energy Inc.; Mario J. Garner, of Spring, Texas, president of CHI St. Luke's The Vintage Hospital; Bart B. Schmolke, of Alexandria, financial advisor, Financial Solutions Group; and Stanley L. "Stan" Williams, of Fort Worth, Texas, director of sales, Western US at HeartFlow, Inc.



Board members Mark Kent Anderson, Jr., left, and David Braddock, right, welcome incoming board members Archer Frierson and Jimmy Gosslee.



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A Historic Season for LSU Football and LSU Traveling Tigers









Traveling Tigers is a select group. A proud assemblage. The diehards of diehard Tiger fans. They tailgate under stately oaks by day and roar in Death Valley on Saturday nights. But their fandom does not stop there. They boldly take to enemy territory representing all of LSU Tiger Nation. Their mission: make our boys feel like they're playing a home game.

Along the way, it is LSU Alumni Association's job to take care of the preplanning. The onsite logistics. The guaranteed good time. So that these Traveling Tigers can stick to what they do best – party like only louisianimals can until kickoff, cheer under the bright lights until their voices are no more, celebrate sweet victory like there's no tomorrow – and then do it all over again at the next game.

The 2019 season started with a Playstation Fiesta Bowl appearance in Arizona, where the Tigers snapped UCF's 25-game winning streak, the longest in the nation at the time. This was foretelling to the magnificent season that lay ahead - the perfect season earned by arguably the best college football team in the history of the sport. It was historic for the LSU Football Tigers and for the Traveling Tigers program as well.

The Traveling Tigers celebrated it's 35th season of taking it to the road to support the LSU Tigers. Our faithful Traveling Tigers came by bus and charter plane to Austin for the biggest non-conference match up we've had in years. Our first Tiger Nation Tailgate of the season went off without a hitch – over 3,000 people came together at Stubb's BBQ for an outdoor concert by hometown favorite Parish County Line. LSU took down the Longhorns 45-38 and got our first win of the season over a top 10 team.

Our second marquee Traveling Tigers trip landed us in Nashville. We held quite a few events in Music City, including a Rooftop Rendezvous at Redneck Riviera hosted by Big D and Bubba with special appearances by several LSU Athletics head coaches. This was followed by our pre-game Tiger Nation Tailgate at The Local, which included an overwhelming number of Tiger fans that made it feel more like Baton Rouge than an away game in Nashville. The day game proved to be a scorcher, but the Tigers dominated the Commodores on the field and came out ahead 66-38.

Next stop: Tuscaloosa. This #1 vs. #2 match-up was being touted as the game of the century. Even the President couldn't miss this one. LSU Traveling Tigers

went all out in an effort to prove that we would win at being fans in addition to winning on the field. Our on-campus Tiger Nation Tailgate commenced steps away from Denny Bryant Stadium and included gourmet food and endless tiger tonic. The game was a hard-fought battle but a richly earned victory. At this point, even the naysayers started converting to believers.

Lastly, we went "Greauxving!" We stayed overnight in Memphis to offer our Traveling Tigers an elevated entertainment experience including a Welcome to Memphis party at Tin Roof and then swiftly transferred them to Oxford for game day. For the first time ever, we held Tiger Nation Tailgate in The Grove and gave LSU Tigers a true taste of the Ole Miss Tailgating experience. We then headed into Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, and watched the Tigers beat the Rebels 58-37.

After wrapping up the regular season perfectly, we packed our bags and headed to Atlanta for the SEC Championship game versus Georgia. Tiger fans from across the country joined us at our Tiger Nation Tailgate. We took over a full city block including four restaurants and bars and one expansive rooftop - truly painting the town purple and gold despite the Dawgs having a major location advantage. Come kickoff, we headed into Mercedes-Benz Stadium to watch our LSU football team dominate the Georgia Bulldogs 37-10. Just like that our first College Football Playoff appearance became a reality.

Next stop, College Football Playoffs! Only one more team stood between us and the College Football Playoff National Championship. We headed back to a familiar haunt - Atlanta and the Mercedes Benz Stadium. Our first Tiger Nation Tailgate was so much fun that we pressed repeat and did it – same time, same place, same ridiculously awesome fans - all over again. LSU put on a truly impressive show against Oklahoma, running away with a 63-28 victory and leaving no doubt that they earned their place in the CFP National Championship game.

One. More. Game. We Comin' for those Clemson Tigers. We departed sweet Baton Rouge on a simple sixty minute drive down I-10 into the Big Easy and began THE weekend that Tigers' dreams are made of . We celebrated and cheered on our team non-stop for several days straight leading up to the sixty minutes on the field. In true New Orleans and Traveling Tigers style we threw a major Tiger Nation Tailgate under a 1,500 person tent at Walk-On's just a couple of blocks from the dome. This exclusive VIP event included the Vintage Rock Club DJ experience, game day gulps and delicious Walk-On's cuisine.

The Superdome was as HYPED as we'd ever seen it. We'd been here before but there was something different about this time. We all felt the infectious energy that overflowed from our team of destiny. Tigers on both sides of the ball and in the stands stood proud as the President and First Lady joined the color guard on the field for the National Anthem sung by honorary LSU alumna and Grammy Award Winner Lauren Daigle. After a battle in the first quarter, our LSU Tigers conquered the next three quarters to beat Clemson 42-25 and become the 2019 National Champions. The Best Ever.

We're grateful to all of the Traveling Tigers who entrusted us with your travel and created so many unforgettable memories with us. It's a genuine camaraderie and the only requirement to join is bleeding purple and gold. So, if you haven't joined us before, we would love to have you in 2020! You can find more info about next season by visiting Isualumni.org/traveling-tigers and you can also sign an interest form to receive info for our trip to the Rose Bowl in 2021.

There are less than 200 days until LSU Football kicks off again and it can't come soon enough. Geaux Tigers!











BEST TEAM EVER!

LSU COMPLETED A 15-0 PERFECT

season, ended Clemson's 29-game winning streak, and captured the national football championship in dramatic fashion at the Superdome.

Ed Orgeron's Tigers became the fourth LSU team to win the national title in football and they did it by beating the defending champion. LSU overcame a 17-7 deficit, but the winning formula was familiar.

Joe Burrow passed for 463 yards and five TD passes and ran for 58 more yards and a touchdown. He ended his LSU career with single season NCAA records for passing touchdowns (60) and total touchdowns (65) and by being named Offensive Player of the game in LSU's 42-25 victory. His five touchdown passes tied the record set by Southern Cal's Matt Leinart for the most in a championship game. The Heisman winner was not the lone hero for the Tigers that night, although his handiwork was essential.

After some early harassment by the Clemson defense, Burrow blended long throws to his receivers with timely runs and steady blocking by the line to gain a 28-17 lead by halftime. Clemson closed the gap to three points before LSU scored the final 14 points of the game.

New Orleans' own Ja'Marr Chase put on a show for the home folks. Chase caught nine passes for 221 yards and made two touchdowns, setting a CFP championship record for receiving yards. Justin Jefferson added nine catches for 106 yards. Tight end Thaddeus Moss caught five balls for 36 yards and two touchdowns. Terrace Marshall grabbed three passes for 46 yards, including a 24-yard TD toss. Patrick Queen, a linebacker from Livonia, was the Defensive Player of the game for LSU, leading his team in tackles with eight. Clyde Edwards-Helaire was back in the groove, leading the team in rushing with 110 yards.

LSU set NCAA single-season records for points and yards in a season.

The Tigers had three previous teams win the final game in New Orleans. The 2003 team, coached by Nick Saban, defeated Oklahoma for the championship. The 2007 team, coached by Les Miles, defeated Ohio State for the national title. Both games were played in the Superdome.

LSU's first national champion in football was Paul Dietzel's 11-0 Tigers who had been crowned champions following the season-ending game with Tulane by the Associated Press and United Press International. LSU defeated Clemson 7-0 in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day of 1959 in Tulane Stadium.

JOE BURROW Delivers lsu's DREAM SEASON

BY BUD JOHNSON

COACH O REPEATED HIS MESSAGE TO THE ALUMNI. "WE HAVE A REALLY GOOD QUARTERBACK," Ed Orgeron told the LSU faithful at every stop last spring. What Orgeron had seen on the practice field had sent his optimism soaring. He believed Joe Burrow was a perfect fit for the new offense. He was convinced that Joe could unleash the potential of the playbook.

> he coach had a vision for the future, but he didn't share it with his audience. He mentioned nothing about what might lie ahead – a dream season for LSU fans, featuring a high-scoring, record-breaking

offense that would deliver the school's fourth national championship in New Orleans.

But his quarterback did. Burrow did everything but say LSU would finish 15-and-Eaux! He predicted last summer that the Tigers could be "one of the best offenses in the country." In an interview with the *Advocate*, he said, "I don't think a lot of people are used to LSU scoring 40, 50, 60 points a game."

Orgeron was not the first to be impressed by Burrow's confidence, composure, and leadership skills. At every level of his development, those who knew him were carried away by his special qualities. His family recognized it in early childhood. The coaches of his youth sports teams saw traits that were unusual for youngsters. Anyone who witnessed his competition as a preteen could see he was unfazed by pressure situations and he was confident of his abilities.

Burrow got his athlete's genes from his father, Jimmy, who played defensive back at Nebraska, and he was raised in a sports environment by two parents who were career educators. Jimmy Burrow coached at five NCAA schools, retiring from Ohio University in 2018 to watch his son's senior season at LSU. Joe's mother, Robin, is an elementary school principal. Two older brothers, Jamie and Dan, who also played at Nebraska, watched Joe's development in awe. They freely admitted he is the family's best athlete.

Burrow continued to impress observers at the Ohio high school where he starred in both basketball and football. He became the starting quarterback as a sophomore in 2012, leading Athens High to 37 wins in three seasons; passed for nearly 4,500 yards with 63 touchdowns and only two interceptions as a senior; and was named the Gatorade Player of the Year for Ohio.

He had scholarship offers but wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father and brothers and play at Nebraska. The Cornhuskers showed no interest. Next, he hoped to get an offer from Ohio State. Tom Herman, Ohio State's then-offensive coordinator, and Urban Meyer, then-head coach of the Buckeyes were interested, especially Herman. Meyer wasn't fully convinced and told Herman to continue recruiting other quarterbacks. Herman couldn't find anyone better, so Meyer called Burrow and offered him a scholarship.

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THE COACH HAD A VISION FOR THE FUTURE, BUT HE DIDN'T SHARE IT WITH HIS AUDIENCE. HE MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT LIE AHEAD — A DREAM SEASON FOR LSU FANS, FEATURING A HIGH-SCORING, RECORD-BREAKING OFFENSE.

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HIO STATE REDSHIRTED Burrow in 2015. He played in five games as a backup in 2016, broke a bone in his throwing hand before

the start of the 2017 season, then battled Dwayne Haskins for the starting job in Spring 2018. When Haskins got the nod, Burrow decided to become a graduate transfer. He was eligible to play immediately at LSU and led the 2018 Tigers to a 10-3 record. His spectacular performance in the 2019 Fiesta Bowl yielded 394 yards, four touchdowns, and a 40-32 win over UCF. It also increased the confidence level of Coach O and offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger in their quarterback. Orgeron decided to accelerate his plan to incorporate the spread, which led to the hiring of Joe Brady and the revamping of the playbook. LSU's RPO/spread would also become an outlet for Joe Burrow's drive for perfection.

Burrow initiated players-only Saturday morning workouts for the offense last summer. Team cohesiveness always flourishes in a winning season, but many observers believe that team morale

was enhanced significantly on those Saturday mornings last summer. His confidence got national television exposure in the second game of the 2019 season against Texas. Burrow's duel with Longhorn quarterback Sam Ehlinger wasn't settled until the fourth quarter. LSU led 37-31 with 3:59 remaining. Orgeron suggested to Ensminger that the Tigers could burn some time off the clock.

"No," Ensminger replied. "We're going to pass the ball, go down there and score."

"Go ahead," Orgeron said. He had confidence in the offense and his quarterback.

