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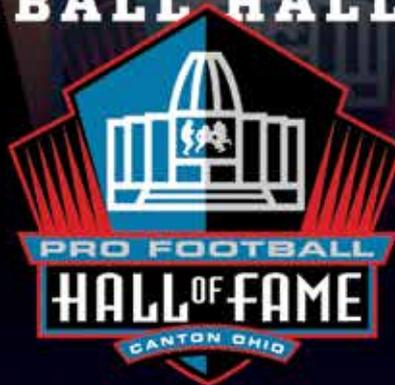
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Today, we're adding to those successes with record levels of enrollment, academic achievement, and graduation. Our student body is larger, more diverse, and more academically prepared than any other in LSU's history. We welcomed more than 6,100 freshmen to campus this year, and are on track to surpass that number in 2020. More LSU degrees are being awarded than ever before, and we've graduated record numbers of students over the past six years.

In March, LSU launched our Fierce for the Future campaign, uniting all of the University's campuses around the most ambitious philanthropic goal – \$1.5 billion – in our state's history. I'm proud to report that thanks to the generosity of Tigers such as you, we're already more than halfway to that objective.

In addition, LSU Athletics is seeing unprecedented levels of achievement both on and off the field. Earlier this year, eight Tiger teams were recognized by the NCAA for their academic excellence – the most for any school in the Southeastern Conference. LSU's overall graduation success rate for our student-athletes is 89 percent – one of the highest in our history.

Here at LSU, success is in our DNA. Our Tigers truly change the world. We have witnessed our graduates help put men on the moon and land rovers on Mars. We've contributed to Nobel Prize-winning research and are making tremendous strides in the fight against diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's.

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

Geaux Tigers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. King Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive.

F. King Alexander
LSU President

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FEATURE

20 LSU Tigers Enter Pro Hall of Fame

There is no greater award for the game's players than the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Two LSU legends – Kevin Mawae and Johnny Robinson – were inducted into that elite membership on August 3 in Canton, Ohio. Mawae, who had a sixteen-year NFL career, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his fifth year of eligibility, one of fifteen Modern Era finalists who were candidates for the 2019 class. Robinson is the only player in the history of the game to lead both the AFL and NFL in single-season pass interceptions. He picked off ten in 1966 in the AFL, and intercepted ten in 1970 in the NFL. He was the lone senior candidate chosen for the 2019 Hall of Fame class.



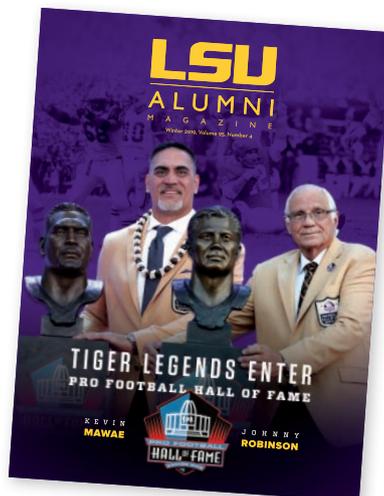
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Before she embarked upon a career working with, first, petroleum engineers and, later, geoscientists, Brenda Macon did not give much thought to the state's geology. A trip to California where a couple of Louisiana geoscientists met with a group of California geoscientists broadened her perspective. Inspired by the all-out effort of California officials to educate its people about the importance of geoscience, she returned with a mission to understand Louisiana's geology and the important role geoscientists play in the state. And what better place to start than LSU?

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Former LSU and pro football players Johnny Robinson and Kevin Mawae at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony
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PRESIDENT AND CEO MESSAGE



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As a proud LSU graduate and a longtime active member and supporter of the LSU Alumni Association, I never imagined that one day I would serve this prestigious organization as interim president. I am extremely proud to join a top-notch staff dedicated to growing and strengthening LSU Tiger Nation and pledge continued support of the Association's legacy of excellence and commitment as we move forward.

I know you join me in wishing Cliff Vannoy all the best in retirement and thanking him for his service to the Association. During his thirty-eight years at LSU and the LSU Alumni Association, Cliff facilitated the establishment of numerous scholarships, professorships, and programs that benefit LSU students, faculty, and alumni. He played a major role in fundraising and planning for the Lod Cook Alumni Center, the Andonie Museum, and the Cook Hotel, which under his leadership was renovated in 2017. Earlier this year he announced a dynamic five-year strategic plan – Your Front Door to the Future – designed to help alumni and friends thrive professionally, socially, and philanthropically and ultimately strengthen their bonds to LSU and each other.

Your Association has been very busy this fall as Tiger Nation enjoys an exciting football season. We hosted events and welcomed back some 650 Tiger Band Alumni who marched with the Golden Band from Tigerland during halftime of the Utah State game. We also honored the Golden Girls on their sixtieth anniversary. We hosted and attended many events during Homecoming Week and were pleased to honor our Hall of Distinction inductees on the field during the Florida game. We completed another successful Tiger Nation Challenge during the week of the Auburn game. LSU has won every competition (the LSUAA annually challenges the Auburn Alumni Association to see who can raise the most funds for their respective schools), raising more than \$133,000 for LSU this year.

Other accomplishments to celebrate during 2019:

- Provided funding for nearly \$900,000 in scholarships, professorships, and faculty awards and celebrated reaching \$1 million in scholarship giving by the San Diego Chapter
- Completed the Professional Networking Graduway platform design
- Created the Young Alumni Advisory Council
- Alumni staff attended seventy-eight chapter events from coast to coast
- First-time promotion was established between the LSU Alumni Association and Tiger Athletic Foundation
- And, at The Cook Hotel, "The Bar" is now open and evening meals are offered during special events

As we approach the end of a calendar year I ask you to consider increasing your support of the Association by upgrading to the next contribution level, making a special strategic plan gift, or helping us underwrite new technologies, programs, or additional team members. Thank you for all you have done and for being important to our future. If you are on campus, please stop by for a visit. I would enjoy meeting you.

From all of us at the Lod Cook Alumni Center and The Cook Hotel to you and yours – Happy Holidays and all the best in the coming new decade.

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Gordon Monk
Interim President/CEO



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Some of the first alumni to join the new chapter are, from left, Ken Metasavage, Melissa Shapiro Lopoo, Chad Freeman, Zach Vickery, and Leonard Lopoo.



From left, Jenny Saluti, Michele Slafkosky, Colin Slafkosky, John Slafkosky, Andrea Vickery, and Chad Freeman.

Central New York – The Central New York chapter held its first official meeting in July and organized its fall lineup of viewing parties and programs. Football view-ins were held at the Saltine Warrior Pub in Syracuse, N.Y. In August, members gathered at Glazed & Confused donut shop in downtown Syracuse for a Tiger Send-Off breakfast with future alumnus Colin Slafkosky – a mechanical engineering major – and his parents Michele and John. For program information, visit facebook.com/groups/CNYLSU/ or contact Chad Freeman at chadfreeman07@gmail.com.



Dallas Send-Off – Ariana Nevitt, third from right, a graduate of Marcus High School, won the \$250 cash drawing at the Senior Summer Send-Off party hosted by the Dallas and Tarrant County chapters. Pictured with the future alumna are, from left, Kaye Jeffrey, Linda Young, and Bryan Fox. The event took place at the home of Linda and Ron Young.



A scoreboard welcome for LSU SoCal alumni.

SoCal at the Ballpark– Southern California Tigers cheered on fellow alumni Alex Bregman and Will Harris as the Astros took on the Los Angeles Angels in Angels Stadium on July 16. “Working with the Angel’s front office, we filled a good part of two sections, with seventy-three LSU alumni and friends in attendance. Of course, we started the evening tailgating under the “Big A” with great food and fun,” writes Ham Homan, chapter president. “Unfortunately, it turns out most of our alumni at the game were big L.A. Angels fans – and wore red. Folks who watched the game on television said you could clearly hear the “L-S-U, L-S-U, L-S-U” cheers each time Alex got on base. It was a fun evening. Alex had a pretty good game and the hometown Angels won. Geaux Tigers!”



Terri and Ham Homan in Angels Stadium.

Senior Send-Off, Golf Tourney in Houston



Future alumni from the Houston area gather for photo at the Greater Houston Senior Send-Off.

The Greater Houston Chapter hosted its Seventh Annual Houston Area Send-Off in June. Thirty-three new Tigers, along with their parents and friends, were welcomed into the LSU family by University representatives, volunteers, and Houston-area alumni.

“The event was hosted by Colliers International and the food was donated by H.E.B.,” writes Cheryl Fasullo. “We would like to give special thanks to Patrick Evans, chapter board advisory member, for sponsoring the event and for his continued support. The event was a great opportunity for LSU administrators, staff, and alumni to help students build new peer networks and provide tips for success and to show our future Texas Tigers what the LSU spirit is all about!”

On hand were Troy Blanchard, interim dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences; Ali Landry, senior director of development, College of Humanities & Social Sciences; Jordan Jopling, director of development, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Music & Dramatic Arts, and LSU Press; Cymone Eldridge, regional admissions counselor; John Grubb, vice president, LSU Alumni Association; Lindsay McCrory, manager of parent and family programs; Lisa Bunch, chapter president; and Cheryl Davis, Paul Dominique, Cheryl Fasullo, and Brook Graham, chapter board members.

The chapter’s annual golf tournament at Wildcat Golf Club-Lakes Course also took place in June.



Chapter board members, from left, Cheryl Fasullo, Brook Graham, Lisa Bunch, Paul Dominique, and Cheryl Davis.



Laurie Scott, Cynthia Cannizzaro, Lisa Bunch, and Cheryl Davis at the chapter’s annual golf tournament.



Bengal Bound –Tigers in Jackson, Miss., gathered at Sal & Mookie’s New York Pizza & Ice Cream Joint on Aug. 11 to celebrate with local students – future LSU alumni – headed to Baton Rouge for the fall semester.



Carolinas – The LSU Carolinas Chapter doubled its scholarship endowment with an \$8,000 donation to the LSU Alumni Association, bringing the grand total to \$15,187. Tyler Mallams, chapter president, made the presentation to Rachel Rhodes, Association chapters manager, before the LSU-Georgia Southern Game.



Central Oklahoma – Tigers in the Central Oklahoma Chapter added \$2,000 to their chapter scholarship with a donation to the LSU Alumni Association before the Utah State game. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Sally Stiel, senior director of alumni engagement and marketing; Gordon Monk, interim president/CEO of the Association, George Fulco, chapter secretary, and Rachel Rhodes, Association chapters manager.



SoCal – Southern California Tigers grew the chapter's scholarship fund by \$12,000 with a donation to the LSU Alumni Association during Homecoming festivities. Pictured, from left, are Steve Helmke, COO of the Association; Adrienne Spelyng, chapter secretary; Charles Favors, chapter board member; Ham Homan, chapter president, and Gordon Monk, interim president/CEO of the Association.



Orlando – Central Florida alumni and friends boosted the chapter's scholarship fund by \$15,000 with a check presented on Homecoming weekend. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Curtis Ward; Vanessa Crawford Jones; Gordon Monk, LSU Alumni Association interim president/CEO; Rachel Rhodes, Association chapters manager; Debi West, chapter president; Paul West; Chris Gearity; and Steve Helmke, Association COO.



Tigers at the Phillies vs. Padres game in August.



Future alumni from Philadelphia, Pa.



The Aaron Nola bobblehead.

Greater Philadelphia

— More than two dozen LSU Tigers cheered on the Philadelphia Phillies as they took on the San Diego Padres at Citizens Bank Park in August. “It was Aaron Nola Bobblehead Day, and although he didn’t pitch, it was crazy hot,

and the Phils didn’t win (they usually don’t), a good time was had by all,” writes Susan Nanes. Greg Capps and his wife, Rhonda Feder, hosted members at their home in August to send off local students headed for LSU.

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GBR Chapter Sports Kickoff



Scholarship recipients from left, Noah Foster, Justin Fields, Lauren Chauvin, Alayna Landry, and Layla Morris with chapter President Jim Parr. Photo by Lois Stuckey



Front, from left, D-D Breaux, Alexis Rather, Andy Brandi, and Chris Blair; standing, Beth Torina, Dennis Shaver, Russell Brock, Nikki Fargas, and Howard Dobson. Photo by Brandon Gallego/LSU Athletics

A sell-out crowd for more than 200 Tiger fans and supporters gathered at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in August for the Greater Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter's 2019 Sports Kickoff, which raised \$13,000 for student scholarships.

Shea Dixon, of 24/7 sports, updated the crowd on football and recruiting, and "The Voice of the Tigers" Chris Blair emceed the Coaches Feud. Team Purple – Beth Torina, softball; Nikki Fargas, women's basketball; Andy Brandi, men's tennis; and Howard Dobson, softball – took home the trophy. Team Gold members were D-D Breaux, gymnastics; Dennis Shaver, track and field; Alexis Rather, women's golf; and Russell Brock, beach volleyball.

Recipients of the chapter's scholarships, Noah Foster, Lauren Chauvin, Alayna Landry, Justin Fields, and Layla Morris were introduced.



Team Purple, from left, Beth Torina Nikki Fargas, Andy Brandi, and Howard Dobson. Photo by Brandon Gallego/LSU Athletics



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Cajun Cravings Bring Hungry Crowd to B'ham Event

By Debbie Greengard



Old Oak Advisors, 2019 1st Place Amateur Winners, score big with their crawfish etouffee.



Jambalaya Girl's Kristen Preau serves up her popular New Orleans-style dish.



LSU Alumni Association COO Steve Helmke and ATOL Event Chairman Kenny Haynes promote the Bring LSU License Plate to Alabama at ATOL.

Sunny skies, an enthusiastic crowd and amazing Cajun food were plentiful at the 4th Annual A Taste of Louisiana Food Festival & Cook-Off held in Birmingham on Oct. 5 at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium. This year's event attracted twice as many attendees as

last year and raised more than \$12,000. Proceeds benefitted the Sid Strong Foundation, an organization that helps in the fight against pediatric cancer, and the LSU scholarship fund for local students.

Twenty "cook teams" served up their best dishes in hopes of winning the top awards in the professional and amateur divisions and People's Choice Award. A special award for best dessert was presented in honor of former chapter president and board member Barry Thomas, who passed away in 2018. Local TV and radio personalities served as judges and Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato presented the awards.

The family-friendly event provided a variety of fun and entertainment including music, a Kid's Zone, silent auction, and a raffle that included a huge Yeti cooler stuffed with Louisiana food products.

Hosted by the LSU Greater Birmingham Alumni Association and the nonprofit Lagniappe Foundation, ATOL is the chapter's largest fundraiser and continues to grow each year.



GBR – Members of the Greater Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter met at LSU Golf Course facilities earlier this fall. From left are Sarah Clayton, treasurer; Jim Parr, president; JP Chaze, vice-president; Alexis Rather, assistant women's golf coach; Randy Radaubaugh; Mary Radaubaugh, Marion Territo; and Gail Gaiennie, secretary.

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

Strengthening Connections: Young Alumni Council



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John Woodard

Thirteen young LSU alumni were named to the new Young Alumni Advisory Council established by the LSU Alumni Association to improve recruitment and engagement strategies. Members are LSU graduates under the age of thirty-five from cities across the country representing a wide range of industries.

The members are:

- Mark Kent Anderson, corporate sales, Mid South Extrusion, Inc., Monroe, La.
- Alden Cartwright, business development director, Edelberg and Associates, Baton Rouge
- Pedro Cobos, assistant partnerships manager, Shorelight Education, Dallas, Texas
- Dorothy Kemp, director of educational services, LSU Center for Student Athletes, Baton Rouge
- Bailey Kidd, business development manager, Danos, Lafayette, La.
- John Lierley, business manager, Flexion Therapeutics, Austin, Texas
- Carlton Miller, attorney, FWD.us, Washington, D.C.
- Philip Ollendike, risk consulting manager, Ernst & Young, Houston, Texas
- Katy Stuart, account manager, The Marketing Arm, Dallas, Texas
- Truman VanVeckhoven, financial adviser, Merrill Lynch, New Orleans, La.
- Adam West, commercial banking, Progressive Bank, Shreveport, La.
- Theo Williams, associate of investor relations, Cadre, New York, N.Y.
- John Woodard, graduate student, Tulane MBA Program, New Orleans, La.

The council, part of the association's Strategic Plan 2025, will help improve recruitment and engagement strategies and provide insight and feedback on engagement, development and fundraising. Through their involvement, council members will connect with their alma mater and network with fellow alumni to support young and future alumni and to foster loyalty to the University.

Visit lsualumni.org/blog/young-alumni-advisory-council for member bios and more information.

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December 2019 graduate Solomon Lee, of Brusly, La., proudly shows off his LSU Alumni sweatshirt.



Tara Brian, right, a December 2019 graduate, and her mom, Sharlotte, of Baton Rouge, took part in Grad Fair activities.

Grad Fair – More than 150 soon-to-be-alumni signed up for active membership in the LSU Alumni Association at Fall Grad Fair in September. The event provides one-stop shopping for graduation needs – ordering class rings and announcement cards, purchasing commencement caps and gowns and diploma frames, taking graduation photos, and more.

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NASHVILLE
Wendy Waguespack, Chrystal Musgrove, and Kay Sonnier.



Coach Will Wade and Aja Duplessis at the Rooftop Rendezvous.



