



Parent & Family Programs

February update

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH



Join us for our Tiger Family Talks webinar series on Tuesdays throughout the spring! Our next Tiger Family Talks will be held **tonight, February 2nd at 6 p.m. CT**. The topic is "Promoting Your Tiger's Academic Success," and we'll feature speakers from the Center for Academic Success, along with current students and families who have benefitted from those resources. View the Zoom login event info and the full spring webinar schedule at lsu.edu/family/communications/webinars.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU Families,

Our spring semester is off to a great start and we are busily moving forward with optimism that this year will mark the return to life on our campus as we

enjoyed it before the pandemic. If vaccine delivery proceeds as anticipated, we expect our fall semester will largely resemble our Fall 2019 semester in terms of in-person classes and most events.



Upcoming Dates & Events

Click on underlined events for more info

February 1-4: 25% off tees and hats at Barnes & Noble at LSU

February 1: Leadership on the Geaux Series Begins

February 2: Career Convos: Talking to Family about Career

In the meantime, preventing the transmission of COVID-19 on our campus must remain our top priority, and we have implemented enhanced testing efforts and wastewater analysis to better protect our students, faculty, and staff. We have also established a COVID-19 call center at 225-427-1326 to address any questions or concerns from our campus community. And we are working in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Health and other state agencies to begin administering vaccinations on campus as soon as they become available to us, which we expect to happen in the coming months.

To better help our students overcome any potential obstacles that may stand in the way of their graduation, we have established the [Student Success Help Desk](#) in the Student Welcome Center at the corner of Dalrymple Drive and Highland Road. The help desk is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and it can be reached by phone at 225-578-2634 or by email at success@lsu.edu. We are also encouraging faculty to hold virtual office hours or synchronous remote classes as often as possible, and Student Affairs is working to create additional opportunities for students to engage with their friends this spring.

We continue to develop new initiatives and explore changes to improve Title IX reporting and enforcement on campus; make reporting sexual assault and violence as straightforward a process as possible; provide better and more sensitive support to victims, and find ways to prevent sexual assault from happening in the first place. This important work is being done with input from students, faculty, and staff, as well as external partners such as the Baton Rouge Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response Center. We are building an ongoing relationship with STAR, and we will be working with them throughout this year on some new initiatives, including strengthening our training of everyone on campus and enhancing victim support.

Meanwhile, Husch Blackwell continues to conduct its independent investigation of our handling of sexual assault and abuse cases, and they're also working on a comprehensive review of our Title IX reporting processes and policy implementation. We expect to have a report from them later this month, we will be sharing their findings publicly, and we will not hesitate to take swift and appropriate disciplinary action relating to our employees if it's warranted.

As we celebrate Black History Month on campus throughout February, we also continue to make progress on our work to implement the action items in our Diversity & Inclusion Roadmap. LSU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators convened for our second Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Leadership Retreat

February 2: [Climb-a-Mile Challenge](#)
[Registration is now open!](#)

February 2: [3v3 Intramural Basketball](#)
[Registration is now open!](#)

February 2: Groundhog Day Sale! 25% off Entire Stock of Sweats, Outerwear & Cold Weather at Barnes & Noble at LSU

February 2: [On-Campus Apartment Leasing](#) opens

February 2: [Tiger Family Talks: Promoting Your Tiger's Academic Success](#), 6 p.m.

February 3: [Considering Grad School During a Pandemic](#)

February 4: [Virtual Mock Interview Day](#)

February 5: [Drive-In Movie Series: Bad Boys for Life](#), 8:30 p.m.

February 7-9: 20% Off Diploma Frames + FREE Shipping at Barnes & Noble at LSU

February 8: [Money Management Monday](#)

February 8: [Esports Tournament for NBA 2k21](#) registration opens

February 8: [Volunteer LSU Meeting](#), 6-7 p.m.

February 8: [4v4 Flag Football Registration](#) opens

in late January to discuss the progress we've made since we held our first retreat last summer, and you can see highlights of some of our achievements and ongoing work [here](#). We also recently updated our [LSU Diversity Statement](#). I am proud of the actions we are taking to create a more equitable and inclusive campus for everyone in our LSU Family, but we are still in the early stages of a long journey. As we move forward with our work, our focus will remain on action, for what we do will always matter more than what we say.

Thank you for your continued support of LSU, stay safe, and Geaux Tigers!