The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm award would not arrive until December. But what happened next in Austin looked as if it had been authored by Unitas in Baltimore. It was third and 17 at the LSU 39 against a Longhorn team showing life before a home crowd late in the game. Burrow threw to Justin Jefferson who caught the ball on the left sideline and sped 61 yards for a touchdown that became known as one of several "Heisman moments" in Burrow's legendary senior season. He then hit Ja'Marr Chase for a two-point conversion, giving LSU a 45-31 lead with 2:27 left to play.

The good guys left town with a 45-38 confidence-building win plus a game highlight that Burrow's teammates couldn't forget. Clyde Edwards-Helaire, the Tigers' versatile running back, gave this quote to ESPN's Mark Schalabach: "It's a throw that I'll remember for the rest of my life," Clyde said. "Joe was getting hit and threw a ball off one leg, sidearmed to Justin Jefferson. That's something I'll take to my grave. A guy with arm talent like that and being so composed, that's something that is hard to find, and we have it."

Burrow delivered the same coolness under pressure with memorable performances against Florida, Auburn, Alabama, Ole Miss, Texas A&M, Georgia (in the SEC championship game), Oklahoma (in the College Football Playoffs), and Clemson in the CFP championship game). He passed for 5,671 yards and 60 touchdowns. But he is quick to point out that he had help from his offensive line, two 1,000-yard receivers in Chase and Jefferson and a 1,000-yard runner in Edwards-Helaire. Thaddeus Moss joined the party by setting an LSU record for receptions by a tight end.

As the awards piled up and the broken records littered the landscape, quotes from Orgeron on Burrow became more expansive. "He was the perfect quarterback at the perfect time for us to get in the spread offense," Orgeron said. "This is his team, and the reason it's his team is because he earned their respect. The whole team, everybody in the organization believes in Joe."

After accepting college football's highest award, Burrow expressed his gratitude. "I'd like to thank Louisiana," he said. "Just a kid from Ohio coming down chasing a dream and the entire state has welcomed me and my family with open arms."

Prior to the 2019 season, Orgeron was reluctant to provide bulletin board material for the opponents. He didn't predict that Burrow would be the nation's best passer or that he would win the Heisman Trophy. Had he done so, Coach O would now be known as the Oracle of the Bayou. Instead, he must settle for being the National Coach of the Year.

Bud Johnson, retired director of the Andonie Sports Museum and a former director of LSU Sports Information, is the author of *The Perfect Season: LSU's Magic Year – 1958* and writes/ edits Locker Room (see page 40).



HEISMAN LANDSLIDE

HIGHLIGHTS LSU AWARDS FEST

N LSU FOOTBALL HISTORY, THE OFFENSIVE

explosion of 2019 will be known as Year One. Reviewing these achievements makes you realize how special this football season has been. Any of the trophies awarded to the Tigers would be cause for celebration anywhere. Yet, each award seemed to whet

the appetite of LSU fans. The next honor on the horizon became the focus of Tiger Nation.

Joe Burrow was a universal choice for the Heisman. Ja'Marr Chase seemed to gain momentum for the Belitnikoff. The possibility of Coach O and Joe Brady winning their categories dominated most discussions.

One by one, most wishes came true.

The Heisman (Joe Burrow), National Coach of the Year (Coach O), the Belitnikoff Award for the nation's best receiver (Ja'Marr Chase), the Thorpe Award for the nation's best defensive back (Grant Delpit), the Broyles Award for the nation's top assistant coach (Joe Brady), and the Joe Moore Award for the Outstanding Offensive Line (LSU) produced the most sustained national recognition in school history.

It's been sixty years since Vice President Nixon made the handoff of the Heisman Trophy to Billy Cannon. And it's been sixty-one years since Paul Dietzel was named National Coach of the Year, Cannon was selected United Press International Player of the Year, Red Brodnax won a national award for sportsmanship, and the 1958 team won the National and SEC championships and was voted the Associated Press Team of the Year over the New York Yankees, the Baltimore Colts, and the St. Louis Hawks.

The 2019 team's records may last for a while. Will we ever have another 5,000 yard passer?

Two aspects of this record-breaking season stood out – Burrow's margin of victory in winning college football's most prestigious trophy and the LSU offensive line receiving the Joe Moore Award as the nation's best O-line. Prior to the season, Burrow was a 200-1 shot to win the Heisman according to a Las Vegas bookmaker. There was no line on the LSU offensive line.

PLAYOFF EMIFINAL

Left to right: **1.** LSU's championship season was blessed with the bold leadership of Ed Orgeron, the consensus National Coach of the Year, and Joe Burrow, a landslide winner of the Heisman Trophy. Together, they developed a team for the ages. It was Orgeron's vision to go to the RPO/spread offense. And it was Burrow's precise execution that produced 60 touchdown passes, 5,671 yards and a 15-0 record. **2.** LSU dominated Georgia, the nation's No. 4 team, 37-10, to win the 2019 Southeastern Conference championship in Atlanta. It was LSU's first SEC title since 2011, and the Tigers' fifth win of the season against top five competition. Joe Burrow completed 28 of 38 passes for 349 yards and four touchdowns. Terrace Marshall caught five passes for 89 yards and two TDs. Justin Jefferson caught seven balls for 115 yards and one touchdown. LSU held Georgia to 286 yards and one late touchdown. The Tigers entered the game rated No. 2 behind Ohio State in the CFP rankings, but made a strong case for a higher seeding. Cornerback Derek Stingley intercepted two passes, and Patrick Queen, K'lavon Chaisson, Grant Delpit, and Rashard Lawrence all came up with sacks for the Tiger defense. **3.** LSU's No. 1-ranked Tigers roared into the College Football Playoff Championship game with a one-sided 63-28 win over No. 4 Oklahoma as Heisman winner Joe Burrow threw for 403 yards and seven passing touchdowns in Atlanta's Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. Burrow added a rushing TD in the second half to give him a total of eight scores for the game, one of the many CFP playoff and Peach Bowl records claimed against the Sooners. Justin Jefferson caught four touchdown passes in the first half – another CFP record – as the Tigers left little doubt about the outcome.

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Anchored by center Lloyd Cushenberry and guard Damien Lewis and coached by James Cregg, the LSU offensive line played a major role in the high scoring offense, setting NCAA single-season records of 726 points and 8,526 total yards. The Tigers set an NCAA record for most point scored in a season (726) and school records for 60-point games (3), 50-point games (6), and games with at least 40 points (12).

The LSU O-line had eight different starters and only had two players that started all thirteen games at the same position this season. Only twice did the Tigers start the same offensive line in consecutive games.

The selection committee was impressed with the physicality of LSU's offensive line and the number of times opposing defensive players were "on the ground" after a play. They pointed

NCAA & CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TEAM RECORDS

AA MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON	726
TAL OFFENSE IN CEP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	625 YARDS

NCAA & CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS SET BY JOE BURROW

NCAA SINGLE SEASON TOTAL YARDS	6,039
NCAA SINGLE SEASON PASSING EFFICIENCY RATING	201.97
NCAA SINGLE SEASON PASSING TDS	60
NCAA SINGLE SEASON TOTAL TDS	65
NCAA SINGLE SEASON POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR	390
CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PASSING YARDS	463
CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TDS RESPONSIBLE FOR	6
SEC SINGLE SEASON YARDS PASSING	5 ,671
SEC SINGLE SEASON PASS COMPLETIONS	402
SEC SINGLE SEASON TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	4026
LSU CAREER TOTAL YARDS	9,349

LSU'S 2019 ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS

JOE BURROW. QB //

American Football Coaches Association The Associated Press Walter Camp Football Writers Association of America **CBS Sports Sports Illustrated** Sporting News

JA'MARR CHASE, WR //

AFCA The Associated Press Walter Camp FWAA **CBS** Sports Sports Illustrated Sporting News

DEREK STINGLEY, JR., CB //

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GRANT DELPIT, S //

AFCA Walter Camp **CBS Sports** Sporting News The Associated Press second team LLOYD CUSHENBERRY. II. C //

AFCA second team FWAA second team



Magee, Lloyd Cushenberry, Badara Traore, and Coach John Robinson. Photo: Gus Stark/LSU Athletics



GRANT DELPIT

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out that Burrow had many opportunities to throw with ample protection - plays with eight, nine, and thirteen seconds to find the right receiver. They praised the development of the running game, the aggressive pass blocking, and the ability to protect the passer with an "empty backfield" - without the help of a tight end or a back to block.

And now the Burrow basement in Athens, Ohio, must make room for the Associated Press National Player of the Year Award, the Maxwell Award (Collegiate Player of the Year), the Walter Camp Award (Player of the Year), the Davey O'Brien Award (nation's best college guarterback), the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (nation's top guarterback), the Manning Award (nation's best college quarterback), numerous All-America plagues - and the Heisman Trophy.

This year's Heisman balloting made history. With 841 first-place votes, Burrow set Heisman Trophy records for receiving the highest percentage of first-place votes ever (90.7 percent), broke O.J. Simpson's largest margin of victory (1,846 points), earned the highest percentage of possible points (93.8 percent), and the highest percentage of ballots received (95.5 percent).

Burrow rewrote the LSU record book in 2019, establishing school records in just about every passing category.



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BY FERRIS McDANIEL

LSU ONLINE CHAMPIONS CUSTOMIZABLE EDUCATION

AT THE DAWN OF A NEW DECADE,

Vice President of Digital and Continuing Education Sasha Thackaberry and her team at LSU Online – a group of future-thinking professionals she's recruited from across the country – are redefining higher education and the function it serves for all parties involved, from the application process to workforce. The nucleus of their operation consists of a simple notion: give each individual student exactly what they need to succeed in whatever it is they're doing, whether striving toward a first degree or seeking to sharpen skills they already possess.

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LSU Online offers flexible options for students to obtain what they need to succeed in whatever it is they're doing, whether striving toward a first degree or seeking to sharpen skills they already possess. Photos: Jim Zietz

"It's about providing access," Thackaberry said. "Online is a modality. It's a delivery mechanism. We have tier-one faculty here, and these are the same faculty we want people to be able to access whether they're here in Baton Rouge, in Metairie or New Orleans, in California, or in Japan."

The LSU Online team is leveraging an entire spectrum of online learning opportunities or what they refer to as "macro to micro." They'll soon boast forty programs – double the previous fall's offerings – including associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees as well as graduate certificates and new online MicroCred options: short-form programs designed for professionals at any career level to gain field-specific training in an affordable and convenient format online. Their portfolio extends across Louisiana, also supporting online programs at LSU Alexandria, LSU Eunice, and LSU Shreveport.

"Part of what makes us very future forward is we're thinking about the small learning experiences building into the larger learning experiences, so someone can come to LSU at any point for a variety of needs," Thackaberry said. "The overall strategy is to ensure that folks who come in with experience and certifications don't have to delay their time to degree by retaking things."

For example, LSU Online's construction management program provides credit for certain military certifications. This set up is a unique and modern approach for a flagship, according to Thackaberry. It's part of their objective to make each student's experience customizable and practical.

Upon application to LSU Online, students are paired with a personal concierge to guide them through the entire process, from proposing the most suitable program to graduation. Though the student isn't the customer in the classroom, Thackaberry stressed, LSU Online strives to provide world-class customer service to remove administrative barriers.

The typical LSU Online students are post-traditional learners who need to finish a degree, who want to advance or change their career, who seek flexibility. Thackaberry's team calls them "mid-career millennials," but they also enroll students in, say, their 60s. Beyond their physical inability to attend class in Baton Rouge, these might be students who have families, who are parents returning to the workforce later in life, who had their college career derailed for some reason.

"Think of what we do as the historical evolution of the evening-weekend college," she said. "It's important to have that for students, but even more importantly, the world has really changed, so education is not a point-intime endeavor anymore. If LSU doesn't offer flexible options, they will go elsewhere to fulfill those needs."

Thackaberry and her team have established what's called a "learning experience design team," with designers who work individually with faculty to support the creation of engaging, modern online learning experiences. In the increasingly virtual world, improved technology allows for more interactive experiences between the students and faculty, content, and other students. The focus of the learning experience design team is not only to mirror the same learning experience students receive in classrooms but also to fulfill LSU Online's role as what Thackaberry called a "support and services unit."

