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Greater than what, you might ask. Greater than where our aspirations may be anchored given current real or perceived circumstances. Greater than anything we’ve given ourselves permission to strive for ... until now.

Our university exists to accomplish two lofty goals: to preserve our past and to protect our future. In order to excel, we need to make some difficult but very necessary decisions about how we invest our time, our talent, and our limited resources. In future issues, I will provide additional details about these priorities, but in the meantime, let me summarize.

Preserving our past involves documenting our heritage and traditions – the history, music, food, literature, and culture that make Louisiana so special and unique. Protecting our future requires focused research on areas that will better position Louisiana and our nation as a whole. We will build off our long military history and leverage that into becoming the best **cybersecurity** and cyber cadets program in the country. We will explore the intersection between **coast** and **agriculture** to ensure our ports, homes, and waterways remain secure. We will lead the **energy transition** by investing not only in oil and gas research but also by helping to solve the carbon problem. And finally, we will conduct elite **biomedical** research to improve the health and well-being of our friends and families while seeking the designation of National Cancer Institute status as the tangible measurement of our pursuit in this area. And we will excel at **artificial intelligence and computational science** for the benefit of all five strategic areas of prioritization, which when combined form a very familiar shape: a pentagon. We seek to build a pentagon of research priorities to help protect the future of the state.

Now is the time for us to dream big, work hard, and accomplish greatness unlike what we have achieved before. I hope this preview of my perspective on where we’re headed at LSU brings you both pride and optimism.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. F. Tate IV'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

William F. Tate IV

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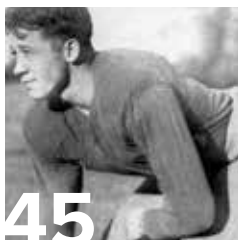
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PRESIDENT AND CEO MESSAGE



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Fall 2021: Ida, Rose, and Somewhat Back to Normal

As we moved through the “new normal” of spring and summer 2021, we eagerly looked forward to the start of the fall semester. We were back! It didn’t last long. Two weeks in, Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc, displacing thousands of Louisiana citizens, and sending students and faculty home. Six days later, the Tigers, in their first-ever appearance in the Rose Bowl, lost to UCLA.

How did we deal with the havoc and disappointment? As we’ve done since early 2020, we kept on keeping on. Despite personal challenges at home – power outages, damage to property, and flooding – employees were on hand at the Alumni Center and The Cook Hotel to address the chaotic situation and to make sure the Traveling Tigers to Los Angeles went off without a hitch. Having canceled 2020 trips, we eagerly anticipated the trip to the Rose Bowl and, other than the outcome on the gridiron, our travelers thoroughly enjoyed the journey.

The hotel – as it has during every hurricane and disaster since Katrina in 2005 – served as a home away from home for those seeking shelter from destruction and flooding, as well as recovery responders and LSU operations personnel. Each and every guest was warmly welcomed and provided excellent service.

You can take great pride in your LSU Alumni Association staff. Kudos to each and every one for going “above and beyond.”

The last two years have been a challenge. We missed meeting, greeting, and visiting with old friends and new at functions we had to cancel, so we thoroughly enjoyed our first event of the fall semester – the East Baton Rouge Parish Chapter’s Sport Kickoff Banquet. It was great to see fans tailgating before the LSU-McNeese game and cheering for the team as the Tigers made their way down Victory Hill. And, though it wasn’t filled to capacity, it was good to be back in Tiger Stadium on Saturday night.

Traveling Tigers trips to the Ole Miss, Kentucky, and Alabama games were on the fall agenda, and we hosted the Annual Meeting & Luncheon. The Hall of Distinction Gala, this issue’s feature story, ended the year on a high note. Indeed, we were delighted to once again host the celebration, which honored the 2020 and 2021 inductees. See page 18.

If you have not yet made a donation this year, or if you can provide additional financial support at this time, it would be deeply appreciated. For your convenience, there is a donation envelope in this issue. Thank you for your continued generous support of the LSU Alumni Association and The Cook Hotel. We appreciate all you do – and we couldn’t accomplish all that we do without you.

From the Association and Cook Hotel staff – Happy Holidays and all the best to you and yours in 2022.

Gordon Monk
President/CEO

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From Our Readers

In these last few trying weeks when nothing was certain regarding normal living such as electricity, water service, and gasoline supplies, it made me think of how important it is to have lines of communication you can rely on. While many today believe that “paperless” is a superior way of communicating, I wish to point out that not everyone shares a belief that communicating must be founded on a constant source of electricity.

While under evacuation from home at Lod Cook these last two weeks, I realized how important it is to be a part of campus life and see our student body working every day. I also have learned that my line of communication with what is important to me, LSU, and LSU alumni, when not on campus, is the first-class publication we call the *LSU Alumni Magazine*.

On a periodic basis, I am reminded of campus life and the spirit of alumnus around the world making a difference every day. Receiving that magazine is like sitting in the Union, strolling the lakes, or enjoying springtime at LSU on the parade ground. All things I never want to lose.

So, for those of us who can't be a daily part of LSU life on campus, keep sending out the printed word that **LSU students and alumni** make a difference no matter where they are, and they are never far from home when reading the *LSU Alumni Magazine*.

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Chapter Events



LSU Class of 2025 students at DFW Summer Send-Offs.

DFW Send-Offs – The Dallas and Fort Worth Summer Send-Off parties were hosted by the LSU Alumni/Dallas and Tarrant Chapters. “We had two events to celebrate the newest 182 incoming freshman Tigers from the DFW area,” writes Linda Young, of LSU Alumni/Dallas. “Students were able to network with fellow incoming freshmen, parents, and veteran Tigers.” The students received LSU Bound signs, swag, and a chance to win a \$250 cash award at both events.

Before stepping foot on campus, future Tigers and their families connect with one another and local alumni at Send-Off events sponsored by the LSU Alumni Association and the LSU Family Association.



Philly Send-Off – Future Tigers in Philadelphia got to know each other at the Send-Off event hosted by the LSU Alumni Greater Philadelphia Chapter in August. “We had eight attendees, which increased our total from the first two years,” writes chapter member Susan Nanes. “We were supposed to have ten, but two had to cancel at the last minute, so I’m telling myself we really actually doubled our attendance!”



Chase Curtis, Stephanie Schmidt, Josie Taylor, and Calita Black with her son Chandler.

Atlanta Send-Off – LSU Atlanta hosted its Senior Send-Off at St. Pius Catholic High School, congratulating more than 100 Georgia students headed for Baton Rouge. “A big thank you to our guest speakers, Calita Black, from the Parent and Family Association and Family Council,” writes Josie Taylor, chapter president. “And, a shout out to board members: President Josie Taylor, Secretary Stephanie Schmidt, and Chase Curtis, our Young Alumni Chairman. Thanks for all your hard work.” Refreshments were provided by Copeland’s of Atlanta and Henri’s Bakery.



Future alumni meet and greet at the SoCal Send-Off.

SoCal Send-Off – Southern California incoming freshman and their families connected with each other and members of the LSU SoCal Alumni chapter at the home of Ham Homan in Orange County in August. “The gathering was smaller than last year, but we had five of my son’s FIJI friends – all incoming sophomores – visiting that week, and it was good for the incoming students to get some first-year advice,” writes Homan, chapter president.



Sophomore FIJI friends returning to campus joined the party.



Future Tigers at the Greater Houston Send-Off.

Houston Send-Off – New Tigers, along with their parents and friends, were welcomed into the LSU family by University representatives, volunteers, and Greater Houston Chapter board members at the Ninth Annual Houston Area Send-Off.

On hand from Baton Rouge were Elsie Michie, associate dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences; Miles Garrett, senior director of development, College of Humanities & Social Sciences; John Grubb, vice president of hotel and conference operations, The Cook Hotel, LSU Alumni Association; Lindsay McCrory, manager of parent and family programs, LSU Division of Student

Affairs; Greater Houston Chapter Board President Brooke Graham, president; and board members Callie Barrilleaux, Rebecca Briscoe, Lisa Bunch, Justin Estes, Cheryl Fasullo, Wiley Graham, Laurie Scott, and Mallary Taylor.

“The event was held at the home of Rod de Llano, and food was donated by H.E.B. We would like to give special thanks to Rod and to H.E.B. for their continued support,” writes Fasullo. “The event was a great opportunity for LSU administrators, staff, and alumni to help students and their parents build new peer networks, provide tips for success, and show our future Texas Tigers what the LSU spirit is all about!”



From left, first row, Laurie Scott, Lisa Bunch, and Mallary Taylor; second row, Justin Estes, Callie Barrilleaux, and Cheryl Fasullo; third row, Rebecca Briscoe, and Brooke Graham; top, Wiley Graham.



Getting ready to dig in.



Joe Grappe adds the final ingredients to the boiling crawfish.



Jeremy Savoy ready to serve up his tasty jambalaya.

Triangle Boil – “The annual crawfish boil was held at our beautiful long-term location, Montague Lake in south Raleigh,” writes Paul Heroy, Triangle North Carolina Chapter president. “We had more than 100 attendees who feasted on 540 pounds of crawfish and jambalaya provided by our local expert, Jeremy Savoy.” The chapter includes Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, N.C.



Birmingham Scholarship Donation – On hand for the presentation of a check for the Birmingham Chapter’s scholarship, were, from left, Gordon Monk, president and CEO, LSU Alumni Association; Austin Hatch, past president, Greater Birmingham Chapter; future Tiger Taft Hatch; Lauren Butler Britt, chapter board member; and Rachel Rhodes, chapters manger. The J. Wilson Billingsley Memorial Scholarship, named for the chapter’s past president, is awarded to LSU students from the Greater Birmingham area.

Photo: Emily Millet



From left, Kim Cash Tate, LSU President William F. Tate, IV, and chapter officers President Katrina Dunn, Past President Gary Huntley, and Immediate Past President Nicole Moliere.

Tureaud Chapter – The A.P. Tureaud, Jr. Chapter stays busy throughout the year, with a wide variety of events, fundraising opportunities, and more. “In August, the chapter competed in the Black Alumni Collective’s Third Annual Miles for My Alma Mater Challenge,” shares Jeremiah J. Sams, secretary

and chair of the Membership and Ambassador Committee. “Over the last two years, the Tureaud Chapter has raised approximately \$6,900 for scholarships and is gearing up for its second annual membership drive.” Visit Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at the handle @lsublackalumni for information on membership activities.



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From left, John Grubb, Jeff Matens, Gordon Monk, Kevin Hellman, and Amy Parrino.

San Diego – Kevin Hellman, boil chairman and director-at-large of the Alumni of San Diego, and board member Jeff Matens, presented a \$45,000 check to the LSU Alumni Association in October to support the chapter's scholarship endowment and the Alumni Fund. On hand to accept the donation were Gordon Monk, Association president and CEO; John Grubb, vice president for hotel/conference operations; and Amy Parrino, senior vice president.



An LSU Tiger dad introduces his future Tigers to crawfish with all the trimmings.



From left, Rachel Rhodes, LSU Alumni Association chapters manager; Josie Taylor, chapter president; Chase Curtis, Young Alumni Chair, and Stephanie Schmidt, secretary.

LSU Atlanta – LSU Atlanta Tigers gathered at Piedmont Park in April for the annual crawfish boil, the chapter's scholarship fundraiser. "A big shout out to the Wasted Potential Brass Band for our Second Line Parade in Piedmont Park," writes Josie Taylor, chapter president. "And, thanks to our partners and in-kind partners – Abita, Busy's Shaved Ice, and Catering Cajun for the delicious crawfish and fixings; to Copeland's of Atlanta, Park Tavern, and Southern Fundraising for the incredible memorabilia; silent auction donations from our members; and artist Ronni Brashear, who did a live painting of the boil."



Emcee D-D Breaux, left, looks on as Coach Kim Mulkey talks with Hunt Palmer of LSU Sports Radio Network.



LSU Alumni Association President Gordon Monk and Greater Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter President J.P. Chaze.



From left, Sindee Roppolo, Lori Summerford, Chrystal Musgrove, Carmen and Wayne Parker, Tom Boudreaux, and Chuck and Lynn Goodwin.

EBR Sports Kickoff – Greater Baton Rouge LSU Alumni Chapter members and guests got the inside scoop on LSU sports at the Sports Kickoff party in September. D-D Breaux, retired gymnastics coach, emceed the event, which included appearances by LSU Athletics Director Scott Woodward; Tiger Athletic Foundation President Matthew Borman; and coaches Will Wade, men's basketball; Kim Mulkey, women's basketball; Dennis Shaver, track and field; Beth Torina, softball; Jay Johnson, baseball; Jay Clark, gymnastics; and Sian Hudson, soccer. Photos: Emily Millet and Amy Parrino



Front row, from left, Julie Barnhill, secretary, and Mallary Maryland, social media manager. Second row, Wiley Graham, vice president; Jennifer Lindsay, board advisor; Steve Stewart, member-at-large; Brooke Graham, president; Cheryl Fasullo, board advisor; Laurie Scott, crawfish boil auction manager; Lisa Bunch, past president; Justin Estes, golf tournament director; Angel Ardoin, member-at-large; Brittney Meisner, social director; Jennifer Lofton, membership director; Rebecca Briscoe, sponsorship director; and Don McGinty, board advisor.

Houston Golf Classic – “We had 122 golfers in attendance for our first major fundraising event since 2019,” writes Brooke Graham. “It was one of the biggest golf tournament turnouts in recent years, and we raised about \$15,000 from golfer registrations and nine sponsors. Our title sponsors for the 2021 Golf Classic included Angel Oak Home Loans and Silver Eagle Distributors.”

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Third place winners J.D. Taylor, Leland Joyce, Kyle Kraus, and Cory Budinscak.



First place winners Keivi Baker, John Walton, Tracy Kent, and Skip Harris.



Second place winners Thomas Miles, Rusty McDonald, Paul Steffenauer, and Jarret Cosyns.



Color Guard Chapter – Members of the Color Guard Chapter reconnect and highlight their talents – past, present, and future – at the annual Alumni Band Reunion. Since its establishment, chapter members have accomplished incredible things in their fields, but one thing always holds true – they are LSU Tigers! The chapter celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year.



Austin Tigers Golf – LSU Austin Tigers gathered for a round of golf at the Austin SEC Golf Tournament in June. The event, sponsored by Raising Canes and Twisted X Brewery, raised funds for the Austin SEC Tailgate held in August.

Snapshots



Guests at the Homecoming games against Florida were, standing, from left, Tracy Jones, Stan Woods, Jeff Mohr, John Grubb, Dee Dee Schmolke, Bart Schmolke, Jessica Harthcock, Lisa Mohr, Gordon Monk, Lori Minsky, Louis Minsky, and Kathy Crossin; kneeling, Adam and Jameson Harthcock and Gisele Cottingham.



Corey Foster and Gabe Foster at the McNeese game.



Cindy Credo, Chuck Credo, and Robert Bradford.



Traveling Tigers at Keeneland Race Course, in Lexington, Ky., on opening day of the fall racing season.



Traveling Tigers at Town Branch Distillery in Lexington, Ky.



Guests at the Auburn game, from left, Melanie and Albert Gilbert, Michael Wascom, and Jim Fleischhauer.



The Callegari family – Bill, Elizabeth, Michael, and Ann – at the Auburn game.

Geaux, Tigers – Alumni and friends joined the LSU Alumni Association staff and board members in the Association's Tiger Stadium suite at home football games and on the road with the Traveling Tigers.



Grad Fair – LSU Alumni Association Vice President Tracy Jones congratulates graduating senior Keith Fell, Jr. in his LSU Alumni sweatshirt. Winter 2021 graduates took advantage of one-stop shopping at Grad Fair to order class rings and announcement cards, purchase commencement caps and gowns and diploma frames, have graduation photos taken, and more.
Photo: Emily Millet



Devin Cagnolatti presents Alan Faneca's jersey to LSU Alumni Association President and CEO Gordon Monk

Jersey Donation – Devin Cagnolatti donated LSU All-American Alan Faneca's Game-day Jersey to the Andonie sports Museum in October. Faneca, a 1999 LSU graduate, played in the National Football League for thirteen seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Jets, and Arizona Cardinals. A six-time first-team All-Pro and nine-time Pro Bowl selection, he won a Super Bowl ring in Super Bowl XL, and was named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2021. He was introduced as head football coach of Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, Va., in May of this year.



LSU Ring Collection – The LSU Ring Collection, on display in the Lod Cook Alumni Center, is a lasting tribute to donors and a reminder of their unique experiences as LSU Tigers. The popular exhibit includes class and commemorative rings dating from 1905 to 1989 and is viewed by thousands of visitors every year.

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New YAAC Members Named



Front row, from left, Jack Zeringue, Roben West, Katy Stuart, Theodore Williams III, Jourdan Williams, John Lierley, Chantelle George, and Arun Lammata; back, Mark Kent Anderson, Jr., Jeremy Decuir, Adam West, Alden Cartwright, Philip Ollendike, Coulter McMahan, Truman VanVeckhoven, Kristen Dufauchard, and Chad Freeman. Not pictured, Carlton Miller, Kelsey Bohl, and John Woodard.
Photo: Emily Millet

Four young alumni were named to the Young Alumni Advisory Council, which provides key insight and feedback on engagement, development, and fundraising. Members connect with their alma mater, network with fellow alumni, and work to better support young and future alumni.