Tiger fans at the Coaches Caravan.



Larry and Ruby Tujague.



Anne Laville and Roy and Gay Barron.



AUSTIN
Bradie James, center, with Gordon and Debbie Monk.



Tracy Jones and Wayne and Denise Mitchell.



Cathy and Steve Brown with Amy Parrino



The Houma, La., gang.



Mary Anne Willet, Pauline Moore, Theresa Gallion, and Amy Parrino.

Welcome to the Team



Gordon Monk, interim president and CEO.



Tammy Abshire, vice president of advancement.

The LSU Alumni Association welcomed new team members Gordon Monk, Tammy Abshire, and Emily Johnson this fall.

Monk, interim president and CEO, retired in 2012 after a thirty-three-year career in the Legislative Fiscal Office, serving as fiscal analyst, senior fiscal analyst, and staff director before being elected legislative fiscal officer by the Louisiana Legislature in 2005. He holds two LSU degrees, a bachelor's degree in general studies and a master's in public administration (MPA), and

was named a Distinguished MPA alumnus in 2008. He serves on the LSU Public Administration Advisory Board; is a member of the Association, LSU Foundation, and Tiger Athletic Foundation; and serves on the finance committee and church council of First United Methodist Church.



Emily Johnson, marketing assistant.

Abshire, vice president of advancement, most recently served as the chief fundraiser for the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge and was previously in development, stewardship, communications, and alumni relations positions in the College of Engineering and School of Social Work at LSU. Abshire earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's in social work from LSU. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive and an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Baton Rouge Chapter; Rotary Club of Baton Rouge; and Planned Giving Society of New Orleans.

Johnson, marketing assistant, is a 2018 LSU marketing graduate. She held student assistant positions at the Association, in the Office of Academic Affairs and at the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student Athletes. While a student, she was active in numerous student organizations, among them Leadership LSU and Delta Sigma Pi professional fraternity; served on the Provost's Operational Excellence Strategic Planning Subcommittee and LSU Rebranding Committee; and was a member of the University Student Leadership Cabinet.

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Golf Classic 2019



Coca Cola team, 1st Net, from left, Sean Cangelosi, Lawrence Alwood, Jimmy Robbins, and Hudson Lemoine.



From left, Trey Little, Ron LaBorde, Austin Theriot, and Camm Morton.

Sixty-four Tiger golfers took part this year's golf tourney held at University Cub in September.

Prizes were awarded for first, second, and third places, low gross and net, with the Coca Cola team – Sean Cangelosi, Lawrence Alwood, Jimmy Robbins, and Hudson Lemoine – claiming the 1st net grand prize, eight spots in the LSU Alumni Association Suite for the Utah State game. The Gallagher team – Trey Little, Ron Laborde, Camm Norton, and Austin Theriot – won 1st gross.

Other winning teams were:

- Bauder Family - 2nd Net: Dean Beeson, Eric Trainor, Jason Lasseigne, Steve Helmke.
- Lester Lee - 3rd Net: Matt Smith, Bradley Gremillion, Brian Wax, Lester Lee.
- David Funes - 2nd Gross: David Funes, Dustin Lambert, Tom Waguespack, Hamp Crump.
- Hancock Whitney - 3rd Gross: Mark Phillips, Michael Whittington, Robert Stuart, Kyle Cook.



Triad team, from left, Ben Neumann, Lane Word, Justin Craig, and Jerome Mabile.



Lester Lee team, Brian Wax, Lester Lee, Matt Smith, and Bradley Gremillion.

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Golden Girls 60th Anniversary Highlights Alumni Band Reunion



Original Golden Girls, from left, Joann Hamilton Davis, Glenda Gaar Lofton, Dale Melancon Norred, Shirley Piper Lichtenstein, Mary Elizabeth Norckauer (first choreographer 1959-1962), Connie Hernandez Champagne, Anne Taylor Gaushell, and Karen White Bond. Not pictured, Billie Jon Mulhearn LaPrairie.



The Golden Band from Tigerland and the Alumni Band provided musical pageantry end zone to end zone at halftime. Photo by Steve Miley

The Alumni Band – musicians, Colorguard, Tigerettes, and a record-breaking number of 198 Golden Girls joined the Golden Band from Tigerland on the field Oct. 5 for spectacular halftime musical pageantry.

The Golden Girls marked a major milestone – sixty years of performing with the LSU band – at this year’s Alumni Band reunion. The group’s celebration began with a Friday night gala at the Old State Capitol and

continued with the halftime performance in Tiger Stadium Saturday morning. They performed with the current band to *I’m Still Standing* then with the Alumni Band for *Hey Fightin’ Tigers* and the pregame salute. They wore shirts designed by LSU alumna Suzanne Perron St. Paul, who designed the present Golden Girl uniforms.



Golden Girls gather for a photo during the reunion gala at the Old State Capitol.



The Golden Girls performing at halftime.



Original Golden Girl Glenda Gaar Lofton doing the L pose. Golden Girls photos by Angele Rosendhah/Layne Photography

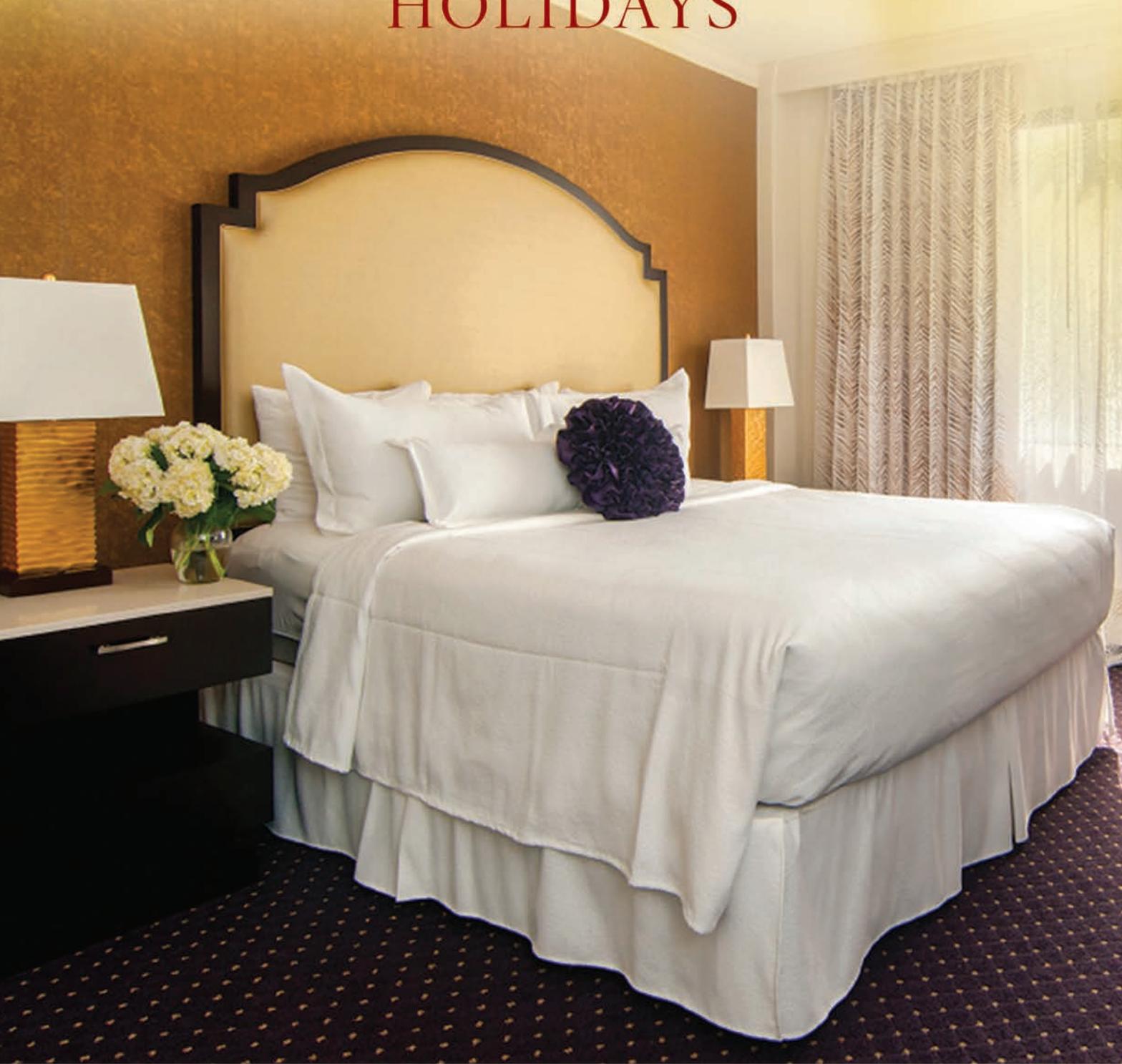


John and Kathy Hughes, LSU Alumni Association Interim President Gordon Monk, Debbie Monk, Michael Aertker, and Joanie Mitchell.



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KEVIN MAWAE,
JOHNNY ROBINSON

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PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



Top: Mawae made the NFL All-Pro First Team seven times, and was selected to eight pro bowls.

Bottom: Kevin Mawae and his wife, Tracy, unveil his bust during the Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremony at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. Photo: Ben Liebenberg via AP



THERE IS NO GREATER AWARD FOR THE GAME'S players than the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Two LSU legends – Kevin Mawae and Johnny Robinson – were inducted into that elite membership on August 3 in Canton, Ohio. Ex-Tigers Steve Van Buren, Y.A. Tittle, and Jim Taylor were previously enshrined – Van Buren in 1965, Tittle in 1971, and Taylor in 1976.



Top: Johnny Robinson demonstrated another one of his qualities in Super Bowl IV – his toughness – famously playing with three broken ribs and still recording a fumble recovery and an interception in a 23-7 Chiefs victory over the Minnesota Vikings. The game was played in Tulane Stadium, where he had such an electrifying performance for LSU against the Green Wave in 1958.

Bottom: Johnny Robinson, left, and presenter Bob Thompson unveil his bust during the Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremony at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
Photo: Ben Liebenberg via AP



Photos by Ben Liebenberg via AP

Mawaie, who had a sixteen-year NFL career, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his fifth year of eligibility, one of fifteen Modern Era finalists who were candidates for the 2019 class. He made the NFL All-Pro First Team seven times, and was selected to eight pro bowls.

Robinson is the only player in the history of the game to lead both the AFL and NFL in single-season pass interceptions. He picked off ten in 1966 in the AFL, and intercepted ten in 1970 in the NFL. He was the lone senior candidate chosen for the 2019 Hall of Fame class.

His twelve-year playing career was with the same franchise, the Dallas Texans/Kansas City Chiefs. He was an All-AFL safety on the Chiefs team that played in Super Bowl I in 1967 against the Green Bay Packers. He was an All-Pro safety again when the Chiefs defeated the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV in New Orleans.

He was previously elected to LSU's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1978 and to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

Mawaie was inducted into the LSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007 and into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

MAWAE'S PRO FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Mawaie played his first four seasons with Seattle, spent the best part of his career –eight years – with the New York Jets, and completed his NFL tenure with four seasons with the Tennessee Titans. In 2017, Mawaie became the eighteenth inductee of the New York Jets Ring of Honor. He compiled an ironman streak of 177 straight starts as a pro before suffering a torn triceps midway through the 2005 season. The Jets released him the following March and he finished his NFL career with four seasons as the Titans' starting center.

What I noticed immediately about [Kevin Mawae] was his passion for the community, his teammates, and the game. You could see it in his approach to everything he did – from mentoring his teammates to the ferocious mindset he brought to each game, as well as his extraordinary commitment to the communities in New York and Louisiana.

**NEW YORK JETS
PRAISE MAWAE**

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, CEO, NEW YORK JETS

CEO Christopher Johnson: “When we first purchased the team Kevin was one of our leaders. What I noticed immediately about him was his passion for the community, his teammates, and the game. You could see it in his approach to everything he did — from mentoring his teammates to the ferocious mindset he brought to each game, as well as his extraordinary commitment to the communities in New York and Louisiana. All of these combined to make Kevin a tremendous person, player, and someone deserving of this honor.”

RB Curtis Martin: “Kevin is the one teammate who is most responsible for me being in the Hall of Fame. He knew the game so well that he was like a second quarterback on the field. I’ve never seen an offensive lineman with more agility than Kevin. In fact, he was more agile than many of the fullbacks in the NFL. His leadership and ability always gave us an advantage.”

QB Chad Pennington: “Kevin continued to carry the torch on revolutionizing the center position after Dermontti Dawson. Kevin completely changed how we view the center position and what the capabilities of the center position can be. When you add that to his level of consistency year in and year out, that’s why he’s a Hall of Famer.”

Head Coach Herm Edwards: “Kevin was one of the toughest guys I’ve ever been around. He knew the difference between being hurt and being

injured. He was a guy who took pride in how he performed. He understood his performance was his résumé every time he walked on the field; he understood the preparation of being a great player. He was a talented player, but he was a tireless worker. He is the embodiment of a guy who is worthy of receiving this honor.”

MAWAE’S LSU HIGHLIGHTS

Mawae is a native Hawaiian and the son of a career military man. His father was stationed at Ft. Polk when he attended Leesville High School. He made the all-state team and earned all-academic honors, and LSU recruited him.

He started seven games at left tackle as a redshirt freshman and was a freshman All-SEC selection in 1990. Mawae was a first-team All-SEC selection as a sophomore in 1991, playing three different positions – left tackle (eight games), center (three games); and left guard (one game). As a junior, he played left tackle and was chosen second-team All-SEC and was a third-team All-America.

Mawae moved to center for all eleven games as a senior. He played in the Blue-Gray Game and the Senior Bowl. In the NFL draft Mawae was LSU’s highest selected lineman since Bo Strange in 1961.

ROBINSON’S PRO FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Robinson compares favorably with the best defensive backs in pro football in his era.

	INT.	SEASONS	SEASON/AVG.
JOHNNY ROBINSON <i>Kansas City Chiefs</i>	57	10	5.7
RONNIE LOTT <i>Oakland Raiders</i>	67	14	4.7
LARRY WILSON <i>St. Louis Cardinals</i>	52	13	4.0
PAUL KRAUSE <i>Minnesota Vikings</i>	81	16	5.0

Robinson was a seven-time First Team All AFL/All-Pro and three-time Second Team All-AFL/All-Pro selection. He was selected to the Pro Bowl for six straight years. He was one of only twenty players who were in the American Football League for its entire ten-year existence. The Chiefs had a 35-1-1 record in games that Robinson made an interception.



I didn't relish spending an afternoon dueling with Robinson. Johnny Robinson is one of the greatest safeties that I ever faced. In fact, I can't think of any that I've seen in the fifty years since that have been better.

**LANCE ALWORTH,
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

ROBINSON'S LSU HIGHLIGHTS

Pro baseball scouts thought Robinson had the tools to make it to the major leagues. Cincinnati drafted him as a catcher out of University High School. His father, W.T. "Dub" Robinson, was the LSU tennis coach, and he insisted that Johnny go to college. He starred for the Tigers in both football and tennis.

Robinson may have been overshadowed at LSU by Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon, who was twenty pounds heavier, but Robinson displayed enough athleticism to impress pro scouts. He was the Tigers' leading receiver and the team's best cornerback in an era when players played both offense and defense. He earned All-SEC honors. There were even times when he outplayed Cannon. LSU held a slim 6-0 halftime lead against Tulane in 1958, the final game of the team's national championship run. Robinson exploded for four second half scores. He averaged nine yards a carry, made a thirty-four-yard run for a touchdown, caught two TD passes and returned a punt thirty-four yards for a score to be named United Press International's Back of the Week.

RAVES FOR ROBINSON

"He was the best athlete on our team," said LSU All-America Max Fugler, a member of the Tigers' 1958 national champions.

The late Hank Stram, Kansas City's Hall of Fame coach, said Robinson was "a coach on the field."

Lance Alworth, San Diego's Hall of Fame flanker, didn't relish spending an afternoon dueling with Robinson. "Johnny Robinson is one of the greatest safeties that I ever faced," Alworth said. "In fact, I can't think of any that I've seen in the fifty years since that have been better."

Gil Brandt, the former director of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys, placed Robinson in a special category. Brandt, who will also be inducted into the 2019 Hall of Fame class, said, "I believe him to be one of the 100 best football players ever, regardless of position."

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 42).

Opposite Page: Congratulatory message from Tiger Athletic Foundation following HOF festivities. Photos by LSU Athletics and Born to be Tigers campaign; design by TAF advertising agency, Red Six Media.