"Our faculty are world class researchers, but learning design is a whole other field. Our team is here to support them in designing high-quality learning experiences that reflect their on-campus course. Additionally, we focus on creating authentic assessments that have real-world application and making sure there's rich engagement," she said.

Thackaberry explained that part of the process, too, when deciding which courses to offer online involves meeting workforce and innovation demands. From full degrees to the MicroCreds, every learning experience is designed for students who want to put the knowledge immediately into place at their jobs, sometimes as soon as the following day.

It's truly a University-wide initiative. We can't build it alone. WE WIN AS A TEAM.

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LSU Online works closely with businesses to identify MicroCreds relevant from a technological, workforce, and business perspective. They also nurture partnerships with Louisiana businesses to learn what sort of skill set gaps exist and how the University can work to meet certain needs.

LSU's robust network of alumni around the world plays an especially important role in course offerings and development. "There are alumni who are at the top of their game in so many different fields. As we grow our portfolio of trainings and degrees, we want to make sure we're talking to them and making sure, from their perspectives, that we're putting the right programs online that they need or leveraging the opportunities that they see in their businesses," Thackaberry said.

In this way, a comprehensive and successful online degree program like LSU's has the potential to improve the business landscape of Baton Rouge and the state. "Businesses are competing for highly skilled folks," Thackaberry said, "and if they have someone good, they don't want to lose them. They'd rather keep them and transition them to a new area or up-skill them in place. We can provide that 'just-in-time component' . . . or when people move here to take advantage of a job, they can get up-skilled in place and stay. We don't want to lose our highly skilled workers to surrounding states."

According to Thackaberry, these businesses, in most instances, already designate money toward tuition remission or professional development. In the past, those businesses have had to send their people to programs out of the state for continuing education, but more than ever before, LSU is an ideal destination for those educational opportunities.

She believes LSU, as the state's flagship institution, must take responsibility for Louisiana's social and economic mobility beyond the University's physical presences. In Thackaberry's eyes, Louisiana shouldn't be at the bottom of any list with all of the important work happening here. She said it's an important part of LSU Online's mission – as well as the University's research dissemination and land-grant missions – to spread LSU's brand and alumni network beyond previous boundaries.

Not every institution would understand how important this mission is for the University to continue to be a leader in higher education, Thackaberry said, but LSU's administration "gets it." Executive Vice President and Provost Stacia Haynie's persistent executive and vocal support has been foundational to LSU Online's success so far, making the mission one of her top institutional priorities. The collaboration and support of several other administrative teams on campus has been instrumental as well. The early-adopters in specific departments and the support of leading-edge faculty have made these programs a reality.

"It's truly a University-wide initiative," Thackaberry said. "We can't build it alone. We win as a team."

Ferris McDaniel is a writer/editor in LSU Strategic Communications.

Sasha Thackaberry, vice president, Digital Continuing education. Photo: Eddy Perez

AROUND CAMPUS

Noteworthy



Troy Blanchard





Jinx Coleman Broussard





Carol Friedland



Robert M. Stuart, Jr.

Troy Blanchard, professor of sociology and interim dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, was named dean of the college in December 2019. He was previously associate dean of the college and director of the Louisiana Population Estimates Program. He joined the LSU faculty in 2007 after serving as associate professor with tenure at Mississippi State University and research associate at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Boyd Professor Susanne C. Brenner was elected president of SIAM, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, a worldwide organization devoted to research in areas such as life sciences, finance, the development of new materials, imaging science, and control and systems theory. Brenner was named a fellow of the Association for Women in Mathematics in 2019.

Jinx Coleman Broussard, the Bart R. Swanson Endowed Memorial Professor in the Manship School of Mass Communication, was honored by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication History Division with the creation of the Jinx Coleman Broussard Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Media History. The award "recognizes the many years and many levels of her valued contribution to our field as a scholar and mentor."

Brant Faircloth, assistant professor of biological sciences, is included in the Highly Cited Researchers (HCRs) list released in late 2019. Faircloth was cited a total of 8,149 times during 2019 and appeared in more than eighty-five publications. The list, which identifies global research scientists and social scientists who have demonstrated exceptional influence in their fields, included 6,216 researchers in various fields from nearly sixty nations. The U.S. is home to the highest number of HCRs, with 2,737 authors, representing 44 percent of the researchers on the list.

Carol Friedland, the Cajun Constructors and Performance Contractors Associate Professor in the Bert S. Turner Department of Construction Management and coprincipal investigator in the Louisiana Sea Grant Law & Policy Program, received a \$3.4 million grant for one of the four new projects focused on enhancing community resilience in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico region. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Gulf Research Program announced it awarded \$10.7 million in this latest round of Gulf Coast resiliency grants.

Roland Mitchell, the E.B. "Ted" Robert Endowed Professor and interim dean of the College of Human Sciences & Education, was named dean of the college in December. On faculty since 2005, Mitchell rose through the ranks to tenured full professor in 2016. His other administrative roles include associate dean of Research Engagement & Graduate Studies, associate dean for Research & Academic Services, and interim dean.

Robert M. Stuart, Jr. was named interim president and CEO of the LSU Foundation effective Jan. 1, succeeding J. Bryan Benchoff, who retired in December 2019. Stuart is the first chairperson of the LSU Foundation National Board; chairman of the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation, an affiliate of the LSU Foundation; and immediate past chairperson of the LSU Foundation Board of Directors. During his term as chair, Stuart led preparations to prepare LSU for the launch of Louisiana's largest capital campaign for higher education. As chair of the LSU REFF's Charity Hospital Redevelopment Project Management Committee, he played critical role in working to bring the historic building back into commerce. Also at LSU, he was chair of the LSU Task Force on Greek Life.





Roland Mitchell



Lee Ann Wheelis Lockridge

Lee Ann Wheelis Lockridge, David Weston Robinson Professor of Law and McGlinchey Stafford Professor of Law, was named interim dean of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Lockridge joined LSU as an assistant professor in 2005, was promoted to associate professor in 2008, and elevated to full professor in 2011. Her principal

area of practice and expertise is in intellectual property trademark and licensing. Before coming to LSU, she was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

LSU's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education (NCBRT/ ACE) received special recognition from U.S. Congressman Harley Rouda of California. Rouda, a member of the Subcommittee on National Security, attended the organization's Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks course in Seal Beach, Calif., and presented a Congressional Certificate of Recognition to LSU NCBRT/ACE for training and support of the nation's emergency responders.

A report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, "A First Try at ROI: Ranking 4,500 Colleges," shows that LSU is #1 in the SEC among public universities in one of the important return on investment categories highlighted by the study and is highly ranked among national peers. Visit cew.georgetown.edu/cew-reports/CollegeROI/

LSU battled head-to-head with Clemson University for both the national title in football and the #1 spot in "Total Recycled" during the 2019 GameDay Recycling Challenge, or GDRC – the nation's premier collegiate football waste reduction competition. GDRC congratulates LSU for coming out on top on the field and claiming the top spot for "Total Recycled" during the 2019 season. LSU is the national champion in the Total Recycling category, with 127,940 pounds of material recycled, composted or donated.

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Thomas Galligan Named LSU Interim President





Interim President Thomas Galligan.

Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., assumed office as LSU's interim president on Jan. 1. In this role, he is both the chief executive of LSU's eight campuses and leader of the University's flagship campus in Baton Rouge.

Prior to the appointment, Galligan served as the dean of LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, holding both the Dodson & Hooks Endowed Chair in Maritime Law and the James Huntington and Patricia Kleinpeter Odom Professorship of Law. A teacher at heart, he taught numerous classes in the fields of admiralty law and torts while serving as dean.

From 2010 to 2016, Galligan served as president of Colby-Sawyer College, a private liberal arts based college in New London, N.H., and was previously dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law from 1998 to 2010.

He started his academic career at LSU in 1986 as a professor of law, and during his first tenure at the University, students named him Outstanding LSU Professor six times. From 1995-1998, he served as the executive director of the Louisiana Judicial College. Galligan was named the 2018 Louisiana Bar Foundation Distinguished Professor. In addition, he has served as a member and chair of the American Bar Association Accreditation Committee.

He is a frequent continuing legal education speaker on his areas of expertise, having given more than 250 speeches and presentations to judges, lawyers, and others about torts, admiralty, complex litigation, professionalism, and more. In the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, he testified three times before congressional committees considering amendments to the Death on the High Seas Act and other applicable maritime statutes. His scholarship has been cited by numerous courts including the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, various U.S District Courts, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and various state appellate courts.

Galligan holds an A.B. in political science from Stanford University, a J.D. from Seattle University School of Law graduating summa cum laude and first in his class, and an LL.M. from the Columbia University Law School.

He resides in Baton Rouge with his wife, Susan, and is the father of four children.





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AROUND CAMPUS

In Focus









Team Effort – Before the national championship game, LSU and Clemson alumni, fans, and friends teamed up at Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans & Acadiana to help feed the hungry. Among the volunteers lending a hand were LSU Interim President Tom Galligan, Provost Stacia Haynie, head coaches wives Kelly Orgeron and Kathleen Swinney, and LSU Alumni Association and Clemson Alumni Association members and staff. Working with Second Harvest, they repackaged Louisiana-grown rice donated by Falcon Rice of Crowley, La., into smaller household-sized bags to distribute to community food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, hospitals, and schools across Second Harvest's South Louisiana territory.


From left, Tammy Heil, Gail Cramer, Paul Baier, Lorry Trotter, and Jerry Exner.



EBR Coroner Dr. William "Beau" Clark, center, with from left, Cindy Landry, Mary Adcock, Bill Cochran, and Freddie Martin.

LSU Retirees – Distinguished LSU Law School Professor Paul Baier reflected on U.S. Supreme Court giant Oliver Wendell Holmes along with his own contemporaries at the LSU Faculty and Staff Retirees Club in November. In January, East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner Dr. William "Beau" Clark spoke about the opioid crisis in Louisiana and around the country. The club holds meetings, tours, and social events throughout the academic year and is open to all retirees and their spouses. Contact Isu.faculty.staff.ret. club@gmail.com.

Photos: Mark Claesgens

TIGER TRIVIA

1. Which professor of voice and opera sang at La Scala in Milan and the New York Metropolitan Opera before arriving at LSU?

(a) Frances Greer(c) Pasquale Amato

b Louis Hasselmansd Bill Conti

- 2. Who was the first Lady Tigers softball coach?
 - **b** Yvette Girouard **d** Karen Bahnsen
- 3. Who was the football coach in the Tigers' first perfect season?

a Albert Similionus in	1055
C Paul Dietzel in 1958	

b Edgar Wingard in 1908

- d Ed Orgeron in 2019
- 4. When were women students finally allowed to wear slacks to class?
 - a) 1956c) 1972

C Parker Hall

(a) Carol Smith

C Beth Torina

(b) 1969
(d) Women have always been able to slacks to class

5. What was the law building called when it was dedicated in 1938?
(a) Hebert Law Center
(b) Dodson Hall

b Dodson Hall **d** Leche Hall

6. In the early 1930s, what were male freshmen required to wear besides their beanies?

a) Purple socks and gold ties
 c) Black socks and black ties

(b) Gold arm bands
(d) A sign on their backs that read "Kick Me"

7. In the early 1930s, what were freshmen women required to wear?

a Purple	e socks and	gold ties
C Purple	e beanies	

(b) Green caps(d) Black socks and black ties

- 8. What were some of the selling points that the University used in describing Baton Rouge after the campus moved there in 1869?
 - (a) Remarkably quiet and orderly

a) 1938c) 1964

- (b) Intelligent and refined citizens
 (d) All of the above
- The best of religious, moral, (d) and social influences
 When was the idea of a student under the idea of a student u

he idea of a student union first propos	ed?	
(b) 1958		
(d) 1976		

10.Into how many different languages has LSU Press's A Confederacy of Dunces been translated?

(a) 10	(b) 26
© 30	d 35

 11. The cannon barrels on display in front of the Military Science

 Building were used at Fort Sumter in the Civil War.

 (a) True
 (b) False

12.Who succeeded Troy Middleton as commandant of cadets?(a) Fred Frey(b) Campbell Hodges(c) Roy Hill(d) Paul Hebert

Tiger Trivia is compiled by Barry Cowan, assistant archivist, Hill Memorial Library.