Kelsey Bohl (2011 BACH AGR), of Monroe, La., is executive director of marketing and university communications at the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM), at which she was previously international student adviser, then executive director of university planning and analysis. She earned an MBA from ULM and a doctorate in higher education from the University of Alabama. While at LSU, Bohl was a member of the Golden Girls and LSU Tiger Girls.

Arun Lammata (2013 BACH BUS), of Dallas, is a senior consultant for CBIZ Valuation Group and previously held financial analyst roles with Postlethwaite & Netterville, New Orleans, and the *Chicago Tribune* Media Group. He earned an MBA from Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business. Lammata attended LSU as a Golden Oaks scholarship

recipient, was a studio director at Tiger TV and was student fund manager of the Tiger Fund, and studied at the University of Sydney through Academic Programs Abroad.

Coulter McMahan (2013 BACH BUS, 2017 JD), of Baton Rouge, practices law at Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips. He is a member of the Legal Advisory Council and the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry Emerging Leaders Council. Actively involved in the community, he was named a Capital City's Finest honoree for his efforts to raise funds to fight cystic fibrosis, and he coaches baseball for the Miracle League, which provides children with special needs the opportunity to be involved in a team sport.

Roben West (2012 BACH H&SS), of Atlanta, practices law at Carlton Fields. She graduated as the salutatorian of her class at Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, serving as the SBA secretary, business editor of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review, president of Student Ambassadors, and a student teaching assistant for legal writing. While at LSU, she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and involved in the Student Activities Board and the Homecoming Committee.



Young Alumni Night – LSU Young Alumni kicked off Homecoming weekend at Walk-Ons, catching up with friends and enjoying live music performed by the Todd O'Neill Band and Trey Gallman with the Last Call Band. Event sponsors were LSU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, Spears Learning Center, Mid South Extrusion, Chantelle George Consulting, Mercedes-Benz of Baton Rouge, Balfour Emonet Law Firm, F45 Functional Training, TigerBloc, Jolie Pearl Oyster Bar, and Power Pump Girls, Inc.

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Traveling Tigers Hit the Road for Southern Cal, Rose Bowl

By John Grubb

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Tiger Nation fans from around the world descended on Los Angeles many days prior to Labor Day Weekend in anticipation of the team's first trip into Rose Bowl Stadium. Tiger faithful journeyed from Baton Rouge, with others connecting in California, for the LSU Alumni Association's Traveling Tigers trip that provided lodging and transportation for more than 500 travelers during the weekend experience. The trip included a charter flight as well as commercial travel to and from the LA area and accommodations at myriad hotels, including the JW Marriot LA Live property at Staples Center.

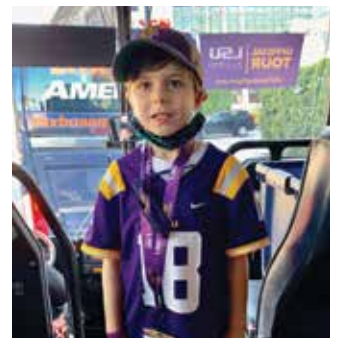
LSUAA's travel partner, Sports Entertainment Travel (SET), worked with the staff to arrange every detail for the trip, including guest transport in and around LA and excursion tours. On Friday evening, travelers were treated to the Welcome Bash at Tom's (Staples Center), which featured food, music, an open bar, and the LSUAA Pop Up Shop.

Saturday began with beautiful California weather and SET/LSUAA staff ushered more than 500 fans to Pasadena on thirteen buses to join fellow fans at what was likely the largest out-of-state tailgate party ever hosted by the visiting team. A sea of purple and gold flowed across the city for the tailgate party at the iconic Rose Bowl Stadium. The event was the hottest ticket in town that day – a sellout less than two days after tickets went on sale. The 2,000 guests were treated to entertainment including a traditional jazz band, appearances by the LSU cheerleaders, and guest DJ appearances by former Motley Crüe drummer Tommy Lee and DJ Livia.

Stadium announcers estimated that more than 15,000 LSU fans were in the stadium. While the game didn't go in the Tigers' favor, it was a bucket list trip for many, and taking in the sights – traveling to Santa Monica Pier, taking a bus excursion to such places as the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Grauman's Chinese Theater, or dining at Spago or one of the other "hot spots" – created memories for a lifetime.

John Grubb is vice president of hotel and conference operations.





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2020 LSU Hall of Distinction honorees, from left, Lewis May, Kurt Davis, Renee Horton, Young Alumna of the Year Jessica Harthcock, Steve Scalise, and Alumnus of the Year Gary Wooley.



2021 LSU Hall of Distinction honorees, from left, photos:
Karleen Mackey, accepting for her late husband, Dr. Henry Gremillion,
Mark Grant, Alumnus of the Year Dr. Lewis Minsky, Todd Schexnayder,
Greg Hamer, and Young Alumna of the Year Nicole Hilton.



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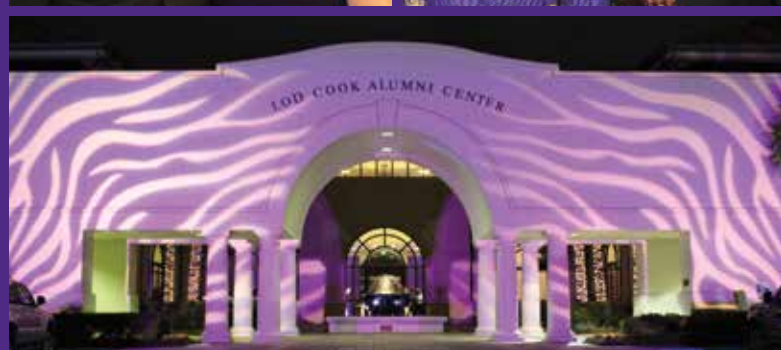
*T*WELVE individuals were inducted into the Hall of Distinction in October. Sharing the limelight were the 2021 honorees were those alumni whose 2020 induction ceremony was postponed due to the pandemic.

THE LSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION annually recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves and the University through their careers, their personal and civic accomplishments, their volunteer activities, and their loyalty to their alma mater.

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

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Gary R. Wooley

2020 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

GARY WOOLEY, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF WOOLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.,

and other companies, holds three LSU degrees – a bachelor's in mechanical engineering (1969), a master's in engineering mechanics (1970), and a doctoral degree in engineering science (1972), with minors in applied mathematics and mechanical engineering. A Dean's List student, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Pi Tau Sigma honor societies, and was named an NSF Fellow and LSU Dissertation Fellow.

Prior to founding Wooley & Associates in 1986, Wooley was vice president of Enertech Engineering, senior research engineer at Atlantic Richfield Company, an LSU instructor, an offshore field engineer with Humble Oil (Exxon), and a summer engineer with Shell Oil and Chevron Oil.

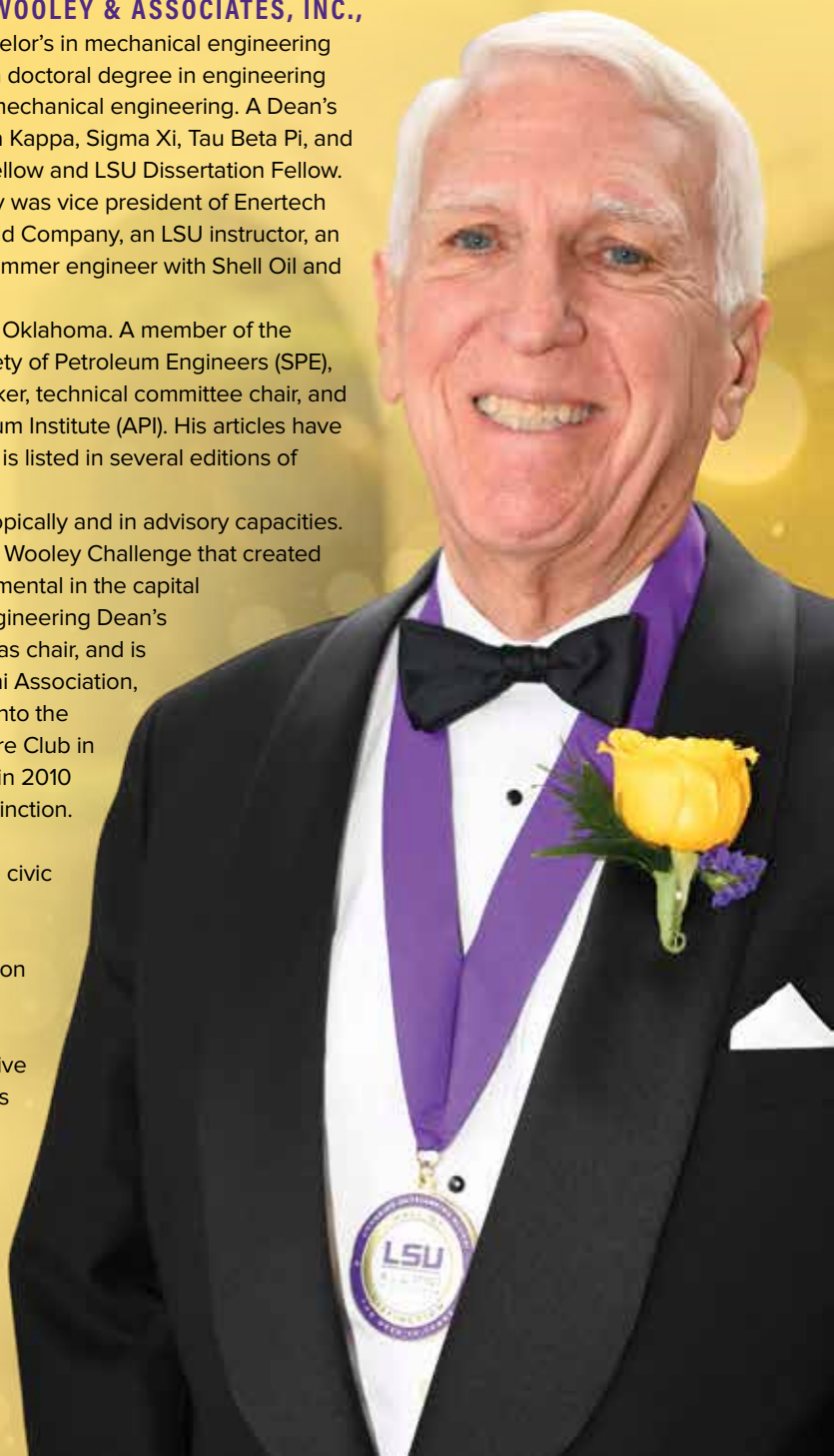
He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and Oklahoma. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), and ASM International, he has served as an invited speaker, technical committee chair, and on standardization committees for the American Petroleum Institute (API). His articles have appeared in numerous professional publications, and he is listed in several editions of Who's Who.

Wooley is involved in campus activities both philanthropically and in advisory capacities. He has established three professorships and offered the Wooley Challenge that created ten fellowships in the College of Engineering, was instrumental in the capital campaign for Patrick F. Taylor Hall, has served on the Engineering Dean's Advisory Council for more than thirty years, now serving as chair, and is a generous supporter of the LSU Foundation, LSU Alumni Association, and Tiger Athletic Foundation. In 2010 he was inducted into the LSU Mechanical Engineering Alumni Achievement Lecture Club in recognition of his exceptional level of achievement, and in 2010 was inducted into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction.

In his community, Wooley has coached basketball and baseball teams, served on gymnastics booster clubs and civic association boards and helped raise funds for numerous groups. He is a past board member and officer of the Lakeside Civic Association and Rivercrest Civic Association and has held nearly every leadership role at his family's church, Memorial Drive United Methodist. He currently serves on the MDUM Church Council, and on the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to supporting LSU entities, the Wooley Family Foundation supports M.D. Anderson Adopt-A-Scientist cancer research, Nantz Alzheimer Research at Houston Methodist Hospital, and other charitable organizations.

Wooley and his wife, Lynn, reside in Houston, Texas. They have three children – Tanya Wooley, Tamara Nesser, and Todd Wooley – and three grandchildren – Joseph Nesser, James Nesser, and Reagan Hayes.



LSU HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO MY LIFE. WHAT WOULD LIFE HAVE BEEN LIKE WITHOUT LSU? LESS CHALLENGING, LESS INTERESTING, and less exciting. LSU was the foundation of my professional career, equipped me to help and lead civic and community activities, prepared me for taking leadership positions with the Methodist church, and shaped me to help lead LSU forward. I am humbled by those being inducted with me and in awe of those who came before us.

Jessica Anne Harthcock

2020 YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

JESSICA A. HARTHCOCK, AN INNOVATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE

strategy and growth executive, earned a bachelor's degree from the Manship School of Mass Communication in 2010 and holds a master's degree in organizational leadership and performance from Vanderbilt University. She is currently the area vice president of health plan growth for naviHealth, a senior-centered care solution serving Medicare Advantage members, health plans, and providers in the post-acute care space.

Prior to joining naviHealth, Jessica was the chief executive officer of Utilize Health, a company she and her husband built from the ground up that guides patients with neurological conditions through the health care system with positive health outcomes and cost savings for payers and providers. The genesis of Utilize Health came from Harthcock's personal journey through the healthcare system.

At seventeen, as a result of a sports-related injury, Harthcock was paralyzed from the chest down. Thrust instantly into the medical system, she experienced first-hand the gaps in quality care for patients with neurological conditions and vowed to create a service to solve the problems she experienced. After leading the organization for nearly nine years, Utilize Health was acquired in 2020.

Harthcock is a member of the board of directors of Freedom's Promise, a former board member of United Spinal, and a member of Women Business Leaders in Healthcare, Leadership Health Care, and the Nashville Health Care Council.

Among her recent awards and honors are the Leadership Health Care Emerging Leader Award, Health Care Hero Award, 40 Under 40 Award, Women of Influence Award, and NTC Startup of the Year Award. Harthcock was also a TEDMED Front Line Scholar. She received the Emerging Leader Award from Leadership Health Care and was inducted into the National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA) Hall of Fame. She was a finalist for the Intel Innovation Award and the Chicago Innovation Award, and she received the Order of Omega Outstanding Community Servant Award while at LSU.

Harthcock and her husband, Adam, reside in Nashville, Tennessee. Their son – future Tiger Jameson Adam – was welcomed to the world on February 14, 2020.



LSU PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IT GAVE ME A FOUNDATION TO BUILD UPON. While at LSU, confidence, hard work, and volunteering were all attributes I grew in. Ultimately, LSU gave me the ability and desire to pursue my master's degree, and just two short years later, I realized I wanted to start a business that would help a member population while creating a win- win for all stakeholders involved. I am incredibly thankful for my time at LSU and will forever be an LSU Tiger.

Kurt B. Davis

2020 HONOREE

KURT DAVIS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF AFFILIATE

relations at ViacomCBS, earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from LSU in 1983. While at LSU, Davis was awarded an internship funded for minority students, which allowed him to work alongside proven professionals while continuing his education and helped launch his professional career.

An established journalist and news executive, Davis joined CBS News in 2013 after more than two decades of experience in the broadcast industry. As vice president for news services at CBS News, he oversaw CBS Newspath, the CBS News satellite newsgathering organization that provides editorial content and technical support to more than 200 affiliates in the U.S. and dozens of worldwide partners.

Prior to joining CBS, Davis spent ten years as executive news director at CBS Affiliate KENS-TV in San Antonio, Texas, overseeing all editorial content and setting short- and long-term strategies for the unit. He was previously manager of coverage and content at WSB-TV in Atlanta, Georgia; news director at WDSU-TV in New Orleans, Louisiana; managing editor at KDFW-TV in Dallas, Texas; news director at WSET-TV in Lynchburg, Virginia; assistant news director at KATV-TV in Little Rock, Arkansas; and weekend producer and senior producer at WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge.

Davis currently serves on the Manship School of Mass Communication Board of Visitors, the Emma Bowen Foundation Board of Directors, and is a University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Journalism School Advisor.

Davis and his wife, Angela, recently celebrated thirty-six years of marriage. They have two children – Kelsey, a 2011 Manship School graduate, and Kyle, a 2014 graduate of Tulane University's A.B. Freeman School of Business. While New York City is the family's base camp, they all love Louisiana and still spend time in New Orleans.



LSU MARKED THE BEGINNING OF MY THIRTY-YEAR JOURNEY. IT MEANS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AND TRUE friendships turned into family. I have lifelong friends from my years at LSU. I love the Purple and Gold!

K. Renee Horton

2020 HONOREE

K. RENEE HORTON, THE NASA SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM QUALITY ENGINEER

at Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, graduated from LSU in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. She holds a Ph.D. in material science with a concentration in physics from the University of Alabama and is the first African American to receive the degree.

Throughout her career, Horton has received numerous accolades and awards including the Black Engineer of the Year Trailblazer Award, NASA Space Flight Team Award, and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center Certificate of Appreciation Honor Award. She was named a 2019 Louisianan of the Year, one of nine individuals who stand out in their professions, give back to their communities, and represent what's best about Louisiana, and in 2021 received the Gulf Coast Organization Legacy Award.

An advocate for diversity and inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), she works diligently in the community for STEM education and outreach and is the founder of Unapologetically Being, Inc., a nonprofit for advocacy and mentoring in STEM. She also serves on the board of Lighthouse Louisiana, whose mission is to empower people with disabilities through services, employment, and advocacy.

In 2016, Horton was elected president of the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), the second woman to hold the office. She has served the physics community abroad as a member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) Women in Physics Working Group and currently serves on several advisory boards dedicated to a more diverse inclusion in physics. In 2017, she was elevated to a Fellow in the NSBP, the society's highest honor, and was inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society in 2018.

