

# May update

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### **Virtual Graduation Celebration**

No matter where you are, graduating from LSU is a reason to celebrate.

Visit [lsu.edu/celebration](https://lsu.edu/celebration) to explore various ways to prepare for the big day, then join our graduation watch party on the LSU Facebook page on May 15 at 10 a.m. to wish our newest class of proud Tiger alumni congratulations and appreciation for their hard work and continued determination through trying times.

### **LSU Class of 2020: Then & Now Photos**

To commemorate all the hard work our students have done since first starting their education, we are making a personalized "Then and Now" photo album of our graduating LSU Tigers to feature on the [LSU Parent & Family Programs Facebook page](#). This appreciation post will be composed of two photos, one from childhood/any K-12 graduating ceremony and the other of any LSU senior pictures. [Submit your pictures here](#). The deadline for submissions is this Friday, May 8.

### **Survey and Resources for Graduating Students**

Is your student graduating this May?

- Encourage them to [complete the Graduating Student Survey](#) by logging into their Handshake account. This survey assists the university in tracking post-graduation outcomes of our students, and in better serving future Tigers!

Additionally, graduates can include their personal email address when completing the survey in order to maintain free access to Handshake as an alum.

- [Job search resources](#) and [virtual appointments](#) with the Olinde Career Center staff can help students with job search strategy, resume development, interview prep as well as with [graduate or professional school assistance](#).

### LSU Family Association Membership Renewal for 2016 Members Only

Family Association members who joined the association in 2016 will be removed from our membership database and email newsletter list this summer. If your Tiger is continuing as an undergraduate student after May 2020 or if you have another son/daughter that enrolled at LSU after 2016, you may renew your Family Association membership. Please [complete this renewal form](#) by Sunday, May 31 to continue receiving your newsletters and benefits.

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU Families,

I'm extremely impressed and immensely proud of the entire LSU community for the way it has responded to the COVID-19



pandemic, from the speed and adeptness with which our students and faculty transitioned to online classes, to our researchers and medical professionals who have been fighting on the front lines to save lives. It has been nothing short of a Herculean effort, set against the backdrop of unprecedented circumstances, and I am constantly inspired by the way everyone is pulling together to keep LSU moving forward.

But like our students, faculty and staff, I'm ready to get back to campus. While we are conducting our summer courses remotely, let me assure you it is our intention to have campus open and return to in-person, traditional classes this fall. Of course, it's likely that things may look a little different when we do.

Smaller classes may meet in larger classrooms, for instance, to promote physical distancing. Larger classes may meet in even more spacious facilities, or, in certain cases, meet online. Common spaces such as the Student Union, library and dining

### Upcoming Dates & Events

[Click on underlined events for more info](#)

**May 4-9:** Final examinations

**May 4-14:** Residential College and Honors House Room Selection

**May 11-13:** [Portal open for students to select Pass/No Credit Grading Option for Spring 2020 \(deadline is 4:30 p.m. on May 13\)](#)

**May 12:** Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline

**May 13:** Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline

**May 15:** [Virtual Graduation Celebration](#)

**May 18-June 11:** Traditional Hall Room Selection

**May 18:** Spring Intersession Classes

halls may have capacity restrictions or otherwise operate differently. Student organizations may have to alter any large events they host to promote safety. And faculty and staff who can effectively do so may be asked to stagger their days in the office or work remotely on some days.

As we continue to plan for a wide variety of options and monitor this ever-evolving situation, our guidepost will always be the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff. We will devise creative and innovative ways to bring people together socially while still remaining physically distant, for as long as necessary, and we will continue to follow federal and state guidelines.

Regardless of what this “new normal” looks like, I’m confident we’ll thrive as one LSU community. At LSU, what makes us successful is that we come from all walks of life, but we live and learn together as a community. We are a city within a city, and our population hails from all 64 Louisiana parishes, all 50 states, and more than 100 countries. This diversity and sense of community contributes to a better college experience and, most importantly, student success.

Sincerely,  
Thomas C. Galligan, Jr.  
LSU Interim President and Professor of Law



### **Congrats to the 2020 Tiger Twelve!**

The LSU Division of Student Affairs has announced the Tiger Twelve Class of 2020. Tiger Twelve is an award that is presented to 12 exceptional seniors every spring since 2003. The Tiger Twelve demonstrate the principles of the LSU Commitment to Community through their scholarship, actions, and contributions. Congratulations to the Tiger Twelve Class

begin, 7:30 a.m.

**May 21:** Summer 2020 Fee Bill Due

**May 29:** Spring Intercession Classes end, 7:30 a.m.

**May 31:** [On-Campus Housing Check-Out deadline, 5 p.m.](#)

**June 7:** [Second priority deadline for Student Support Services application](#)

**June 8:** Summer Term Session A and B Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.

**June 11:** [Deadline to register for summer courses](#)

*To see the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar, please [click here](#).*

## **ASK YOUR TIGER**

- What do you feel like was your greatest accomplishment this semester?
- Have you thought about applying to any jobs or internships for this summer? Jobs and internships can be found in [Handshake](#). If a summer job or internship is not in the cards for your student, encourage them to

of 2020! Learn more about the distinguished candidates at [lsu.edu/studentaffairs](https://lsu.edu/studentaffairs).