#34 **JOHNNY ROBINSON**
1957-1959

#52 **KEVIN MAWAE**
1989-1993



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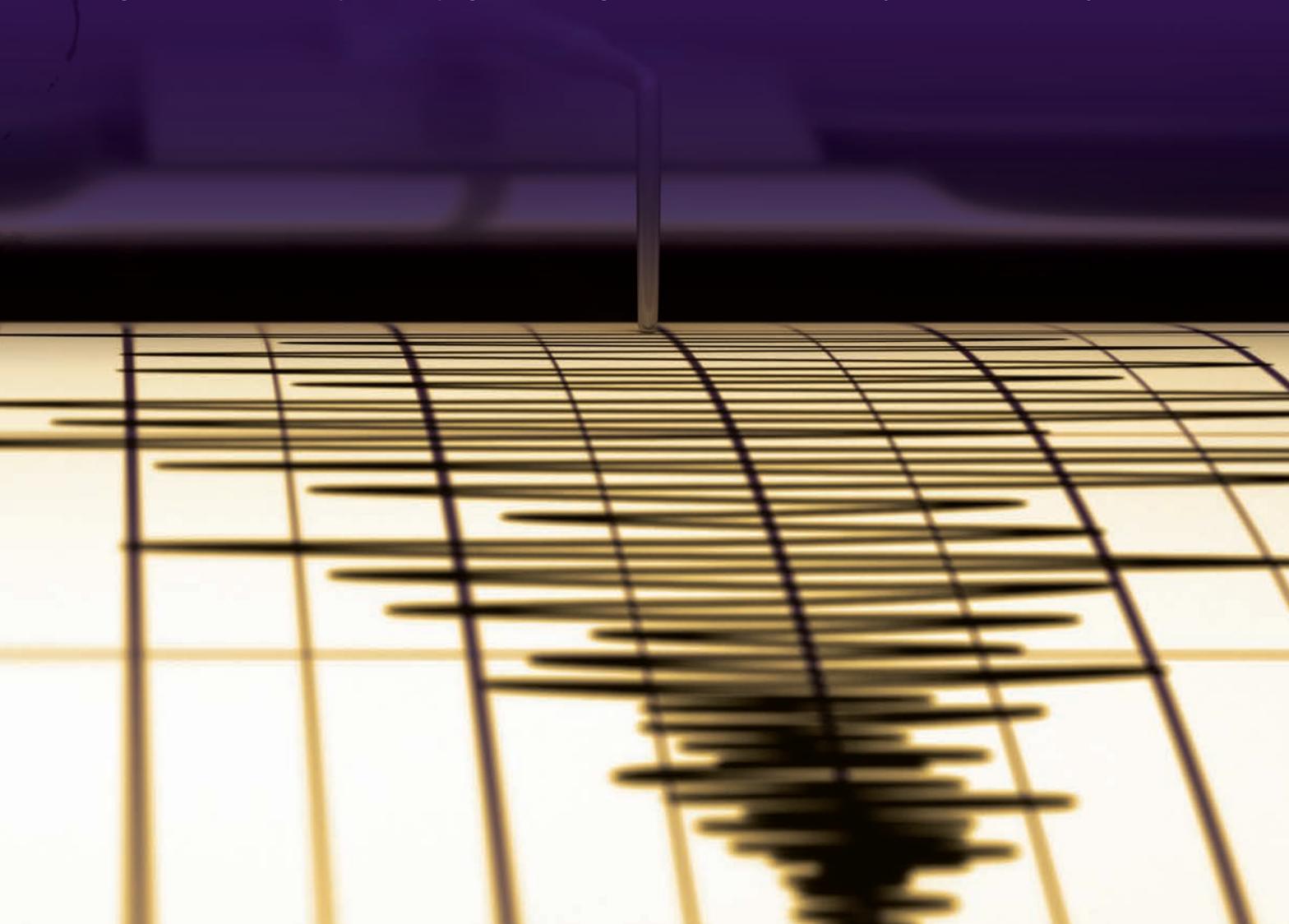
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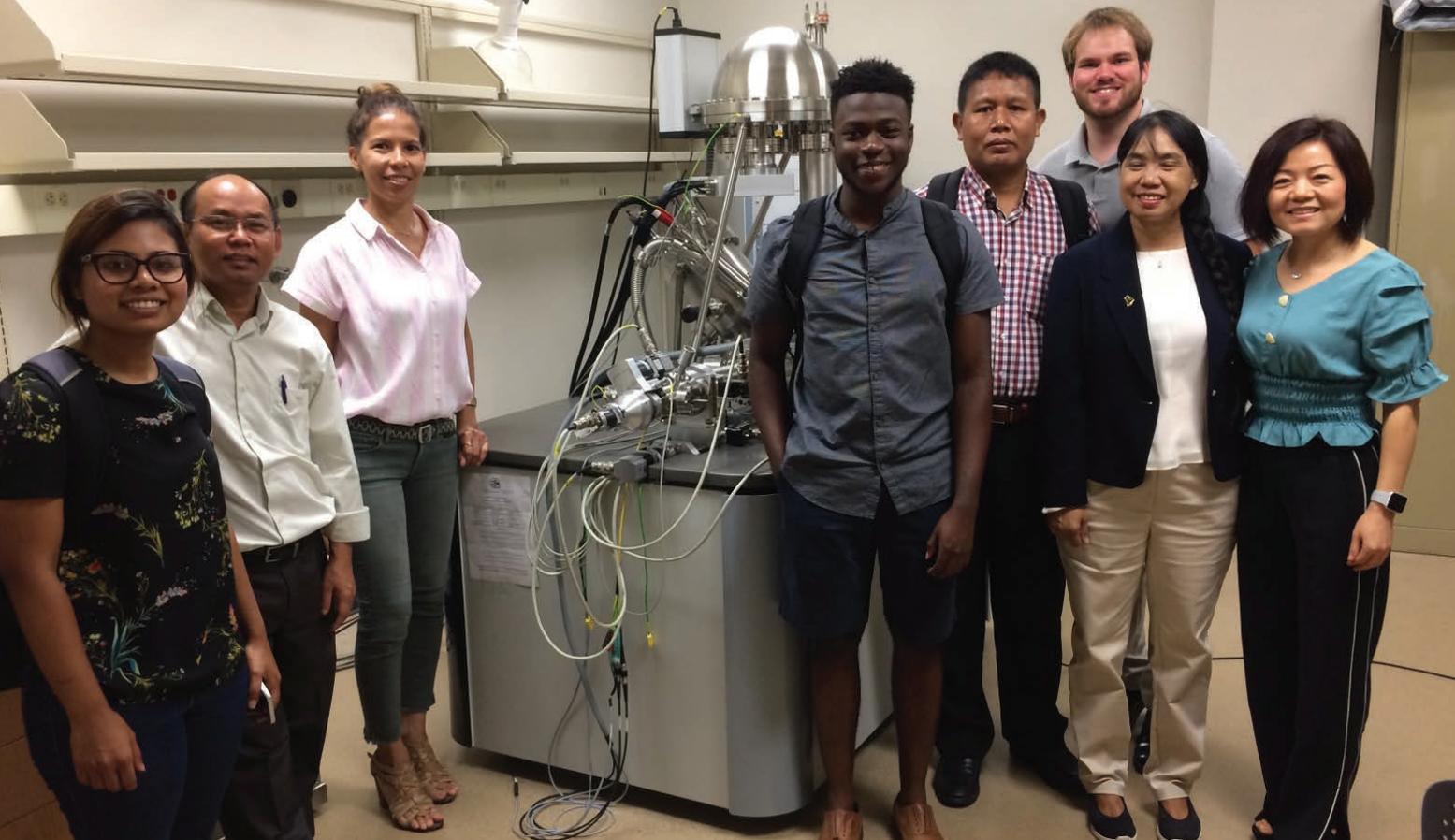
BESIDES THE OIL AND GAS BENEATH ITS SURFACE, LOUISIANA ISN'T

particularly well known for its geological properties. Before I embarked upon a career working with, first, petroleum engineers and, later, geoscientists, I would not have given the geology of the state that much thought. However, a recent trip to California where a couple of Louisiana geoscientists met with a group of California geoscientists broadened my perspective. Inspired by the all-out effort of California officials to educate the people of that state about the importance of geoscience, I came back with a mission to understand Louisiana's geology and the important role geoscientists play in our state. And what better place to start than LSU?

LSU houses a number of units that are essential to the geological well-being and economics of the state, among them the Center for Energy Studies, the Louisiana Geological Survey, and of course, the Department of Geology and Geophysics. Understanding the geological structures that determine the courses of rivers, the movement of soil, and the erosion of the coastline represents part of what these units deliver for the state. Sharing information and research with other state entities and adding to the continuing education of geoscientists in the state are other important aspects of their work. In addition to these vital missions, the Department of Geology and Geophysics goes beyond state borders to research geologic structures around the world, bringing acclaim to Louisiana through the work of its faculty and students.

These units offer many stories, many perspectives, and many opportunities for better understanding the complexities of Louisiana's subsurface structures that play significant roles in flooding, deteriorating infrastructures such as highways, streets, and bridges, and land loss from erosion and subsidence. Going beyond Louisiana, LSU faculty educate new generations of geoscientists and develop research programs that enlighten the world. Here is the story of one of those faculty members.





LSU graduate students, Ritu Ghose (left), Rasheed Ajala (fourth from left) and Justin Kain (sixth from left) during a tour of the Shared Instrument Facility at LSU with visiting Myanmar professors Myo Thant (second from left), Soe Min (fifth from left) and Khin Win (seventh from left), Patricia Persaud (third from left) and Dongmei Cao (right), associate director of the facility.

PATRICIA PERSAUD

DOING GROUNDBREAKING, EARTHSHAKING RESEARCH

“I didn’t know what to expect when we started this project,” Patricia Persaud commented recently about her seismic research in Northwest Louisiana. “But I was amazed by the way the community embraced us.” She and several LSU students, a staff member from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and community volunteers came together in the Shreveport area to set up an array of seismic instruments in summer 2019. While Louisiana may not be known for earthquake activity, a previous study that was part of the wide-ranging EarthScope USArray Project, a seismic study that took in a large swath of the central U.S. in 2010-2012, had indicated enough seismic activity to arouse the curiosity of scientists.

Funding from the state allowed Persaud and the rest of the team to set up ten stations to get baseline measurements of seismic activity and to establish a monitoring system. In an area where no seismic information had existed before, these instruments are now collecting data that will be valuable in future studies.

“The work was done by three universities – LSU, Tulane, and ULL – and it was a big deal to us that the work was to be

done in Louisiana by Louisianans,” Persaud explained. “One of the best surprises with the project was finding how welcoming people were. We put the instruments, in some cases, in people’s front yards. These are not pretty contraptions; they have an ugly solar panel that sits just right there, sometimes in the front yard of a home, but people were so welcoming and so interested in what we were doing.

**GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS GOES BEYOND
STATE BORDERS TO RESEARCH GEOLOGIC
STRUCTURES AROUND THE WORLD,
BRINGING ACCLAIM TO LOUISIANA THROUGH
THE WORK OF ITS FACULTY AND STUDENTS.**



Patricia Persaud and graduate student Justin Kain complete the installation of a broadband seismic station near Shreveport, La. The solar panel powers the station that has other components, such as the data logger that is located beneath the blue tarp and the sensor that is buried in the ground.

They wanted to be a part of it, and they really loved that students were involved. The project gave me the opportunity to see how eager the people in Louisiana really are about supporting this research.”

While Louisiana is relatively quiet under the surface, Persaud pointed out that some natural seismicity exists everywhere (“No place is really dead quiet”). The area around Shreveport may, however, have more activity than the rest of the state. The instruments are still in place and will remain for two years.

“We’re building a catalog, and when we’re done, we’re going to know what earthquakes occurred in that area,” Persaud continued. “Once we get our first set of data, we’ll analyze it to determine the sizes and locations of the earthquakes detected and to decide if we need to change anything in the array as it’s set up now. Once we’re satisfied with the results from the array, we’ll just keep monitoring. If we notice spikes, we can add more instruments. We’re also applying machine learning to look for really tiny earthquakes, some of which may not be perceived by humans but will be detectable by modern computer algorithms.”

Her interaction with the Shreveport residents is not Persaud’s first community outreach effort. She recently partnered with a middle school teacher at False River Academy in Point Coupee Parish to create a program for girls in science and has served as a discussion leader for a program that reached 400 high school girls in East Baton Rouge Parish. She also taught

MASTER’S DEGREE

CANDIDATE

JUSTIN KAIN

“I’ve been at LSU for five years,” Justin Kain recently pointed out. “I came to LSU for an undergraduate degree in geology, and I’ve stayed to get a master’s [degree].” When he first started at LSU, Kain was one of just a few entering freshmen who were invited to spend the summer at LSU’s Geology Field Camp in Colorado before beginning the regular semester in the fall. “It was amazing,” he recalled. “We got our entry level geology courses and labs out of the way, and it was beautiful there. They took us to Yellowstone National Park, Red Rocks, Craters of the Moon – we went to a bunch of places. It was phenomenal, and it definitely left a lasting impression.”

While Kain has been working with Persaud, he has been involved in a number of projects, in Louisiana, California, and Myanmar. For his master’s thesis, he’s analyzing data from the Wilmington Oil Field, which is just below Long Beach, California. “I’m studying caliper logs to examine how the borehole is deformed in the earth, and from that I get stress information,” he explained. “Currently, there is no stress information in that particular area. On the existing stress maps, that area is a large blank spot.”

Kain has also been an integral part of the research partnership with DNR, working with that agency’s staff to study injection wells in Northwest Louisiana. The project is ongoing and will continue to monitor seismicity for two years.

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

RASHEED AJALA

Rasheed Ajala has been in the seismology Ph.D. program for three years and is concentrating his research in the subduction zone in Myanmar. As a senior member of the research team, Ajala has been instrumental in establishing the broadband seismic array in Myanmar and brings a strong background in geophysics to the project. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Houston and participated in that university's field camp in Big Bend along the Rio Grande not once but twice. In addition, he participated in a geophysics field experience.

"Field camp was really challenging for me – both times," he commented.

"The geophysics field camp gave me a good research experience. We actually recorded marine seismic data out in a boat. Through the camps, I feel like I got a really good mix of field experiences, which is one of the reasons I chose to continue in geoscience. Geophysics is a blend of several areas – math, geology, physics, programming, and field work."

Ajala wrote a thesis while he was still an undergraduate at the University of Houston on the crustal structure of the Niger and Mississippi river deltas using computer modeling techniques, and he brings computer skills to the research team that will be valuable in current projects as well.

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

RITU GHOSE

Ritu Ghose, from Bangladesh, is in her first year at LSU. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Dhaka and her M.S. from Wright University in Dayton, Ohio. She has joined the team in Southern California and will be working on research in Yangon, Myanmar, when the team returns there.



In Myanmar, a female farmer helps the team dig a hole for the installation of their sensor.

middle school girls in the Baton Rouge area how to construct and use compact seismic devices ("Raspberry Shakes") to collect data and created an interactive web page so the girls could see their recordings of earthquakes from around the world.

Beyond the borders of Louisiana, Persaud continues to work in Southern California, where she has set up more than 400 instruments and also uses oil industry data to address issues of public concern. Her graduate students, particularly Rasheed Ajala and Justin Kain, work with her in this region.

Persaud also was part of an international team that recently installed a network of forty-eight seismic sensors on Lipari, the largest island in the Aeolian chain north of Sicily in the Mediterranean Sea. The sensor array will enable researchers to investigate the unusual magma system beneath the surface of the island. Located only eighty kilometers north of Etna, the area's well-known volcano, Lipari's magma system is nonetheless related to tectonic activity rather than volcanic activity in the Ionian subduction zone – an area in which two continental plates collide, with one bending and sliding underneath the other. The sensors Persaud and other researchers set up will allow them to monitor this unusual volcanic system.

Currently, Persaud and her graduate students are working in Myanmar, again part of an international team of scientists and in particular with research colleagues from the University of Missouri and Columbia University, on placing sensors in yet another subduction zone. Myanmar is in a high-hazard region where tectonic plates are colliding, so researchers are studying the area to gain better understanding of the area's geological processes and to prevent loss of life and property. The project, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), is part of ongoing research that takes in an entire region of the zone, including Bangladesh, Myanmar, and a small portion of India. As part of her work, Persaud and the students hosted a group of scientists from Myanmar at a symposium in summer 2019. The LSU team trained the scientists to be able to

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work with the instruments they are installing in the Asian nation. One of her doctoral students, Rasheed Ajala, has returned a

number of times to the area to install large, broadband instruments. In all, the team has installed thirty-one broadband stations and is beginning to collect data from those units.

Persaud, who arrived at LSU in August 2016, is first and foremost a seismologist with a worldwide vision for her research. Why, you may ask, would a seismologist come to Louisiana, with its admittedly quiet seismicity? Persaud has an easy answer: "It's LSU. When we put an instrument in the ground and collect data, it doesn't matter where it is – the earthquake can be on the other side of the world – it doesn't matter. Louisiana may not have a lot of seismic activity, but it has some, and that activity needs to be monitored. But it's less about that, less about Louisiana, and a lot more about LSU."

Brenda Macon, formerly an editor, writer, and manager at LSU, is a freelance writer and editor and frequent contributor to *LSU Alumni Magazine*. She serves as executive secretary for the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Top: Taung Kalat monastery, located southwest of Mount Popa in Central Myanmar near Mandalay, sits on top of a 657-meter pedestal hill, or volcanic plug. Past activity at Mount Popa created the volcanic plug. Photo credit: Doug Prose, Earth Images Foundation.
Bottom: Patricia Persaud (left) and Derick Hess from the PASSCAL Instrument Center in the U.S. coordinate the location of a seismic station at a monastery with the two head monks (center).



Noteworthy



Keena Arbuthnot



Susanne C. Brenner

Keena Arbuthnot, professor of education was named associate vice president of research and economic development in areas of humanities, social sciences, and allied fields. Arbuthnot received her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Missouri and her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She joined the School of Education faculty in 2007.

