

Parent & Family Programs



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH



Our office will host Thankful Tiger Family Week on November 12-19 to celebrate YOU, our wonderful LSU Tiger families! Here's a preview of some of the virtual events:

- Thursday, November 12 Virtual Silent Auction Launch Party, 6 p.m.
- Friday, November 13 Happy Hour with LSU Family Council, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, November 14 Happy Gameday! Spirit Contest with Prizes
- Sunday, November 15 Virtual Silent Auction Ends, 3 p.m.
- Monday, November 16 #AskMeAnything with the LSU Ambassadors, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17 <u>Tiger Family Talks Webinar: Supporting Your Tiger's Return</u> <u>Home for the Holidays, 6 p.m.</u>
- Wednesday, November 18 Family Association Bingo Night, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19 Tigers Give Thanks

All times listed in Central Time. Stay tuned to your email and our <u>LSU Parent & Family</u> <u>Programs Facebook page</u> during the week for some fun expressions of appreciation. Thank you for all that you do for your Tiger and for LSU!



Join us for our next Tiger Family Talks webinar on Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. CT. The topic is "Supporting Your Tiger's Emotional Wellness," and we'll feature speakers from the Student Health Center, along with current students and families who have utilized those resources. View the Zoom login event info and the full webinar schedule at **Isu.edu/family/communications/webinars**.



It's not too late for your Tiger to catch a ride!

Shuttles are available for the Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and January Return to Campus to transport students to and from the New Orleans Airport. The deadline to register for the Thanksgiving Shuttle is Sunday, November 15, and registration for the Winter Break Shuttle closes on Sunday, December 6.

Visit **<u>Isu.edu/holidayshuttle</u>** for more information about shuttle dates, times, costs, and to register.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU Families,

As we progress into the second half of this unprecedented fall semester and look forward to the holiday



Upcoming Dates & Events

Click on underlined events for more info

November 9: Final date to request rescheduling a final if three exams are in 24 hours

November 10: <u>Tiger</u> Family Talks Webinar: <u>Supporting Your Tiger's</u> <u>Emotional Wellness</u> season, I am incredibly thankful for you and your Tigers.

Together, our campus community has faced and overcome countless challenges, and your support has been vital along the way. It hasn't been easy. The pandemic has put immense pressure on everyone, and it has required each of us to extend a greater effort than ever before to reach our goals. But we are never stronger than when united, and I am proud of the heights our students have risen to this fall under these most extreme of circumstances.

We've celebrated some wonderful wins and we've experienced some setbacks. Unfortunately, we've also encountered some terrible tragedies, and we mourn the losses we've suffered and keep the families of those affected in our hearts. Through it all we have pressed forward with resolve and hope, and as a result, we are poised to wrap up our fall semester in a stronger position than when we started.

I want to tell you that we have heard you loud and clear. We understand your frustration about the challenges that come with online learning, and the stress that your Tigers are under as the pandemic requires more isolation and less socialization than any of us would like.

While we cannot operate as though COVID-19 does not exist, what I can promise you is that we are using every bit of information available to us to inform our decisions. We expect that approximately half of all classes will be delivered in-person or in a hybrid fashion in the spring semester, while 71% of online instruction will be delivered in real-time. We recently relaxed event guidelines, which will allow for more social interaction and student engagement in the spring. We are using every tool at our disposal — medical experts, testing data, wastewater monitoring, and state and national directives — to balance our community's health and safety with the need to return to some form of "normal."

As we look forward to connecting with family and friends for the Thanksgiving holiday later this month — whether it be in person, by phone, or even via Zoom — I send you my warmest wishes and sincere gratitude. Though the pandemic is not over, our ability to operate safely within its boundaries will continue to increase as we learn more about the impact and spread of the virus.

Warmly,

Thomas C. Galligan, Jr. LSU Interim President and Professor of Law November 11: <u>Virtual</u> Cover Letter Workshop

November 12-15: LSU Family Council Virtual Silent Auction

November 12-19: Thankful Tiger Family Week

November 16: <u>Virtual</u> <u>Resume Workshop</u>

November 16: <u>Campus</u> <u>Life Leadership</u> <u>Applications Due</u>

November 17: <u>Tiger</u> <u>Family Talks</u> <u>Webinar: Supporting</u> <u>your Tiger as they</u> <u>Return Home for the</u> <u>Holidays</u>

November 17 or 18: Signature Series: Geaux Prepared

November 19: <u>Virtual</u> <u>Career Panel: Beyond</u> <u>the Title</u>

November 19: <u>Getting</u> Into Grad School, <u>Virtual Workshop</u>

November 20: Steak dinner at The 5 and The 459 Dining Halls

November 25: Thanksgiving Holiday begins, 12:30 p.m.

November 30: Classes resume, 7:30 a.m. (remainder of semester will be conducted remotely, including final exams, via the web)

December 4: Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m.

December 4: Final date to resign from the University, 4:30 p.m.

ASK YOUR TIGER

- Are you prepared to schedule for the spring semester?
- What are your plans for winter break?
- Have you thought about taking any summer classes?

VIRTUAL FAMILY COUNCIL

Silent Auction

Our Virtual Family Council Silent Auction is just one week away! Join us on our <u>LSU Parent & Family Programs Facebook</u> <u>Page</u> on Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m. CT for our launch party!