A compelling international and inspirational speaker, Horton shares her epic personal story, expertise, and incredible personality with audiences around the world, including South Africa, Brazil, South Korea, Canada, Jamaica and Mexico.

Horton is the author of the children's series *Dr. H Explores the Universe*, *Dr. H and her Friends*, *Dr. H Explores the ABCs*, and *Sanctum of My Soul*, a book of poetry. She received the 2018 Silver Anniversary Artie Literature Award from the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, of which she is a member.

Horton has three children – Eric Horton, Malik Horton, and Denise Whitmore – and two grandchildren, Gabriel and Dayten.



LSU MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME. IT WAS THE PLACE THAT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO START OVER AND CATCH my second wind, and I will forever be grateful for the encouragement and support I received there.

Lewis T. May

2020 HONOREE

LEWIS MAY, ONE OF AMERICA'S LEADING PLANNERS, URBAN DESIGNERS, AND LANDSCAPE

architects, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in landscape architecture at LSU, and his five-decade career has earned him nearly 200 international awards of excellence for his global design practice.

May holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design (1969) and a master's degree in landscape architecture (1973) from LSU. It was during his years at LSU that May began to understand the meaning and purpose of his education and the impact he could have on the future of the built environment and how we all share responsibility for the ecology of our planet.

Today millions of people around the globe live in urban environments planned or designed by May. His urban design portfolio includes projects in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Far East, Arabia, and throughout the Americas.

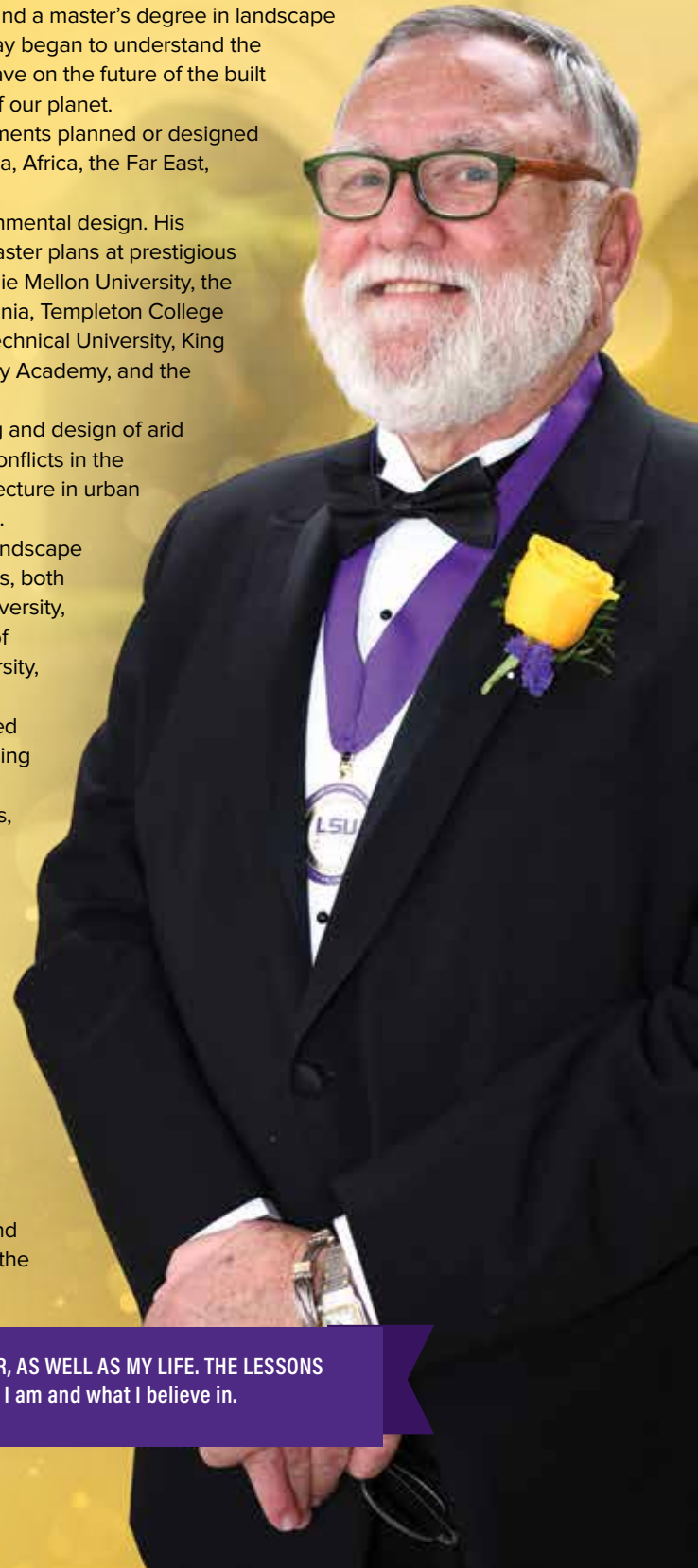
May has authored three award-winning books related to environmental design. His extensive portfolio also includes more than 300 campus facility master plans at prestigious institutions around the world, including Harvard University, Carnegie Mellon University, the United States Military Academy (West Point), the University of Virginia, Templeton College at Oxford University, the University of Future Africa, Egypt's Nile Technical University, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, King Abdul-Aziz Military Academy, and the University of Houston System.

May participated in an international summit focused on planning and design of arid environments related to the immigration crisis resulting from the conflicts in the Middle East. He was also invited to Honduras to teach as well as lecture in urban design and its transformative impact on community societal health.

May has lectured on planning, architecture, urban design and landscape architecture at numerous universities and professional associations, both in the United States and Europe, among them, Louisiana State University, Oxford University, Universidad de Monterrey (Mexico), University of Houston, Texas Tech University, Rice University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Texas.

Early in his career, the American Institute of Architects recognized May at the Kennedy Center in Washington as "one of the outstanding landscape architects and planners in America." Today, he shares this extensive knowledge with students through teaching positions, including the University of Houston's Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture where he founded the Center for Urban Ecology and served as director. He was appointed to the board of Rice University's prestigious Baker Institutes' Center for Population Health based largely on his advocacy for urban underserved populations. At the University of Houston's Center for Urban Ecology his research was focused on education, health, and economic revitalization of inner-city communities and neighborhoods. May was also a visiting professor at the Centre d'étude d'architecture et urbanisme en Santé France. He currently serves on the board of the Jeffersonian Institute, continuing his advocacy for community health, education, and the environment.

May resides in Houston, Texas. He collects art and antiquities and enjoys time in the kitchen and time in the garden with friends and the companionship of Earl, his dog.



LSU HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON MY CAREER, AS WELL AS MY LIFE. THE LESSONS learned at LSU, both in and out of the classroom, continue to shape who I am and what I believe in.

Stephen Joseph Scalise

2020 HONOREE

STEVE SCALISE REPRESENTS THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

of Louisiana and serves his colleagues as the House Republican Whip, the second highest position in House Republican leadership. He graduated from LSU in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in computer science and a minor in political science. During his time at LSU, he served in Student Government as the twice-elected speaker of the Student Assembly and held the Junior Dean office in Acacia Fraternity.

Scalise was elected to Congress in 2008 after serving in the Louisiana State Legislature from 1996-2008. A senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and a steadfast defender of Louisiana's coast, Scalise led the effort in the House to pass the RESTORE Act, which was enacted in 2012, and led the effort in Congress to pass legislation that lifted the crude oil export ban. Among his other accomplishments as a Member of Congress, he also has successfully worked to increase Louisiana's share of offshore energy revenues and secured funding for critical hurricane protection projects in South Louisiana.

A strong LSU supporter and ambassador, Scalise has worked with LSU officials in his capacity as a Member of Congress to bring positive attention to Louisiana's flagship university and promote LSU's world-renowned programs.

He was commencement speaker at LSU's May 2018 main ceremony and the LSU Law Center's ceremony. During LSU's visit to Washington, D.C. in 2020, Scalise helped to arrange a meeting with President Trump at the White House and provided a tour of the U.S. Capitol for Coach Ed Orgeron and the LSU football team in celebration of their perfect season and national championship.

Among Scalise's numerous awards and honors are a U.S. Naval Reserve Letter of Commendation for support service during the Gulf War, the U.S. Capitol Police Medal of Merit, the 2020 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, induction as the Archbishop Rummel High School 2018 Alumnus of the Year, induction into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Right to Life Proudly Pro-Life Award, and the U.S. Chamber Spirit of Enterprise Award.

In professional, community, and civic organizations, Scalise serves on the board of the American Italian Renaissance Foundation and works with the Jefferson Senior Center. He previously served on the board of Teach for America of New Orleans and is a past chair of the Republican Study Committee.

Scalise and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, fourteen-year-old Madison and twelve-year-old Harrison.



MY YEARS AT LSU WERE SOME OF THE MOST REWARDING AND ENRICHING OF MY LIFE. LSU GAVE ME THE FOUNDATION FOR MY professional career in the technology industry and civic involvement as an elected official. Serving in Student Government as the twice-elected speaker of the Student Assembly and as an officer in Acacia Fraternity fueled the passion for public service that I still enjoy today. And, of course, more than anything, the friends I made during my years at LSU are still an integral part of my life. Forever LSU and Geaux Tigers!

Louis Reynold Minsky

2021 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

DR. LOUIS MINSKY, A PARTNER IN MINSKY & CARVER MEDICAL CENTER

for Personal Wellness, is chief of staff and practices at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center. He earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from LSU in 1981 and an M.D. from the LSU School of Medicine in 1985. He served his internship and residency in family practice at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital in Baton Rouge, serving as chief resident in 1987.

Minsky is also medical director at Woman's Hospital Employee Health Center, an assistant professor at the LSU Medical Center School of Medicine in New Orleans, is affiliated with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, and is on the courtesy staff of Woman's Hospital. Over the years, he has served in voluntary positions at all Baton Rouge community hospitals. He has held leadership roles in numerous professional medical organizations and has been listed in Best Doctors in America® since 2013.

In the community, he currently serves on the Mayor's Covid-19 Task Force and was chief deputy coroner for East Baton Rouge Parish from 2005-2012. He was formerly on the board of the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum, served as medical officer on the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and was medical director of the Metropolitan Medical Response System.

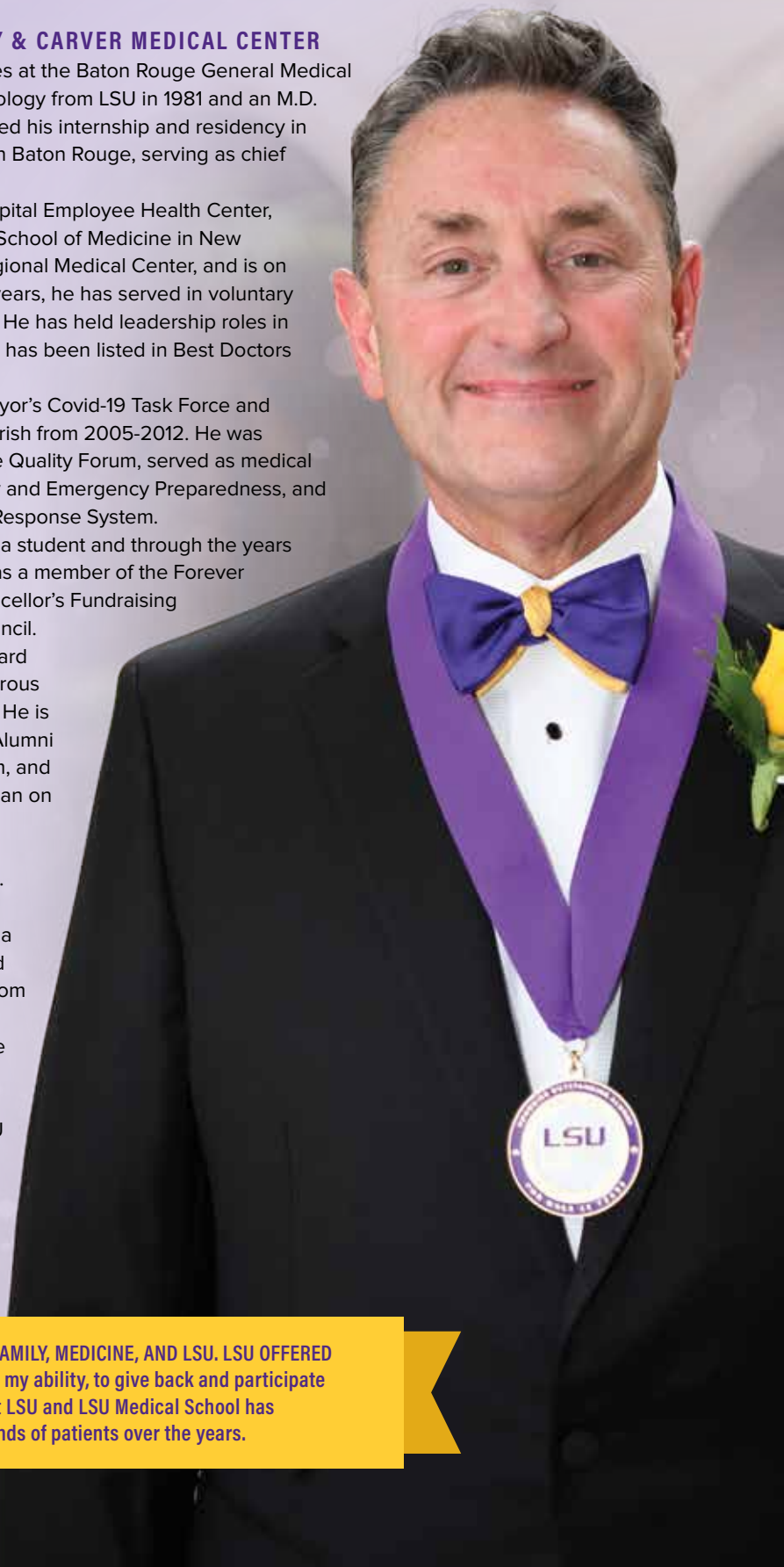
He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity while a student and through the years continued his close affiliation with his alma mater as a member of the Forever LSU Campaign Steering Committee, the LSU Chancellor's Fundraising Committee, and a member of the LSU Athletic Council.

As a member of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1994-2017, Minsky chaired numerous committees and served as chair from 2007-2009. He is a major donor to the Alumni Fund, the Lod Cook Alumni Center, The Cook Hotel, and the Andonie Museum, and has served for many years as the traveling physician on Traveling Tigers sports trips.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, during his college career, Minsky received the T.H. Harris Scholarship, LSU Freshman Honor Award, was named to the Dean's List four times, and was a member of the French Honor Society. He received the Gerald R. Gehringer Award and Scholarship from the LSU Medical School and was recognized by the American Academy of Family Physicians at the Family Health Foundation of America.

His LSU honors include the LSU Foundation President's Award for Lifetime Support and the LSU Alumni Association's 2008 Purple and Gold Award.

Minsky and his wife, Lori, especially enjoy family get-togethers with his daughters, Ashley and Bailey, and grandchildren, nine-year-old Thomas, and almost-two-year-old Emma.



TO A FAULT PERHAPS, LIFE HAS BEEN ENGRAINED WITH FAMILY, MEDICINE, AND LSU. LSU OFFERED me an opportunity, with one of the best educations and my ability, to give back and participate with my community and the University. My education at LSU and LSU Medical School has allowed me to touch and be touched by literally thousands of patients over the years.

Nicole Hilton

2021 YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

NICOLE HILTON, PRINCIPAL DESIGN ARCHITECT/FOUNDER OF COLE HIL, LLC,

is the first African American female graduate of the School of Architecture to become a licensed architect and the 315th nationally licensed African American female architect. She earned her bachelor's degree in 2007.

Hilton was a charter member of the LSU chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) and served as the group's first president. She also became the national student representative of the NOMAS Board of Directors. Through LSU Eta Kappa Chapter she is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and served with LSU Air Force ROTC. She earned an honorable mention in the OJ Baker design competition, received the Simpson Strong Tie Scholarship, and was awarded the Alpha Rho Chi medal recognizing academic excellence, promise of professional merit, and leadership.

After graduating, Hilton joined McAfee3 Architects, a female-owned African American firm headquartered in Atlanta, as a senior CAD technician/designer and obtained her LEED AP certification. In 2012, she joined Chasm Architecture as a designer/project manager, in aviation, higher education, commercial, civic, and religious architecture. Among Cole Hil's current premier projects are the 'Claw' Sport Complex in Douglasville, Georgia, and the Front Porch, a mixed-use equitable development project on historic Auburn Avenue in Atlanta.

In addition to her architectural design expertise, Hilton advocates for design excellence and diversity and inclusion within the design profession. In addition to her LEED certification, she is an R.A. (Registered Architect) and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Hilton served as a director-at-large on the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Georgia Board of Directors from 2015-2019 – serving on the AIA National 18-3 Task Force and AIA National Practice of Innovation – and is a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Atlanta Chapter. She participated on the Atlanta Regional Commission Millennial leadership committee, was a 2016 Young Gamechanger, held a leadership role in the 2019 AIA Women's Leadership Summit, and was on the team named to the 2019 AIA National Women of Color Leadership Pipeline. She mentors through the AIA/NOMA mentorship program and participates in architecture school design reviews at Kennesaw State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and LSU. She is a proud member of Oasis Family Life Church.