Susanne C. Brenner, Boyd Professor, Department of Mathematics, is among the eighteen outstanding researchers, mentors, and educators selected nationwide as a 2020 Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Fellow. She was selected for "being a role model nationally and internationally due to her widely known work in finite element methods" and is recognized as a leader for her promotion of women in mathematics through the Women in Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing network.



Philip Bart



Stephania Cormier

Philip Bart, associate professor of geology and geophysics, was awarded \$748,819 by NSF to learn more about the Ross Ice Shelf in Antarctica. Bart's research specifically relates to the ice shelf pinning to the sea floor, which helps the continent maintain its size, and how/why the ice becomes unpinned over time.

Stephania Cormier, professor and Wiener Endowed Chair in biological sciences and professor of veterinary medicine, was named associate vice president of research and economic development in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Cormier earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and her Ph.D. from LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans in 1997. She leads the LSU Superfund Research Center.



Maheshi Dassanayake



John Larkin

Biological Sciences faculty members **Maheshi Dassanayake**, associate professor; **John Larkin**, professor; and **Aaron Smith**, associate professor, were awarded a NSF-EDGE award for \$1 million to build a genomic toolkit based on extremophytes – plants that can tolerate and thrive in harsh environments. Their research will help aid in the problems the agricultural sector is currently facing and will face in the next decade.



Aaron Smith



Rebeca de Jesus Crespo

Rebeca de Jesus Crespo, assistant professor of environmental sciences, and **Traci Birch**, assistant professor of architecture and managing director of the LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio, are among twenty recipients selected by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Gulf Research Program for Early-Career Research Fellowships. The program supports emerging young scientists working at the intersections of environmental health, community health and resilience, and offshore energy system safety in the Gulf of Mexico and other U.S. coastal regions.



Traci Birch



Sheryl Kennedy Haydel

Sheryl Kennedy Haydel joined the Manship School of Mass Communication as an assistant professor in public relations. Haydel has more than twenty-five years of experience as a journalist, director of marketing and communications, senior account executive, and educator. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Clark Atlanta University in Georgia; two master's degrees – one in marketing from the University of Wisconsin and one in public affairs reporting from the University of Maryland; and a Ph.D. in mass communication and journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Tina M. Harris, the Douglas L. Manship Sr.-Dori Maynard Race, Media, and Cultural Literacy Endowed Chair in the Manship School of Mass Communication, won the National Communication Association’s 2019 Robert J. Kibler Memorial Award. The award, given to only one communication professional in the country each year, recognizes dedication to excellence, commitment to the profession, concern for others, vision of what could be, acceptance of diversity, and forthrightness.



Tina M. Harris



Rajesh P. Narayanan

Rajesh P. Narayanan, the E. Robert Theriot Professor in the Department of Finance; a professor in the Flores MBA Program; and department chair, professor, and director of graduate studies-PhD program, Department of Finance, was named associate dean for academic affairs and outreach in the Office of the Dean, E.J. Ourso College of Business.

Jim Sabourin, senior vice president and chief communications officer for Unum in Chattanooga, Tenn., was named vice president of strategic communications, effective Oct. 1. Before joining Unum in 2003, Sabourin was vice president of corporate communications for Arizona-based America West Airlines and previously general director of corporate relations for Burlington Northern Santa Fe. He began his career with global information technology services leader EDS Corp.



Jim Sabourin



David J. Vinyard

David J. Vinyard, assistant professor of biological sciences and adjunct assistant professor of chemistry, received a \$752,890 grant from the Department of Energy (DOE) to study nature’s blueprint for energy conversion through photosynthesis. The DOE Early Career Award is designed to support exceptional researchers during their early career years, when many scientists do their most formative work.

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The Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC) has won the FAST award from the U.S. Small Business Administration for the twelfth year in a row. The LBTC is the only entity in the nation that has received this award every year it's been offered through the Federal and State Technology (FAST) partnership program. The award aims to improve outcomes for underrepresented entrepreneurs in the Small Business Administration's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs (also known as America's Seed Fund), such as women, minorities, and those in rural and low-income areas.

LSU has moved up swiftly in the *Wall Street Journal/Times* Higher Education Rankings since it first launched three years ago, climbing 148 spots in the overall ranking list in that time. For 2020, LSU is ranked #84 among public universities – above Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, and the University of Louisville. For flagship, SEC, and state peer comparisons visit lsu.edu/mediacenter/news/2019/09/05wsj-the-rankings.eb.php.

LSU made a significant jump in the latest *Washington Monthly* 2019 College Guide and Rankings, climbing nearly twenty spots to #71 among public universities nationwide. In addition, LSU moved up six spots to #24 among flagship universities this year. LSU also remained Louisiana's highest ranked university and once again is ranked in the top half of the SEC.

In *U.S. News & World Report's* 2020 edition of Best Colleges, LSU is ranked in the top tier for "Best National Universities" for the twelfth straight year, and the undergraduate petroleum engineering program ranks third overall. LSU is ranked 72nd among public universities – ahead of flagships such as West Virginia University, The University of Rhode Island, and the University of Nevada. LSU remains as the highest ranked public university in Louisiana, and in the SEC, LSU is tied with the University of Alabama and the University of Arkansas at 153rd overall.

For the second straight year, LSU broke the record for the largest and most diverse freshman class in University history. The record 6,126 freshmen enrolled this fall make up one of the most academically talented classes ever at LSU with a mean GPA near a 3.5 and a mean ACT score of 25.6, up from last year's freshman composite ACT of 25.5. The Ogden Honors College has a record-breaking incoming class of 789 freshmen enrolled – the largest entering class ever for the Honors College. In addition, the average ACT of the entering class rose from 31.4 last year to 31.6 this year. Overall enrollment sits at 31,761.



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2019 Homecoming Queen Sarah Catherine Laborde and King Hayden Guidry, center, flanked by 2018 royalty Sarah Perkins and Daniel Wolf.



Golden Tigers – Class of 1969 graduates – gather for a photo.



From left, Gordon Monk, interim president/CEO of the LSU Alumni Association; Jeff Mohr, chair-elect, LSU Alumni Association; and 2019 Hall of Distinction inductees A. Hays Town, Jr.; Greg Bowser; Wendy McMahon and son Chase; and Dale Hall.



Michael Kantrow and son Henri, of New York City.



Caddo-Bossier Tigers, from left, Brad and Karen Peace, Holly and Spencer Smitherman.



Sin City Tigers, from left, Ernest Taketa, Kathy Fives, Carolyn Streva, and Stuart Roy.

Homecoming 2019 – Returning alumni and fans reveled in the Tigers’ win over the Florida Gators Oct. 5, the victory capping an action-packed week of events for future alumni, a Saturday-morning parade, and a day of visiting, touring, and reminiscing before the game “under the lights in Tiger Stadium.” At halftime, 2018 Homecoming royalty handed over the crown and scepter to 2019 Queen Sarah Catherine Laborde and King Hayden Guidry. LaBorde, of Luling, La., is a mass communication senior; Guidry, of Lake Arthur, La., is a senior majoring in biological sciences. Also introduced at halftime were members of the LSU Alumni Association’s 2019 Hall of Distinction – Alumnus of the Year Dale Hall, Young Alumna of the Year Wendy McMahon, Greg Bowser, and A. Hays Town, Jr.

Board of Supervisors Installs New Leadership



Mary Werner

After completing his year-long term as chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors, James Williams officially handed over the gavel of the University's governing body to Mary L. Werner at the board's September meeting.

The transition was a historic one. Williams was the first African-American alumnus to chair the board, and Werner's mother, Laura Leach, served on the board for eighteen years, and as chair from 1996 to 1997, making Werner the first daughter of a former chair to hold the position.

Also at the meeting, Robert Dampf was elected to serve as chair-elect for the next year. He will succeed Werner in September 2020.

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Robert Dampf



James Williams

TIGER TRIVIA

- Which team is LSU's longest continuous football rival?
 - Alabama
 - Auburn
 - Mississippi State
 - Ole Miss
- Which alumna was a soprano with the New York Metropolitan Opera in the 1940s?
 - Frances Greer
 - Joanne Woodward
 - Zinka Milanov
 - Renata Scotto
- According to the 1969-70 Coed Handbook, what kinds of behavior and deportment were discouraged?
 - Hair curlers, cutoffs, and barefootedness
 - Sunbathing in areas where it was not allowed
 - Visiting hotels and motels without a chaperone
 - All of the above
- When was the Graduate School established?
 - 1860
 - 1931
 - 1958
 - 1976
- Which NBA team played some of its home games in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center during the 2005-2006 season?
 - The New Orleans Hornets
 - The Houston Rockets
 - The Atlanta Hawks
 - The Los Angeles Lakers
- When did the Tigers play their last basketball game in the Parker Coliseum?
 - 1967
 - 1971
 - 1981
 - 1986
- Who was the first African American to graduate from LSU and when did he graduate?
 - Roy Wilson in 1950
 - Luttrill Payne in 1951
 - Charles Harrington in 1952
 - A.P. Tureaud, Jr. in 1953
- In 1971, LSU, Southern University, and the NAACP held discussions for a proposed merger.
 - True
 - False
- Which football coach was also a professor of military science in the 1930s?
 - Troy Middleton
 - Bernie Moore
 - Gaynell Tinsley
 - Lawrence "Biff" Jones
- What were some of the reasons for constructing LSU's first campus near Alexandria?
 - Its central location and healthy climate
 - The lack of distractions for students
 - Both A and B
 - Ease of railroad access
- What entity provided LSU with books, maps, and other publications when it reopened after the Civil War?
 - The New York Public Library
 - The Smithsonian Institution
 - The Library of Congress
 - The State Library of Louisiana
- What was one of LSU's contributions to the American bicentennial in 1976?
 - A portfolio of drawings of Louisiana flora by Margaret Stones
 - A portrait of Huey Long
 - An aerial photograph of the campus
 - The Tigers defeating Alabama

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

Answers: 1:c, 2:a, 3:d, 4:b, 5:a, 6:b, 7:c, 8:a, 9:c, 10:c, 11:b, 12:a



From left, LDI Director Leslie Blanchard, interim Dean of the College of Human Sciences & Education Roland Mitchell, and Provost Stacia Haynie.

Leadership Headquarters –

Executive Vice President & Provost Stacia Haynie officiated at the ribbon cutting for the new LSU Leadership Development Institute (LDI) headquarters in Coates Hall. The space houses two state-of-the-art classrooms and advanced technology to support specialized training sessions to cultivate talent that moves organizations forward by focusing on the individual personal leadership practices inventory. Through individual assessment and coaching specific to each person, LDI develops the behaviors, skills, and competencies necessary for each individual to reach their maximum potential.



Back row, from left, College of Human Sciences & Education Interim Dean Roland Mitchell; honorees Ari Fisher, John Daigle, Amy Groves Lowe, and Burton LeBlanc; and Master of Ceremonies and 2015 ULS Foundation Hall of Distinction inductee Rani Whitfield; seated, University Laboratory School Interim Superintendent Amy Westbrook and University Laboratory School Foundation Chair Candace Kouns.

ULS Grads Honored –

Four University Laboratory School (ULS) graduates were inducted into the ULS Foundation Cubs Alumni Hall of Distinction and Athletic Hall of Fame in August. Honored were Amy Groves Lowe (1988 ULS, 1992 BACH H&SS, 1994 MAST H&SS, 1997 JD), a partner with Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips; Burton LeBlanc (1982 ULS, 1987 BACH H&SS), a shareholder and attorney with Baron Budd; Ari Fisher (1988 ULS, 1992 BACH HS&E, 1992 BACH H&SS, 1994 MAST HS&E), an instructor in the LSU School of Kinesiology; and John Daigle (1966 ULS), retired director of operations at SA Stadium in Millington, Tenn. Lowe and LeBlanc were inducted into the Hall of Distinction. Fisher and Daigle were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.



Judy Koonce, Pat Carter, guest speaker Andrew Maas, Barbara Brown, and Pat Triche.

LSU Retirees –

The LSU Faculty and Staff Retirees Club kicked off the 2019-20 season with a visit from guest speaker Chris Tyson, president and CEO of the EBR Redevelopment Authority. Tyson explained past, present, and future projects by the agency to improve the quality of life for the parish by eliminating blight, stimulating economic development, and enabling affordable housing. In October, Andrew Maas, associate vice president for research/technology transfer and director of the LSU Office of Innovation & Technology Commercialization, spoke about developing successful grants and patent proposals.

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Brenda Smith, Mary Adcock, guest speaker Chris Tyson, and Karen and Charlie Overstreet.

LSU a Leader in Graduates' Salaries



An LSU degree has a proven track record of producing some of the highest starting and mid-career salaries among the university's peers nationwide.
Photo: LSU Strategic Communications

As LSU's largest, most diverse freshman class officially began the fall semester, the more than 6,000 new students were welcomed with the news that LSU is the top public university in Louisiana and a leader in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), in one of the most important outcomes for today's students: return on investment.

In the latest Payscale 2019-20 College Salary Report, LSU graduates are the highest ranked in Louisiana among public universities for both early-career and mid-career earnings. When looking at public SEC peers, LSU ranks third for early-career earnings behind only Texas A&M University and University of Florida, and third in mid-career earnings behind only Texas A&M University and Auburn University.

Among the fifty public flagship universities in the nation, LSU ranks in the top half in both early-career and mid-career earnings – twenty-first in early-career earnings and sixteenth in mid-career earnings.

According to Payscale, a student who earns a bachelor's degree from LSU has early-career earnings of \$54,800 and mid-career earnings of \$102,900 – the highest among all public universities in Louisiana. This is an increase from early-career earnings of \$51,800 and mid-career earnings of \$98,800 in last year's Payscale report.

When considering all alumni who attended LSU, graduates have early-career earnings of \$55,900 and mid-career earnings of \$105,400 – also the highest among Louisiana public universities. This is an increase from early-career earnings of \$52,700 and mid-career earnings of \$100,400 in last year's Payscale report.

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Creativity: Lance Porter's Hallmark

By Bailey Chauvin

Lance Porter boasts an impressive resume. Porter is currently a professor in the Manship School of Mass Communication but has used his marketing talents in different positions across the country, including as an internet marketing executive director for Walt Disney Motion Pictures.



Lance Porter holds the Class of 1941 Alumni Professorship.

“I’m all about creativity – my favorite way to do that now is in the classroom.”

Most of Porter’s accomplishments involve marketing and digital media analysis, but, he said, there’s a distinguishing common factor in all the professional experiences he’s had – creativity.

“I wanted to figure out a way to get paid to be creative,” Porter said. “That’s what I’ve been focused on my whole career. Creativity has informed my work all the way to today.”

Porter received the Class of 1941 Alumni Professorship in April 2019 as recognition for his contributions as a Manship professor and founding director of the Social Media Analysis and Creation Lab.

Porter earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Mississippi State University in 1991 but soon realized a career in banking didn’t excite him. He switched to marketing

when his girlfriend, now wife, enrolled in graduate school in New Hampshire. By “a stroke of luck,” he heard that a promotional copywriter position was available at a local biotech company and decided to apply, despite not having much experience in the field. Through developing a website to sell the company’s products, Porter discovered his passion for digital media.

He enrolled in graduate school at the University of Georgia largely because of its new media institute he helped develop, and he and his wife traveled to Peru in his third year of the program. While on vacation, he happened upon another opportunity when he met his future boss at Walt Disney Motion Pictures on a hike.

“She had to create this team of nonconformist people who didn’t come from the film business and could break all the rules,” Porter said. “That was such a dream job for me, and I didn’t even know it existed at the time. They created it out of the blue.”

Porter spent four years working with the studio’s internet marketing team, which developed marketing strategies and websites for about twenty-five films a year. These websites included features like interactive trailers to immerse potential audience members in the fictional world of the movie. Each website was completely different because each movie featured a different setting, which Porter enjoyed.

“With a film, you create a brand from the ground up and start from scratch twenty-five times a year,” Porter said. “That’s a challenge, but it’s also fun to have that much license in what you’re doing.”

Porter joined the LSU faculty in 2004 but remained a creative consultant at Walt Disney Motion Pictures for ten years. In that role, he assessed the studio’s

internet marketing strategies by applying research techniques and interpreting survey results.

Today, Porter teaches several classes about digital and social media, including the core class Social Media and Digital Branding that he developed for mass communication students to learn about the internet and social media, which he considers invaluable tools of the trade.

“Most students are already living with social media, and have been told they’re ‘digital natives;” Porter said. “I teach my students that’s a myth. You really have to understand how these things work in order to be a communications professional.”

Outside of the classroom, Porter has conducted research on a variety of issues as they relate to digital and social media. He’s especially interested in how social media can empower or disempower people, a topic he’s exploring in one of his current research projects. Through the collection of more than twelve years’ worth of Twitter data from about 1,000 Twitter users, Porter is determining how demographics can shape social media habits.

Porter said his favorite aspect of being a professor at LSU is working alongside his students, who encourage and inspire his creativity.

“I’m able to work with incredibly bright, engaged, and active students every semester at the undergraduate and graduate level,” Porter said. “It’s all about the students for me. I’m all about creativity – my favorite way to do that now is in the classroom.”