Sincerely,

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

TAKE FIVE WITH BRANDON COMMON



We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Brandon Common, our new Associate Vice President & Dean of Students, to the LSU Tiger Family! Dr. Common has been advocating for students in higher education for almost 15 years, holding positions in Housing/Residential Life, Greek Life, Diversity & Inclusion, Orientation, and Accountability/Conduct at both public and private institutions.

[Check out our Take Five with Dr. Common](#) to get to know him!

MEET OUR FAMILY COUNCIL

February 8-11: [25% Off Favorite Apparel Brands at Barnes & Noble at LSU](#)

February 8-19: [Private Swim Lessons Session 3](#)

February 9: [Covid-World: Bridge Building for Career and Self-Exploration](#)

February 9: [Virtual STEM Expo Prep](#)

February 9: [Tiger Family Talks: Falling in Love with Your Major](#), 6 p.m.

February 10: [Virtual Spring STEM Career Fair](#)

February 10: [Mardi Gras Mambo event](#), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

February 11: [Leveraging Technology in Your Search](#)

February 12: [Sweetheart Savings](#)

February 15: [Mardi Gras Paddle](#)

February 15-18: [Additional 50% Off Clearance at Barnes & Noble at LSU](#)

February 16: [Mardi Gras Holiday](#)

February 18: [Virtual Business Expo Prep](#)

February 21: [Tiger Fit Challenge begins](#)

February 22: [Service Breaks](#) application deadline



[View the list of our 2020-2021 LSU Family Council members!](#)

Council members are charged with providing and collecting insight from the LSU parent/family perspective, serving as liaisons between LSU and LSU families, and supporting the University in a variety of ways. Family Council members are a great resource should you need advice from an experienced LSU parent. If you'd like to connect with a member of the LSU Family Council or share your feedback with them, please email lsufamily@lsu.edu.

ROADMAP TO SPRING



LSU is committed to providing the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 and our roadmap to spring. Below are several helpful links:

- [LSU Roadmap to Spring](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Preregistration Survey](#)
- [COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard](#)

TAKE THE SURVEY

In response to COVID-19, we've partnered with Ruffalo Noel Levitz and CampusESP to conduct a survey on how colleges can address the needs of students and their families during this challenging time.

We invite you to [take our 10-minute survey here](#).

Your answers will help us understand how to support students with their college plans and better communicate information moving forward. Thanks in advance for sharing your insights!

February 22-25: 25%

Off Entire Stock of
Sweats (Tops &
Bottoms) at Barnes &
Noble at LSU

February 23: [The College Student Success Series](#) on Self-Care, 7 p.m.

February 23: [Non-Traditional Career Paths - Virtual Career Panel](#)

February 23 & 24: [CAS Study Strategies Workshop](#)

February 25: [Spring Virtual Financial and Accounting Career Fair](#)

February 26: Up to 75% Off Clearance at Barnes & Noble at LSU

March 1: [Interviewing in a Digital World](#)

March 3: [Building Your Network at Home](#)

March 5-7: [Family Weekend](#)

March 9: Mid-semester grades due

To see the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar, please [click here](#).

**ASK YOUR
TIGER**

- Have you considered living arrangements for the next academic year?

- How do you plan on spending your days off this semester to relax and practice self-care?
- How are you staying active this semester?

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Academic Spaces in Union: Need a place for your online class? Check out Evangeline or the Quiet Zone, both on the third floor!

Barnes & Noble LSU Café: Every Monday this month, you can get a **\$2 grande mocha or macchiato**. There will also be **\$3 breakfast sandwiches** and a **\$6 soup and pretzel** lunch deal all month long. Get a **\$1 cookie, brownie, or blondie** with any beverage purchase between February 7-15! And don't forget about the ongoing happy hours all semester long: **Buy One, Get One free grande** drinks from 2 p.m. - close every Thursday and Friday!

Take advantage of our LSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore February deals, including Select Titles 50% Off, Select Toys & Games 50% Off, Reading Glasses - \$1 per pair, and Select Trade Paperbacks 30% Off!

Bursar Operations: Students participating in the Deferred Payment Plan for Spring 2021 will have the next installment due March 1. Payments can be made on myLSU > Financial Services > Billing Statement between March 1 and 4:30 p.m. CST, Thursday, March 11 to avoid the assessment of a late fee.

Celebrate Black History Month with UREC: All Tigers are invited to the celebration of Black History Month and NIRSA Rec Sport and Fitness Day February 22-24. The celebration kicks off on Monday, February 22 with activities around UREC to celebrate historic Black athletes followed up by "Black Em-TOWER-ment Evening Climb" on Tuesday, February 23, and "My Black is Awesome" Trap Yoga and Trap Cycle on Wednesday, February 24. All Tigers who get involved will receive a free Black History Month sweatshirt.