For her achievement and leadership roles, Hilton was awarded the AIA Georgia John A. Busby medal and was named 2019 NOMA Woman Architect of the Year.

Hilton and her sons, ten-year-old Johnathan and six-year-old Dillon, reside in Douglasville, Georgia.



LSU MEANS HEART, GROWTH, AND ADVANCEMENT. IT IS THE PLACE THAT CHALLENGED ME, INSPIRED me, gave me lifelong relationships, and prepared me for career and adult life. It has given me some of my greatest lessons and confidence that carry me through my experiences and achievements. I will always be proud that I chose to go to LSU. I will always bleed purple and gold.

Mark Eric Grant, Sr.

2021 HONOREE

MARK GRANT, TELEVISION DIRECTOR OF CBS SPORTS/CBS

Sports Network, earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from LSU in 1981.

A five-time Emmy Award-winning director and twenty-three year veteran of CBS Sports, Grant covers NFL and college football, college basketball, golf, and tennis events. He joined CBS in 1998 after an eleven-year career with ESPN serving first as associate director then as director of television, covering nearly all of the network's major events.

Grant started his career as master control operator, producer, and director at Cablevision of Baton Rouge, covering city council and school board meetings, high school sports, parades, and other events of community interest.

He was one of the first directors of 3-D television sports broadcasts and is considered a trailblazer because he was the first African American TV director at both ESPN and CBS. Today, he is one of very few African Americans in all of network television. He has covered sports in more than ten countries, and in forty-eight states.

Grant, a former adjunct professor at the Manship School of Mass Communication, is a frequent guest speaker at classes, mentors students, and is a member of the school's Scholarship Committee.

In addition to his Emmy awards, Grant has won two ACE Awards, the highest award for TV production in the cable television industry, and received the Baton Rouge Area Association of Black Journalists Pioneering Journalist Award of Excellence. He was inducted into the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication Hall of Fame in 2003.

Grant has been married for thirty-nine years to his college sweetheart, Joyce Miller Grant, and they have two children, Marcy and Mark, Jr.



I WAS ONE OF TWO STUDENTS FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL WHO LEFT SHREVEPORT TO ATTEND LSU. IT WAS A LIFE-CHANGING DECISION. I arrived at LSU as a boy and graduated as a man. Many of the relationships I formed have stood the test of time. I never left Baton Rouge and have stayed close to the Manship School, where I can share my story as well as inspire and challenge aspiring journalists. When I pass the stately oaks and broad magnolias on campus, I never forget how fortunate I am to have been to be a part of LSU.

Henry Alan Gremillion

2021 HONOREE

THE LATE HENRY GREMILLION EARNED AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM

the College of Arts & Sciences in 1973 and graduated from the LSU School of Dentistry in 1977. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

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

After earning his D.D.S. degree, Gremillion opened a dental practice in his hometown, Cottonport, Louisiana. He was a member of St. Mary's Parish School Board, a volunteer firefighter, and served on the Cottonport City Council, through which he implemented community fluoridation and moved to address disparity in representation. He was named Cottonport Citizen of the Year in 1989.

A two-year Craniofacial Pain Fellowship at the University of Florida College of Dentistry provided a springboard for academic dentistry. Rising through the ranks, Gremillion was named the Parker E. Mahan Endowed Professor of Orofacial Pain at the University of Florida (UF), was a member of the dental staff of Health Shands Teaching Hospital, and was director of the UFCD Parker Mahan Facial Pain Center.

In 2008, Gremillion was named dean of the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry, and he led the school through recovery from the devastation and flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina, which swamped the campus. His most visible achievement as dean was the completion, in 2018, of the \$31 million Allen A. Copping, D.D.S., Advanced Clinical Care and Research Building. Named for the former dental school dean, LSU Medical Center chancellor, and LSU System president, it was the first addition to the campus since its founding in 1968.

Among his numerous awards, honors, and recognitions, Gremillion was named the 2001 School of Dentistry Alumnus of the Year; received the Louisiana Academy of General Dentistry Career Service Award in 2003; named Teacher of the Year in 2002 and 2007; installed as chair of the Board of Directors of the American Dental Education Association; and received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal, awarded to a U.S. dentist who "made outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession."

Gremillion passed away on May 18, 2020, at his home in Metairie, Louisiana. He is survived by his wife, Karleen Mackey; his children, Erin Jackson, Alan Gremillion, Scott Gremillion, and Lindsay Maples; ten grandchildren; and his sister, Gayle Thevenot.

LSU ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN HENRY'S HEART. HE WAS ESPECIALLY HONORED TO BE THE FIRST alumnus selected to serve as dean of the LSU School of Dentistry. His life was guided by the philosophy of "giving back," and his position as dean of the school he so loved enabled him to live out that dream.



Gregory J. Hamer, Sr.

2021 HONOREE

GREG HAMER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF B&G FOOD ENTERPRISES, LLC,

graduated from LSU in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. After graduating, he was active as a manager, contractor, and owner in the oilfield service industry for more than twenty-five years.

Hamer and his wife, Brenda, created B&G Food Enterprises in 1982 with their first Taco Bell in Morgan City, Louisiana. Today, the company's more than 3,000 employees operate more than 150 restaurants – Taco Bell, KFC, and Long John Silver in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Active in leadership roles in national, state, and community organizations, Hamer's public service includes twelve years in elected office at both city and parish levels. He has served on numerous boards and commissions, among them a public hospital board and several state boards, including the Louisiana Coastal Commission and University of Louisiana System Board of Trustees.

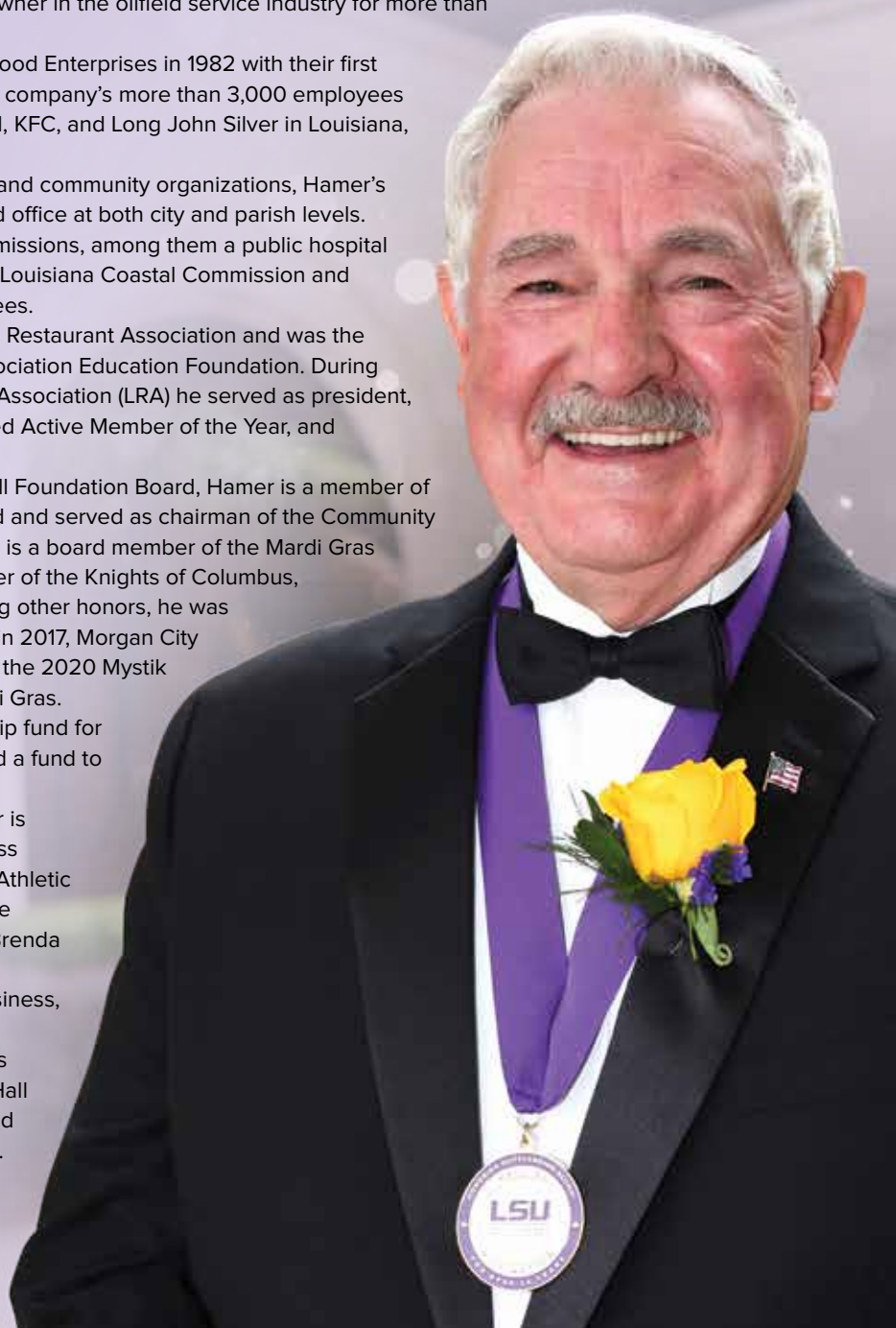
Hamer is a director emeritus of the National Restaurant Association and was the 2017 chairman of the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation. During his long tenure with the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) he served as president, was inducted into the LRA Hall of Fame, named Active Member of the Year, and Chapter President of the Year.

In addition to having served on the Taco Bell Foundation Board, Hamer is a member of the Community Foundation of Acadiana Board and served as chairman of the Community Foundation of Acadiana's St. Mary affiliate. He is a board member of the Mardi Gras Krewe of Hephaestus, a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of Legatus International. Among other honors, he was named the St. Mary Parish Citizen of the Year in 2017, Morgan City Rotary Citizen of the Year in 2019, and King of the 2020 Mystik Krewe of Louisianians Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras.

In 2010, B&G created a corporate scholarship fund for family members of employees and established a fund to support the community when tragedy strikes.

A longtime, generous LSU supporter, Hamer is a member of the E.J. Ourso College of Business Dean's Advisory Council, serves on the Tiger Athletic Foundation Board of Directors, and is an active member of the LSU Alumni Association. The Brenda and Gregory Hamer Sr. Endowed Scholarship supports students in the Ourso College of Business, and the Hamers are members of the LSU Foundation Laureate Society. Greg Hamer was inducted into the Ourso College of Business Hall of Distinction in 2014, and B&G was recognized in LSU 100: Fastest Growing Tiger Businesses.

The Hamers have three children, Valerie Ann Leblanc, Tracie Margaret Hover, and Gregory Hamer, Jr., and nine fantastic grandchildren.



THE FOUR YEARS I SPENT AT LSU WERE JUST THE START OF WHAT HAS BECOME A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES. I MARRIED MY HIGH SCHOOL sweetheart in my junior year and our first child was born before I graduated. Through the years, we have watched our three children – and so far, three grandchildren – receive LSU degrees, and we have been blessed with the opportunity to give back to the university that has figured so predominantly in our lives, from Saturday nights in the fall to watching our grandchildren graduate with advanced degrees.

Todd Gerard Schexnayder

2021 HONOREE

TODD SCHEXNAYDER, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

at Fidelity Bank, graduated from LSU in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism. He holds a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and Strategic Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certification from Harvard Business School.

After retiring as senior vice president of human resources at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana in 2015, Schexnayder joined Fidelity Bank, assuming responsibility for all corporate, human resources, marketing, and facilities functions.

During his tenure at Blue Cross Blue Shield, the company was named a Best Place to Work by *Baton Rouge Business Report*, received a 2014 Excellence in Diversity Award from the Greater Baton Rouge Society of Human Resource Management, and earned the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals WellSpot designation for its Baton Rouge campus and wellness program. Prior to joining Blue Cross, he was senior vice president of human resources at Pan-American Life Insurance Company in New Orleans.

Schexnayder has long served his alma mater through involvement with the College of Humanities & Social Sciences Dean's Advisory Council, Manship School of Mass Communication, Tiger Athletic Foundation, LSU National Diversity Advisory Board, and A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter, of which he is a founding member. He is a member of the 1860 Society and helped preserve LSU's unique landscape through the Endow an Oak program.

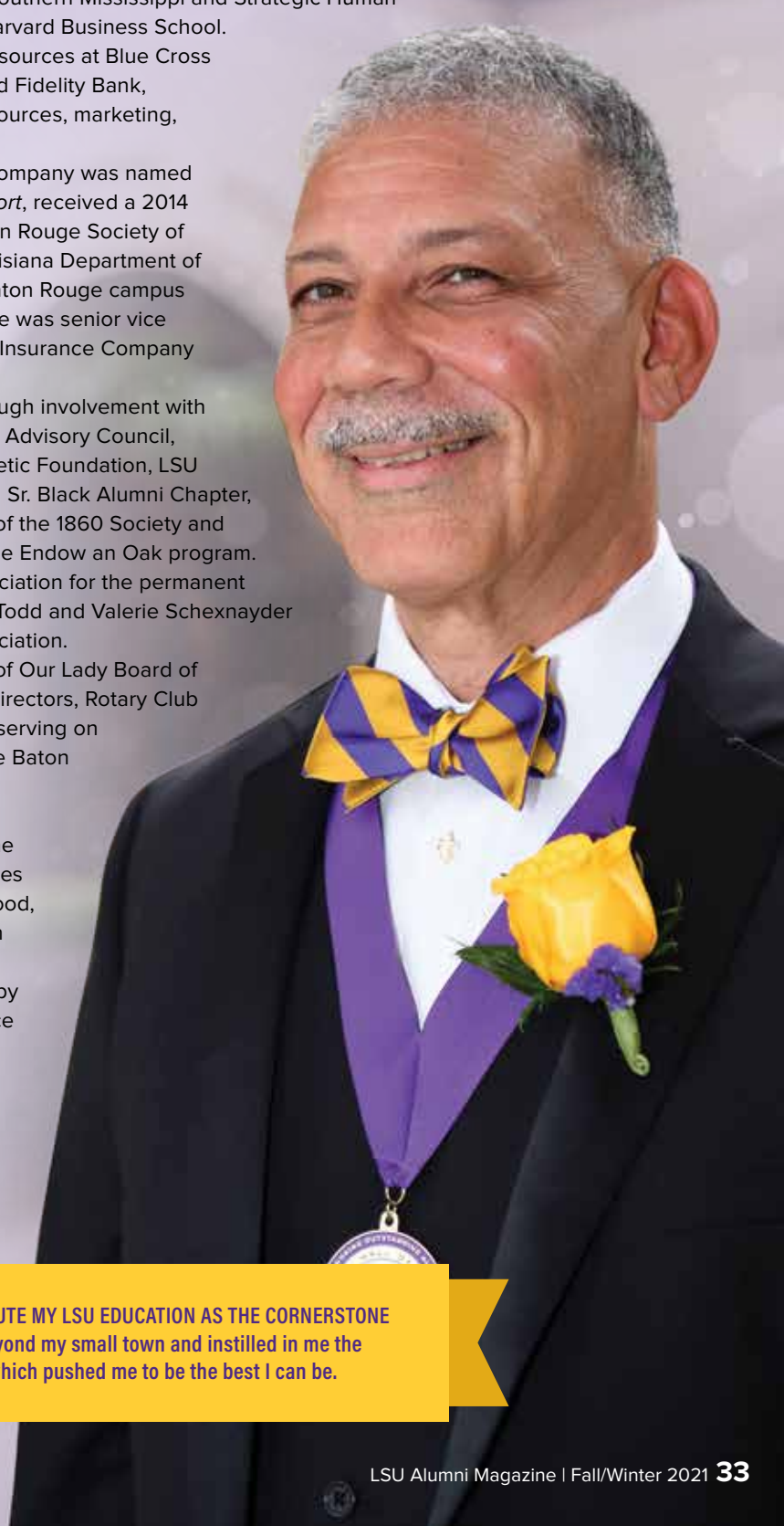
He donated his class ring to the LSU Alumni Association for the permanent ring collection, and he and his wife established the Todd and Valerie Schexnayder Endowed Scholarship through the LSU Alumni Association.

He currently serves on the Franciscan University of Our Lady Board of Trustees, Volunteers of America National Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Board of Directors, and is currently serving on the board and executive committee of Friends of the Baton Rouge Zoo as past president.

Schexnayder is a strong proponent of education. Relocating to Baton Rouge after Hurricane Katrina, he remained committed to the rebuilding of Edward Hynes Charter School in New Orleans' Lakeview neighborhood, continuing as president of the school board for seven years until the school was rebuilt.

He was named the 2016 Professional of the Year by the Greater Baton Rouge Society of Human Resource Management, received the T.J. Shields Award for outstanding service to the Manship School of Mass Communication in 2016, and was recognized as a 2019 Volunteer Activist by The Emerge Center.

Todd and Valerie Schexnayder are the parents of two sons, Sebastian (2015 BACH BUS) and Benjamin (2019 MLIS and GCAS).



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AROUND CAMPUS



Melanie Anderson was promoted to associate director of the LSU Law Office of Career Services. She was previously assistant director of the office.



Jacqueline Bach was named acting vice provost for academic programs and support services in the Office of Academic Affairs while a national search is conducted for an executive vice

president and provost. She served most recently as Provost's Fellow in the Office of Academic Affairs and associate dean of academic programs and services in the College of Human Sciences and Education.