Lauren Bagneris – New Orleans, LA  
M. Calvin Bond – New Orleans, LA  
Abigail Caffey - Baton Rouge, LA  
Tatiana Gonzalez-Quiroga – Queretaro, Mexico  
Amanda Husein –Lake Charles, LA  
Akua Kumi – Natchez, MS  
Shanice Manning – Lockhart, TX  
Catherine McKinney – St. Francisville, LA  
Sebastian Brumfield Mejía – Baton Rouge, LA  
Aniko Nowakowski – Gonzales, LA  
Hailey Simpson – Goshen, KY  
Shelby Waddell – Zachary, LA

[consider these alternatives.](#)

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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

**Bursar Operations:** Summer 2020 fee bills are scheduled to be available May 6 on myLSU. The payment due date is May 21. Through myProxy, parents can create an LSU Community Account and request access to a student's fee bill. [Click here for instructions](#) on how to create your account.

**Center for Academic Success Online:** The LSU Center for Academic Success offers online resources through [CAS Online](#). Students can access the following, 100% free and online while preparing for final exams: tutoring, academic coaching, and additional resources and tools.

**Discover Day 2020:** Discover Day 2020 was a success! We had 106 student presenters who fiercely presented their research and creative projects during a pandemic. That was no easy feat! LSU Discover would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated and attended. We had 80 fabulous faculty and staff judges who took time out of their busy day to support the student researchers and judge their work. For more information about this year's Discover Day, visit [lsu.edu/lsudiscover/discoverday](https://lsu.edu/lsudiscover/discoverday).

**Documenting COVID-19 at LSU:** Zach Tompkins, University Archivist at LSU Libraries, and his colleagues at LSU Libraries Special Collections are launching a campus-wide initiative to record the personal experiences of LSU students, staff, and faculty during the COVID-19 outbreak and contribute them to the University Archives. Learn more about how to share your COVID-19 experiences [here](#).

**Giving Day 2020:** On April 22, the Tiger community came together to uplift each other and celebrate the Class of 2020 for the second LSU Giving Day [\[...read more\]](#).

**LSU Alumni Association:** We want you and your grads to know how incredibly proud we

are of them. We are saving a surprise for the virtual graduation celebration, but in the meantime, check out how we are toasting to the Class of 2020!

- The LSU Alumni Magazine Summer 2020 Issue will serve as a memento for the Class of 2020. It will include the name and degree of all graduates serving as a keepsake in lieu of a graduation program. All graduates will receive a copy of this issue mailed to the permanent address provided to LSU. The magazine will be mailed around July 1.
- You can honor your grad in this magazine with a congratulatory ad. Visit [lsualumni.org/GradAd](https://lsualumni.org/GradAd) for details on how to order.
- Celebrate your grad by purchasing a Class of 2020 yard sign and display your pride for all to see. Visit [lsualumni.org/GradYardSign](https://lsualumni.org/GradYardSign) to purchase.

Please reach out to [info@lsualumni.org](mailto:info@lsualumni.org) with any questions you may have.

**LSU Olinde Career Center:** We are here and helping students virtually! Now is a great time to be preparing for the summer and career success [\[...read more\]](#).

**Stay Active at Home Resource Page:** If you are looking for new ways to stay active inside or outside, visit the large catalog of videos, blogs, and other resources UREC has put together [\[...read more\]](#).

**Student Support Services:** Is your first-generation student receiving the support they need? Consider applying to [Student Support Services](#)! We are a federal grant that serves first-generation students, income-eligible, and students with disabilities. Applications are open! Interviews will be conducted via Zoom. Questions? Email [sss@lsu.edu](mailto:sss@lsu.edu).

**Summer Courses Online:** LSU is offering a 15 percent discount on tuition and fees for the majority of summer courses, including intersession. This discount applies to in-state and out-of-state students [\[...read more\]](#).

**University College - Center for Freshman Year:** Check out our end of semester reminders and information [here](#).

**UPS Store Mail Pick-Up:** The UPS Store in the Union will have the mailbox space open for mail and package pick up from 9-11 a.m., Monday-Friday. UPS can forward letters at no charge for active mailbox holders. Packages can also be forwarded with a tracking number, address, and phone number (used for collecting payment information). If you have any questions, please contact [lsumailsvc@lsu.edu](mailto:lsumailsvc@lsu.edu).

**UREC Zoominar Series:** Fitness Q and A sessions and Adventure Education Clinics are being offered through UREC to help keep you educated on wellness-related topics during these difficult times. Visit the [UREC at Home UREC Programs](#) to see upcoming topics in UREC Zoominar Series.

**Virtual GroupX Classes:** If you and your Tiger have been finding it hard staying active at home, UREC is making it easier for the entire family! [UREC's Virtual GroupX classes](#) through Zoom are free to all who want to join, no equipment or membership is needed. All Virtual GroupX classes are taught by trained instructors, and all you need to do is click on the Zoom registration link on our webpage to join in the movement.

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