Bailey Chauvin is a political science sophomore and news editor of *The Reveille*.

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Pre-Season Polls Discount Tigers

“LSU has weapons . . . they must accomplish three things to stay with the SEC’s favorites.”

Can LSU repeat as SEC basketball champions? Polls by the conference coaches and the media say no.

Prognosticators favor Kentucky with Florida second and the Tigers third. What about Auburn and Tennessee? Two of last season’s best teams — Auburn was the NCAA runnerup — are pegged for fourth and fifth. In the opinion of many observers, six or more SEC teams improved their product between seasons, which could produce a furious fight for the top spots. LSU’s loss of key personnel apparently influenced the experts. They figured since the Tigers lost their two best scorers — Tremont Waters and Naz Reid — and their two best rebounders — Kavell Bigby-Williams and Reid — Will Wade’s boys won’t repeat.

Wade likes this team. His praise of new players erupted in an interview with ESPN 104.5 of Baton Rouge after the team’s return from an exhibition tour of Spain.

He is excited by newcomer Trendon Watford, a 6-foot, 7-inch, 235-pound forward. Watford’s myriad abilities make some believe he is a ready replacement for Reid. His ball handling and passing skills are exceptional assets for a big man. “I have never had a player like him,” Wade gushed.

He also raved about JC transfer Charles Manning (6-5, 200, Jr.), who led the team in steals and made 40 percent of his three-point attempts in Spain. “He’s going to make a huge, huge impact on our team this year,” Wade said.

LSU has weapons. Five of last season’s eight regulars return, which make many observers believe the Tigers can be a spoiler if not a challenger in the conference. In my view, they must accomplish three things to stay with the SEC’s favorites:

1. Play better defense

“To become an elite team,” Wade says, “we must play better defense. We played just well enough to get by last year.” He believes excellent defense will reward a team in NCAA tournament play, an objective that the coach mentions freely. Most teams achieve this goal with dedication in practice. Wade did his part. He had his team focused on increasing their strength, stamina and speed in summer workouts.

2. Improve their three point shooting accuracy

Returning perimeter gunners Skylar Mays (6-4, 205, Sr.), Javonte Smart (6-4, 205, So.), and Marlon Taylor (6-5, 210, Sr.) must shoot better than they did last year if the Tigers are to replace the scoring totals of Waters and Reid. Although Wade was disappointed with the three-point success rate by Mays (.313), Smart (.311), and Taylor (.254) last season, he is confident their improvement is at hand.

Long-range accuracy is available from others. Darius Days (6-6, 240, So.) led LSU regulars from three-point land as a freshman, hitting on .382 percent of his attempts. Watford could replace Reid’s output as a scorer, if not his production as a rebounder. If Days, Mays, Smart and others can connect regularly from outside, it should create some operating space inside for Watford and Emmitt Williams.

There are other shooters to watch — Manning; wing man Andre Hyatt, a 6-foot, 4-inch redshirt freshman; true freshman guard James Bishop (6-1, 190, Fr.); and the veteran Marshall Graves (6-4, 195, Sr.).

3. Get improved performances from returning players

Wade believes significant improvement occurs between a player’s freshman and sophomore seasons. He expects an uptick in performance from sophomores Smart, Days and Williams. “The returning freshmen from last year,” Wade said, “will all be more athletic . . . their skills will improve, their ability will improve. And this will make them a much better team.”

If this trio progresses as Wade projects, the Tigers could shock the SEC favorites — again. Smart must replace Waters at point guard, a challenging task since Waters led LSU in scoring (15.3), assists (5.8) and steals (2.9) a year ago.

Days' multiple talents are equally vital. He can supply outside scoring, steady rebounding, and defensive depth at both forward positions, which can help ensure that Watford and Williams are fresh at the finish.

Williams (6-6, 230, So.) must replace Bigby-Williams, the 6-11 rim protector whose board work made the Bengals one of the league's best rebounding teams last year. He lacks the height of many SEC bigs, but Williams has the quickness and explosive leaping ability to make the Tigers competitive in the paint. Williams finished 18th nationally in offensive rebounding as a freshman, playing in only 19.8 minutes per game. With Bigby-Williams and Reid gone, his playing time will increase and his scoring (7.0) and rebounding (5.4) stats should improve. One of his goals in summer workouts was to develop an outside shot. Last year he was content to rebound a shooter's miss and follow it with a thundering dunk.

Redshirt forward Cortese Cooper (6-9, 220, So.) and Deshawn Thomas (6-9, 250, Jr.) should give LSU depth inside, and some shot-blocking skills.

Matching last year's championship run won't be easy. Only Dale Brown's 1981 Final Four team won more games than the 28 victories recorded by the 2019 Tigers. And until last season, no LSU basketball team ever produced a perfect 9-0 mark in SEC road games. The road will be more treacherous this time around. Most observers believe that recruiting upgrades in Knoxville, Gainesville, Fayetteville, Lexington, Athens, Auburn, Oxford and other stops will make the conference a stronger league.

This is not your daddy's SEC. Nobody is standing still. Wade plans to keep pace by making the Tigers into a different team by playing faster on offense. He added a motion offense in the summer. The Spain tour provided a jump start to the season. Four exhibition games and 10 additional practice sessions should pay dividends for a team dominated by youth.

Wade has a plan to replace LSU's departed stars. If the Tigers are not the rebounding force of last season, Wade aims to equal the number of possessions by replacing the lost rebounds with more steals.

Williams and Watford are inside scoring threats. Mays and Smart will be mainstays in the backcourt. Days and Taylor should assume larger roles this season. Newcomers Manning, Wyatt, and Bishop will add firepower from outside. As the Tigers attempt to upset the conference favorites, they have more players to lead the way.

Wade is convinced the Spain trip will accelerate the development of the younger players and increase the unity of the team.

As the late Joe Dean liked to say, "We'll see."

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



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A Quick Look at the Tigers



Skylar Mays



Trendon Watford

The First Five

4 Skylar Mays 6-4, 205, Guard, Sr., Baton Rouge

Everyone's favorite. The team leader. His drives to the basket, culminating in memorable dunks, frequently sparks the Tigers in close games. Streak shooter can also ignite a rally with long distance threes. Plays the two guard, but can also play point guard. Averaged 13.4 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.1 assists, and 1.9 steals last season. Finished second in the SEC in steals and in free throw accuracy.

2 Trendon Watford 6-7, 235, Forward, Fr., Birmingham, Ala.

Remember Ben Simmons? This highly recruited power forward also excels as a ball handler. Look for him to bring the ball up the floor, drive to the basket, and set up teammates with his passes. Should give the Tigers steady point



Emmitt Williams



Marlon Taylor

production. Averaged 23.7 points, 11.8 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and 2.5 blocks as a senior at Mountain Brook High. McDonald's All-American, led his team to three straight Alabama state high school championships.

5 Emmitt Williams 6-6, 230, Forward, So., Ft. Myers, Fla.

The Tigers' best offensive rebounder. His defense, dramatic dunks, and aggressive play on both ends of the floor make him a valuable member of the lineup. Averaged 7.0 points and 5.4 rebounds per game last season, playing less than 20 minutes per game. Five star recruit broke LeBron James' scoring record by 10 points with 44 points in the Jordan Brand All-American game. Led Oak Ridge High to the Florida state championship in 2018.



Travonte Smart

14 Marlon Taylor 6-5, 210, Guard, Sr., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Athletic wing excites the crowd with his spectacular dunks, two of which made the ESPN SportsCenter's highlights last season. His 42.5-inch vertical leaping ability is also an asset to his defense and rebounding. Recovering from off-season surgery. Worked diligently to improve his three point marksmanship in pre-season. Averaged 6.7 points and 3.6 rebounds as a junior.

1 Travonte Smart 6-4, 205, Guard, So., Baton Rouge

Averaged 11.1 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.3 steals per game last season as a freshman. Connected on 41 three pointers. Coaching staff anticipates improved all-around play as he takes on the responsibility of replacing Tremont Waters at point guard. Three time Louisiana Gatorade Player of the Year at Scotlandville High. Led Scotlandville to three state championships.



Darius Days

Sixth Man Candidates

0 Darius Days 6-6, 240, Forward, So., Raleigh, Fla.

Wade predicts breakout season for this diligent, versatile sophomore. Consistent performance as a rebounder, defensive player, and outside shooter makes Days a valuable replacement for Watford or Williams. Sixty of his 80 rebounds were offensive rebounds last season. Averaged 5.3 points and 4.0 rebounds in 14.6

minutes per game. Had five games as a scorer in double figures, including 10 vs. Maryland in the NCAA tournament. Connected on .382 percent of his three-point attempts.

11 Charles Manning 6-5, 200, Guard, Jr., Riverhead, N.Y.

Competitive guard made a hit with Will Wade on the trip to Spain, leading the Tigers in steals and hitting over 40 percent of his three-point attempts. When the match-ups are favorable, Manning could crack the starting lineup. Averaged 16.8 points, 4.8 rebounds, 3.1 assists, and 1.1 steals at Florida SouthWestern State College in 2018-19, scoring over 20 seven times. In his two years at Florida SouthWestern State, shot 51.0 percent from the floor overall and 34.1 percent from the arc.

Players to Watch

10 James Bishop 6-2, 190, Guard, Fr., Baltimore, Md.

Rapid development by this freshman could provide depth at point guard and scoring off the bench. Averaged 23.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 3.3 assists at Mount Saint Joseph's High School as a senior. Scored over 2,100 points in his prep career. Two-time Baltimore Sun All-Metro first team selection. Baltimore Catholic Player of the Year in 2019.

15 Audre Hyatt 6-5, 225, Forward, Fr., Bronx, N.Y.

Three-point accuracy is Hyatt's ticket for playing time on the wing. Sustained injury in Spain exhibition tour and got a late start to pre-season practice. Redshirted last season rehabbing an injury. Played for the Miller School in Charlottesville, Va., in 2016-17 and 2017-18. Led the team in scoring with 18 points a game and had 8.5 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game. Shot 46.7 percent from the field, and 34 percent from three-point range. Hyatt was the state player of the year in 2018, leading the Miller School to a 27-4 record and the state championship.

12 Marshall Graves 6-4, 195, Guard, Sr., Ponchatoula, La.

Veteran player is a gifted shooter beyond the arc. Can provide support for Mays. Played in 11 games last season, averaging 2.5 points and 0.6 rebounds, and 7.8 minutes. Had his first career game in double figures, hitting 4-of-8 three-point attempts for a 12 point performance in the final game of the regular season against Vanderbilt.

21 Courtesee Cooper 6-8, 220, Forward, So., Elgin, Ill.

Slender shot blocker with rebounding and shooting skills could gain playing time. Quickness and ability to run the floor are assets that could surprise the opposition. Cooper came to LSU after playing on a Division II junior college national championship team at Triton College (Ill.) in 2018 as a freshman. Redshirted last season and will have three years of eligibility remaining. Cooper averaged 10.1 points, 6.8 rebounds and 2.9 blocks as a JC freshman. He shot 55 percent overall and hit 40 percent from outside the arc for Triton.

24 Deshawn Thomas 6-9, 250, Center, Jr., Dentsville, S.C.

Late addition to the roster provides depth inside. Shot-blocking and defensive ability should help replace Kavell Bigby-Williams. Three-time All-Region and All-State selection at A.C. Flora High School in Columbia, S.C. Averaged 16.5 points and 8.5 rebounds, 5 blocks a game in high school. Averaged 6.9 points per game in 2019 in junior college play, while shooting .662 percent from the floor. Averaged 4.3 rebounds a game. Shot .631 percent as a freshman at Florida SouthWestern State College. Played with Charles Manning, Jr., at that school last season. Team won the Suncoast Conference championship and finished fifth at the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.



Charles Manning



James Bishop



Audre Hyatt

Skip Bertman Statue Unveiled



The Skip Bertman statue was unveiled in Legacy Plaza in September. Photo by Gus Stark/LSU Athletics

LSU unveiled the Skip Bertman statue in September, honoring the school's legendary baseball coach and director of athletics.

The statue, the centerpiece of the Legacy Plaza, commemorates the accomplishments of the coach who, from 1984 to 2001, led the Tigers to five National Championships and seven Southeastern Conference Championships. He is one of only three coaches in NCAA history to win five baseball national titles.

Bertman helped grow interest in LSU baseball from an average attendance of less than 500 fans per game in 1983 to becoming the annual NCAA attendance leader. The average paid attendance for LSU baseball today is over 10,000 per game, and the Tigers have led the nation in total attendance.

He guided LSU to eleven College World Series appearances, sixteen NCAA Tournament appearances, and coached thirty-one LSU players who advanced to Major League Baseball. He was named National Coach of the Year six times and SEC Coach of the Year seven times.

After retiring from coaching, Bertman served as LSU's director of athletics from 2001-08, presiding over the Tigers' football National Championship seasons in 2003 and 2007.

Breaux, Clark Share Top Job in Gymnastics



Co-head gymnastics coaches Jay Clark and D-D Breaux. Photo by Gus Stark/LSU Athletics

In case you missed it, D-D Breaux and Jay Clark are now the co-head coaches of LSU gymnastics, the first such arrangement in the recent history of Southeastern Conference athletics. Breaux created the dual leadership role after growing weary of other schools trying to hire Clark away from LSU.

Can you visualize Nick Saban sharing his head coaching responsibility with anyone? A better question might be – what NCAA head football coach would share his job with another coach?

Breaux has no problem with sharing. She not only speaks freely about team and sacrifice, she puts these concepts into practice.

A Hall of Fame coach in forty-one seasons as LSU coach, Breaux is no stranger to innovation. She mastered

flexibility in order to build the LSU gymnastics team into one of the elite programs in the nation.

A division of responsibility is in place.

Breaux has been a national leader in gymnastics over the past decade. Her enthusiasm is undiminished. She will continue to lobby for major events for LSU – such as the SEC championships held in New Orleans last season and NCAA Regional championships.

Clark, a twenty-nine-year veteran as a collegiate coach, will continue to focus on areas of strength. He has no equal in recruiting and marketing of his sport. He is regarded as the premier bar coach in the NCAA.

Breaux brought Clark to LSU in 2013 after he had resigned as the Georgia head coach.

See the complete gymnastics schedule at lsusports.net/schedule.aspx?schedule=252.

1950s



Ladell Payne (1956 MAST H&SS), president of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., from 1979-1997, will be honored for his many accomplishments and impact on the college by naming the school's new nursing building Payne Hall. Payne earned his bachelor's degree from Samford University and his Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Tomas W. Rodriguez (1954 BACH ENGR) and his wife, Nereida, live in Houston, Texas, where they settled after arriving from Cuba in 1961 with two babies and \$10.00. They have five children, eleven grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. Rodriguez,

registered as a Professional Engineer in the states of Illinois (1963) and in Texas (1974), was a member of the American Association of Cost Engineers. He retired from Texaco in 1985 and from Fluor Daniel in 1998. See also Tigers in Print, page 60.

Douglas Perret Starr (1950 BACH MCOM), ninety-four years young, has been a volunteer tutor at University of South Dakota Community College for Sioux Falls three afternoons a week since 2017, helping students with their class essays. He earned a master's degree in 1970 and a doctoral degree in 1972 in mass communications at Florida State University and retired as professor emeritus in 2010 after teaching Journalism and public relations for twelve years at the University of North Texas and twenty-four years at Texas A&M University.



Ronald B. Marks (1964 BACH H&SS) was named the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD) 2019 Distinguished Alumnus. The award recognizes a LSU SD or

Loyola University graduate who has shown extraordinary lifetime professional achievements in dental education, dental research, or community service and whose contributions strengthen the dental profession nationally or internationally.

1970s



Nancy Allbritton (1979 BACH SCI) joined the University of Washington as the Frank & Julie Jungers Dean of the College of Engineering on Nov. 1.

She was previously professor and joint department chair of biomedical engineering at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and North Carolina State University and also taught at the University of California-Irvine. She earned an M.D. from Johns Hopkins and a Ph.D. in medical physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Richard Arsenault (1977 BACH H&SS, 1980 JD), a partner in Neblett, Beard & Arsenault in Alexandria, La., was invited to speak on "Current

Issues in Complex Litigation" at a Colloquium Seminar at the University of Texas Law School. He was also selected by the American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys as one of the 10 Best Attorneys for Louisiana, recognized by the Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer Guide, nominated for membership in Premier Lawyers of America, and selected as a member of the Louisiana

1960s

J. Reginald Coco, Jr. (1969 JD) was inducted posthumously into the Louisiana Credit Union Hall of Fame at the organization's annual meeting. A member of La Capitol FCU in Baton Rouge, Coco was one of ten individuals throughout the state recognized for leadership, commitment, and dedication. A \$500 donation on behalf of the inductee was made to the Louisiana Credit Union Foundation to help foster educational programs for credit unions.



C. Stokes McConnell, Jr. (1969 BACH H&SS, 1972 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers*

in the area of Public Finance Law.

DEGREES

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

COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

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

State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee.



John Barton (1971 BACH H&SS, 1976 JD), of counsel, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Real Estate Law.



David R. Cassidy (1972 BACH H&SS, 1975 JD), of counsel, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Litigation and Controversy-Tax and Tax Law.