In Focus

AROUND CAMPUS



Fall Commencement – LSU recognized 1,986 graduates at the University's 300th commencement exercises in December. The number of degrees awarded is a new record for LSU's fall graduation. In addition, the University awarded the most degrees to female, African American, Asian, and Hispanic students ever during a fall semester. LSU also saw the most degrees ever awarded to veteran students, students on Pell grants, and students who received Pelican Promise scholarships. The graduating class represented fifty-five Louisiana parishes, forty-two states, and thirty-nine foreign countries. Men made up 48.55 percent of the class and women made up 51.45 percent. The youngest graduate was nineteen, the oldest sixty-one. Photo: Strategic Communications



Stephenson Pet Clinic – Doggy volunteers broke ground on the new Stephenson Pet Clinic at the School of Veterinary Medicine last fall. The facility is the culmination of a longtime vision of LSU benefactors Emmet and Toni Stephenson, who noticed the need for a first-class animal care and wellness facility in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The project was funded by the generosity of donors such as the Stephensons, who provided the initial gift for the building, matched with public dollars provided by the state. The 40,000-square-foot facility will be the new home of the school's companion animal wellness efforts and many clinical services, including community practice (primary care), dermatology, integrative medicine, and ophthalmology. Photo: LSU School of Veterinary Medicine



Rucks Fellows – The top ten graduating seniors in the Rucks Department of Management are named as Rucks Fellows, recognizing the highest level of academic achievement among senior management majors. From left are Trendell Shorty, Elizabeth Cooper, Teresa Vallée, Chloe Pelitere, Maci Quebedeaux, Victoria Liakos, Taylor Stirling, Taylor Dottley, and Taylor Boykin. Not pictured is Calvin Bond.



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AROUND CAMPUS

8 Inducted into Military Hall of Honor



Front row, from left, Brig. Gen. John B. Dunlap, Ill; Mary delaHoussaye Belleau representing her late husband, Capt. Arthur J. delaHoussaye, Jr.; Joe Roberts, representing his brother, the late Marvin J. "Buddy" Roberts; and Louise Mitchell, representing her late husband, John H. Mitchell. Back, then-LSU President F. Alexander, Eugene A. Booth, Capt. Leonard J. Drude, John Elphick, Peter D. Burland, and John Milazzo Jr., president of Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

Eight LSU graduates were inducted into the Hall of Honor for LSU Distinguished Military Alumni during LSU Salutes 2019. The annual event is cosponsored by the University and Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

Inducted were Eugene A. Booth, Capt., U.S. Army, Baton Rouge; Peter D. Burland, Master Sgt., U.S. Army, Fulshear, Texas; the late Arthur Joseph delaHoussaye, III, Capt., U.S. Marine Corps; Leonard J. Drude, Capt., U.S. Navy (Ret.), Ponchatoula, La.; John B. Dunlap, III, Brig. Gen., U.S. Army (Ret.), Baton Rouge; John Elphick, Capt., U.S. Army, Midland, Texas; the late John H. Mitchell, 2nd Lt., U.S. Army; and the late Marvin J. "Buddy" Roberts, Capt., U.S. Army.

The induction ceremony took place on Friday, Nov. 23, at the President's Reception/LSU Salutes Dinner at the LSU Faculty Club. The honorees were recognized at the Commandant's Luncheon in the LSU Student Union Ballroom earlier that day and during pregame activities at the LSU-Arkansas game. Photo: Ray Dry



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LOCKER ROOM

D-1 Baseball Applauds LSU Pitching Staff

By Bud Johnson Photos: LSU Athletics.



Coach Paul Mainieri can rely on talented pitching in the 2020 season. LSU attracted national media attention for its current pitching staff. Mainieri hopes that pitching dominance can carry the Tigers until the position players make progress in replacing Josh Smith, Zach Watson, and Antoine Duplantis.



Cole Henry, RHP



AJ Labas, RHP



Landon Marceaux, RHP



Eric Walker, RHP

What would it take for LSU to get back to Omaha in 2020?

Let's start with some good news. D-1 Baseball, a collegiate baseball website, believes LSU's pitching is top drawer. The 2020 Tigers, according to D-1's Aaron Fitt will be "... led by perhaps the nation's most talented pitching staff."

Coach Paul Mainieri hopes those purveyors of college baseball news are on target about his team's pitching. He has three weekend starters returning from the 2019 team that won forty games and got to a Super Regional - right-handers Cole Henry, Landon Marceaux, and Eric Walker. Henry, a freshman All-American a year ago, and Marceaux, who was named a Regional All-American last season, will likely pitch on Friday and Saturday.

There is more good news.

Jaden Hill and AJ Labas, two right-handers cut down by injuries last season, return to provide quality depth for Mainieri. Hill, rated as LSU's top pitcher in the nation's No. 1-ranked recruiting class of 2018, only pitched ten innings last season before suffering a strained ulnar collateral ligament. He should be an effective late inning reliever for the Tigers this spring.

Labas, who was a freshman All-America selection in 2018, had shoulder surgery prior to 2019. He projects as the Sunday starting pitcher. Walker takes on the midweek job, hoping to fully recover from Tommy John surgery by the time the Tigers compete in the SEC tournament. He was a reliable member of the starting rotation in 2017 until arm trouble stopped him the last time the Tigers went to Omaha.

Bullpen mainstays Devin Fontenot, Matthew Beck, Ma'Khail Hilliard, and Trent Vietmeier are back. Fontenot had seven saves last season. Beck had a 3-0 record and a 2.05 ERA in 2019. Fontenot and Hill could be two of the SEC's most formidable late-inning pitchers in 2020. Left-handed pitchers Jacob Hasty and Brandon Kaminer offer bullpen depth. Mainieri has a wildcard to strengthen the bullpen. Sophomore right-hander Nick Storz, the biggest pitcher on the team at 6-6, 260, could be a secret weapon for late-inning relief. Storz only pitched three innings as a freshman in 2018, his freshman year. He's had three operations and received a medical redshirt for the 2019 season. When healthy, Storz can reach the mid-90s with his fastball and has a late breaking slider for a put away pitch.

And pitching may have to be LSU's strength, particularly in the early going. D-1 Baseball also had LSU No. 11 in the pre-season behind six SEC teams — Vanderbilt (No. 2), Florida (No. 4), Georgia (No. 5), Arkansas (No. 7), Auburn (No. 8) and Mississippi State (No. 10).

Three of the Tigers key position players from last year are gone — shortstop Josh Smith, center fielder Zach Watson, and all-time hits leader Antoine Duplantis in right field. It would a welcome responsibility to report that all have been replaced. That threesome had a lot to do with the Tigers' forty-win season and reaching a Super Regional in 2019.

Let's look at the position players.

CATCHERS: Catcher Saul Garza spent a portion of the 2019 early schedule in a limited role due to a surgical procedure on a torn meniscus. He finished with a good season and should be the team's No. 1 catcher in 2020. Garza (6-3, 229, Jr.) has already had two operations, and he hasn't been a member of the team two years yet. He hit .303 last season with five home runs and 27 RBI in 145 AB. Milazzo (5-10, 195, Fr.) arrived with solid defensive skills. He has the arm to limit the opposing team's running game. Hayden Travinski (6-3, 234, Fr.) is a long ball hitter who may get activity as a DH, and playing time behind the plate.

INFIELD: Hal Hughes (5-11, 174, Jr.) will start the season at shortstop. He is still the most reliable glove man in the infield. Freshman Cade Doughty (6-1, 195) and sophomore Gavin Dugas (5-10, 199) compete for the second base job. Zack Mathis (5-8, 190, Jr.) is the third baseman. The JC transfer, a lefthanded bat, could be one of the team's most reliable hitters. Zach Arnold (6-2,









Matthew Beck, RHP

Ma'Khail Hilliard, RHP

190, Fr.) is recovering from surgery after suffering a broken rib. His return can offer depth in the middle infield. Cade Beloso (6-0, 227, So.) is a consistent left-handed hitter who won the first base job.

OUTFIELD: The only sure thing in the outfield is Daniel Cabrera (6-1, 191, Jr.) in right. He provides a consistent bat. Mo Hampton (6-0, 214, Fr.) is competing with Giovanni DiGiacomo (6-1, 172, Jr.) to replace Zach Watson in center field. DiGiacomo's defense and versatility was an outfield asset in his freshman year. He will provide competition for a player who turned down MLB bonus money — at least in the early season. Drew Bianco's (6-0, 219, So.) days at second and third may be over. He will be difficult to dislodge in left field if his home run numbers increase. Freshmen Wes Toups (5-9, 160) and Mitchell Sanford (6-2, 180) offer capable outfield depth that allows Mainieri to be more flexible in pinch hitting assignments and in defensive adjustments.

DESIGNATED HITTER: Cade Doughty, CJ Willis, Hayden Travinski, Giovanni DiGiacomo, Gavin Dugas, Saul Garza, and Daniel Cabrera can DH.





Saul Garza, C





PRIMARY HITTERS RETURNING:

	AB	R	н	AVG.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ТВ	SLG%
Garza	145	20	44	.303	10	0	5	27	69	.476
Cabrera	225	40	64	.284	12	2	12	50	116	.516
Beloso	215	30	61	.279	3	0	10	52	94	.429
DiGiacomo	138	31	38	.275	3	1	1	15	46	.333

PRIMARY PITCHERS RETURNING:

	CL-EXP.	W-L	ERA	IP	BB	SO	NOTABLE
Henry	So1L	4-2	3.39	58.1	18	72	2019 Freshman All-American
Marceaux	So1L	5-2	4.86	58.0	20	43	2019 NCAA Regional All-American
Labas	R-So-1L		(medical redshirt in 2019)				2018 Freshman All-American
Hill	So1L	1-0	1.80	10.0	3	11	
Fontenot	Jr1L	5-4	3.71	51.0	25	54	
Walker	R-Jr-2L	5-4	5.47	72.1	32	56	2017 Freshman All-American
Hilliard	Jr2L	0-4	5.32	44.0	16	56	2018 Freshman All-American

1950s



Gene W. Lafitte (1950 BACH H&SS, 1952 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to New Orleans Magazine's "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the area of Appellate Practice.

1960s



John M. Wilson (1964 BACH H&SS, 1967 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to New Orleans Magazine's "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the area of Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law.

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1970s



Marguerite L. Adams (1975 BACH SCI), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to New Orleans Magazine's "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the areas of Real Estate Law, Trust, and Estates.



Rudy Aguilar (1979 BACH BUS, 1982 JD), Jr., an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of

2020 Louisiana Super Lawyers in the areas of Business/ Corporate, Closely Held Business, and Mergers & Acquisitions.



Robert S. Angelico (1980 BACH BUS), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to New Orleans Magazine's "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the area of Tax Law.



William Blake Bennett (1979 BACH H&SS, 1982

JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to New Orleans Magazine's "Top

Lawyers" in the area of Banking and Finance Law.



Kirk Borne (1975 BACH SCI), principal data scientist at Booz Allen Hamilton, made the list of Top 12 Big Data, Analytics, and Data Science Influencers of 2019, a spot he has held since 2013.

The list includes scientists who are highly recognized and appreciated for their work and expertise. He is a global speaker, consultant, astrophysicist, space scientist, big data and data science advisor, TedX Speaker, researcher, blogger, and data literacy advocate. Borne holds a doctorate from the California Institute of Technology.



Vicki Crochet (1977 BACH H&SS, 1980 JD), an attorney with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super Lawyers in the area of

Employment & Labor.



Larry Feldman, Jr. (1972 BACH H&SS, 1974 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, New Orleans, La., was named to the list of 2020

Louisiana Super Lawyers in the area of Business Litigation.



Christine Lipsey (1974 BACH H&SS, 1982 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana

Super Lawyers in the areas of Business Litigation and Insurance Coverage.



Marilyn Maloney (1972 BACH H&SS, 1975 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, Houston, Texas, was elected 2020 President of the American College of

Real Estate Lawyers for 2020. She is listed in Best Lawyers in America, is Top-Rated Real Estate Attorney in Texas Super Lawyers, a member of Houston Commercial Real Estate Women ("CREW"), and a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. She was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Paul M.

Hebert Law Center and presented the Louisiana Bar Foundation's President's Award in 2004.