Mark Bieger, formerly chief of staff to the president at the University of South Carolina, was appointed vice president of strategy, working closely with senior leadership to improve organizational

alignment of LSU campuses throughout the state and help drive the implementation of top priorities.



Matthew Calamia, associate professor of psychology, received the National Academy of Neuropsychology Early Career Award given to researchers who have

made substantial scholarly contributions to the field of neuropsychology within ten years of receiving their doctoral degree. Calamia's research interests include clinical neuropsychology and ways to advance neuropsychological assessment through research on the measurement of cognitive abilities and emotional functioning.



Jerry Ceppos, the William B. Dickinson Distinguished Professor in Journalism and former dean of the Manship School of Mass Communication, is author of *Covering Politics in the Age of Trump*, published by LSU Press.



Laura Hensley Choate, the Jo Ellen Levy Yates Endowed Professor, was appointed acting associate dean for academic programs and services in the College of Human Sciences & Education.



Jinx Coleman Broussard, professor of mass communication, was awarded the Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar Award by the Association for Education in Journalism

and Mass Communication's History Division. The award honors a scholar who has a demonstrated record of excellence in media history that has spanned at least fifteen years, including division membership.



Marsha Cuddeback, director of the School of Interior Design and the Ruth Z. McCoy Professor in Interior Design, was elected the president of the Interior Design Educators Council,

the leading association and authority on interior design education.



Laura Dean was named director of international student engagement, providing support, community, and advocacy on behalf of LSU international students.

She was previously programs coordinator with the Center for Global Engagement at Florida State University.



Richard Doubleday, associate professor of graphic design, is one of forty-eight scholars awarded the 2021-2022 China-U.S. Scholars Program (CUSP) Fellowship. The program is a

one-time grant created to promote cross-cultural exchange in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.



Noémie Elgrishi, assistant professor of chemistry, received a \$685,000 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or NSF CAREER, award for

her project titled "Confined Nano-Environments for the Stabilization of Molecular Electrocatalysts."



Oliver Garden assumed deanship of the School of Veterinary Medicine in August. He was previously chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences and Advanced Medicine and the

Henry and Corinne R. Bower Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.



Manas Gartia, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, received a \$500,005 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or NSF CAREER, award for his

project titled "Multimodal Approach for Label-Free Imaging of Lipidomic Changes in Brain."



Ogden Honors College students **Rohin Gilman**, of Baton Rouge, and **Benjamin Thomas**, of Crowley, La., were named 2021 Astronaut Scholars by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation,



becoming LSU's eleventh and twelfth recipients. The scholarship recognizes the best and brightest minds in STEM who show initiative, creativity, and excellence in

their chosen field. Presented by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, the scholarship provides up to \$15,000 to promising scholars while commemorating the legacy of America's Mercury 7 astronauts – each of whom sponsored and fundraised to establish the program. Gilman is a LSU Alumni Association President's Alumni Scholar (Cain Scholar) and a Goldwater Scholar.



Kris Lindsey Hall, assistant professor of marketing, and **Dan Rice**, associate professor of marketing, secured a five-year, \$461,000 research grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents

Departmental Enhancement-Comprehensive Program. The grant will expand the biometric measurement capabilities of the college's Behavioral Research Lab and improve data integration to ensure continued excellence in behavioral research and maintain competitive advantage over peer institutions.



Jason Hicks, professor of psychology and Provost's Fellow in LSU Office of Academic Affairs, was named a liaison for the SEC Academic Leadership Development Program, which works with chief academic officers to identify

individuals from the institution to participate as fellows in the program.



Boryung Ju, professor of library and information science, and **Don Kraft**, professor emeritus of computer science, were recognized as members of the Association for Information Science & Technology. The status is attained by those with a demonstrated commitment

to mastering their profession through sustained educational pursuits and a proven track record of service.



Philip Jung, assistant professor of biological engineering, received a \$442,451 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or NSF CAREER, award for his project titled "Engineering Laminin Globular Domains for Accelerated

Cardiomyocyte Proliferation: Validation with a 3D-Bioprinted In Vitro Infarct Model."



Cheryl Harrison, assistant professor of oceanography and coastal studies the College of the Coast & Environment and the LSU Center for Computation & Technology helped lead a team of twenty-three international researchers from the U.S., Australia, Europe, and

Canada who produced a milestone paper for marine climate change impact projections.

TIGER TRIVIA

1. Who was the first active military officer to serve as commandant of cadets?

- (a) Troy H. Middleton
- (b) Mitchell F. Jamar
- (c) Campbell B. Hodges
- (d) Thomas O. Blakeney

2. When did LSU join the Southeastern Conference?

- (a) 1932
- (b) 1958
- (c) 1966
- (d) 2019

3. In what sport did LSU win its first SEC championship?

- (a) Women's gymnastics
- (b) Football
- (c) Volleyball
- (d) Outdoor track and field

4. According to the *Regulations for the Interior Discipline and Police of the Corps of Cadets of 1903*, how often were cadets required to bathe?

- (a) Daily
- (b) At least every other day
- (c) At least once every seven days
- (d) When necessary

5. When was the Aeronautical Department established?

- (a) 1933
- (b) 1939
- (c) 1941
- (d) 1947

6. What were beneficiary cadets?

- (a) Students who were prepared to receive the benefits of higher education
- (b) Indigent students chosen to attend LSU by their local police juries
- (c) Students who benefitted from having wealthy parents
- (d) None of the above

7. How much were student expenses for the 1869-1870 session?

- (a) None. Louisiana citizens attended free of charge
- (b) \$10 per month
- (c) \$400
- (d) \$750

8. What did the fee in question 7 cover?

- (a) Tuition, library, and surgeon's fees
- (b) Board and servant's attendance
- (c) Washing and mending
- (d) All of the above

9. What was one of the reasons given by students for ending mandatory ROTC?

- (a) No one liked drilling at noon
- (b) It would eliminate problems with scheduling classes
- (c) Women weren't allowed to join
- (d) No one liked the uniforms

10. What governing body served as the voice for women students?

- (a) The Panhellenic Council
- (b) The Women's Health Center
- (c) Associated Women Students
- (d) Student Government Association

11. When did students leave the downtown campus (Pentagon Barracks) for good?

- (a) 1931
- (b) 1926
- (c) 1887
- (d) 1869

12. Who were the last students to live at the downtown campus?

- (a) ROTC cadets
- (b) Male students
- (c) Students majoring in music
- (d) Women students

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

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



Tara Houston, assistant professor of scenic design in the School of Theatre, was named associate dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the College of Music & Dramatic Arts.



Nathan Kalmoe, associate professor of political communication and author of *With Ballots and Bullets: Partisanship and Violence in the American Civil War*, won book awards from the

International Society of Political Psychology and the American Political Science Association for its significant contributions to the fields of political psychology and political science, respectively.



Sabarethinam Kameshwar, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, is working with students to quantify the number of load-posted bridges in Louisiana for the

next fifty years by combining machine-learning techniques, physics-based deterioration models, and probabilistic methods. This will allow them to develop a tool that can be used to determine the number of posted bridges in the future and identify key parameters whose values are indicative of load posting.



Ali Kazemian, assistant professor of construction management, has researched 3D Printing (C3DP) Since 2014 and has four projects related to the study of this technology that will not only

help the construction industry but also make living on the Moon and Mars a possibility.



Lucien "Luke" Laborde, Jr. was named interim vice president for agriculture and dean of the College of Agriculture, replacing Bill Richardson, who returned to the faculty. Laborde holds

three degrees from LSU – 1976 BACH AGR, 1978 MBA, and 2014 PHD AGR. While an

undergraduate, he served as president of the LSU College of Agriculture.



Matt Lee, who served as vice provost for academic programs and support services, was named as interim executive vice president and provost, replacing Stacia Haynie, who

returned to the College of Humanities & Social Sciences faculty.



Genevieve Palardy, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, received a \$585,950 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or NSF CAREER, award for her

project award for her project titled "Understanding Ultrasonic Processing of Layered Polymer Composites across Length Scales."



Lu Peng, professor of electrical and computer engineering, and a team of undergraduate and graduate students developed a COVID-19 contact-tracing

mobile app that notifies the user if he or she has come into contact with someone who has recently tested positive for the virus. The GeauxTrace app is part of an \$888,642 grant from the National Institutes of Health.



Patricia Persaud, assistant professor of geology and geophysics, received a \$589,134 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or NSF CAREER, award for her

project titled "Fluid-driven Deformation in Underground Salt Caverns and Wastewater Injection Sites."



Cynthia Peterson, dean of the College of Science, was named President William F. Tate, IV's special advisor on science. Dean of the college since 2014, she will remain in that role while also serving in

the new position.



Craig Plaisance, assistant professor of chemical engineering, was named one of eighty-three scientists – fifty-one junior faculty at universities and thirty-two researchers at national labs

– around the country to receive the U.S. Department of Energy's Early Career Research Program Award. The project allows researchers to accurately simulate how electrocatalysts carry out important reactions, such as oxygen evolution and carbon dioxide reduction.



Nancy Rabalais, professor of oceanography and coastal studies and the Shell Endowed Chair in oceanography and wetland studies, is among the 120 newly elected members of

the National Academy of Sciences. Recognized for her distinguished achievements in original research, she is also among the fifty-nine women who were elected – the most women elected in a single year – to the National Academy of Sciences.



Tracey Rizzuto was appointed interim director of the School of Leadership & Human Resource Development in the College of Human Sciences & Education.



Jyotsna Sharma, assistant professor of petroleum engineering and the Devon Energy Career Development Professor, received a \$750,000 grant from the

Department of Energy to fund her research to develop a quantum-sensing approach that is compatible with current infrastructure in the oil and gas industry and can outperform the current state-of-the-art techniques.

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Samuel Snow, assistant professor of environmental engineering, received a \$534,860 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or NSF CAREER, award for his

project titled "Accelerating Sustainable Water Treatment Using Smart Ultraviolet Light Emitting Diodes."



Frank Tsai, professor of civil and environmental engineering, received an \$800,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate

Competitive Research to conduct integrated groundwater management for the Gulf region. This grant is part of a \$6 million project sponsored by Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.



Rodrigo Valverde, professor of plant pathology and crop physiology, was elected a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society.



George Voyiadjis, Boyd Professor and chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, was appointed to the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, making

him a member of all three European Academies, the other two being the European Academy of Sciences and Academia Europaea of Physics & Engineering Sciences.



Jane West-Eberhard, a research associate in the Department of Biological Sciences, received the 2021 Linnean Medal recognizing her "significant contribution to the science of natural

history and to the wider natural sciences community," according to The Linnean Society of London. She is one of seven women to have been awarded the Linnean Medal in Zoology, which was first given in 1888.

Photo: STRI



Jian Xu, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, received \$500,000 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development for his project titled "Image Critical

Dental Diseases that Current Dental X-ray/CT Fails to Detect, Without Ionizing Radiation."

The Cox Academic Center for Student-Athletes received the 2021 National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) Outstanding Learning Center Award for Special Populations, which recognizes work done by learning centers that provide services to a limited specialized population and to foster their future growth and development. With the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve," the center provides academic support and services for nearly 500 student-athletes.

A \$7.8 million estate gift from the late Dr. Charles M. Smith of Sulphur, La., will advance cancer treatment through a longstanding partnership with LSU and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center that began in 1980. Leveraging education and research expertise through a joint medical and health physics program is improving the quality of patient care locally and, through research and innovation, contributing to enhanced patient care worldwide.

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In Focus



Tiger Band kicks off Fall Fest 2021.
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From left, Beverly Shea, a member and past chair of the LSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, Homecoming Queen Anna Jones, Homecoming King Chandler Black, and Association President Gordon Monk.
Photo: Emily Millet



The 2021 Homecoming Court attended a breakfast with their families at The Club in Union Square before marching with the band down Victory Hill to Tiger Stadium. Pictured, from left, are Jayda Jeffery, Matthew Delatte, Mia LeJeune, Devin J. Scott, Kaitryana Leinbach, Anna Catherine Strong, Gabriel Watkins, Miller Anne Dickerson, William Chandler Black, Claudia Henry, William Joseph Gaspard, Jr., Richala Jackson, Cam Crier, and Taylor George.
Photo: Robert Nguyen/LSU Campus Life.

Homecoming 2021 – A scavenger hunt, food drive for the LSU Pantry, and Fall Fest were among the many Homecoming week activities preceding the LSU vs. Florida game and presentation of the court on Oct. 16.



LSU President William F. Tate, IV
Photo: Eddy Perez/LSU Communications & University Relations

Investiture Ceremony – William F. Tate, IV was formally installed as LSU president at the Presidential Investiture Ceremony on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Union Theatre.

Business 2021 Hall of Distinction



Scott Agosta



Suzanne Mestayer



Nick Speyrer

The E.J. Ourso College of Business inducted Scott Agosta and Suzanne Mestayer into the 2021 Hall of Distinction and recognized the college's first-ever Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient Nick Speyrer at the 25th Hall of Distinction banquet in October.

Scott Agosta (1987 BACH BUS), of Southlake, Texas, is a founder of MorningStar Partners, a growth-oriented independent oil and natural gas company, and serves as chief accounting officer and controller. He is a member of the Junior Achievement of the Chisolm Trail board of directors and the Dean's Advisory Council.

Suzanne Mestayer (1973 BACH BUS), of New Orleans, is managing principal of ThirtyNorth Investments, an independent registered investment advisory firm. She serves on the board of directors of Sanderson Farms, Inc. and Pan American Life Insurance Group and is active in her community.

Nick Speyrer (2004 BACH BUS), of Baton Rouge, is founder and president of Emergent Method, a consulting firm. Emergent Method was named one of the Best Places to Work in Baton Rouge in 2017, 2018, and 2020, and in 2019 was named Company of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

Lambda Chi Alumni Give \$1 Million to LSU



From left, LSU Board of Supervisors Past Chair Robert Dampf, Tiger Athletic Foundation President Matt Borman, LSU President William F. Tate, Lambda Chi Alpha President Bill Fountain, LSU Foundation President Rob Stuart, and LSU Alumni Association President Gordon Monk.

Alumni of the LSU chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha made a \$1 million gift through the LSU Foundation, LSU Alumni Association, and Tiger Athletic Foundation in support of LSU students.

Funds for the gift became available after the sale of the fraternity's chapter house to another Greek organization. As the alumni chapter considered how to maximize the impact of the proceeds from the sale, there was broad support from Lambda Chi Alpha alumni across many generations for the idea of directing the \$1 million donation to advance LSU scholastics and the Tiger Athletic Foundation. "This donation to LSU is a measure of how much our chapter's alumni valued their experience at this university, both scholastically and socially, and what a huge impact that special time and the people who shared our journey here made on each of us," explained Bill Fountain, president of the alumni chapter.

The chapter's gift will establish a nearly \$600,000 Lambda Chi Alpha Scholarship in the LSU Foundation, to be awarded annually to full-time undergraduates, with preferential consideration given to descendants of members. The gift also establishes a \$50,000 scholarship through LSU Alumni Association and provides \$100,000 to the LSU Alumni Fund, supporting the Association's initiatives to engage alumni in maintaining close ties to LSU. The \$250,000 portion of the gift that is dedicated to the Tiger Athletic Foundation will benefit student athletes through the preservation of Tiger Stadium.

"Lambda Chi Alpha's generosity is a lasting celebration of the important role of a well-rounded campus experience," said LSU President William F. Tate, IV, adding, "We're especially grateful that the alumni chose to dedicate these resources to advancing scholarship and supporting students throughout campus."



The TigerRacing Team broke into the Top 10 this year.

TigerRacing Team Places in Top 10

The LSU TigerRacing Formula SAE team placed tenth at the FSAE Michigan Validation Event in Brooklyn, Mich., the highest placement ever for the LSU team at the Michigan competition. It also placed fourteenth in Acceleration, eleventh in Skidpad, fifteenth in Autocross, eleventh in Endurance, and ninth in Fuel Efficiency. Fifty-one teams compete at the Michigan International Speedway.

LSU Formula SAE Captain Josh Brooks, a senior in mechanical engineering, has been on the team since 2017 and was happy to see the team finally place in the Top 10 after all these years. "It felt amazing to see the team finally break into the Top 10," he said. "I have watched our team innovate and improve on our cars year to year so that each car is better and faster than the last. It's rewarding to see our hard work pay off."

Commencement, Enrollment Records Set



The summer graduating class was awarded 969 degrees, representing the most degrees ever awarded during a summer session in LSU history.

Photo: Eddy Perez/LSU Communications & University Relations



Kevin White, former LSU football player and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Super Bowl champion, received his bachelor's degree from the College of Human Sciences & Education.

Photo: Katherine Seghers/LSU Communications & University Relations

LSU awarded 969 degrees during the 305th commencement exercises in August, setting an all-time records summer commencement. The graduating class represented forty-seven Louisiana parishes, forty-three U.S. states, and thirty-five foreign countries. The oldest graduate was eighty-six, the youngest nineteen. Undergraduate degrees were awarded to 327 students, 642 students received graduate degrees, and fourteen LSU employees earned degrees.

LSU also broke the record for the most accomplished, largest, and most diverse freshman class in history. The 7,038 freshmen enrolled surpassed last year's record of 6,690 freshmen, and overall enrollment is at a high of 35,914.