Donald Cunningham, Jr. (1978 BACH BUS, 1981 JD) joined Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton as of counsel in Baton Rouge. A public finance attorney, he represents tax credit developers in the acquisition, construction, and renovation of affordable housing projects and assists with bond, construction loan, soft loan, and equity documentation. Cunningham joined the firm from Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassell. He previously practiced at Jones Walker.



Gregory D. Frost (1977 BACH H&SS, 1981 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the

areas of Government Relations Practice and Health Care Law.



Leo C. Hamilton (1973 BACH H&SS, 1977 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Administrative/Regulatory Law, Employment Law-Management, and Labor Law-Management.



Michael R. Hubbell (1978 BACH BUS, 1980 MAST BUS, 1987 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of

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Glenn M. Kidder (1976 Bach H&SS, 1980 DDS), assistant clinical professor at the LSU School of Dentistry, New Orleans, was awarded the 2019

Pankey Institute Exceptional Educator of the Year Award at its recent 50th Anniversary Annual meeting. Kidder served on faculty for more than twenty-five years at the institute, which has trained more than 30,000 dentists from forty-four nations. He maintains a private practice in Baton Rouge where his practice is limited to the treatment of TMJ disorders and facial pain.



Van R. Mayhall, Jr. (1971 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was a Lawyer of the Year in the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers*

in the areas of Business Organizations, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Government Relations Practice, Litigation-Regulatory Enforcement, Litigation-Securities, Litigation and Controversy-Tax, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Reinsurance Law.



Eve B. Masinter (1979 BACH H&SS, 1982 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, New Orleans, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the

areas of Labor Law-Management and Litigation-Labor and Employment.



Claude F. Reynaud, Jr. (1974 BACH BUS), partner Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the

areas of Antitrust Law, Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Antitrust, and Litigation-Intellectual Property.



James Parkerson Roy (1974 BACH H&SS, 1976JD), an attorney with Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, Lafayette, La., was named to the 2020

edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Admiralty and Maritime Law, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Plaintiffs. He has been listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1999.

1980s



Robert S. "Bob" Angelico (1980 BACH BUS), managing partner, Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, was recognized by the Society of Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants (LCPA) with its Distinguished Service Award for his significant work supporting the society's state and local taxation legislation efforts. A longtime member, he is a past LCPA president and currently serves as its representative on the Louisiana Tax Institute. He earned his law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.



Robert L. Atkinson (1980 BACH H&SS, 1983 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best*

Lawyers in the area of Banking and Finance Law.



John Bursavich (1983 BACH H&SS, 1988 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the

areas of Commercial Litigation and Litigation-Health Care.



Jenna Carpenter (1986 BACH H&SS, 1989 PHD H&SS) founding dean of the School of Engineering at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C.,

received the 2019 Sharon Keillor Award for Women in Engineering Education at the American Society of Engineering Conference in June. The award recognizes and honors outstanding women engineering educators who have outstanding records in teaching and a strong performance in research and service within their schools. Carpenter also received the Southeastern Section Campus Representative Award and the Zone II Campus Representative Award.



David M. Charlton (1989 BACH BUS, 1983 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the

area of Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law.

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Tom Clark (1986 BACH H&SS, 1990 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Administrative/Regulatory Law, Commercial litigation, Entertainment Law-Motion Pictures and Television, Government Contracts, and Insurance Law.



Jeanne Comeaux (1980 BACH H&SS, 1994 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Trade Secrets Law.



Timothy F. Daniels (1982 BACH H&SS, 1985 JD), a partner in Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, New Orleans, was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Daniels, chair of the firm's Diversity Committee, has tried numerous cases during his thirty-four-year legal career, including railroad, pharmaceutical, products liability, insurance, casualty, and premises liability cases.



James Domengeaux (1986 BACH H&SS, 1986 JD), an attorney with Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, Lafayette, La., was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Admiralty and Maritime Law, Personal Injury Litigation—Plaintiffs, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Plaintiffs. He has been listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2016.



John Grubb (1988 BACH MCOM, 1990 MAST MCOM), vice president of Hotel & Conference Operations for The Cook Hotel and Conference Center at LSU, was appointed to the Campus Federal Credit Union (CFCU) Board of Directors to fulfill the unexpired term for a retiring board member. A member of CFCU since 1989, Grubb has served as an Ambassador for the financial institution for more than fifteen years.



Lance Kinchen (1989 BACH BUS, 1992 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Tax Law.



V. Joyce Matthews (1988 BACH H&SS) joined the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson as a partner. Her area of concentration is environmental law. She was previously senior attorney with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.



Paula Gail Merrick Roddy (1985 BACH H&SS) joined the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as the director of compliance programs in May. She administers the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Element (SBE) programs, Labor and Contract Compliance, Title VI/ADA Compliance, Title VII/EEO Compliance, and On-The-Job Training program. She was previously director of the Department of Human Development and Services with the City of Baton Rouge under Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden's

administration, where she administered the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, the Community Services Block Grant, and the Ryan White program. She is a member of the American Contract Compliance Association (ACCA) and the Louisiana and National Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and a supporter of WRKF and LPB. Roddy holds a master's degree in public administration from Southern University.



Trenton J. Oubre (1987 BACH BUS, 1991 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Litigation-Insurance and Workers Compensation Law-Employers.



Beverly Whitley (1986 BACH H&SS, 1990 JD), an attorney with Bell, Nunnally & Martin, Dallas, Texas, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation.

1990s



Brian Anderson (1995 MSW), professor for the School of Social Work at Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss., was reappointed to the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Educational Policy, the national association representing social work education in the United States. Anderson received the Social Work Educator of the Year Award from the Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference in October, recognizing his involvement with the

conference; scholarly activity, service, and leadership; community service/ outreach; and model of professionalism for social work students. He also received the award in 2009 and 2014.



John T. Andrishok (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.



Jennifer Boneno (1995 BACH MCOM) was promoted from account service director to vice president of client development at Zehnder Communications in

Baton Rouge. An agency shareholder, Boneno joined Zehnder in 2006.



Maria Burnham (1997 BACH H&SS) is co-artistic director of Ghostlight Ensemble Theatre Co. in Chicago, Ill. A founding member of the company and a veteran of the Chicago theatre scene, she previously served as the marketing and communications director and most recently co-directed Ghostlight's summer show for young audiences, *The Selfish Giant*.



Blake R. David (1997 BACH H&SS, 2001 JD), founding partner with Broussard & David, Lafayette, La., was accepted into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Membership is awarded to trial lawyers who demonstrate high personal character and honorable reputation and exhibit the virtues of civility, integrity, and professionalism. He is one of fifty-two ABOTA members in Louisiana.



Cullen J. Dupuy (1990 BACH BUS, 1993 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Litigation-Insurance.

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Nicole Gould Frey (1996 BACH BUS, 2000 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, became a certified member of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation, the highest level of professional achievement in business taxation and is a mark of professional distinction in the field. She practices primarily in the areas of state and local taxation. She previously served on central staff at the First Circuit Court of Appeal and the Louisiana Department of Revenue.



Emily Black Grey (1994 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Health Care Law.



Scott N. Hensgens (1993 BACH H&SS), managing partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named a Lawyer of the Year in the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Intellectual Property, and Trademark Law.

Erika Klampfl (1994 BACH H&SS), director of Greenfield Labs, a human-centered design organization within Ford Global Markets, received the TRIO Achiever award at the Council for Opportunity in Education in September.



Francisco José Mejía Sendoya (1997 MBA, 2000 MAST BUS) is president of the Agrarian Bank of Colombia in Bogota. After graduating from

LSU, he was an auditor at Schering Plough in New Jersey, held managerial positions in Mexico City, and was financial controller for Philip Morris International in Colombia.



Allison Stiel (1999 BACH MCOM) was promoted from social media manager to director of social media at Zehnder Communications in New Orleans. She joined Zehnder in 2006.

2000s



David C. Fleshman (2008 BACH H&SS, 2011 JD) joined the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson as an associate in the construction group.



Scott Harrington (2000 BACH BUS) was named director of the LSU Law Center of Continuing Professional Development (CCPD), after serving as interim director since. Harrington's service at the CCPD dates to 1998, when he joined the team as a student worker. Before taking over as interim director this summer, he served as associate director for eleven years, and prior to that held roles as coordinator and assistant coordinator. He earned a JD from Southern University Law Center in 2015.



John Jacobi (2006 BACH BUS) is a portfolio manager with Northern Trust Corporation in Houston, Texas. He earned an MBA from Rice University.



Van R. Mayhall, III (2001 JD, 2005 MBA), of counsel, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, was named to the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the area of Corporate Law.



Catherine Seemann (2007 MSW) joined the LSU Law Center to provide law students with free mental health consultation and therapy services. In addition to one-on-one counseling, Seemann hosts mental health seminars at the center. She was most recently a social worker and support coordinator at the LSU Health Early Intervention Clinic. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



Elly Austin Vecchio (2006 BACH H&SS) joined Phelps Dunbar's Houston, Texas, office as partner, where she will focus her practice on energy, eminent domain and litigation issues. Vecchio earned a JD from the South Texas College of Law in 2010.

2010s



Blake Brian (2015 BACH BUS) is an associate portfolio manager with Northern Trust Corporation in Houston, Texas. He became a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) charterholder in August 2019 and is involved with Junior Achievement of Texas.

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Katherine Cicardo Mannino (2010 BACH MCOM, 2013 JD) joined Phelps Dunbar, Baton Rouge, in the firm's health care practice.



Katherine Simon (2010 BACH MCOM) was promoted from account supervisor to group account director at Zehnder Communications in New Orleans. She joined Zehnder in 2010.

Foundation of North Louisiana and volunteers with a variety of nonprofits and community initiatives.

Jennifer Vance (2015 BACH MCOM) joined JKS Communications, a literary publishing firm, as a publicist. She was previously a designer and copy editor at *The Advocate* (Baton Rouge and New Orleans).



Annie E. Reed 2015 BACH H&SS, 2019 JD) joined Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore representing medical device and pharmaceutical

manufacturers in a variety of product liability matters, with a particular emphasis on complex and mass-consolidated litigation. She was previously a judicial extern to the Hon. Brian A. Jackson in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.



Emily Smith (2013 BACH BUS) was selected as a 40 Under Forty honoree by the Young Professional Initiative of Northwest Louisiana. This award recognizes young professionals in the Shreveport-Bossier area for professional achievement, leadership, and community involvement. Smith is the director of marketing and communications for the Community



Anna Vu (2017 BACH ENGR) joined Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC) in Baton Rouge. She will be focusing on drainage projects involving pump stations and on water treatment plants. Vu was previously with Phoenix Global in New Orleans.

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Benjamin Bergholtz, English



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& TECHNOLOGY \$2,000
Aref Samadi-Dooki, Civil Engineering

In Memoriam



Lancelot "Lance" P. Olinde (1955 BACH MCOM) passed away on Sept. 19, 2019, in Houston, Texas.

After earning his degree in journalism, Olinde worked in the U.S. State Department Foreign Service from 1956-1960, then returned to Louisiana where two years later he attended Loyola Law School at night and finished first in class composed of both day and night divisions. In 1967, he was employed by Humble Oil and Refining Co. and spent the rest of his career working for Humble/Exxon until he retired in 1995 as general counsel at Exxon Coal and Minerals Co. Following his retirement, Olinde was active in volunteer work with Christian Community Service Center, serving on its board of directors and as president, and he served as president of the endowment board. He was a member of the LSU Foundation and a member and longtime, loyal supporter of the LSU Alumni Association, the Lod Cook Alumni Center, and The Cook Hotel.

1930s

Philemon A. "Phil" St. Amant, 1939 BACH H&SS, Aug. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1940s

Mildred Courtney Benton, 1947 BACH M&DA, Sept. 10, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Moonlee Mowad Karam, 1948 BACH BUS, 1949 BACH HS&E, Oct. 1, 2019, Oakdale, La.

Mary Asseff Martien, 1949 BACH HS&E, Aug. 4, 2019, Lafayette, La.

Leon Joseph "Jack" Persac, Jr., 1949 BACH BUS, September 2019, Baton Rouge, La

Theresa M. Tumey, 1944 BACH BUS, Aug. 4, 2019, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

1950s

John Ross Accomando, 1954 MAST AGR, Sept. 1, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Magda Mae Bowman, 1954 BACH HS&E, Sept. 14, 2019, Freeport, Fla.

Nicholas J. "Nick" Canatella, Sr., 1950 BACH BUS, Sept. 5, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Verna Mae Birkel Clouatre, 1951 BACH M&DA, Oct. 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Robert B. Craig, 1951 BACH BUS, Aug. 24, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Charles Ray Crowder, 1959 BACH ENGR, Oct. 7, 2019, Denham Springs, La.

Lynnwood Dale Ducote, 1950 BACH BUS, Aug. 27, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Fieldon John Fulda, 1959 BACH M&DA, Oct. 8, 2019, Amite, La.

Joan Lousteau Henry, 1959 BACH SCI, Aug. 26, 2019, Panama City, Fla.

Richard Molpus Hill, Sr., 1954 MBA, Sept. 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Lawrence D. "L.D." Jackson, Jr., 1959 MAST HS&E, Aug. 22, 2019, Hammond, La.

Leroy Landon, 1956 BACH HS&E, 1964 MAST HS&E, 1969 MLS, Sept. 18, 2019, Natchitoches, La.

Janis Meyer Lasseigne, 1954 BACH H&SS, 1970 JD, Sept. 18, 2019, Gonzales, La.

Henry Huck Mahier, 1950 BACH ENGR, Aug. 24, 2019, Branford, Conn.

Nancy Oliver "Jane" "Sissy" Salassi, 1950 BACH M&DA, Sept. 6, 2019, Denham Springs, La.

Harold Lloyd Sicard, Sr., 1956 BACH ENGR, Aug. 21, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Rebecca Jane DeVillier Sylvester, 1958 MAST HS&E, August 2019, Opelousas, La.

Paul F. Vitrano, 1957 BACH HS&E, Oct. 2, 2019, St. Rose, La.

Estin Jacob Young, 1959 BACH ENGR, Aug. 24, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1960s

Byrd McNeil Ball, 1961 BACH SCI, Aug. 20, 2019, Atlanta, Ga.

Donald Adrien Browning, 1969 BACH H&SS, Aug. 4, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Katherine Roy "Kitty" Claus, 1962 BACH ENGR, Sept. 9, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

George M. Cotton, 1969 BACH MCOM, 1985 JD, July 29, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Cherry Means Davis, 1969 BACH HS&E, Aug. 5, 2019, Austin, Texas

Marvene Dallas Dearman, 1966 MLS, 1980 CERT HS&E, July 21, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Kenneth Francis Domma, 1962 BACH BUS, Sept. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

John B. "J.B." Esnard, Jr., 1968 BACH ENGR, Sept. 7, 2019, Gonzales, La.

Carlo De Maio, 1966 BACH H&SS, 1968 MAST H&SS, 1974 PHD H&SS, instructor of Spanish and director of the Foreign Language Laboratory, July 31, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Alvin Kent Furlow, 1966 BACH BUS, Oct. 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Gary Cecil Guelfo, 1964 BACH ENGR, Oct. 2, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Sheridan Harelson "Sherry" Harris, 1961 BACH HS&E, 1971 MAST HS&E, Aug. 12, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

David Phillips James, 1968 MSW, July 24, 2019, Central, La.

Joseph E. Moreland, Jr., 1968 BACH MCOM, Aug. 23, 2019, Clarkston, Mich.

William A. "Bill" Norfolk, 1961 JD, Oct. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Stephen P. Norgress, 1968 BACH AGR, Sept. 19, 2019, Deland, Fla.

Mark T. Ott, Sr., 1964 BACH H&SS, 1970 MSW, Oct. 10, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Phyllis Ann Roussel, 1967 BACH AGR, Sept. 5, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Charles Leroy Shilling, 1963 BACH AGR, 1965 MAST AGR, Sept. 19, 2019, Denham Springs, La.

Ricahrd Houghton Tannehill, 1961 BACH H&SS, Oct. 11, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Daniel Driscoll "Dan" "Danny" Uter, Jr., 1966 BACH H&SS, July 26, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1970s

Helen Blackwell, 1962 BACH H&SS, 1971 MBA, Sept. 8, 2019, Arlington, Va.

Richard Nereaux “Dick” Burt, 1970 BACH BUS, 1978 JD, July 23, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Amy Elizabeth Counce, 1978 BACH H&SS, 1981 JD, Aug. 19, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Randall H. Crain, 1983 BACH H&SS, Oct. 1, 2019, Hammond, La.

Steven Arnond Dauenhauer, 1970 BACH SCI, Aug. 2, 2019, Bossier City, La.

Donald Dale Gaudet, 1972 BACH H&SS, July 29, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

David M. Guillot, 1975 BACH M&DA, Aug. 6, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Lauren Fuller Henry, 1970 BACH H&SS, June 11, 2019, Fort Worth, Texas

Earline Sallier Higgins, 1975 MAST HS&E, Aug. 31, 2019, Alexandria, La.

John Darryl Holdcraft, 1977 BACH H&SS, Aug. 9, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Judith Anding Howell, 1972 BACH HS&E, July 21, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Hilda Sanchez Krousel, 1970 PHD H&SS, Oct. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Jonathan Ellis Martin, 1971 BACH ENGR, Sept. 20, 2019, Alexandria, La.