Kathleen A. Manning (1974 BACH HS&E, 1977 JD), an attorney with

McGlinchey Stafford, New Orleans, La., was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super

Lawyers in the area of Personal Injury-Products: Defense.



Rick Norman (1977 BACH H&SS, JD), special counsel with Taylor Porter, Lake Charles, La., was named president of the Louisiana State Law Institute. He has served in its governing body since 2006. Norman was formerly a federal prosecutor and has practiced commercial law and commercial litigation since 1980. He is the author of two legal treatises: *Louisiana Employment* and *Louisiana Corporations*. He practices in Lake Charles, La.

Skip Philips (1972 BACH

BUS, 1983 JD), an

the list of 2020

Louisiana Super

Lawyers in the area

attorney with Taylor

Porter, was named to



of Litigation.

Theresa H. Rodgers (1976 BACH HS&E, 1979 MAST H&SS, 1984 MAST HS&E) took office in January as the 2020 president of the American Speech-

Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). A speech-language pathologist and consultant with thirty-three years of public school experience, she is a former president of the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association as well as a former chair of the Louisiana licensure board and has served on numerous state and national councils, committees, and boards. She was most recently a member and chair of ASHA Board of Ethics and vice president for government relations and public policy on ASHA Board of Directors.



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Michael H. Rubin (1975 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super Lawyers in the areas of

Appellate Law, Business Litigation, and Real Estate: Business.



Stephen P. Strohschein (1978 BACH BUS, 1981 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super

Lawyers in the areas of Bankruptcy: Business and Banking.



Fred Tulley (1970 BACH H&SS) an attorney with Taylor Porter, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super Lawyers in the area of Business Litigation.



Michael Walsh (1979 BACH H&SS, 1983 JD), an attorney with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super Lawyers in the area of

Criminal Defense.

1980s



Ricardo A. "Richard" Aguilar (1983 BACH BUS, 1986 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, New Orleans, La., was named to the list of

2020 *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Business Litigation.



Greg Beard (1987 BACH H&SS) began his third year on the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees. He was elected at the 102nd Annual Kiwanis

International Convention in Paris, France, in 2017. Beard, a Louisiana State District Court judge, is currently serving as the chief judge for the 9th Judicial District Court/Parish of Rapides in Alexandria, La. He earned his juris doctorate from Southern University Law Center in 1991.



James A. Brown (1981 BACH H&SS, 1984 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to *New Orleans Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the area of Legal Malpractice Law.



Paul Coreil (1984 MAST AGR, 1995 PHD AGR) was named chancellor at LSU Alexandria in October 2019, after serving as interim chancellor since June.

Coreil served as vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service for the LSU AgCenter and was vice chancellor and professor emeritus prior to becoming interim chancellor. He previously served as interim chancellor at LSUA from February 2013 to February 2014. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1976.



John D. Dalier (1986 BACH BUS, 1990 JD), of McLean, Va., was promoted to a new attorney advisor position in the Office of the Deputy

Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), where he will provide decisions on trademark petitions and letters of protest. Dalier has worked as a trademark examining attorney at the USPTO since 1994.



James C. Exnicios (1980 BACH BUS, 1987 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to *New Orleans*

Magazine's "Top

Lawyers" 2019 in the area of Tax Law.



Michael D. Ferachi (1986 BACH BUS, 1989 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super

Lawyers in the areas of Appellate Law, Business Litigation, and Class Action/ Mass Torts: Defense.



Marshall Grodner (1983 BACH H&SS, 1990 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named chair of the

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American Bar Association (ABA) Business Law Section's Commercial Finance Committee. Within the ABA's Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Section, he is the current chair of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee and vice-chair of the Real Property Litigation and Ethics Group. He also was named to the list of 2020 *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the areas of Business/ Corporate and Real Estate Law.



Mary Hester (1981 MAST H&SS, 1994 JD), an attorney with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the

area of Estate Planning & Probate.



Mark D. Latham (1984 BACH ENGR, 1989 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to *New Orleans Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the area of Workers Compensation Law.



George E. Robinson, III (1981 DVM), president and CEO of Heartland Veterinary Partners, Chicago, III., was named to a four-year term on the LSU Foundation

Board of Directors.



Scott R. Simmons (1989 BACH H&SS) formed Mentz Simmons Law

Group in New Orleans, La., with attorneys practicing in commercial property acquisition,

development and construction financing, lease negotiation, foreclosure, business sales/mergers, and nonprofit foundation advice, navigating government RFPs. The firm also has an in-house title company.



Eric J. Simonson (1986 BACH BUS), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, New Orleans, La., was named to the list of 2020 *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the

areas of Business Litigation and Class Action/Mass Torts: Defense.

1990s



Bob Barton (1992 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to *New Orleans Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" 2019 in the se and Zoping Law

area of Land Use and Zoning Law.



James L. Breaux (1993 BACH BUS, 1997 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of

Construction Law.



Kimberly "K.K." O'Neal (1999 BACH H&SS), litigation counsel at State Farm Houston, was awarded the Top 50 Women Lawyers by National Diversity

Council. The award recognizes and celebrates female lawyers who mold and impact the legal industry through their insight and leadership. She earned her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law in 2003.

Deidre Deculus Robert



(1996 BACH H&SS) was appointed executive counsel at Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. She was

formerly general counsel of the Southern University System.



Kelly T. Scalise (1997 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to *New Orleans Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" 2019 in

the areas of Admiralty and Maritime Law and Product Liability Litigation.



Benton Toups (1997 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), an attorney with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog, Wilmington, N.C., was recognized by *Business North Carolina*

magazine as part of the magazine's Legal Elite program in the area of Employment Law and was named to the 2020 North Carolina Super lawyers and 2020 North Carolina Rising Stars lists.



Keith Waddell (1990 BACH HS&E), was tapped by Gov. John Bel Edwards as head of the Louisiana National Guard, replacing Glenn Curtis who retired from

the post after eight years on the job. Waddell, who took office in January, was assistant adjutant general and principal military adviser to Curtis. He has been a member of the National Guard for twenty-five years and served in Iraq. A resident of Lake Charles, La., Waddell was assistant principal of Westlake High School and coached high school sports teams.

Lori G. Wright (1991 BACH MCOM), communications manager at the New

Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station in Durham, N.H., received a doctorate in higher education leadership and policy studies from the University of New Hampshire.

2000s



Ashley Arceneaux (2002 BACH H&SS, 2005 MFA), chief of staff, LSU Office of the President, was named to the Baton Rouge Business Report's 2019

Forty Under 40 class. Photo: Amy Martin



Bradie James (2003 BACH H&SS), of Fairview Texas, founder of Bradie James Foundation 56, was named to a four-year term on the LSU

Foundation Board of Directors.



Laura Brown (2009 BACH H&SS, 2012 JD), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, was elected a shareholder in the firm.



Ryan Chenevert (2009 BACH BUS, 2012 JD), a partner at Fletcher, Roy & Chenevert, was named to Baton Rouge Business Report's 2019 Forty Under 40 class.

Ryan Christiansen (2007 BACH BUS), an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, La., was named to New

Orleans Magazine's

"Top Lawyers" 2019 in the area of Banking and Finance Law.



Renée M. Clary (2003 PHD HS&E), a professor in Mississippi State University's Department of Geosciences and director of the university's Dunn-Seiler

Museum, was honored as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in February, recognizing her commitment and productivity in geological educational research, teaching, and outreach. An MSU faculty member since 2006, Clary also directs the EarthScholars Research Group, which she cofounded in 2002 with the late Jim Wandersee, an LSU botanist and biology education professor.





Francisca Comeaux (2008 BACH H&SS, 2011 JD), counsel, Louisiana regulatory and governmental relations at CenterPoint Energy, was named to *Baton*

Rouge Business Report's 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Chris Cummings (2009 BACH H&SS, 2010 BACH H&SS, 2013 JD), founder and CEO of Pass It Down, and his team won the first-place prize – \$100,000 – in

the BREW High-Stakes National Pitch Competition. Cummings was invited to speak at the RiseUp Summit in Cairo, Egypt, and traveled with a delegation from Austin, Texas, to a meeting with stakeholders throughout the country about bringing their history and exhibits into the future with the Pass It Down Platform.

Matt Dardenne (2009 BACH MCOM), co-owner and creative director, Red Six Media, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Ryan French (2009 BACH BUS, 2012 JD), a partner with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 Louisiana Rising Stars list in the area of

Business Litigation.



Druit G. Gremillion, Jr. (2007 BACH BUS, 2011 JD), partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was named to Baton Rouge Business Report's 2019 Forty

Under 40 class.



Stuart Helo (2007 BACH A&D), sector lead, Development Advisory Services, CSRS, Inc., was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019

Forty Under 40 class.



Erin Sayes Kenny (2007 BACH MCOM, 2011 JD), an attorney with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 Louisiana Rising Stars list in the area of

General Litigation.

Jill Kindler (2006 BACH BUS, 2011 JD), litigation and valuation consultant, Hannis T. Bourgeois, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019

Forty Under 40 class.



Paul Laperouse (2003 BACH BUS), vice president of business development, SEJ Services, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty

Under 40 class.



Some Spicy News - Scott Bellina (1998 BACH A&D) has had a fun and flavorful journey into the hot sauce world. As a Louisiana native, hot sauce boss, LSU graduate, fanatic of all things fiery, and successful owner of a New York City design/branding firm, he credits much of his journey to Louisiana, LSU, the School of Graphic Design, LSU professors, and his LSU afterlife as a LSU New York alumnus – and yes, he watches every game from the famed Legends with about 400 or so other Tiger fans.

Bellina credits the University and his life as a Tiger in the Big Apple with much of his ability to join the two worlds of his heritage – Louisiana and adopted flavors and city of New York. As part of the Baumer family, he pays homage to his grandfather who began Crystal Hot Sauce, and notes, "I was born with hot sauce in my blood." And, at age seven, he knew that his personal and educational legacy would include being an LSU Tiger.

As president and sauce boss of Scotty Peppers Hot Sauce Co., Bellina kicked off Bayou Gotham, a unique line of hot sauces that captures the flavors of Louisiana, in January. Visit bayougotham.com.



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Jon LeBlanc (2004 BACH BUS, 2005 BACH BUS), tax director, Postlethwaite & Netterville, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019

Forty Under 40 class.



Chase Lyons (2004 BACH BUS, 2005 BACH BUS), founder and proprietor, Soji: Modern Asian, was named to Baton Rouge Business Report's 2019 Forty

Under 40 class.



Cynthia Mabry (2004 BACH BUS), an attorney with Akin Gump, Houston, Texas, was promoted to partner in January. Mabry focuses her practice on the

energy industry, including capital markets, securities, mergers and acquisition, and general corporate matters. She earned her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

Melissa Henderson Mann (2009 BACH

AGR), vice president, public policy and government affairs, Century Link, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Randy Marse (2008 BACH MCOM, 2012 JD) an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, was elected a shareholder in the firm.



Matt Moscona (2004 BACH MCOM), host, "After Further Review with Matt Moscona," Guaranty Media, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019

Forty Under 40 class



Chris Nichols (2002 BACH ENGR, 2007 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super

Lawyers in the area of Intellectual Property, was recognized as a 2020 Rising Star, and was promoted to Of Counsel.



Matt Percy (2004 BACH BUS), managing partner, Percy, Mumphrey & Skias, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Kristi W. Richard (2004 BACH BUS, 2009 JD) an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge, was named to the list of 2020 Louisiana Super

Lawyers in the area of Business/ Corporate Law and was recognized as a 2020 Rising Star.



Michael Shingleton (2007 BACH H&SS), WBRZ-TV anchor, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Adam Thames (2006 BACH H&SS, 2009 JD), an attorney with Taylor Porter, was named to the 2020 Louisiana Rising Stars list in the area of Personal

Injury-Medical Malpractice Defense.



W. Tucker Thorpe (2005 BACH BUS) joined Ericksen Krentel, New Orleans, La., as a staff accountant in the accounting and audit services section.