100% of proceeds from the silent auction will go directly to the LSU Student Emergency Support Fund. Between the pandemic and active hurricane season, our LSU students need assistance more than ever. Your participation in the virtual silent auction helps us make a real difference.

Visit <u>Isu.edu/family/weekend/silentauction</u> for more info and to check out a list of some of the exciting items up for auction!

December 5: Classes end, 10:00 p.m.

December 7-12: Final examinations

December 15: Wintersession classes begin, 7:30 a.m.

December 18: Commencement Day

To see the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar, please <u>click here</u>.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Barnes & Noble at LSU: Coach Ed Orgeron's book, *Flip the Script*, is in stock now! Click <u>here</u> for more info.

Campus Life is Accepting Applications for Student Leadership Positions! Applications for leadership positions are open across the three pillars of Campus Life: Involvement, Service, and Leadership. Organizations, such as Volunteer LSU, Student Activities Board, and the Homecoming Student Committee are currently accepting applications for leadership positions.Students of all levels are encouraged to apply. Have your Tiger apply at **Isu.edu/campuslife/lead** by November 16, 2020.

Center for Academic Success: It's time to start preparing for final exams! Encourage your student to utilize <u>CAS services</u>. Students can also attend the next CAS Workshop <u>Signature Series: Geaux Prepared</u> on November 17 or 18, where they can learn how to finish the semester strong and prepare early for finals to reduce academic stress.

Join the tRAdition! Resident Assistant (RA) applications for the spring semester opened on October 31. View the position description [...<u>read more</u>].

LSU Dining Virtual Office Hours: See our weekly office hours on our <u>social media</u> <u>account</u>. Have a question or comment? Please reach out and get answers in real time!

- **RAFFLE TIME!** LSU Dining will raffle off (2) Friendsgiving dinners to two students! Each student can invite up to 5 friends for the dinner that will be hosted at The Club at Union Square! Our Executive Chefs will prepare and serve a private meal for our winners and their friends. Follow @lsu.dining on Instagram for details!
- **Steak Night:** November 20 Sending off students with a steak dinner at both dining halls!
- DIY Series continues at The Club: SNACK ATTACK! Build your own trail mix with help from our associates of course! Follow LSU Dining on social media for the date and time of the attack!
- **Retail:** Look for our Reign Bundle... buy 3 get one free! Markets will be stocked with finals care package items that students can get before heading home for Thanksgiving!
- These are just a few things happening in dining! Follow LSU Dining on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> for all things food at LSU!

LSU Foundation: Philanthropy at Work Week was a success! Many of you engaged with us on social media, and our Tigers created over 2,000 thank you postcards for donors to let them know how their gifts have made a difference in their lives. Learn more <u>here</u>.

LSU Gumbo Yearbook: LSU Gumbo Yearbook is offering full, half, and quarter page ad spaces to families who want to congratulate their special graduate. For more information and pricing, visit visit <u>Isureveille.com/gumbo</u>.

LSU Libraries: Did you know that your Tiger can check out free laptops, mics, webcams, and more from LSU Libraries? Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the electronic equipment available for checkout, as well as their loan period information and replacement costs if not returned.

LSU Olinde Career Center: November is National Career Development Month! Check out these tips to get your student in the career mindset [...read more].

LSU Student Union: As a reminder, Evangeline and the Quiet Zone, both on the third floor of the LSU Student Union, serve as a place for students to take online classes!

Gratitude is never out of fashion this time of year. Connect with <u>@LSUstudentunion</u> on social media and let us know what you're thankful for or tell us your favorite stories of gratitude for a chance to be featured on our Instagram or Twitter accounts!

MyStudentBody Requirement! All incoming fall 2020 students must complete the MSB Essentials Course, an online comprehensive health education program. Instructions for completing the requirement: <u>https://lsu.edu/shc/wellness/my-student-body.php</u>.

Order LSU Ring, Announcements and Official Custom LSU Regalia: Commemorate

your Tiger's academic achievement by ordering LSU cap and gowns at **Isu.shopoakhalli.com**. Your Tiger worked hard to earn that degree - show it off in a premium, handcrafted frame from Church Hill Classics by ordering **here**. You can also order the LSU Ring and announcements **here**. Email **Isuring@Isu.edu** with any questions.

University College - Center for Freshman Year: Check out <u>this month's parent</u> <u>newsletter</u> for helpful information about advising for spring 2021 courses.

Volunteer LSU: Volunteer LSU's mission is to promote and coordinate volunteer opportunities, build partnerships within the community, and instill within its members a lifelong commitment to service. Visit <u>Isu.edu/vIsu</u> to find out more about our organization and events.



Visiting your Tiger during the Fall semester? Stay at the only on-campus hotel, The Cook Hotel & Conference Center at LSU. We offer elevated accommodations, a complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, and ample, free parking. We are committed to the highest level of cleanliness and safety. You can rest assured when you stay at The Cook. Click here to watch our **Committed to Clean** video and visit **TheCookHotel.com** for more info or to book!

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LSU Parent & Family Programs hopes you have enjoyed reading the November Email Update and that you found the information helpful. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you and your family.

Geaux Tigers!

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