Michael John Matlock, 1972 BACH HS&E, July 9, 2019, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Michael McElderry, 1979 BACH H&SS, 1984 MD, Oct. 5, 2019, Lafayette, La.

Charlotte Polito Musso, 1975 BACH HS&E, Sept. 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Anne Boyd Howe Nelson, 1971 BACH HS&E, 1973 MAST H&SS, Aug. 20, 2019, Burke, Va.

Maurice P. “Moe” Rome, 1977 BACH H&SS, Aug. 3, 2019, Brittany, La.

Connie Marie Tucker, 1975 BACH HS&E, Sept. 23, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Frances Grace Uffman, 1971 BACH AGR, Aug. 9, 2019, Cheneyville, La.

Linda Fidler Vallet, 1972 BACH HS&E, 1981 MAST HS&E, July 31, 2019, Prairieville, La.

James Robert “Jimmy” Wood, 1973 BACH H&SS, 1980 BACH HS&E, Aug. 17, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

1980s

Georgianna “Gigi” Leblanc Chenevert, 1985 BACH HS&E, Sept. 20, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Joseph Hemily “Joey” Dufour, Jr., 1982 BACH ENGR, Aug. 21, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Mark Oliver “Sparke” Edwards, 1983 BACH H&SS, 1988 MD-NO, July 18, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Heulette Clovance “Clo” Fonenot, Jr., 1984 BACH H&SS, Sept. 29, 2019, Livingston, La.

Sheila Kaye Reuben Joyner, 1984 BACH HS&E, Aug. 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Kevin Paul Kress, 1988 BACH H&SS, Oct. 2, 2019, Portland, Ore.

John Robert Love, 1981 BACH AGR, Sept. 2, 2019, Abbeville, La.

Geraldine Moreno “GG” Tassin, 1989 BACH H&SS, Aug. 15, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Elizabeth Badeaux Myers, 1988 BACH HS&E, 1992 MLS, Sept. 13, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

James Simm, 1981 BACH BUS, 1982 MBA, Sept. 20, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Loyd I. Sowers, 1987 MAST HS&E, Aug. 25, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Paul Andre Waguespack, 1989 BACH AGR, July 30, 2019, Napoleonville, La.

1990s

Eric “Todd” Hebert, 1992 BACH H&SS, 1993 BACH H&SS, 1997 JD, Aug. 19, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Kevin David Kelley, 1995 BACH ENGR, Sept. 23, 2019, The Woodlands, Texas

2000s

Alex Brown Bounds, 2006 BACH A&D, July 24, 2019, Denver, Colo.

Anne Marye Boudreaux, 2009 BACH AGR, Sept. 16, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

May Harrison Bruser, 2000 BACH H&SS, 2004 JD, Sept. 20, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

Lindsey Ryan Thibodeaux, 2003 BACH MCOM, Sept. 7, 2019, Baton Rouge, La.

2010s

John Major de Pingré, 2014 BACH HS&E, Aug. 9, 2019, Minden, La.

Steven “Brad” Ellison

Electronics Shop Manager, Physics & Astronomy
July 24, 2019
Baton Rouge, La.

Mark Jarrell

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Glenney Louise Archer Valentine

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Tigers in Print

Don Chance (1980 PHD BUS)

The Assignment (Don Chance)

Catherine “CJ” McCarter seems like she’s got it all together. President of a university, accomplished economist, married to her college sweetheart, and mother of a beautiful and intelligent college-age daughter, from the outside, her life is the picture of success. But doubts about her husband’s faithfulness and recurring thoughts about a young male PhD candidate are about to disrupt her tightly controlled existence and cause her to do things she’s never dreamed of. Becoming embroiled in an academic scandal and being threatened by blackmail that could end her career and dismantle everything she’s worked so hard for, CJ is forced to reckon with parts of her life – and herself – that have long been left unexamined.

Dawn Nix (1997 BACH H&SS, 2000 BSN)

The Nurse’s Guide to Innovation: Accelerating the Journey (Super Star Press)

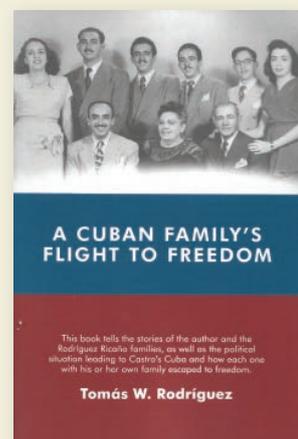
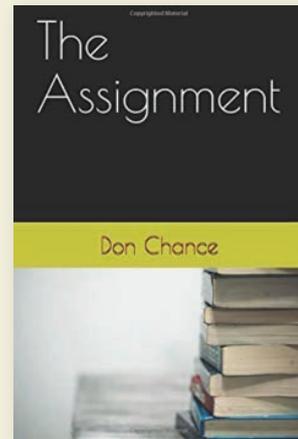
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Tomás W. Rodríguez (1954 BACH ENGR)

A Cuban Family’s Fight to Freedom (Alexandra Library Incorporated)

The book tells the stories of the author and the Rodríguez Ricaño families, as well as the political situation leading to Castro’s Cuba, and how each one with his or her own family escaped to freedom.



TRUE TIGERS

CHRIS KING

Volunteer Extraordinaire

Floods have launched Cajun navies, a commissary, even a Cajun special forces. But there is only one Cajun Army, the trademarked name of an all-volunteer group cofounded by Chris King, Baton Rouge business owner and 2006 LSU business management graduate.

“We show up after the television cameras leave,” said King, seated at his desk in the offices of Next Level Solutions (NLS), a company he started at his kitchen table six years ago. “We help small businesses with accounting, human resources and technology, and we free their admin teams or owners to focus on business.”

For King, small to medium businesses are those that generate up to \$50 million and have as many as 150 employees. The government’s definition of a small business varies, but King says, “99 percent of U.S. companies may be classified small business and account for only 44 percent of the GDP.”

With sales of \$1 million annually and twenty employees, twelve of whom are fulltime, NLS is among the nation’s small businesses. “I’m not wealthy from this business,” he said. “My wife and I live a conservative life style. We drive paid-up vehicles.”

King and wife Amy, a first grade teacher who had a previous career as a corporate accountant, have two daughters, both students at LSU. Amy King is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse.

King’s founding the Cajun Army began with the flood of 2016 in the Baton Rouge area and the effect high water had on his own employees. After eleven hours of boat rescue and seeing the misery occasioned by the flood, the ministry/business organizer part of King clicked on. A youth ministry volunteer at First United Methodist Church and volunteer with Kairos Prison Ministry at Angola, he knew from organizing mission trips that finding food and shelter for volunteers would be essential to his Cajun Army.

With the help of Cajun Navy dispatchers and a Cajun Army Facebook page, King and his corps of volunteers have helped restore

homes in Louisiana, Texas, and North Carolina. “The Cajun Navy, Army, and Commissary is a dysfunctional family,” he laughed. “We (the Cajun Army) sit back and assess. How can we best engage? They’ve been rescued. Now, they’re faced with gutting their houses and moving their ruined stuff to the curb. People don’t know all the places we’ve been. The government can help some people but not all.

Dysfunctional, maybe, but the volunteer flood relief groups operate at their own direction, using their own boats, trucks, and kitchen gear. Somehow, the money to operate materializes, even if the volunteers have to reach into their own pockets, King said. “Operation Super-Chicken Day” provided 8,000 chicken kabobs with sides to flooding victims in black neighborhoods in North Baton Rouge in 2016. When the would-be donor of the chicken didn’t come through, chicken day wasn’t looking too super – until the Greater New Orleans Food Bank stepped in.

King knows what it is to start over. He came back from a business failure in his late twenties. As a student at the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, he worked to pay his tuition after his family lost its money. Married with children, he worked to put himself through LSU.

It’s exhausting listening to King go through his daily schedule, not to mention his work with the Cajun Army. He recharges by “running home for a nap,” and working out at the gym.

How long does the Cajun Army’s relief work last for each flood? “It lasts until the volunteers quit coming,” King said.



Cajun Army Cofounder/President
Chris King.

“We show up after the television cameras leave.”

By Ed Cullen

PROFILE

Community Service Is 'Routine' for Charles Bernard

By Ed Cullen



Charles and Kim Bernard at home in Vernon Hills, Ill.

“Alpha Phi Alpha stressed service to others. It became a routine of mine.”

You don't have to adopt to give a child a family.

The idea behind the national charity Gift of Adoption made sense to Charles Bernard (1992 BACH H&SS). The senior Walgreens executive and his wife, Kim, had thought to adopt a child early in their marriage. Though the Illinois couple, the parents of three children, ultimately did not adopt, Gift of Adoption has allowed them to help children find homes.

Bernard, who is on the adoption charity's board, says the Gift of Adoption Fund provides grants of up to \$10,000 toward adoption expenses. The fund provides grants that help keep siblings together or prevent siblings from aging out of orphanages or foster care, as well as grants for families trying to adopt children with medical conditions.

Growing up in Lake Charles in what Bernard calls “humble beginnings,” the obstacles he had to overcome were nothing compared to what children without families face, he said.

Children who grow up outside families have a much higher rate of mental illness, criminal conduct and homelessness.

“Only 2.5 percent of children who grow up in foster care graduate from a four-year college,” said Bernard, citing a recent study by the Casey Foundation.

“Nearly 25 percent of Americans, about eighty million people, say that they have seriously considered adoption for their own family,” Bernard said. “But only about 2 percent complete the process, citing many barriers, one of the primary ones being the costs associated with completing an adoption. That’s what motivates me.”

Told by doctors that it was unlikely that he and his wife could have children

of their own, the Bernards began researching adoption. Within a year of their marriage, Kim Bernard gave birth. Two years later, she had twins. The doctors had been wrong.

“My career had taken off,” Bernard said. “We moved five times in ten years. We never got back to adoption, but we kept having the conversation.”

The Gift of Adoption Fund was begun in 1996 by Gene and Lucy Wyka of Grafton, Wis. Response was so great the couple turned Gift of Adoption into a public charity in 2001.

Today, there are more than 150 million orphans worldwide. There are 125,000 children in foster care in this country who are waiting to be adopted right now. The median cost of domestic adoption is between \$20,000 and \$40,000, Bernard said. International adoptions, which can involve expensive travel, may average \$42,000, he said.

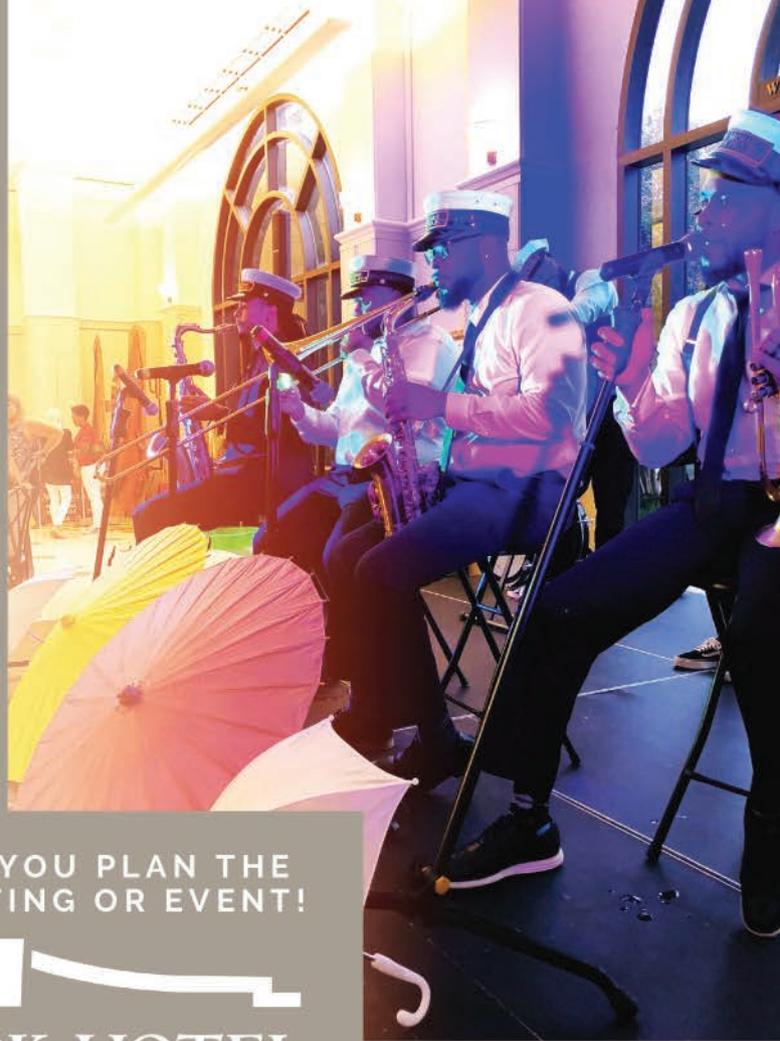
Over the past twenty years, Gift of Adoption has awarded about \$8.2 million to help with the adoptions of 2,890 children in the United States, according to the charity.

At LSU, Bernard’s fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, stressed service to others. “It became a routine of mine,” he said.

Bernard went to LSU with friends he knew from LaGrange High School in Lake Charles, La.

“My LSU network spread from that,” he said. His memory of LSU is “a big university with a small, intimate feeling.”

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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In the Kitchen with Liz Williams

By Brian Hudgins
Photo by Stephen Binns



Liz Williams, president of the National Food & Beverage Foundation and founder of the Southern Food & Beverage Museum in New Orleans.

Neither a food studies program nor Food Network was anywhere to be found during Elizabeth Williams’ days as an undergrad student at LSU. No matter. She had two strong childhood ties to food.

“My grandparents came to the U.S. as adults from Sicily, and I had the double whammy of food in New Orleans,” said Williams (1971 BACH H&SS, 1974 JD), founder of the Southern Food & Beverage Museum in New Orleans and president of the National Food & Beverage Foundation. “I started at LSU in 1967. There was no food studies program.”

So Williams’ journey to food culture connoisseur went through other channels. She supplemented her bachelor’s degree in English with a juris doctorate. Those communication and problem-solving skills contributed to Williams serving as a U.S. Army officer, rising to captain in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. She stayed in the reserves after that three-year stretch.

Becoming director of the Arts Administration Program at the University of New Orleans, doing pro bono work for national organizations, and being involved in UNO’s work with both the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and the D-Day Museum (now the National World War II Museum) culminated in a culinary project.

“We were creating outreach and trying to establish museums ... Let’s create a food museum,” Williams said. Williams had witnessed the cultural impact of music, architecture, and education. Her push for food to take a place on the stage coincided with the growth of Food Network. “Food on television started going way beyond what Julia Child was doing,” Williams said. “Recipes were being widely searched. Food has become recognized as a cultural aspect.”



Plans were in the works to open the Southern Food & Beverage Museum in 2005, but Hurricane Katrina intervened. The new operating timeline for opening became 2008. The long trek timed out as needed. "Sometimes you are lucky," Williams said. "You could be ready to do something at the wrong time and become a voice in the wilderness," Williams said. "Things coalesced at the right time."

"Food as a culture – the most important thing is food brings us together."

In addition to examining donated artifacts to determine their potential usefulness in exhibits, Williams is often planning programs or meeting people to keep an eye on developing food trends. "Food as a culture – the most important thing is food brings us together," Williams said. "There is nothing else people do that is as communal that brings us together."

Williams has brought the diverse tastes within New Orleans together in her recently released book: "Unique Eats and Eateries of New Orleans" (Reedy Press). Amid an avalanche of high-calorie entrees and sweet desserts, Williams has a favorite vegetable that is extremely versatile. "I would eat artichokes for breakfast," she said. "I'm a coffee and chicory drinker. Luckily, I can have it at night and it doesn't keep me up."

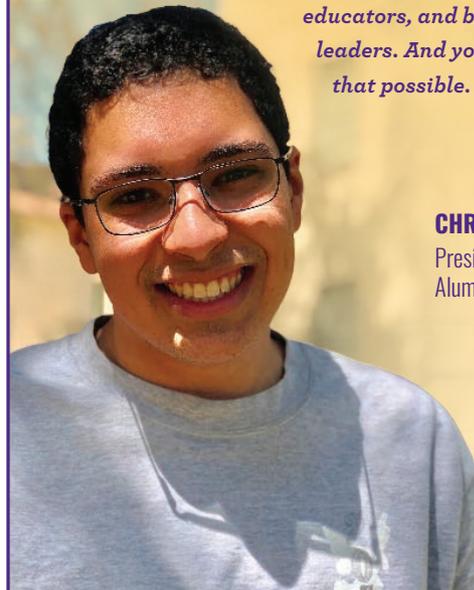
Williams is thankful for her path started at LSU. Even though she got a relatively late start in food study, English and legal matters formed a great foundation. "Maybe it would have been more limiting to study food early on," she said. "Studying the big subjects I did is so open-ended. You can keep exploring."

Brian Hudgins is a Houston native who enjoys SEC sports and covering a variety of subjects as a freelance writer.

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PROFILE

Mission: St. Louis - Josh Wilson's Calling

By Greg Forbes Siegman



Josh Wilson, founder and president of Mission: St. Louis

“Doing this work has allowed me to see the beauty in knowing and relying on those around me. I'm a better friend and a better neighbor because of it.”