Sara Whittaker (2004 BACH MCOM, 2010 MAST HS&E), assistant vice president of communications and marketing, LSU Foundation, was named

to the *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Terri Wilson (2004 BACH H&SS), supervisor of the Southeast Louisiana Veteran Health Care System Baton Rouge CBOC Core Laboratory, was

awarded the VA Challenge Coin by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in November. The specially designed coin honors special achievements.

2010s



Christopher Abadie (2019 BACH H&SS) is a member of the 2019 class of Ignatian Law Scholar Awardees, Loyola University New Orleans College of

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Matt Adams (2012 BACH BUS, 2016 MPA), regional director of external affairs, AT&T Louisiana, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.

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Brandon Craft (2010 BACH H&SS, 2013 MAST H&SS), owner, CRAFT Home Properties & Interiors, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019

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Danielle L. Borel (2011 BACH BUS, 2014 JD), was named a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, in the areas of commercial and

healthcare litigation. She has been involved in appeals before Louisiana administrative courts, Louisiana state courts, Louisiana federal courts, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.



Allison Chvojan (2015 BACH MCOM), of Dallas, Texas, was promoted to senior account executive at Cooksey Communications, a North Texas-based

strategic communications firm. Chvojan joined Cooksey in 2017 as an account executive.



Leah Cook (2012 BACH H&SS, 2017 MBA, 2017 JD), an associate with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was elected to the board of the Charles W. Lamar Jr. YMCA. Cook

practices in various areas of commercial litigation and environmental law.



Christopher Dedo (2017 BACH ENGR) received his "Wings of Gold" in the U.S. Navy and began a four-year assignment as a helicopter pilot in San

Diego, Calif., in November 2019. He will spend his first year training on the

MH-60 Sierra Seahawk as part of the Fleet Replenishment Squadron at Naval Air Station North Island and the following three years on a deployment cycle in the Pacific Fleet. Dedo was a member of the Navy's Red Stick Battalion in the LSU Corps of Cadets.

Jaime Glas (2012 BACH BUS, 2012 BACH ENGR), founder, HauteWork; co-founder, Sparkle City; business development manager, Women's FRC Coveralls, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.

Tyler Gray (2018 MBA), president and general counsel, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gass Association, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Lauren Hadden (2012 BACH MCOM, 2015 JD), an attorney with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 Louisiana Rising Stars list in the area of

Employment & Labor.



Brooke Hathaway (2017

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Seth Irby (2011 BACH MCOM),

chief marketing and customer experience officer, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation, was named to *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2019 Forty Under 40 class.



Hailey Maldonado

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Justin Mannino (2010 BACH BUS, 2013 JD), a tax and estate planning attorney with Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, achieved the Martindale-Hubbell AV

Preeminent Rating, peer rated for highest level of professional excellence. He is a member of the Baton Rouge Estate and Business Planning Council, serves on the board of the Catholic High School Alumni Association, and chairs the St. Aloysius Catholic Church worship committee.



Coulter McMahen (2013 BACH BUS, 2017 JD) is an associate at Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, practicing in the areas of general commercial litigation. He is admitted

to practice in all Louisiana state courts; U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts of Louisiana; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is board secretary of the Kappa Sigma fraternity's Star & Crescent Foundation and a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.



Chris Rusck (2014 BACH BUS) joined Ericksen Krentel, New Orleans, La. as a senior accountant in the accounting and audit services section.



Michel Singler (2018 BACH H&SS) is a member of the 2019 class of Ignatian Law Scholar Awardees, Loyola University New Orleans College of

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Jyric Sims (2005 BACH HS&E), of Arlington, Texas, president and CEO of Medical City Fort Worth, was named to a four-year term on the LSU Foundation

Board of Directors.



Grace Sossaman (2019 BACH H&SS) is a member of the 2019 class of Ignatian Law Scholar Awardees, Loyola University New Orleans College of

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Tyler Trew (2017 JD) an attorney with Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, was elected a shareholder in the firm.





BABY BENGALS



Cher Green Broussard (2004 BACH H&SS, 2007 MSW) and her husband, Matthew Broussard, of Gonzales, La., announce the birth of their son, Urban

James, born at 8:33 a.m. on Aug. 24, 2019. Urban weighed 8 lbs. 15 ozs. and measured 20 inches long. Urban joins siblings Skye, Valen, Tela and Roman as the youngest LSU Tiger fan in the family.



Erika (2005 BACH H&SS) and Aaron (2006 BACH BUS) Smith announce the birth of Jacob Jackson "JJ" Smith on Dec. 12, 2019. JJ weighed in at 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was

21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sisters, Shelby and Bella.



Spring 1924 - Among the group pictured are many who helped lay the foundation for *Alumni News*. Taken at a meeting of the Alumni Federation in Spring 1924, when the group gathered on the steps of Alumni Hall (now the Journalism Building), this photograph appeared in the second issue of the publication. Colonel Thomas D. Boyd, then LSU president, is in the center of the front row. To his left is E.L. Stephens, federation president.



Neighborhood Eatery – LSU alums Nick Hufft (2009 BACH H&SS), left, and Lon Marchand (2018 BACH H&SS) opened Junior's on Harrison in New Orleans' Lakeview neighborhood in November. The homegrown restaurant company currently owns and operates Curbside Burgers and Overpass Merchant in Baton Rouge and Gail's Fine Ice Cream, a mobile creamery for hire.

Junior's co-owners Nick Huftt, left, and Lon Marchand. Photo: Hufft and Marchand Hospitality Group

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In Memoriam



Stephen T. "Steve" Brown (1972 BACH SCI), of Sherman Oaks, Calif., passed away on Dec. 5, 2019, after a months-long battle against thyroid cancer. A lifelong Tiger, his love of the Purple & Gold carried him through his illness and let him experience a final trip with his wife to Austin for the LSU-Texas game. Soon after graduation from LSU, he married the woman of his dreams, Catherine "Cathy" Brown, and his career brought the couple to California. Brown, a recipient of one of LSU's original Top 100 Scholarships established by the LSU Alumni Federation (now Association), paid it forward by establishing the Stephen and Catherine Brown Scholarship for future Tigers. He was instrumental in founding the SoCal Alumni Chapter during the 1980s and served on its board of

directors for thirty years, during which the chapter's annual crawfish boil grew in popularity and success. During his term as president, he helped establish a new venue for the event at Seaside Lagoon. He received Chapter Service awards in 1993 and 2000, and he served on the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2015-2019. Memorial donations may be made to the Stephen and Catherine Brown Scholarship at Isualumni.org (click on Donate at top right of page) or mail to LSU Alumni Association, 3838 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, La. 70808.

1930s

George James Harris, 1939 BACH H&SS, Jan. 1, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

1940s

Russell Bankston, Jr., 1948 BACH BUS, 1958 JD, Oct. 18, 2019, Zachary, La.

Frederick McHenry Hill, 1949 BACH ENGR, Dec. 2, 2019, New Roads, La. C.W. Lovell, Jr., 1948 BACH H&SS, 1954 MD-NO, Dec. 26, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Catherine S. Long, 1948 BACH BUS, Nov. 23, 2019, Chevy Chase, Md. Reginal F. Roberts, Jr., 1947 BACH SCI, 1950 MAST SCI, Dec. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Muriel Frances Jacob Santangelo, 1945 BACH HS&E, Dec. 8, 2019, Blue Bell, Penn.

Carolyn P. Steinmuller, 1949 BACH HS&E, 1952 MAST HS&E, Dec. 27, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Betty Jean "Bea" Poirrier Stirling, 1949 BACH BUS, November 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Benjamin J. Testani, 1942 BACH H&SS, Dec. 26, 2019, Monroe, Conn.

1950s

Paul Dave Bergeron, 1957 BACH ENGR, Jan. 13, 2020, Lafayette, La. Louis E. Brunett, 1957 BACH AGR, Nov. 21, 2019, St. Gabriel, La. Louis "Frank" Burel, Jr., 1950 BACH H&SS, Dec. 20, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Mildred Templet Callegan, 1954 BACH HS&E, Nov. 2, 2019, Thibodaux, La. Burrell J. Carter, 1958 JD, Nov. 11, 2019, Greensburg, La.

Leland Homer Coltharp, Jr., 1950 JD, Dec. 26, 2019, DeRidder, La. Marilynn White Dykes, 1958 BACH HS&E, 1971 MAST H&SS, Oct. 30, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Ernest J. Gaines, 1958 BACH BUS, 1987 Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Nov. 5, 2019, Oscar, La.

Lawrence Joseph Haik, 1958 BACH MCOM, 1965 MSW, Dec. 1, 2019, St. Amant, La.

Roland Mozard Hebert, 1959 BACH H&SS, Dec. 13, 2019, Breaux Bridge, La. John D. Laker, 1951 BACH SCI, Aug. 3, 2019, Houston, Texas

William Andrew Loe, 1950 BACH AGR, Dec. 25, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Daniel Joseph Lorio, Jr., 1950 BACH ENGR, Nov. 26, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

George Worley Newton, 1957 BACH H&SS, Oct. 29, 2019, Jackson, Miss. Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato, 1956 BACH HS&E, 1964 MAST HS&E, Jan. 8, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Jess Lynn Beauxis Poirrier, 1958 BACH BUS, Nov. 19, 2019, Scott, La. Evans Louis Roberts, Jr., 1959 BACH H&SS, retired vice chancellor and director of Human Resource Management, Dec. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Melvin Arthur Shortess, 1955 BAH H&SS, 1958 JD, Jan. 3, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

Howard James Vogt, 1951 BACH H&SS, Nov. 2, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Wayne Marsh Womack, 1955 BACH AGR, Nov. 21, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1960s

Ronald Paul Bordelon, 1965 BACH BUS, Dec. 19, 2019, Dallas, Texas James Woodall "Owi" Brodtmann, 1969 BACH BUS, Nov. 23, 2019, Lafayette, La.

James Lynton Calhoun, 1962 BACH MCOM, Dec. 3, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

George N. Gonzales, III, 1964 BACH AGR, Nov. 10, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Rano Joseph Harris, Jr., 1965 BACH H&SS, Jan. 3, 2020, Spanish Fort, Ala.

James Jack "Jimmy" Hebrard, 1966 BACH H&SS, 1969 MAST H&SS, Nov. 8, 2019, Logan, Utah

Julian Creighton Miller, Jr., 1965 BACH H&SS, 1967 MAST AGR, Nov. 3, 2019, College Station, Texas

Wallace Louis "Butch" Mixon, Jr., 1964 BACH HS&E, Nov. 5, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Edlena Lea Owen, 1968 BACH HS&E, Dec. 9, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Leah Elizabeth Webb Schroeder, 1965 BACH H&SS, former president of the LSU DC Alumni Chapter, Nov. 11, 2019, Washington, D.C.

John William Starring, 1960 BACH BUS, Dec. 14, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Bertha Robinson Stewart, 1963 MAST HS&E, Oct. 26, 2019, Scotlandville, La.

Joann Jane Walsh, 1964 BACH HS&E, Jan. 1, 2020, Baton Rouge, La. Frank Williams, 1963 BACH H&SS, Nov. 10, 2019, Franklinton, La. Michael James Veazey, Sr., 1966 BACH ENGR, Jan. 11, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

1970s

Margaret "Sissy" Henderson Albertine, 1979 BACH A&D, Nov. 22, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Mary Helen Bates, 1975 BACH BUS, Dec. 26, 2019, New Orleans, La. James L. "Jack" Coco, 1973 BACH HS&E, 1977 MAST HS&E, Dec. 8, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Angelle Marie "Nannie" Deshautelles, 1975 BACH BUS, Dec. 29, 2019, Gonzales, La.

Merna Dell Webber Whitley Ford, 1974 BACH H&SS, retired Library Associate, Middleton Library and Hill Memorial Library, Dec. 7, 2019, Dallas, Texas

Randolph White Hunter, 1974 JD, Dec. 1, 2019, St. Francisville, La. Hugh R. Means, 1973 BACH H&SS, Oct. 25, 2019, Walker, La. Sharon Smith Polito, 1973 BACH BUS, Nov. 4, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Steven Arthur Shehane, 1975 BACH ENGR, Dec. 21, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Sue Irene-Brown Stevenson, 1976 MAST HS&E, Dec. 20, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

G. Michael Thomson, 1972 BACH HS&E, Nov. 22, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. **Elizabeth Jane Garrison Yates,** 1975 BACH HS&E, Jan. 4, 2020, Baton Rouge, La.