The freshman class GPA is a record high at 3.54, and the average ACT score approached 26. Diversity of the class is also at an all-time high. The freshman class is made up of 18.8 percent Black students, and the number of Hispanic students in the freshman class is also a record high of 9.5 percent.

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A Coach for the Ages

Biff Jones Had the Right Stuff



Abe Mickal, in the opinion of Biff Jones, was the best college passer the LSU coach had seen at that point. A knee injury to Mickal in 1934 played a role in consecutive losses to Tulane and Tennessee. The Tigers had played eighteen conference games without a loss until the injury. Photo: LSU Sports Information



Biff Jones' flair for organization and his leadership ability quickly made an impression on everyone at LSU. His 1932 Tigers were co-champions of the Southern conference. LSU reeled in three of their finest recruiting classes, which led to SEC championships in 1935 and 1936 and three straight Sugar Bowl invitations. Veteran followers of Tiger football labeled Jones as LSU's all-time best coach. Photo: LSU Sports Information

Selecting the right coach has always been critical to a football team's long term success. Yale had Walter Camp, the father of the college game. Wallace Wade took Alabama to three Rose Bowls while LSU struggled. Bernie Bierman, who led Tulane's 1931 team to the Rose Bowl, beat the Tigers so handily that it ended Russ Cohen's stay as LSU coach. Alabama's Wade and his successor, Frank Thomas, built the Bama brand with national titles in 1925, 1926, 1930, and 1934. In contrast, LSU had sixteen football coaches in twenty-nine years, only hiring their first full time coach in 1923.

LSU's program was at a critical stage in its development after the 1931 season. The Tigers' first full-time hires, Mike Donahue, an established head coach from Auburn, and Cohen, a promising young assistant from Alabama, yielded disappointing results. The Tigers finally got the right coach in 1932, and he won a conference co-championship in his first season. To get the right man, they needed the approval of General Douglas MacArthur. Yes, that General MacArthur.

There was no flood of applicants for the LSU vacancy. Established coaches were leery of the Tigers' No. 1 fan – Senator Huey P. Long. The departing Cohen, who was on good terms with LSU officials, recommended Biff Jones, a former Army coach, to Major Troy Middleton, the Commandant of Cadets. He even suggested that LSU administrators ask Jones if he missed coaching. Middleton, who had played and coached military football as a young Army officer, passed Cohen's recommendation along to James Broussard, the faculty chairman of athletics, and to President James M. Smith.

Broussard called Jones and asked him to visit. After a brief stay in Baton Rouge, he expressed no interest. But Broussard was extremely impressed with Captain Jones, who looked like a military leader. He was six-foot, three-inches tall, a confident, organized, and a well-spoken leader of men. Broussard believed Jones' military bearing, leadership and organizational skills were qualities that LSU needed. Jones had impressive credentials. He had been a field artillery officer in World War I. He taught field artillery at the U.S. Military Academy, had coached the football team, and was then the assistant athletic director.

Broussard asked Jones to name conditions that would make the job more appealing. Jones didn't want to resign from the Army. He asked LSU to assign him as an instructor of military science in the ROTC program. That required an approval at the highest level of the Army. Smith and Broussard then made a trip to Washington to meet with General MacArthur, the Army Chief of Staff, who agreed to LSU's terms. "You've got yourself a good coach," he said.

A veteran staff was assembled, which included a former Iowa head coach, and Jones delegated recruiting responsibility to his staff. According to T.P. Heard, the

athletic director at the time, the recruiting classes of 1932, 1933, and 1934 were the best in LSU history, and laid the foundation for the Tigers' successful run in the mid-thirties. A selection error in 1932 would have doomed LSU to also-ran status for the remainder of the decade and meant a more difficult building job for the next LSU football coach — or coaches.

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

In LSU lore, Jones is known as the coach who finally got the Tigers moving in the right direction. And he was the man who said no to Huey Long.

Jones would leave his successor, Bernie Moore, with the strongest team LSU ever fielded to that point. Moore inherited the talent and the depth to produce a consistent winner. Gaynell Tinsley, a two-time All-America, was one of LSU's greatest players ever. According to Jones, Abe Mickal was the finest college passer he had seen at that time. In 1935, Mickal was a second team All-SEC tailback. LSU's Bill Crass was the first team All-SEC tailback. That's the kind of depth Coach Moore inherited.

The Tigers proceeded to win two consecutive SEC championships and played in three straight Sugar Bowl games. LSU entered the thirties searching for consistency. By 1935, the Tigers had become a national power. Biff Jones played a major role in this upgrade. Close observers would compare him favorably with the next five LSU football coaches. His 1932 LSU team tied for first in the Southern Conference. The 1933 Tigers tied for second in the new Southeastern Conference. Among their victims was Tennessee — 7-0 — the first time in seventy-seven games that Bob Neyland had been shutout in a losing effort. Only fifteen LSU players saw action against the Vols that day, an indication of how little depth Jones had in 1933. The Tigers defeated two conference champions — Arkansas of the Southwest and South Carolina of the Southern conference that season. There was an air of excitement about the football program in Baton Rouge that was missing previously.

Jones' 1934 team tied for fourth in the SEC, and it had a sad conclusion. Against Mississippi State, Mickal sustained a knee injury that required a brace for support. It would become a major factor in the Tigers' final record. The last three games against Tulane, Tennessee, and Oregon were difficult enough with everyone healthy. In their first two seasons in the SEC — 1933 and 1934 — the Tigers put together a string of eighteen games without a loss. No conference team had beaten them. Tulane, LSU's oldest rival, would end both streaks.

Mickal didn't start the Tulane game, but he put LSU ahead in the third quarter with his passing and running. It was his knee brace that influenced the score. Each time he planted his left foot on a place kick, the knee brace on his left knee wobbled, causing his kicking stride to be off. He missed two extra points that day. The knee brace didn't affect his running, but two missed extra points — something he had done only once before the injury — made Tulane a 13-12 winner. That loss, LSU's first conference loss in two seasons, soured Long on Biff Jones. Long didn't make the trip to Tennessee. He didn't go to the train station to give the team a sendoff with 500 Tiger fans. LSU lost at Knoxville in the final two minutes, 19-13. Three of its best players were injured. Tinsley was knocked out when hit in the mouth. Walter Sullivan left the field after being clipped. And Mickal limped off after being roughed on a punt.

Oregon would be next.

NO PEP TALKS

A cool and calculating individual, Jones disdained motivational histrionics. At a time when Notre Dame's Knute Rockne had made motivational oratory an accepted coaching tool, Jones publicly took exception to it, even though

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Gaynell Tinsley, a two-time All-America, was LSU's best player ever according to sportswriter W.I. Spencer who covered the Tigers as sports editor of the Advocate and sports correspondent for the Times-Picayune from the Thirties to the early Seventies. Dan Hardesty, veteran sports editor of the State-Times, called him the Tigers "best lineman."

Photo: LSU Sports Information



As LSU kept winning, Senator Huey Long's enthusiasm for the Tigers increased. He decided that the students should follow the team to Nashville for the Vanderbilt game. Five special trains with ten coaches each were scheduled. The demand was such that 3,200 football fans – many townspeople, posing as students – went to Nashville. Two extra trains had to be added. The newspapers called it "the greatest peacetime long distance railroad excursion in the history of America."

Photo: LSU Sports Information



Frank Wandle, the team trainer who had come to LSU from West Point with Biff Jones. It was Wandle who tipped off the newspapermen about the heated exchange between Senator Long and Biff Jones at halftime of the Oregon game. Both regretted their comments and had hoped to resolve their differences until the story appeared in the newspapers. "He's resigned, and he's going to stay resigned," Long said.

Photo: Yale Sports Information

Louisiana Senator Huey Long had given pep talks to the Tigers under the previous coach. Jones claimed it frequently provoked an athlete to act upon emotion during a game.

"They (pep talks) only incite players to do unsportsmanlike things," Jones said. He preferred the thorough teaching of the techniques of the sport and the development of a strategic plan for the upcoming opponent rather than the inflammatory rhetoric popularized by motion pictures and the newspapers.

Upon arriving at LSU, Jones calmly and tactfully made his case with Long on pep talks. It never became a priority for Long until LSU lost two straight games late in the 1934 season and appeared to be headed for another loss against Oregon. It wasn't Long's desire to talk to the team that unraveled the relationship between the two men. Back-to-back losses to Tulane and Tennessee, two of the SEC's best football programs at the time, had irritated the senator. Both games were decided in the fading minutes of the fourth quarter. In the final game of the season, Oregon led 13-7 at halftime. Long's mood got worse. And he made his way to the LSU dressing room at intermission.

The late Peter Finney describes the heated exchange in his book *The Fighting Tigers*.

The Senator motioned a puzzled Jones over to the dressing room door and asked, "Can I talk to the team?"

"No," was Jones's curt reply.

"Who's going to stop me?" demanded Long.

"Well," shot back Jones, "you're not going to talk."

"Well, I'm sick of losing and tying games," said Long. "You'd better win this one."

Jones, flushed with anger, replied, "Well, Senator, get this: win, lose or draw, I quit."

"That's a bargain," said Long as Jones shut the door.

Outside the locker room, Long attempted to convince his followers that his intentions were to help the team. "Ain't I a part of this organization?" he asked. "Why can't I talk to the boys?"

In the dressing room, Jones became emotional for once. He asked the team to win this game for Biff Jones. A 39-yard touchdown run by Jesse Fatherree and a perfect place kick by Ernest Seago made the final, 14-13 Tigers. The result didn't change Long's mood.

In September, Long had used his political clout to benefit LSU. He turned back the Ringling Brothers Circus with Louisiana's law for dipping animals (for ticks and fleas) at the state border, asking the advance man for the circus, "You ever dip a tiger? Or an elephant?" It cancelled the circus in Baton Rouge, and eliminated any competition for the ticket sales of the LSU-SMU football game, scheduled on the same night.

Senator Long had also threatened to have state legislation passed that would tax Illinois Central railroad bridges for their real worth – an increase in taxation from \$100,000 to \$1.4 million – unless the president of the company agreed to give LSU students a discounted round trip ticket to Nashville for only \$6 dollars so they could attend the Vanderbilt game. Neither of these maneuvers would strengthen Long's power in Louisiana. They benefited his beloved LSU, in his mind. He thought he deserved to "talk to the boys." He thought his message would change the game's outcome.

Both Long and Jones later regretted their remarks and wanted to patch things up. But once the story hit the newspapers, Long told close associates, "He's resigned and his going to stay resigned."

Long apparently decided this was an opportunity to change coaches, and soon made a run at Alabama coach Frank Thomas who was taking the Tide to another Rose Bowl. Incredibly, the entire episode could have been reduced to a chapter in Biff's memoirs had not team trainer Frank Wandle ventured well beyond his job description and tipped off several newspapermen who were nowhere near the team locker room at halftime.

Two veteran observers of LSU football, W.I. Spencer, a former *Advocate* sports editor, and Lewis Gottlieb, a former member of the Board of Supervisors, were steadfast in their belief that Jones was one of LSU's best coaches of all time. They both contended that Jones made a timely contribution to the team's long term success.

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Wade Likes the Look of These Tigers



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We'll be a tougher group than we've been.

Rebuilding the men's basketball roster seemed to be an impossible task last March. Will Wade would have to replace the Tigers' top three, possibly four, scorers for the 2021-2022 season. The only solution appeared to be the transfer portal.

Wade would have to replace three excellent starters – Cameron Thomas (23 ppg), Trendon Watford (16.3 ppg), and Javonte Smart (16 ppg) – who were headed to the NBA. Early last spring, LSU basketball fans had little comforting news.

- Forward Darius Days, the team's leading rebounder and No. 4 scorer (11.6 ppg), wanted to get an opinion from the NBA before making a decision in June about his final year.
- Junior forward Shareef O'Neal (6-10, 220) had lingering injuries that made his future uncertain.
- Returnees Mwani Wilkinson (6-5, 206) and Eric Gaines (6-2, 150) would have to make a huge leap forward to replace the departing stars.

In mid-April, there was big news in Tigertown. The first of the players from the transfer portal was Xavier Pinson, Missouri's starting point guard, who signed with LSU on April 16, 2021. He could replace Smart. Tiger Nation began to breathe easier.

As if on cue, Tari Eason, a 6-8 forward from Cincinnati signed with the Tigers on April 28. With O'Neal on the mend, an aggressive Eason could be a leading contender at power forward. In May, Adam Miller, who had been a starting guard at Illinois, and 5-star recruit Efton Reid, a 6-11 center, came aboard.

In short order, The Tigers had acquired three players who had played the game at a high level in the 2021 season, plus one of the nation's most sought-after big men.

That left only one major hole to fill. Darius Days announced on June 29 that he was returning to LSU basketball. He was the team's best big men as a three-point shooter. Wade is counting on him

to be a team leader. Returnees like O'Neal, Fudge, and the two sophomores with playing experience – Wilkinson and Gaines – should furnish the Tigers with more depth than in seasons past. Incoming freshmen Jarrell Colbert (6-10, 215) and Brandon Murray (6-5, 214) will get an opportunity to contribute to that depth.

At media day, prior to the start of basketball practice, the LSU coach was basically gushing. Questioned about a few of the newcomers, Wade said that Missouri transfer Pinson is even better than he thought and is going to be "really, really good for us."

Another newcomer he talked about was Murray, a freshman guard from IMG Academy. Wade believes the fans are going to love Murray. Those that knew he was Reid's roommate at IMG Academy, are now giving Murray, a November signee, credit for selling Reid on LSU.

But Wade was focused on Murray as a player. "He is a pit bull," Wade said. "Everything he does, he does it extremely hard ... He is absolutely tenacious."

LSU fans are most excited about the five-star recruit Reid, the 6-11 center from Richmond, Va. "Reid is extremely skilled, especially on the offensive end," Wade said. "He's got the jump hooks; he can make threes. He's got a lot of offensive weapons."

Wade said nobody in the program has made a bigger jump than Wilkinson, "especially on the offensive end." Wilkinson had started fourteen games as a freshman last year.

Days has also taken a big step forward in terms of leadership, and is poised for his best year yet.

Look for a tougher team this season. "We'll be a tougher group than we've been," Wade said. "We've got some tough guys, so I think we'll be a little bit grittier and grimier. A little more blue-collar. I like the way we are."

Miller, the Illinois transfer, was a projected starter, but suffered a knee injury in practice October 19, and will miss the entire season.



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C. Stokes McConnell, Jr. (1969 BACH H&SS, 1972 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of

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1970s



Samuel A. Bacot (1972 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation-Real Estate,

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David R. Cassidy (1972 BACH H&SS, 1975 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, was named to the 2021 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for

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Donna Dees (1979 BACH MCOM), *Glamour* magazine's 2000 Woman of the Year, was selected as one of the magazine's honorees included in *Glamour: 30 Years of Women Who Have*

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Van R. Mayhall, Jr. (1971 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list 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 (SEC, Telecom, Energy), Litigation-Securities, Litigation and Controversy-Tax, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Reinsurance Law.



Claude F. Reynaud, Jr. (1974 BACH BUS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of

Antitrust Law, Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Antitrust, Litigation-Intellectual Property, and Litigation-Mergers and Acquisitions.

1980s



Ricardo A. Aguilar (1983 BACH BUS, 1986 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor

Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Banking and Finance, Litigation-Bankruptcy, Litigation-Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation-Real Estate, and Litigation-Trusts and Estates.



Richard Arsenault (1980 JD) was awarded the Top Rating by Avvo for 2021 and chaired the Insurance, Tort, Worker's Compensation, and Admiralty Law Section CLE at the LSBA Annual

Convention. Arsenault was appointed to the Planning Steering Committee for the Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) Conference at the George Washington Law School Complex Litigation Center; spoke at the first annual invitation-only MDL Conference, which includes fifty members of the Federal Bench; was appointed a reviewer in the development of a compendium of Multidistrict Litigation best practices by George Washington Law School; selected by the Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers guide; and selected by peers for inclusion in the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America*.



Robert L. Atkinson (1980 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Banking and Finance Law.



Mark N. Bodin (1984 BACH ENGR, 1988 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants.



Jude C. Bursavich (1983 BACH H&SS, 1983 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Litigation-Health Care.



Kenneth Champagne (1987 BACH BUS), senior vice president, Premium Finance Business Unit at Confie, was elected to the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (LCPA) Board of Directors. He is a past president of the LCPA Baton Rouge Chapter.



David M. Charlton (1980 BACH BUS, 1983 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law.



V. Thomas Clark (1986 BACH H&SS, 1990 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Administrative/Regulatory

Law, Commercial Litigation, Entertainment Law-Motion Pictures and Television, Government Contracts, Insurance Law, and Professional Malpractice Law-Defendants. He was also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.



Jeanne C. Comeaux (1980 BACH H&SS, 1994 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Litigation-Insurance

and Trade Secrets Law. She was also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.



Katherine Conklin (1980 BACH MCOM), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Employee Benefits Law.



Michelle Ducre (1992 BACH H&SS) was named human resources director for the city of Joplin, Mo. She was recently human resources director for the Pittsburg, Kan., and prior to her work in

Pittsburg, she was major gifts officer at Missouri Southern State University, a regional development director at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks-Joplin, and executive director of the Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri in Joplin.



Renea Austin-Duffin (1987 MPA), vice president of cancer support and outreach at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, was appointed chair-elect of the Association of Community Cancer

Center's Membership Committee. She also serves as the governmental affairs liaison for the Cancer Center at the local, state, and federal levels.