After graduating from LSU with a degree in kinesiology, Josh Wilson (2004 BACH HS&E) went to work in the school system in St. Louis, Mo. On occasion, he encountered students struggling with problems that went far beyond a tricky math equation. Their families lacked the funds to fulfill basic needs like shelter, food, and clothing. He believed there was a direct correlation between those circumstances and the students' academic results. He has been on a mission to break the cycle of poverty ever since. As founder and president of Mission: St. Louis, Wilson oversees a team of staff and volunteers who tackle this issue on several fronts – education, employment, and community. Now in its thirteenth year, the organization assists people of all generations. Depending on the individual's age and circumstance, Wilson & Co. provides support that includes – and extends far beyond – tutoring, job training, and home repair. On behalf of *LSU Alumni Magazine*, Jefferson Award for Public Service honoree Greg Forbes Siegman interviewed Wilson about his life, his work, and his love of LSU.

Greg: What did you dream you would be when you grew up?

Josh: “A world class athlete. I was that kid with pages from Sports Illustrated taped on his walls.”

Greg: Did your family play a role in shaping your interest in helping others?

Josh: “Yes. My family highly valued people and relationships. My father was a pastor. As a kid, I had a front row seat watching him and my Mom love and care for people really well. It's a legacy I continue to pull from today.”

Greg: What do you hope your own legacy will be?

Josh: “A man who loved God, his family, and people, and as my Dad always told us when we borrowed anything from people around us – 'let's make sure we leave this better than we found it.' I hope my legacy will be that I've done that.”

Greg: What is something that Baton Rouge and St. Louis have in common?

Josh: “Great food.”

Greg: Knowing what you now know, were there any classes at LSU that may not seem to be related to the nonprofit sector but actually helped prepare you well for your current role?

Josh: “Communications and public speaking. It has been the foundation for a lot of what I spend my time doing as I run MSTL.”

Greg: Was there a professor at LSU who played a significant role in your life beyond the classroom?

Josh: “My exercise physiology professor, Richard McGill. My wife, Leigh Wilson (2003 BACH HS&E) played soccer for LSU. We frequently played pick-up games with the coaching staff before their practices began. One day, I found out Professor McGill loved soccer. I invited him to join our games, and he accepted. So, I got to spend that time getting to know him outside of class. His passion for life and for what he taught – his calling – has stuck with me.”

Greg: What is the mission of Mission: St. Louis?

Josh: “To bridge opportunity gaps and foster flourishing in our community.”

Greg: *How do you define whether Mission: St. Louis is achieving that mission?*

Josh: “Three ways: We call them Hand, Heart, and Identity. The first are measurable outcomes. Things like employment numbers, wages, literacy scores, math scores. The second are behavioral changes that are more difficult to quantify – such as choosing to train in a skill set or engaging with your children. The third are measurements that our neighbors set for themselves – like getting a driver’s license.”

Greg: *You started Mission: St. Louis in 2006. What advice would 2019 Josh give to 2006 Josh?*

Josh: “Shut up and listen.”

Greg: *What is something you’ve learned from listening and being around the people served by your organization?*

Josh: “Community. Doing this work has allowed me to see the beauty in knowing and relying on those around me. I’m a better friend and a better neighbor because of it.”

Greg: *In your experience, what is the single biggest obstacle that people dealing with poverty must overcome on the road to a better quality of life?*

Josh: “Education, good health, job opportunity, food, steady shelter – all of those things are needed – but if you don’t know you are loved and valued, it is difficult to start on this path. One of the most beautiful things I get to do on a consistent basis is look someone in the eye and affirm who they are. If you know that you are loved, that you are valued, that you have a talent and skill set, and it brings value in this world, it produces the hope that it takes to overcome so many obstacles.”

Greg: *For better or worse, that sense of our own value can be impacted by labels that get put on us. What do you think would be a positive label for the people you serve, a label that reinforces they are valued members of your community?*

Josh: “Neighbors.”

For more information on Mission: St. Louis, visit www.missionstl.org

Greg Forbes Siegman is co-author of *The First Thirty* (www.FirstThirty.com).

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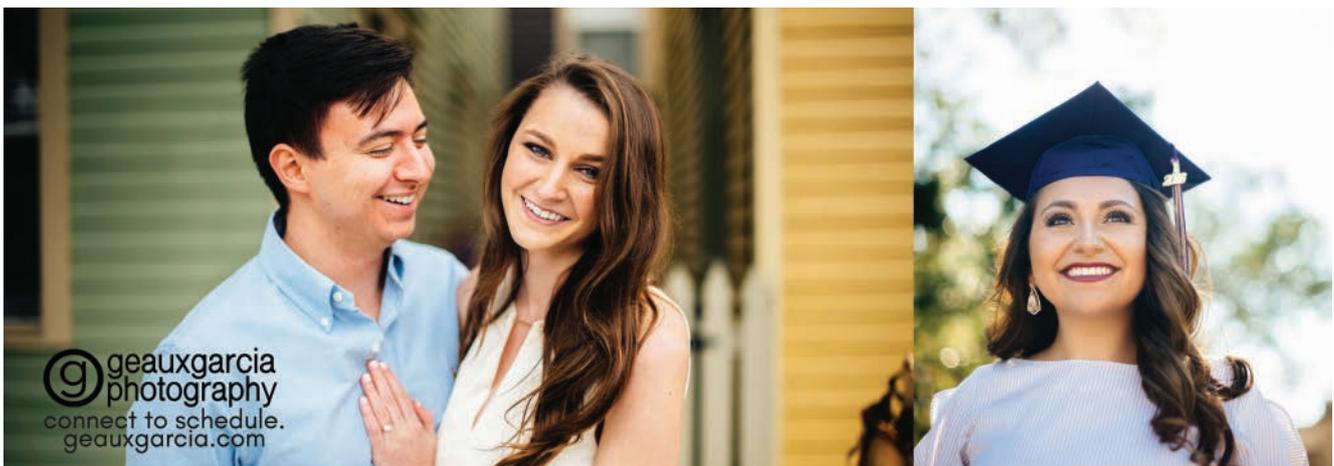
They Helped Get Apollo to the Moon

LSU alumnus Maxime "Max" Faget (1943 BACH ENGR), who designed the spacecraft Apollo that landed on the moon on June 20, 1969, was inducted into the National Space Hall of Fame in 1969 and named LSU Alumnus of the Year in 1971. Faget was joined by a number of LSU graduates who played key roles in America's space program, and some of those closely associated with the Apollo flights, particularly the lunar landing, were noted in a news item that appeared in the October 1969 issue of *LSU Alumni News*.*

- Dorrance L. Anderson (1949 BACH ENGR), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- Henry E. Attaya, Jr. (1938 BACH SCI, 1940 MAST SCI), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- Harold F. Battaglia (1962 BACH ENGR), NASA, Houston, Texas.
- Richard B. Benson, Jr. (1962 BACH ENGR), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Sam Bolin (1966 BACH ENGR), Boeing, Huntsville, Ala.
- Peter H. Broussard, Jr. (1952 BACH H&SS, 1955 MAST SCI), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- Roger P. Chassay, Jr. (1961 BACH ENGR), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- Lawrence F. Dietlein (1948 BACH H&SS), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Paul C. Gauger, Jr. (1938 BACH ENGR), NASA, Kennedy Space Center, Fla.
- Kevin J. Gravois (1962 BACH ENGR), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Charles J. Gott (1965 BACH HS&E, 1967 MAST SCI), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Jess H. Jones (1958 BACH ENGR), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- Garner R. Kimball (1961 BACH SCI, 1965 MAST SCI), NASA, Houston, Texas
- William J. Kreider, Jr. (1948 BACH ENGR), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- John W. Maurin (1957 BACH ENGR), Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Shelby L. Owens (1958 BACH ENGR), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Gene W. Ricks (1964 BACH H&SS), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Freddie A. Rodrigue (1956 BACH HS&E), NASA, Huntsville, Ala.
- Richard S. Serpas (1963 BACH ENGR), NASA, Houston, Texas
- Daniel N. Wheeler (1954 BACH AGR), Air Force Systems Command, Eastern Test Range, Patrick AFB, Fla.

*The names of the following alumni were submitted recently. If you know of others, please send the information to jackie@lsualumni.org.

- Larry J. Landry (1958 BACH ENGR), NASA, Michoud Assembly Facility, New Orleans, La.
- Michael McAdam (1958 BACH ENGR), NASA, Michoud Assembly Facility, New Orleans, La.
- Larry Wiggins (1961 BACH ENGR), NASA, Michoud Assembly Facility, New Orleans, La.



Team Tiger Drives 2019 National Senior Games Media Center

When nearly 14,000 athletes fifty and over gathered in Albuquerque, N.M., in June to compete in the 2019 National Senior Games, it became the largest qualified championship multisport event in recorded history. Media coverage went around the world, in no small part due to a 103-year-old Southern lady and LSU alum nicknamed “Hurricane Hawkins,” who set records on the track and enchanted everyone with her love of life in her media interviews. Julia Hawkins (1938 BACH HS&E) obtained her elementary education degree from the Ole War Skule and met her future husband, Murray, who was a professor there at the time.

“That’s impressive, but as it turns out, there’s more purple and gold to this story – a LOT more,” writes Del Moon (1975 BACH MCOM), who was in the first graduating class of LSU broadcast journalism majors, has a long journalism and public relations background, and has been the National Senior Games Association’s communications and media director since 2012.

When the massive National Senior Games draws near every two years, Moon assembles a team to help manage media relations, social media, content generation, photography and video, public relations, and more. Without intending to do so, four of his five key managers turned out to be LSU alumni.

“I didn’t set out to go hire LSU folks,” Moon says. “They were simply the best for the job for that situation.”

Brit Huckabay (1984 BACH MCOM) was the event’s photography manager. He took the assignment because of his relationship with Hawkins - his father was taught by Julia’s husband, and he has been a longtime family friend.

“I live in Birmingham now and fell in love with the Nationals while taking photos of Julia and many of the other amazing athletes when it was there in 2017,” he explains. “It was so cool to go to Albuquerque and be a part of everything again.”

Mary Johns (2016 BACH MCOM) was on the team twice before, first as an intern in 2015, then returning after graduation for a six-month contract to plan the 2017 Games.

“She could not have done a better job,” Moon writes. “Even though she has a great full-time job in New Orleans now, I asked if she wanted to take a week off to come lose sleep and help run the office and handle social media. To my surprise, she said yes.”

Jay Hall (2012 BACH HS&E), an LSU kinesiology and sports management major, has been serving NSGA since 2011 and worked in the media center as the organization’s webmaster and IT consultant.

“The event was very demanding, and everyone put in long hours. But we met every task and deadline and felt great pride that we helped put the event in front of tens of millions of people through media coverage,” Moon adds. “We had a very capable team of journalism students and an adviser from the University of New Mexico who generated content for our *Games Daily News* online platform, and I was very happy with their work. But I was personally extremely proud that I had a team of LSU Tigers driving the ball down the field.”



An eighty-year span of LSU alumni at 2019 National Senior Games, from left, Mary Johns, Jay Hall, athlete Julia Hawkins, Del Moon, and Brit Huckabay. Photo courtesy National Senior Games

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Tigers Around the World



Jen Brown Nagata, seated, with Gus Brown, Hunter Brown, and Henry Brown.

Nagata's Legacy – Jen Brown Nagata, of Eunice, La., visits with great-nephews, from left, Gus Brown, Hunter Brown, and Henry Brown, all members of the St. Edmund Fighting Blue Jays football team – and future Tigers – before the annual Joe Nagata Memorial Jamboree in September. The event, named for LSU football great Joe Nagata (1951 BACH AGR), is held each year at Blue Jay Field in Eunice. Read Nagata's story in the Winter 2013 issue, page 66-69, available at lsualumni.org.



The celebrants with their family.



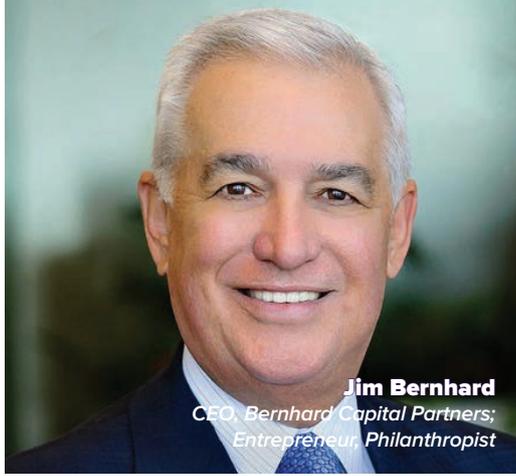
Ron and Linda Young during their LSU days

Celebrating 50 Years – Ron and Linda Young, of Euless, Texas, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in August. The couple met at a church camp in the summer of 1963 and married in 1969, living in married student housing while finishing their degrees. Ron (1970 BACH ENGR) and Linda (1971 BACH BUS) are ardent Tiger fans and active members of LSU Alumni Dallas, sharing their love and support of LSU with Texas Tigers.

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Welcoming New Tigers – Larry Heimendinger (1967 BACH SCI), sporting the LSU sweatshirt, welcomes Seattle future alumni Anneleis Van Brero (economics, then law school for maritime law), Riordan Roche (kinesiology), and Cade Prinzival (sociology) to Tiger Nation.



Tiger Fans – Sarah Clayton (1967 BACH H&SS), center, at the Vandy LSU game with niece Julia and great-nephew Christian.

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cash
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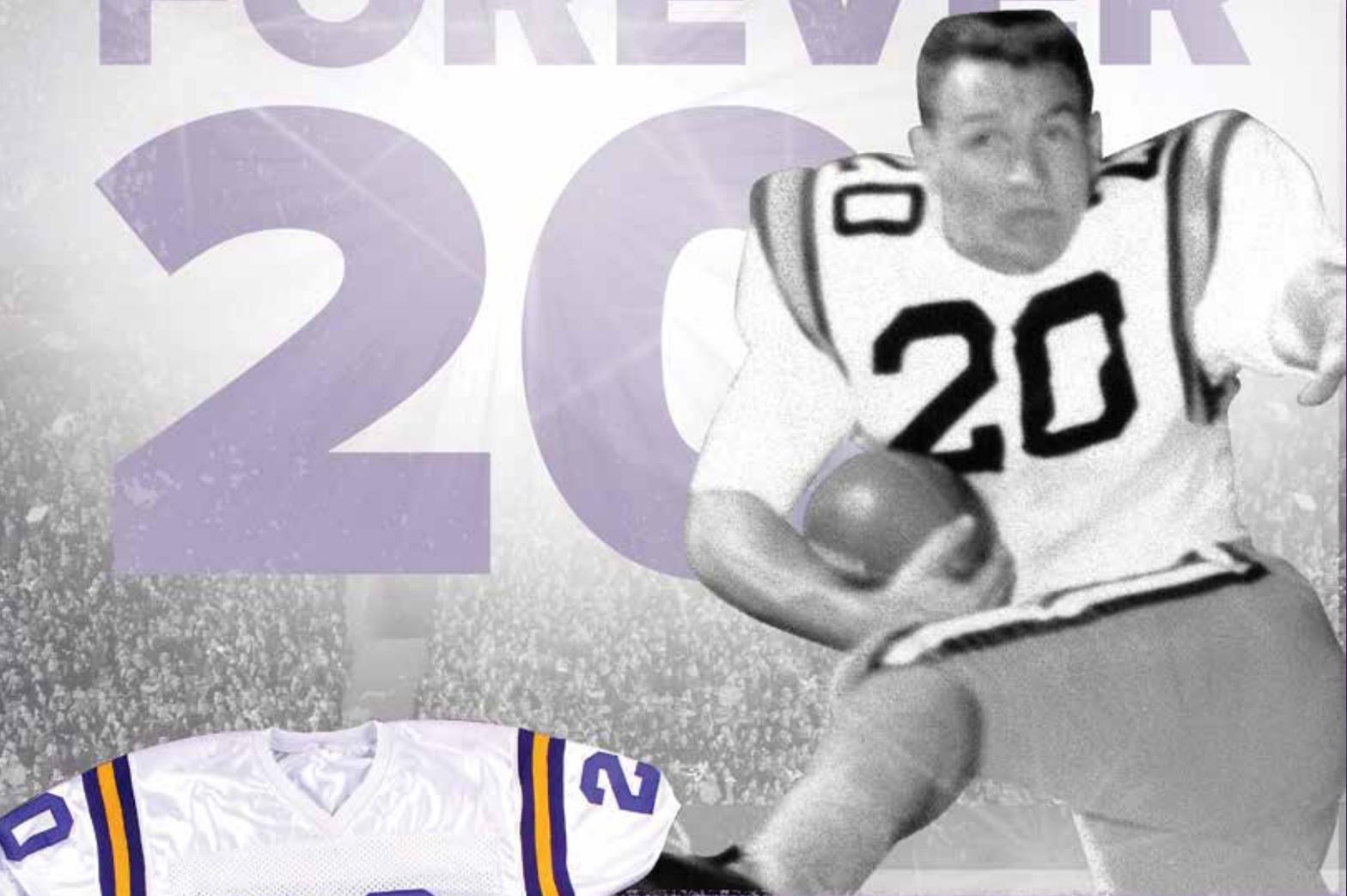
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