1980s

Amy Naus Bourg, 1988 BACH BUS, Oct. 30, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Mark Brooks, 1987 BACH BUS, Dec. 27, 2019, Joshua, Texas Laverne Bullion Delaune, 1982 BACH HS&E, Dec. 26, 2019, Gonzales, La. Joseph Leigh "Joe" Goudeau, Jr., 1981 BACH H&SS, Oct. 17, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Ann Taylor Lottinger, 1984 BACH AGR, Nov. 20, 2019, Luling, La. Paul Maher, Jr., 1983 BACH BUS, Nov. 18, 2019, Baton Rouge, La. Michael Andrew Martin, 1982 BACH ENGR, November 2019, New Roads, La. Iveson Batchelor Noland, IV, 1981 BACH H&SS, Jan. 9, 2020,

Baton Rouge, La.

1990s

Keith Alan Carpenter, 1998 BACH BUS, Oct. 16, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.
Gregory Edward Dole, 1990 BACH A&D, Nov. 9, 2019, Houston, Texas
Paul Conway Harper, Sr., 1985 BACH SCI, Dec. 30, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.
Lisa Gae Pond, 1999 BACH A&D, Jan. 4, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.
Gretchen Page David Vincent, 1990 BACH BUS, Dec. 28, 2019, Lafayette, La.
Angel Rushing Ward, 1992 BACH H&SS, 1995 MSW, Jan. 5, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Kenneth Ward, 1998 PHD HS&E, Dec. 2, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Billy M. Seay

Retired Professor of Psychology Founding Dean of the Honors College Dec. 4, 2019 Baton Rouge, La.

William F. "Willie" Staats, II

Faculty Emeritus, Department of Finance Nov. 15, 2019 Baton Rouge, La.

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Tigers in Print

Don Chance (1980 PHD BUS)

Financial Risk Management: An End User Perspective (World Scientific Publishing Company)

In the field of financial risk management, the "sell side" is the set of financial institutions that offer risk management products to corporations, governments, and institutional investors that comprise the "buy side." The sell side is often at a significant advantage as it employs quantitative experts who provide specialized knowledge. Further, the existing body of knowledge on risk management, while extensive, is highly technical and mathematical and is directed to the sell side. The book levels the playing field by approaching risk management from the buy side, focusing on educating corporate and institutional users of risk management products on the essential knowledge they need to be intelligent buyers. Rather than teach financial engineering, the volume covers the principles that the buy side should know to enable it to ask the right questions and avoid being misled by the complexity often presented by the sell side.

Byron G. Como (1983 BACH AGR)

The Defenders of Taffy 3: Analysis and Retelling of the Battle of Leyte Gulf (Byron G. Como)

The book tells the story of the Battle of Leyte Gulf. It is based in large part on action reports of the American ships that fought in the battle and were declassified in 2012. The Japanese action reports available were translated and contributed greatly to the text, and all available written and video veteran interviews were consulted. Timelines for each ship and squadron were created and contributed to the creative process. A composite course plot was created in a Geographic Information System and used to generate detailed and accurate diagrams of the battle. It is an exciting retelling of one of the most amazing battles in history.

Stefanie Naumann (1998 PHD BUS)

How Languages Saved Me: A Polish Story of Survival (Koehler Books) "When I was arrested my whole world crumbled. I knew that leaders of political parties had been arrested and never heard from again. My only chance at survival was to find a way to escape from the jail." Orphaned in Poland at the age of thirteen, Tadeusz "Tad" Haska survived World War II on the run, narrowly evading the Nazis every step of the way. After the war, he daringly escaped jail by the Soviet Secret Police, fled to Sweden and launched an elaborate plan to smuggle his wife in a coffin on an all-male naval ship. Discover how Tad's knowledge of nine languages helped him survive in the face of unspeakable adversity.

Lee Tyler Williams (2014 MFA A&D)

Let It Be Our Ruin (Arc Pair Press) Crisscrossing through the small towns of Argentina to find a rare rock album, a middle-school teacher from Texas is forced to confront his understanding of the past. Through the language of music, Let It Be Our Ruin examines the myths of identity and historic realities. Rumors about a musician whose fame peaked during the Argentine Dirty War and teenage gossip about a high-school friend harmonize with the stories of nations to create a composition about grief, the multiple ways of speaking truth, and the blues.







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A 'Soulful Journey' with Randell Henry

By Ed Cullen

SOULFUL JOURNEY RANDELL HENRY



Randell Henry with his "Land of Bright and Dark Spaces." Photo: LASM

"From his telling stories, to his abstract expressionism, the series of paintings pulls you around the room." Baton Rouge artist Randell Henry (1982 MAST A&D) saw graduate school in his future in junior high. Crestworth was prep school for an art education that would include an undergraduate degree from Southern University and a master's from LSU.

Some of Henry's early art mentors were graduate students. "I guess they had to work while they were in graduate school," Henry said of his teachers. "People like John Byars. He was my art teacher at Crestworth." Byars not only taught Henry, he was his first agent. When Byars saw something of Henry's he thought exceptional, he collected the work for exhibit at LSU. "I found out later," Henry said.

Henry took a bus to school. When it was time to truck his semester's work home, Byars loaded his student's work into his car to take Henry and his art to Henry's house. When Mrs. Henry called it junk, Byars took exception. From Byars, Henry heard the first defense of art for art's sake. While Carrie Henry was not her son's biggest patron, she did come across with \$5 for acrylic paints with the admonition that he should make it last. The only paint in the household budget was the kind that went on the outside of the house. "She pressed a \$5 bill in my hand, and said, 'That's it.'" Mrs. Henry's other contribution was passive. She sewed designs into her quilts, designs her son liked to get lost in.

From beyond memory, Henry was a sponge when it came to art. He memorized what teachers told him, and he studied the meager art book collection in the junior high school library. He's not sure when abstract expressionism came into his vocabulary but it was long before LSU art professor Ed Pramuk lectured on the subject.

Though Henry's work would eventually be shown around the country, Pramuk prepared him for the long haul and the reality of making art to make a living. "One thing Ed Pramuk told me years ago," Henry began in a soft voice. "Said, 'To make it as an artist you have to connect to the closest art center.' For me, that was New Orleans."

Henry is a longtime artist member of the Baton Rouge Gallery. One of his pieces fetched a modest price at the gallery's recent fall art auction. The audience, a pep rally where wine drinking is encouraged, applauded enthusiastically when Henry's piece came up, a riot of color one could warm his hands on that cold November night. "What I got from Ed Pramuk was, 'It's, like, bloom where you're planted."

Henry's exhibit at the Louisiana Art and Science Museum is in the latelamented Soupcon space. Gone are the smells of scrumptious soups and gumbos, but light floods the room through a huge window. The colors in Henry's paintings fire back. LASM curator Elizabeth Weinstein likes Henry. You can tell by the way she smiles as the words tumble from the artist, softly, in a rush to get out. Henry prefaces utterances he considers important with, "OK, now put this in there." A reporter bends to the task, and Henry backtracks to sneak up on that important thing he must say next.

"We decided to take a snapshot of his work," said Weinstein. The exhibit covers Henry's work from the 1980s through 2019. On display is "his bold use of color, his art from no narrative to his more emotional work," she said. "From his telling stories, to his abstract expressionism," the series of paintings pulls you around the room.

"I was thinking I would call the exhibit my soulful journey," Henry said. "But I didn't tell her that. I wanted to see what she'd come up with." Weinstein called the pictures Henry's "Soulful Journey" when the lettering request went to the graphics person.

The Beginning

The journey started across the Mississippi River in Port Allen where Henry lived until after second grade. The little river town is visible through the Soupcon bay window. Henry remembers a family outing to a fair – mother Carrie, father Harold, Henry, and his six siblings. Carrie worked the soda fountain at Kress on Third Street in Baton Rouge. Harold was a janitor at City National Bank on Scenic Highway and at Crestworth Junior High. "My parents took us to the fair," Henry said, remembering the rides, smelling the air. "A man selling balloons came up to the car. There was one in the shape of a lion. I wanted that balloon. I was trying to reach him a quarter, but my mom tried to stop me. I reached around."

By the time the Henrys moved to Baton Rouge, the die had been cast. If someone told Henry he couldn't do something, he wanted to know why not. If the reason he got wasn't good enough, he did it anyway. Baseball, it turned out, was beyond his grasp. Never big, the sixtyone-year-old Henry stands 5 feet, 9 inches. He weighs 157; has a 32-inch waist. "I walk a lot," he said.

Henry wanted to play basketball, but baseball suited his size better. "I thought I'd play baseball fulltime and make art in my spare time." The baseball gods seemed to be smiling when Henry stepped to the plate one day at Crestworth Junior High. He got good wood on the ball, and he was off. Rounding first, his classmates were yelling his name. At second base, they were screaming. Around third and heading home, the other kids were beside themselves. Reaching home plate, young Willie Mays collapsed in the arms of his friends. "They were yelling." And laughing. Mr. Baseball hadn't touched first base.

Henry's mother supported his art as long as it didn't cost the family money. His dad was equally passive. He didn't mind his son's using the family's derelict station wagon as an art studio."I said to myself, 'There's a lot of room in there.' I used the steering wheel as an easel."

He thinks the years after graduate school at LSU were his most productive. One day in the mid-1980s, he got a call out of the blue from the wife of one of his instructors at Southern University offering him a teaching job. Henry, single, had been supporting himself as a substitute teacher. His scheme of working and saving, then taking off to paint was producing some work of which he was proud, but making art wasn't the same as making rent.

Henry had become a decent artist. He could do likenesses and landscapes, but it was abstract art that freed his mind and spirit. He indulged himself in design and color. At first, he told stories a viewer might guess. In his abstract paintings, only he knew the story. The viewer basked in the color, got lost and found in the design. Once, he got a chance to have one of his paintings projected on the side of a building in New York City. "I didn't go see it," he said.

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A 'Soulful Journey' with Randell Henry

Early in the LASM exhibit, an art class instructor on the Mississippi Queen riverboat happened into the Soupcon. A chance meeting with Henry happened, and the art teacher invited Henry to show some of his paintings at a show in Queens, N.Y. "So, another New York exhibit," Henry said happily.

The artist spent his happiest, most productive years in the Ridley Building on Highland Road in the early 1980s. To this day, he rents a small space from wood artist Patrick Ricard. Does Ricard see Henry often? "Not often," said Ricard. "Months go by, and I don't see Randell (Ran-DELL). Then, I walk in one morning, and there'll be this little pile of money in an envelope. I count the money (and divide by the rate of rent). I won't have seen Randell in that many months."

Inspiration and Support

"Put this in there," Henry said. "Say Jean Paul Hubbard at Southern was a great painter. He taught me how to use color and develop form. Say Rebecca Cureau, the wife of one of my professors, Harold Cureau, gave me my job as an art instructor at Southern. Professor Harvey Sherman Harris at LSU liked something of mine. He wanted to swap me something of his. I wish I'd taken him up on it."

"It would be good to mention that LSU brings big artists from New York City to work with the students," Henry said.

While Henry's work has shown in other cities in this country and abroad, his work is most associated with Baton Rouge Gallery, private, local collectors, public spaces including the main Baton Rouge library, and LASM through May 31, 2020.

"Oh, say Roy Norton was a radio minister who taught me art at Scotlandville High," Henry said. "One day in class, he showed us a Butterfinger candy bar, but it was a drawing on a piece of paper. That impressed me. Roy Norton inspired me. He saw me as a serious artist."

Cordell and Ava Haymon go way back with Henry. Ava Haymon and Henry taught writing and art to public school children with an Arts Council grant. "I loved watching Randell with the children," Haymon said. "He's a marvelous teacher of young children. His collage-making touched a little boy who was obviously in trouble all the time. Randell Henry said something very important to that child."

"I remember that boy," Henry said. "I wonder what happened to him."

"We have some of his early work," Haymon said. "It's African. And his collages are interesting. The wavy thing he does now is very difficult to map out."