Michael D. Ferachi (1986 BACH BUS, 1989 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of

Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Banking and Finance, and Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law.



R. Marshall Grodner (1983 BACH H&SS, 1990 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas

Commercial Transactions/ UCC Law and Equipment Finance Law. He was also named Lawyer of the Year.



Lance J. Kinchen (1989 BACH BUS, 1992 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Tax Law.



Tracy Averett Morganti (1988 BACH H&SS, 1992 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Banking and Finance

Law and Corporate Law. She was also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.



Trenton J. Oubre (1987 BACH BUS, 1991 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of

Litigation-Insurance and Workers' Compensation Law-Employers.



S. Jess Sperry (1985 BACH BUS, 1988 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Real Estate Law.



Stephen W. Wheat (attended 1984-87, 1991 MD-NO), of Wheat Medical in Natchitoches and Shreveport, La., is pioneering the emerging technology of a

hand-held ultrasound device known as the Butterfly iQ in his neuromuscular and skeletal electrodiagnostic specialty for early diagnosis of Hansen's Disease (leprosy).



Beverly A. Whitley (1986 BACH H&SS, JD 1990), an attorney with Bell Nunally, Dallas, was named to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of

Appellate Practice and Commercial Litigation and to the 2021 "Texas Super Lawyers" list and recognized in Benchmark Litigation's 2022 guide.



Carey Robinson (1987 MD LSUS), of Roanoke, Va., a retired ophthalmologist, and his wife, Bella, spend their time traveling to visit with their four children and five grandchildren across the

country. Although Parkinson's disease makes life more difficult, the couple is still learning to "count it all joy" (James 1:2-5). See *Yes! That's What I Do Best* by Dr. Crawdaddy in *Tigers in Print*, page 66.



Mona Lisa Saloy ((1988 MFA, 2005 PHD H&SS), Louisiana's newest Poet Laureate, assumed the post in August and will serve for two years. Saloy is the Conrad N. Hilton

Endowed Professor of English at Dillard University, New Orleans. Her first collection of poetry, *Red Beans & Ricely Yours: Poems*, won the 2005 T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry as well as the Pen Oakland-Josephine Miles 16th Annual National Literary Award in 2006. Her second collection, *Second Line Home: New Orleans Poems*, was published in 2014. Saloy holds a master's degree from San Francisco State University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington. Her work has been published in numerous academic and literary journals, among them *Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies*, *Callaloo*, *Southern Journal of Linguistics*, *African American Review*, and *Haight Ashbury Literary Journal*. Photo: Larry Everage, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

1990s



Rodolfo J. "Rudy" Aguilar, Jr. (1999 BACH BUS, 1982 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of

Commercial Transactions /UCC Law.



Kyle Ardoin (1990 BACH H&SS), Louisiana Secretary of State, was elected president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, serving through July 2022. He is active on the executive

board, committees, and panels, and is a member of the Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council.



Jeff Barbin (1991 BACH BUS, 1998 JD), a partner in Phelps Dunbar, was named treasurer of the International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA) after serving as assistant treasurer for two years. Barbin works with casino developers, sportsbook operators, investors, and lenders, handling industry-related issues, from site financing to regulatory approvals.



Frank Catalano (1999 BACH H&SS), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Commercial Litigation.



Cullen J. Dupuy (1990 BACH BUS, 1993 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Insurance Law, Litigation-Health Care, and Litigation-Insurance. He was also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.



Michael Faherty (1999 BACH BUS) joined Argent Financial Group, New Orleans, as senior vice president of institutional service. He was most recently the institutional trust strategist/senior vice president at Regions Bank and was previously with First Union National Bank, Charlotte, N.C.; Fidelity Investments, Dallas; and Pan American Life Insurance, New Orleans.



Emily Black Grey (1994 BACH H&SS, 2000 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Health Care Law.



Scott N. Hensgens (1993 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Intellectual Property, and Trademark Law. He was also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.



Ronnie L. Johnson (1990 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Insurance Law.



Catherine M. Maraist (1998 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Litigation-Health Care.



John Albert "Jay" Montalbano, Jr. (1999 BACH BUS), managing partner at Hannis T. Bourgeois, was elected to the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (LCPA) 2021-22 Board of Directors. He is LCPA's immediate past chair and a past president of the LCPA Baton Rouge Chapter.



Jean-Paul Perrault (1991 BACH BUS), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Insurance Law.



Sergio Waldeck (1997 BACH BUS) was named senior vice president of technology finance at Wells Fargo in Dallas with responsibility for financial planning and analysis of a \$3 billion technology budget within the firm's technology infrastructure team. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, Waldeck worked for

more than twenty years with J.P. Morgan Chase, Citigroup, the U.S. Central Bank/Federal Reserve Bank, and UBS Investment Bank and held international finance roles overseas.

2000s



Keon Anderson (2000 BACH H&SS), the correctional health dentist at Acclaim Physician Group, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Fort Worth Opera. A nonprofit leader

with more than a decade of serving underrepresented communities, he provides access to basic needs and reinvests in the community through job training. Anderson currently serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Tarrant County, the Fort Worth Kappa Foundation, and the DMB Educational Foundation. He is the scholarship chairman of the LSU Alumni Association A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter. He is affiliated with the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and the Texas Dental Association. He holds a doctorate of dental surgery from Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry.



Brad Barback (2008 BACH BUS, 2014 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Construction Law and Litigation-Construction.



Scott Brignac (2002 BACH H&SS) wrote and directed his first movie, *Playing God*. The movie, starring Michael McKean (*Better Call Saul*, *This Is Spinal Tap*) and Alan Tudyk (*Arrested Development*,

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story), is about con artists – a brother and sister – who try to pull off the swindle of their lives by promising a grieving, eccentric billionaire (Tudyk) a face-to-face meeting with God. Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mKs-WVpXMw&t=7s>



April Catarella (2003 BACH MCOM) joined Gambel Communications, New Orleans, as a communications strategist in July. She began her career with the Louisiana IceGators hockey team in Lafayette, La., and also worked for the Montgomery Biscuits, the Tampa Bay Rays' Double-A baseball affiliate in Montgomery, Ala. Returning to New Orleans, Catarella served as the executive director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was communications manager at Einstein Charter School. She is a member of the Young Leadership Council of New Orleans and serves on the board of the Swollfest Fishing Rodeo, which benefits children's charities and military families.



Joseph J. Cefalu, III (2009 BACH BUS, 2012 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the area of Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants.



David C. Fleshman (2008 BCH H&SS, 2011 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Construction Law and Litigation-Construction.



Druit G. Gremillion (2007 BACH H&SS, 2011 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the area of Insurance Law.



Lexi Holinga (2002 BACH BUS, 2005 JD) joined Hinshaw & Culbertson as a partner in the Baton Rouge office. Holinga is a member of several professional

organizations, including the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Baton Rouge Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, and the Defense Research Institute.



Rachael Jeanfreau (2007 BACH BUS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas Labor and Employment Law-Management and Litigation-Labor and Employment.



Brandon Lagarde (2001 BACH BUS, 2004 JD), a director with Postlethwaite & Netterville, and leader of the firm's Tax Services Group, was elected to the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants Board of Directors, and he received the organization's Distinguished Service Award. He holds a Master of Laws, Taxation from the University of Florida.



Matthew M. McCluer (2008 BACH H&SS), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Labor and Employment Law-Management and Litigation-Labor and Employment.



Erin Despot McMenemon (2005 BACH BUS) was named chief growth officer at BCM. She was previously an investment advisor and portfolio manager and is the first to hold the newly established position. With more than thirteen years of experience and years of extensive study and professional requirements, she was designated a CFA® (Chartered Financial Analyst®). McMenemon earned an MBA from Tulane University in 2013.



Kristi W. Richard (2004 BACH BUS, 2009 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the area of Insurance Law.



Jacob E. Roussel (2008 BACH ENGR, 2012 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Construction Law and Litigation-Construction.



Amanda S. Stout (2000 BACH H&SS, 2003 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Employee Benefits Law and Labor Law-Management.



Laura Weems Ybarra (2009 BACH MCOM), of Huntsville, Ala., joined Operation Gratitude as marketing and communications coordinator in May and was promoted in August to social media manager. Operation Gratitude is a nonprofit organization on a mission to create opportunities for all Americans to say "Thank You" to their military and first responder heroes.

2010s



Danielle L. Borel (2011 BACH BUS, 2014 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Health Care Law.

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Timothy G. Byrd Jr. (2014 JD), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Reorganization Law, Litigation, and Financial Regulation Law.




Kelsey A. Clark (2012 BACH H&SS, 2015 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants, Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation-Defendants.



Christine M. Colwell (2016 BACH HS&E, 2019 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the area of Health Law.



Katherine M. Cook (2017 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Insurance Law, Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, and Workers' Compensation Law-Employers.

A headshot of Dean Kelly, a man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue blazer over a light-colored shirt.

Dean Kelly (2014 BACH A&D) was promoted to principal at Rice Fergus Miller, an architectural firm in Bremerton, Wash., and will help lead the firm's Senior Living Studio. Among his projects are the Panorama assisted living community center and courtyard, the Emerald Heights campus façade renovation, Horizon House master plan, and Evergreen Pointe for Sound West Group.



Sarah Edwards (2011 BACH AGR), an attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, was named to the 2022 *The Best Lawyers in America* list in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Commercial Litigation.



Lance Frank (2011 BACH MCOM) was named senior vice president of communications at CBS News, expanding his portfolio to include *60 Minutes+*, the race and culture unit, and cross-division initiatives. He will continue to oversee communications for CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell and the Washington bureau. He has served as vice president of communications since 2019.



Catherine Breaux Moore
(2015 JD), an attorney with
Breazeale, Sachse and
Wilson, was recognized in
the 2022 *Best Lawyers:
Ones to Watch* in the area of
Health Care Law.



Kristin Oglesby (2015 BACH BUS, 2018 JD), an attorney with Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, was recognized in the 2022 Best *Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in the areas of Corporate Law and Tax Law.

2020s



Mya Ashlan Lloyd (2020 BACH H&SS), a second-year law student at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, assumed clerkship duties with Mostyn Law. While at LSU, Lloyd was active with LSU Ambassadors, LSU NAACP, and LSU Student Government. In law school, she serves as secretary of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society and is a member of the Dean's Leadership Council.

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In Memoriam



Edwin Washington Edwards (1949 JD), Louisiana's fiftieth and only four-term governor, was born on Aug. 7, 1927, in Marksville, La., and died on July 12, 2021, in Gonzales, La. After serving in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II, Edwards became a lawyer and began serving on the city council in Crowley, La. He served briefly in the Louisiana Senate before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served from 1965-1972. In 1972, he was elected governor and distinguished himself by overhauling Louisiana's election procedure and calling for a constitutional convention to rewrite the state's constitution.

Edwards served two terms before stepping down in 1980. He ran again and served as governor from 1984-1988. He lost the 1988 election to Buddy Roemer but came back to run against David Duke and served a final term from 1992-1996.

1930s

Herbert Wright Hobgood, Jr., 1936 BACH ENGR, July 15, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1940s

Peter Dennis Burland, 1949 BACH SCI, 1951 MAST SCI, Aug. 2021, Fulshear, Texas

Purnell Whittington Choppin, attended 1946-1949, 1953 MD-NO, 1988 Honorary Doctor of Science, July 3, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Evelyn Mary Tomlin Coco, 1947 BACH H&SS, July 13, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Louise Cobb Couvillion, 1941 BACH HS&E, May 28, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Travis Gene Morgan, 1948 BACH AGR, 1949 MAST AGR, Aug. 9, 2021, Bardstown, Ky.

Walter Trowbridge Weller, Jr., 1949 BACH ENGR, June 11, 2021, St. Francisville, La.

Eugene "Paul" Wise, 1942 BACH ENGR, July 18, 2021, Hickory, N.C.

1950s

Floyd Louis Barbay, 1956 BACH ENGR, 1962 MAST ENGR, Sept. 9, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Sanford Bederman, 1957 MAST H&SS, Aug. 19, 2021, Johns Creek, Ga.

Patrick "Pat" Cancienne, Sr., 1950 BACH ENGR, July 18, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Mary Sue Chambers, 1951 BACH HS&E, Aug. 15, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Robert L. Freshley, 1955 BACH HS&E, Sept. 5, 2021, Jeanerette, La.

Shirley Louie Thomas Jewell, 1954 BACH HS&E, Aug. 31, 2021, Maringouin, La.

Geraldine "Gerry" Ann Roddy McArthur, 1951 BACH AGR, Aug. 29, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Marcia Anne Guissinger Moser, 1952 BACH AGR, Sept. 9, 1952, Baton Rouge, La.

Eugene Anthony Nolan, 1953 BACH BUS, Aug. 13, 2021, Metairie, La.

Howard Magruder "Mickey" Norton, 1957 BACH BUS, June 12, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Gurvis Jefferson "G.J." Post, Jr., 1953 BACH BUS, July 23, 2021, Fort Worth, Texas

Jan Gray Teekel, 1950 BACH MCOM, Aug. 11, 2021, Shreveport, La.

Paul Joseph Vidacovich, Jr., 1956 BACH BUS, Sept. 11, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1960s

Raymond Curtis Bourgeois, 1964 BACH H&SS, Sr., Aug. 20, 2021, Pride, La.

Gordon Clanton, 1964 BACH SCI, July 13, 2021, Del Mar, Calif.

William R. Crooks, Jr., 1964 BACH ENGR, July 3, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Evelyn N. Davis, 1967 BACH H&SS, July 12, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Linda Downing "Mumsy" Eubanks, 1965 BACH HS&E, Sept. 14, 2121, Asheville, N.C.

Elizabeth Hall "Betsy" Guglielmo, 1962 BACH H&SS, Aug. 21, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

M. John Guillory, Jr., 1969 BACH ENGR, July 24, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Melvin C. Henry, Jr., 1966 BACH BUS, Aug. 10, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Diane Lee Higginbotham, 1969 BACH HS&E, 1970 MAST HS&E, Aug. 2, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Bonnie Walker Holliday, 1963 BACH HS&E, June 20, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Arlene Schweigerdt Kestner, 1969 PHD H&SS, Aug. 15, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Glenn Alan Koepp, 1968 BACH H&SS, 1974 JD, July 19, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

James "Jim" Adair Mackey, 1963 MAST HS&E, 1971 PHD HS&E, Professor and Associate Dean, College of Human Sciences & Education, Sept. 6, 2021, West Monroe, La.

Randolph H. "Randy" Parro, 1967 JD, July 11, 2021, Thibodaux, La.

Herbert Kay Plauché, 1963 MD-NO, June 5, 2021, Cashiers, N.C.

James Aubrey Reid, 1967 BACH H&SS, July 11, 2021, Amite, La.

Louis Garland Smith, 1960 BACH H&SS, July 10, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Earnest Dale Teer, 1961 BACH AGR, July 22, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Nancy Elizabeth Merrick Wilkinson, 1969 BACH AGR, June 25, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Rebecca Lane Wilson, 1969 BACH H&SS, 1974 MAST H&SS, June 4, 2021, Needham, Mass.

Sandra Annette Wells Wilson, 1964 BACH HS&E, Aug. 12, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Robert Campbell Witcher, Sr., 1960 MAST H&SS, 1969 PHD H&SS, June 14, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1970s

Eric DeWayne Babcock, 1976 BACH AGR, July 22, 2021, Folsom, La.

Sam H. Brown, 1973 BACH H&SS, Aug. 24, 2021, Houston, Texas

Susan Cormier Chapman, 1973 BACH HS&E, June 17, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Stephen Eugene Durrett, 1975 BACH H&SS, June 18, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

John Barrett "Barrie" Edgar, Jr., 1977 BACH H&SS, Aug. 4, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

Ruby Lynn Wall Felder, 1978 BACH AGR, June 17, 2021, Lafayette, La.

Walter Sidney “Sid” Felps, 1975 PHD SCI, July 21, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Marilyn Sue Kudla, 1972 BACH AGR, Aug. 17, 2021, Lake Charles, La.
Mary Eugenie LaPlace, 1977 BACH AGR, Sept. 1, 2021, Sunshine, La.
Harold Joseph Lasserre, 1979 BACH BUS, July 25, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
James Walter Mackey, 1978 BACH H&SS, Sept. 6, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Robert Edward “Bob” Martin, 1971 BACH SCI, July 12, 2021, Gonzales, La.
Gail Perkins Nettles, 1975 BACH HS&E, Sept. 4, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
James Kenneth “Jim” Nichols, 1972 JD, June 1, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Ronald Huse Riddle, 1974 BACH H&SS, Aug. 26, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Vinal James Stewart, 1973 JD, Aug. 22, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Rose Edwards Thomas, 1979 MAST HS&E, Aug. 10, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1980s

Lucy Ann Boley, 1988 BACH HS&E, Sept. 22, 2021, Livonia, La.
Vicki Jo Claflin, 1985 MAST H&SS, Sept. 2, 2021, Prince Georges, Md.
Grace Elizabeth Bennett Gasaway, 1982 BACH H&SS, 1985 JD, June 17, 2021, Hammond, La.
Arthur Joseph “Jay” Hannaman, 1989 BACH H&SS, Aug. 4, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Donald Scott McIveen, 1984 BACH H&SS, 1991 MAST H&SS, Sept. 4, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Bryant Edward Morrow, 1988 BACH AGR, July 28, 2021, Ventress, La.
Maryann Moore Parker, 1981 MAST HS&E, Jan. 29, 2021, Hoschton, Ga.
Ann Marie Russo, 1985 BACH A&D, Aug. 29, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

1990s

Ellen Arden Broussard, 1996 BACH H&SS, Sept. 21, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Douglas Stephen Cadwallader, 1994 MAST H&SS, July 9, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Daniel Paul Daigle, 1996 BACH BUS, 1997 MAST BUS, Sept. 14, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Lindsey John Stevenson, 1991 BACH BUS, Aug. 29, 2021, Galveston, Texas
Joseph Anthony “Joey” Suhayda, 1997 BACH SCI, May 28, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.