The Haymons underwrote some of the cost of the LASM opening of Henry's exhibit. It was payback for Henry's showing up at every one of Haymon's poetry readings. Haymon, the 2013-2015 Louisiana poet laureate, said LASM curator Weinstein was told by a Baton Rouge artist that Henry does not miss a show by a local artist.

Leaving his exhibit at LASM, Henry stopped to talk to a museum volunteer. Weinstein happened by. Someone else stopped to see what was going on. Henry might have talked through lunch but gumbo was calling. Walking down an exhibit of musical stairs, Henry began to dance on the steps. No Gregory Hines. Just Henry on his way to lunch, making music with his shoes in Ran-DELL time.

Ed Cullen, an LSU journalism graduate, is author of *Letter in a Woodpile*, a collection of his essays for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." He is retired from the Baton Rouge *Advocate* where he wrote the Sunday column "Attic Salt."

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PROFILE Remembering Papa

By Catie Moss McCluskey



Catie Moss McLuskey and PeeWee "Papa" Moss in 2001.



Catie Moss McCluskey and Mike "Daddy" Moss in 1988.

"Can you believe I have an exam at 9 p.m. on a Friday night?" I said over a basket of biscuits while waiting for our waitress at Frank's on Airline to bring Papa's first Coors Light. Papa (Wilbert "PeeWee" Moss 1950 BACH HS&E, 1961 MAST HS&E) and Mamie (Marjorie Holley Moss 1965 BACH HS&E, 1969 MAST HS&E) sat there, all dressed up on an early December day. After Daddy (Mike Moss 1978 BACH HS&E) died, Sunday dinners at our grandparents' house turned into weekday dinners at Frank's, or Don's, or Drusilla with me and my brother Sean to (2003 BACH BUS, 2019 MBA) catch up on things.

Every day of his life Papa had four beers, one before and one with his "dinner" (noon meal) and one before and with his "supper" (evening meal). At home he drank Natty Light, but for the special occasion of dinner at Frank's, he splurged on Coors Light. This particular day I had him fired up about that exam. Sean and I always found it funny to watch him get so riled up about various injustices in the world – he would rant and rave about LSU football, the East Baton Rouge Parish school system, traffic, or whatever was in the news of the day. Then he would kind of smirk because he knew we were enjoying the show. So I knew I had a good one to get him going.

A few days later he called me on the phone and said, "Catie, on Friday I want you to pack your things and come spend the night at my house, and I'm going to drive you up to LSU. It is not at all safe for a young girl to be on campus at that time of night." Now, at this point I am halfway into my bonus year (or was it years?), and I spent many a night on that campus well past 10 p.m. doing all sorts of unsafe things, but Lord knows I wasn't telling him that! "Yes, sir, I'll be there."

A couple of years had passed since all of our worlds were rocked on a rainy December morning, when Sean and I lost our dad and Mamie and Papa lost their only son. We were learning how to get along, I guess. The football team had just finished its first regular season under Nick Saban, and things were looking up. Many of my lifetime memories are anchored by what is going on with LSU athletics. My dad was the kind of guy who made us stay through the whole game - rain or shine – until the bitter end. He died tragically in 1997, during the Dinardo years, before any championships. He always had a bunch of tickets through his company that he couldn't even give away. After a big win we would come home to see if "SportsCenter" even mentioned LSU, and get mad when we would watch the whole show and they didn't. My friends in high school and college would go tailgating and then head to the bars, skipping the games because very few cared to watch LSU lose. Momma and I would go to games together in the years following his death, sitting at our seats in west side section 101 that Papa passed down to Daddy. We would fight back tears and feel him there with us during those first four bars of the "Pregame Salute."

Mamie and Papa stopped going to football games long before that. They would tell us about the days when everyone wore their Sunday best to watch the Tigers play. I guess because of the hassle of it all, they quit going. Papa used to watch on TV, or listen to Jim Hawthorne on the radio. Every Sunday he would tell us about how mad he got, how many times he banged on that old console television he had in the front room where he would smoke cigars and watch the Tigers play. "I got so mad I just turned it off." he would say. It was probably the old coach in him that sat there helpless watching someone else out there competing.

So there I was that Friday night, Dec. 8, the anniversary of my dad's accident, at their kitchen table on Purvis Drive in Baton Rouge. Mamie cooked shrimp and okra gumbo just for me. Even though it wasn't Lenten season, they always abstained from meat on Friday, as good old Catholics do. Her gumbo was never as good as

Momma's but it was comforting that night for some reason. It had been so many years since I'd sat at that table at that time of night. My childhood memories are full of dinners, suppers, and 5:15 a.m. breakfasts (for 7 a.m. mass at Our Lady of Mercy) at that table, with Papa singing 40s tunes and making Sean and me laugh. Papa came out in a suit and tie, ready to take me to LSU to my exam.

The exam was in Allen Hall, in the Quadrangle, and at that time of night he could have dropped me off right at the door but opted not to. So we walked in, his arm around me for protection, and he walked me right into the classroom. The other students looked at me like I was insane, but I didn't offer any explanation, just sat down and got to my test. When I finished, he was waiting outside in the hallway. His eyes were as lit up as I'd ever seen them, and he could barely sit still on the drive home as he told me about his adventure. He had walked over to the Cow Palace (Agricultural Coliseum) and peeked inside. Then he walked across campus to the Gym Armory, got in somehow and tried to see if he could find the storied tunnels connecting the Gym Armory (Cox Communications Academic Center for Student Athletes), and the Pentagon "barracks," as he called them.

Papa won a national title as a boxer for LSU in 1949. Growing up, he never talked about his fights, titles, or any recognition he got, and that night was no different. His "glory days" stories were about dances at the old Gym Armory, basketball games in the Cow Palace, living on Chimes Street with Mamie during their first year of marriage. He told me stories about his friends Reggie Peavey and Nelson Clothier and all the fun they had together back in those days.

I guess my exam was a good excuse for him to go to campus, to walk among the stately oaks and broad magnolias that shade inspiring halls. He wanted to relive the fond memories that lingered in his heart. The same way I do when I go

by Pentagon Cafeteria (The 5 Dining Hall), Graham Hall (Residential Colleges), or the mini mart where I would use my food credit to buy cigarettes and magazines (sorry, Mom). To this day I feel the electricity of the ghosts in Tiger Stadium as I walk by the abandoned dorm rooms on the ramp to W101. It's that feeling that I chase when I drive the three hours and fight the crowds to take my boys to football Saturday nights.

Many things have changed since that night – the stage is bigger, and people all across the country have their eyes on Louisiana. Last year brought big changes – an undefeated season, a record-breaking dynamic offense, the SEC championship, a Heisman Trophy winner, and a national title. But the feeling is the same as always – that giddiness and excitement felt on New Year's Day Sugar Bowls in the past. As fans, we felt collective pride and happiness to watch the big game in January. We carry the torch and pass along the love that we have come to know to a new generation of LSU Tigers.

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Catie Moss McCluskey earned a bachelor's degree in business from LSU in 2001.



Pee Wee Moss, by decisioning Maryland's Al Glass, continued his two-year college record of never having lost a dual-meet bout. Photo: 1949 Gumbo



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Cassandra McWilliams-Chandler shares a moment with Kenyan children at the Karai Munsingen Children's Home.

Outreach in Kenya – Cassandra McWilliams-Chandler (1979 BACH MCOM, 1979 BACH H&SS) joined a team of medical and other volunteers from the Community Presbyterian Church in Pinehurst, N.D., last fall to support school and community church building projects and provide medical assistance to communities in rural areas of Kenya. Sponsored, coordinated, and supported by the Outreach Foundation of East Africa, the projects included homes for orphan boys and displaced street children, girls rescue centers, and water management projects.

Chandler found her experience meeting the girls at the Girls Rescue Center in Olosho-olbor in Maasai one of the most influential moments of the mission and her life. The Center provides shelter, security, and education for girls as young as nine who flee from being forced into early marriages or circumcisions. "The Maasai girls at the rescue center were beautiful, brilliant, strong, and courageous," she said. "Their desire to get a good education and their unshakable faith touched my heart."



Newlyweds Vibhu Singh (2013 BACH BUS) and Dr. Emily Songer (2013 BACH SCI), seated with, from left, Maureen Garcia (2013 BACH SCI), Aaron Garcia (2012 BACH ENGR), Jennifer Attenhofer, David Attenhofer (2013 BACH BUS), Dr. Nicole Vegh (BS 2013), Dr. Bradley Landlwehr, Trevor Jones (2015 BACH BUS), and Brij Jagirdar (2013 BACH ENGR). Drs. Songer, Vegh, and Landlwehr are graduates of LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport, La.



Aaron Garcia and Maureen Garcia, left, with Jennifer and David Attenhofer at the Taj Mahal.

Wedding Celebration – LSU alum Aaron Garcia shares a photo of the traditional Indian wedding ceremony of Tigers Vibhu Singh and Emily Songer, which took place at the Labh Garh Palace in Udaipur, India. Vibhu, a native of Mumbai, and Emily, of New Orleans, met at LSU.

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Celebrating with the Champs – Dr. Brent Bankston (1982 BACH H&SS, 1986 MD), of Baton Rouge, poses with the National Championship and Heisman trophies during the LSU Tigers' trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with President Donald Trump at the White House in January.



Geaux Tigers – Vermon Dillon (1981 BACH H&SS), left, of Wilmington, Ohio, brought his son, Micah, to the LSU-Arkansas game – the future Tiger's first visit to Tiger Stadium. "It was great being on campus and seeing the changes on campus since I went there! Micah had a ball," writes Vermon.



LSU in Patagonia – Patrick Evans (1993 BACH BUS) travelled to Patagonia in Southern Chile in November with fellow LSU alum Eddy Lam (1990 BACH ENGR). While in Chile, these longtime LSU friends hiked in the Torres del Paine National Park and visited the Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers.



A Family Tradition – Ladies from the Lyall family in Plaquemine, La., celebrate their family ties to LSU with their degrees. From left are Tonya Lyall Orcino (1981 BACH H&SS, 1986 BACH HS&E, 1999 MLS), her daughter, Natalie Orcino (2019 BACH A&D), and Tianna Lyall Powers (2014 BACH H&SS).





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Katherine Rutledge and Gerard Ruth. Photo: Wade Baumgartner.

Art on Display – Two paintings by Baton Rouge artist Katherine Rutledge (1971 BACH A&D) were included in the Collection of Gerard and Selma Ruth on display at Burden Museum and Garden's Orangerie during the Wine & Roses event in October. Much of the collection was acquired in collaboration with the Ruths' longtime friend, Steele Burden.





LSU Alums at Oktoberfest – Jill Romero Smitherman (1979 BACH AGR, 1981 MSW) shares photos of LSU alumni at the 2019 Munich Oktoberfest. "The guys – from left, Lee Gresham (2012 BACH H&SS, 2015 MAST H&SS), John Smitherman (1982 BACH ENGR), and Jacob Smitherman (2016 BACH ENGR) – got lots of 'Geaux Tigers' everywhere we went," she writes. The festively dressed ladies are, from left, Kelsey Duracher (2014 BACH ENGR), Dr. Emily Smitherman (2008 BACH H&SS), Hannah Smitherman Gresham (2012 BACH H&SS, 2014 MAST H&SS), and Jill Smitherman.

Apollo Update – The Winter 2019 issue of *LSU Alumni Magazine* included a listing of alumni who played key roles in American space program, and some of those closely associated with the Apollo flights, particularly the lunar landing on June 20, 1969. We asked for list updates, and heard from Percy E. Dreher, Jr. (1959 BACH SCI, 1961 MAST SCI), of Huntsville, Ala., a Marshall Space Flight Center retired aerospace engineer, and Robert L. "Bob" Bond (1959 BACH ENGR), of Friendswood, Texas. Bond shares this note:

I just read the page in the current Alumni News concerning the ex-Tigers who were a part of the Apollo Program in the 60s. I know a lot of them, especially the ones who were in Houston at what was MSC then and is JSC now.

I am a 1959 engineering grad who did two years of grad school and four-and-a-half years of USAF time. I came to Houston and joined the Apollo Program Office in the Systems Engineering Division in December 1965 and, among other things, drafted the initial lunar surface timeline for Neil and Buzz in October 1968. I retired from NASA in 2000 after forty years of government service.

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