2000s

Kate Marionneaux Anderson, 2003 JD, Sept. 16, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Robert Lloyd Carver, 2001 BACH SCI, Adjunct Professor of Physic & Astronomy, Sept. 9, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Amy D’Agostino, 2001 BACH HS&E, July 16, 2021, Prairieville, La.
Chad David Felterman, 2002 BACH BUS, 2005 JD, 2007 MAST BUS, July 28, 2021, Patterson, La.
Damita J. Lewis, 2001 BACH H&SS, June 26, 2021, Gonzales, La.
Jason Arthur Sarnataro, 2000 BACH ENGR, 2009 MBA, Aug. 17, 2021, Fulshear, Texas

2010s

Andrelle LaShawn Burns, 2012 BACH H&SS, Aug. 17, 2021, Baton Rouge, La.
Paul Madere, 2015 BACH ENGR, June 7, 2021, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Patrick Anthony Andonie

Alumnus By Choice
 Aug. 20, 2021
 Metairie, La.

Richard W. Ault

Former Professor of Economics
 July 27, 2021
 Birmingham, Ala.

Warren Sheldon Bivin

Retired Director, Laboratory Animal Medicine,
 School of Veterinary Medicine and Mike the
 Tiger’s Primary Veterinarian, 1976-1996
 Sept. 27, 2021
 Baton Rouge, La.

Michael Anthony Carpenter

Former Professor of Library Science
 Aug. 11, 2021
 Baton Rouge, La.

Marc Alan Cohn

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Tigers in Print

Gary Corbin (1981 BACH H&SS)

A Woman of Valor

(Double Diamond Publishing)

In this character-driven police procedural, rookie policewoman Valorie Dawes returns to hunt down a serial killer who targets high school girls and leaves them drowned, barefoot, and bearing the same strange, fresh “girl power” tattoo. Val wrangles a coveted spot on a high-profile task force dedicated to finding the killer, nicknamed by a muckraking blogger as the “Shoeless Schoolgirl Slayer.” But the killer is clever and elusive, and somehow has gained inside knowledge of the task force’s tactics and plans. Moreover, his targets, methods, and timing are shifting in unpredictable ways, putting those close to Val – and perhaps Val herself – in mortal danger. *How can Val stop the Shoeless Slayer before he strikes down another innocent victim?*

Walter J. McDonald (1966 BACH BUS)

Dealer Development: OEM Regional Manager's Guide
(McDonaldGroupInc.com)

The sharp end of the stick. The lightening rod. The business end of the OEM (original equipment manufacturer). However you choose to describe the role of the OEM regional manager, their importance to the success of the machinery dealer and the OEM is indisputable. The role of the OEM regional product support or sales manager is not an easy one, and success is anything but guaranteed. Many fail for various reasons, including lack of understanding of the

dealers’ businesses and markets, inadequate investment into the relationship they have with their dealers, and the lack of focus on outcomes that benefit both parties. Success in this game, like many others, comes down to the fundamentals of effective collaboration.

Carey Robinson (Dr. Crawdaddy) (1987 MD LSUS)

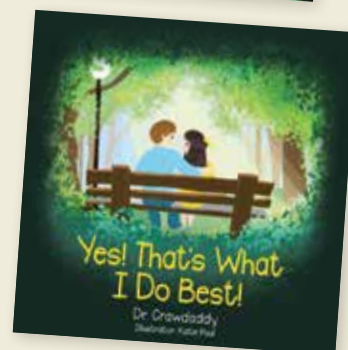
Yes, That's What I Do Best
(WestBow Press)

Dr. Crawdaddy hopes this book is a good read for children, a positive encouragement for parents, and a source of strength and hope for those dealing with the challenges of chronic diseases. Dr. Crawdaddy prescribes further encouragement through reading 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, two times a day for two weeks.

Laura Williams (2010 BACH H&SS, 2015 MAST HS&E)

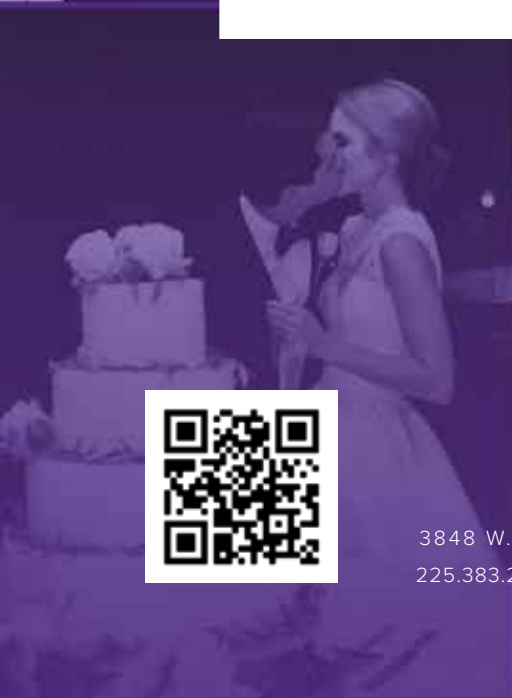
Granddaughter of Dust
(Atmosphere Press)

In *Granddaughter of Dust*, debut poet Laura Williams presents a compelling collection of poems whose perspective demonstrates an original outlook and heartfelt emotions. Williams has crafted a deeply moving collection that addresses themes of religion, culture, and a personal journey of growth. Bringing a unique voice to familiar characters from our collective experience, she provides the reader with an unexpected view, and her readers will connect to the raw emotion and depth of feeling found in these verses. Her free-form style and use of rhythmic repetition evoke a lyrical feeling which lingers long after the page is turned.





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A Career in the Clouds

By Rachel Holland



Working in a global capacity for the majority of her career, LSU graduate Melain Terry has traveled to forty countries.
Photo: Melain Terry

“What I learned at LSU shapes how I approach any problem or challenge.”

LSU alumna Melain Terry’s career has taken her around the world. Today, that career has left Earth and moved into the clouds.

“After spending eight years at YouTube, I recently joined Google Cloud,” said Terry (1990 BACH SCI). “I am responsible for enabling a large, dynamic sales team across the United States and Canada. Working in such an agile and competitive environment, we are always pushing the boundaries of ‘in the moment’ enablement, focused learning and information access.”

At YouTube, Terry led the company’s learning and communications global team. “This was to ensure that employees have the knowledge and information they need to effectively explore opportunities with YouTube’s partners and creators,” she said.

Terry grew up in New Orleans and studied computer science and accounting at LSU. She and her sisters all attended LSU and are first-generation college graduates. “I was drawn there because my dad attended LSU and always joked about his experiences living in the Tiger Stadium dorm,” Terry said. “LSU gave me a rock-solid foundation, life-long friends and a range of experiences that allowed me to expand my concept of what my career could be.”

While her father would join the Navy prior to graduating, his LSU journey started a long line of Tigers for the family. Like Terry and her sisters, the next generation of her nieces and nephews are following their lead. “Four of my nieces and nephews hold degrees from LSU, and the others have LSU in their plans when they reach college age,” she said.

Terry is based out of Los Angeles. She and her husband, Daniel F. Terry, Jr. (1983 BACH BUS) often travel to

LSU sporting events. “To this day, I don’t miss an LSU football game if I can help it. Even though that means watching it on television or streaming it online, I make a point to attend at least one to two games a year in person. We still have our baseball season tickets, and you’ll see my husband at several games,” Terry said.

That travel continues with the different jobs she’s held since receiving her LSU degree. “Since graduating, I’ve been to places I never imagined, and my degree gave me such a solid foundation to branch out into other areas. I’ve lived in Boston, New York City, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City, even temporarily in Tokyo,” Terry said. “I’ve traveled to forty countries, working in a global capacity for the majority of my career. I’ve been able to use my passion to help others to mentor and coach others around the world and help them expand their knowledge and reach their full potential.”

She said she continues to use the LSU experiences she gained both inside and outside of the classroom. “What I learned at LSU shapes how I approach any problem or challenge. I think of all of the subroutines I need to put in place to solve the whole. Being a leader in a student organization shaped my management skills early on. I am also a great presenter and public speaker; this started at LSU,” Terry said. “I was a member of the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, or APO, and the Association of Computing Machinery, or ACM.”

Rachel Holland is content manager in the Office of Communications & University Relations.



For three decades, Nancy Rabalais has studied a large region in the Gulf of Mexico where oxygen levels are so low wildlife cannot survive, and her findings have led to federal legislation concerning the diminished water quality. This year, she was elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences.

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PROFILE

The Migrations of Johnnie Broussard

By Larry Broussard

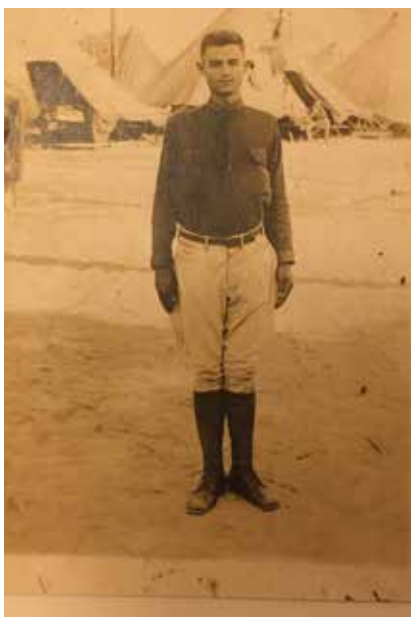
Johnnie Joseph Broussard (1945 BACH ENGR) was born in Plaquemine, La., on Feb 11, 1920, to Euclide Joseph Broussard, a descendant of 1765 Acadian exile Alexander “Beausoleil” Broussard, and Pearl Mary Markins, a descendant of 1860s Irish potato famine emigrants. His migration began the very same year.



Johnnie and Jean Broussard have been active LSU Track & Field officials for more than thirty years. They started as official timers and now officiate high jump and pole vault competitions.



Johnnie graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1938, excelling in academics, basketball, and track and field. He was the first in eight generations to consider a college education and because cost was a major concern, LSU was chosen so he could live with an aunt in Baton Rouge to save money.



Euclide Broussard, an Atchafalaya Swamp cypress log swamper and a carpenter, was born and grew up on Fausse Point of Bayou Teche near Loreauville, La. He moved to Plaquemine after completing U.S. Army training at Camp Gordon in 1918.



Johnnie entered ROTC at the Ole War Skule, assigned to Company B Engineers. He and a roommate, Simeon A. “Alex” Box (1942 BACH ENGR), played on the winning ROTC basketball team for two years. Johnnie was excused from ROTC in the fall of his senior year because he needed vision correction. And, because he wore glasses, he did not take part in Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of North Africa during the first year of World War II. Alex Box was killed at the battle of Kasserine Pass in February 1943.

MIGRATION TO TEXAS

After seven generations living in Louisiana, the Broussard family was forced to move from their homes because the cypress industry in Louisiana was destroyed by the development of the “pull barge” method of logging and gasoline engines. His parents were at a crossroads. In 1920, they packed up their belongings and with their newborn son, his paternal grandparents, and five aunts migrated to Port Arthur, Texas, to seek employment in the oil refinery industries in the booming Spindle Top oil fields of the Texas Golden Triangle. Euclide eventually attended barber school and became a successful barber.

MIGRATION TO LSU

Johnnie chose mechanical engineering as a major and, after his freshman year, moved into East Stadium dorm. In the spring of 1939, he tried out with Coach Bernie Moore for long jump with a personal record of 23 feet 2 inches. Coincidentally, LSU enjoyed the skills of All SEC Billy Brown who had a personal record of 25 feet 4.5 inches. Moore, knowing he already had a SEC champion jumper, told Johnnie, “I’ve talked to the dean of engineering, and he said you’ll make a fine engineer!”

WAR YEARS MIGRATION

After graduating from LSU in May 1942, Johnnie worked as a technical representative for General Electric and became an expert on mechanical- and electric-driven equipment as well as electrical systems used on naval ships and airplane applications.

In 1943 he was the assigned “GE Tech Rep” for electrical system support on the U.S. Army Air Corps Boeing B-29 Superfortress bombers

advanced machine remote computerized gun fire control. Support of the bombers began at Buckingham Army Airfield Fort Myers, Fla. in 1943. Transferred to the Pacific Theater in early 1945, he traveled by Douglas C-47 air transports to Pearl Harbor and Guam and eventually was stationed at Okinawa Naha Army Airfield until the end of the war.

POST-WAR MIGRATION

Johnnie continued with General Electric, relocating to Boston, Mass., and Schenectady, N.Y., for technical training in steam turbines, electric generators, and power station switch gear and transformers. He transferred to industrial sales in 1949 and relocated in Beaumont, Texas, where he caught the eye of a talented office secretary – Norma Jean Eubanks, an Arkansas native.

Johnnie and Jean were wed on Feb. 23, 1952, at St. James Catholic Church in Port Arthur, and the migrating Broussard family moved from Beaumont to Maplewood, La., then to Lake Charles, La.



Family members with LSU degrees are Jean and Johnnie's sons, from left, Bobby Broussard (1981 BACH BUS), Larry Broussard (1977 BACH ENGR), and Don Broussard (1975 BACH H&SS); Donald's daughter, Courtney Broussard (2012 BACH H&SS); Larry's wife, Susan Marsh (1977 BACH AGR); and daughter-in-law Anna Maria Ruffino Broussard (2003 BACH H&SS, 2007 MAST H&SS). Donald lives in Atlanta, Ga., and Bobby migrated to Grapevine, Texas.

THE FINAL MIGRATION

Johnnie was transferred for the final time to Baton Rouge in 1976. The family's LSU legacy continues, as does its history of migration.

Johnnie and Jean have two great grandchildren – future Tigers Toby, of Thibodaux, La., and Davi, of Grapevine, Texas – who may one day migrate to LSU.

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New Colors, Same Stripes: LSU Alumni at the CPRA

By Else Hahne



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Charged with Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) puts its hands into the water, sand, mud, and dirt on a daily basis between New Orleans and Lake Charles, and beyond. Its goal is to protect the lives and livelihoods of more than two million people in Louisiana, whether it's through marsh creation, barrier island restoration, sediment diversions, or other large-scale projects to prevent the state from slowly slipping into the sea.

Many on the roughly 200-strong CPRA team are scientists and engineers – and many are LSU graduates, including Executive Director Bren Haase. He and his team

work in continued collaboration with the LSU Center for River Studies and other LSU units on or near the Baton Rouge Water Campus.

The CPRA was established in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 to help protect one of our nation's most important economic engines – coastal Louisiana. The Gulf Coast ecosystem supports vibrant fisheries, tourism and recreation, oil and natural gas industry, and much more. Ports and waterways also make Louisiana the number-one import-export state in the nation, with \$120 billion in goods and services shipped inland and \$36 billion destined for international shores.

As the CPRA works to meet new, large-scale challenges in Louisiana today, it also leads coastal communities around the world toward solutions they're likely to need in the near future. When it comes to environmental change, Louisiana is experiencing lots of "firsts" due to land loss and rising seas. Since one-tenth of Earth's population lives in 166 coastal cities with more than one million inhabitants, there are many issues faced by Louisianans today that are likely to affect them, too – and soon.

Elsa Hahne is assistant director of creative strategy in the Office of Research & Economic Development.

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Tigers Around the World



Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Donald Remy addresses an audience at his swearing in ceremony with Secretary Denis McDonough looking on.

Swearing In – Donald M. Remy (1988 BACH H&SS), deputy secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was sworn in at VA Central Office on July 19. Nominated by President Joe Biden, Remy is the ninth deputy secretary. Photo: Eugene Russell, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Richard Caldwell's World War II draft card.

A Discovery – Leann Truehart (1990 BACH SCI) writes: “I came across something in my genealogy research – the World War II draft card of my Uncle Richard Caldwell (1939 BACH SCI, 1941 MAST SCI), my grandmother's brother. On the second line, check out where he lived! Back then, master's-degree students were given student jobs and a place to live in the building. I toured Nicholson Hall with him when he was alive. When we went down to the basement, he pointed out the room he lived in. I had no reason to doubt him, but this is the first thing I've seen that corroborates his story.”



Vernon Dillon (1981 BACH H&SS, of Xenia, Ohio, and his son, Micah, cheered on the Tigers at the LSU-Kentucky game in Lexington. Dillon was recently promoted to patient financial counselor director at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Ohio.

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Tigers Around the World



Vincent Grenfell, Sr., celebrated his 100th birthday on July 4.



An LSU sweatshirt was among the birthday gifts sent by the LSU Alumni Association.

Happy 100! – World War II veteran and new LSU Alumni Association member Vincent Grenfell, Sr., of Houston, celebrated his 100th birthday on July 4 with a drive-by parade in his honor and attendance at an Astros game. As he is an avid LSU fan, one of his birthday gifts from friends was membership in the LSU Alumni Association.

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