Celebrate Mardi Gras: LSU's Mardi Gras event will return this year as Mardi Gras Mambo. The daytime event will take place on Wednesday, February 10 on Tower Drive by the LSU Student Union. Drop by for music, food, and Mardi Gras fun from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Visit [here](#) for more info.

Center for Academic Success: Is your student looking for academic help? The [LSU Center for Academic Success](#) offers free services for students including academic coaching, tutoring, study groups, and Supplemental Instruction (SI). An [academic coach](#) can help with effective personalized learning strategies. Our [online tutors](#) offer assistance with homework, test preparation, and study strategies in many subjects. [Shell Study Groups](#) allow students to work with tutors and other students in their class to get support. [SI](#) is a series of weekly study

sessions offered for students in historically difficult courses. The CAS is here to help LSU Tigers have a winning semester!

Drop-In Housing Tours: Drop by the Housing Tour Center located in the Old President's House Monday-Friday [[...learn more](#)].

Leadership on the Geaux! Explore the leadership series presented in a series of 45-minute workshops. Participants will discuss their journey through leadership while exploring a series of topics. Starts February 1 and continues throughout the semester. You do not need to attend the entire series. Sign-up [here](#)!

LSU Dining News: Follow us on social media as we celebrate Black History Month with Chef Edna Lewis, Chef Bryant Terry, and Chef Jerome Grant. Throughout the month, we will feature recipes in the dining halls from the Sweet Home Café Cookbook and Chef Jerome Grant of the National Museum of African American History & Culture.

- 19 million pounds of plastic winds up in the ocean each year. This month, we are asking our Tigers to Skip The Straw and help save the turtles!
- Good fats? Who knew there was such a thing? Good fats are found in olive oil, avocados, seeds, nuts, and fish. BE HEART SMART TIGERS! 20-35% of our calories should come from fat with a focus on good fats!
- SUPERFOOD OF THE MONTH: Cruciferous Vegetables. Cruciferous vegetables include broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, brussels sprouts, bok choy, kale, horseradish and wasabi. They combine a variety of nutrients including beta-carotene, fiber, Vitamin C, calcium, iron, and folate.
- Follow LSU Dining on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) for events, cooking demonstrations, health tips, and all things food!

LSU Discover Day: LSU undergraduate students from any major are encouraged to apply to present their research or creative work at the annual LSU Discover Day symposium. Applications are due by March 7th. Parents can attend virtually! Visit lsu.edu/discover/discoverday for more information.

LSU Drive-In Movie Series: The LSU Drive-In Movie Series continues this semester. Visit lsu.edu/campuslife/drivein for registration details. The first 125 attendees receive a free t-shirt! Bad Boys for Life will be shown next on Friday, February 5 at 8:30 p.m.

LSU Foundation: Parents make the difference! Through the LSU Parent Fund, Tigers receive scholarship support and engaging programs throughout the year. To support the fund, click [here](#).

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 lsureveille.com/gumbo.

LSU Libraries: Did you know that your Tiger can check out free laptops, mics, webcams, and more from LSU Libraries? LSU Libraries recently acquired hundreds of additional pieces of equipment through the CARES Act! Click [here](#) 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: Now is the time for students to work toward a summer job,

internship, or full-time job after graduation! These upcoming career events can help them reach their goal [[...read more](#)].

On-campus Apartment Applications Are Open! View the leasing timeline and more information [[...learn more](#)].

Parking & Transportation Services: Please be advised that all parking rules and regulations are in full effect. All student vehicles are required to park their vehicle in their correct zone, in an authorized parking space, and must display the proper permit in the windshield of their vehicle. If your Tiger needs a permit, an annual permit is available for purchase online at a pro-rated rate at <https://lsu.t2hosted.com/Account/Portal>.

If your Tiger does not purchase a permit and wishes to park your vehicle on campus, they will be required to park in one of the over 650 metered spaces across campus at the rate of \$1.50 per hour. Students who park in one of the metered spaces are encouraged to use the ParkMobile Payment system. The ParkMobile app is available free of charge on any Apple or Android device.

Register for Virtual Housing Tours: Residential Life is offering virtual tours for all residence halls and on-campus apartments. Register [here](#).

Scuba with UREC: UREC is offering a [Scuba Discovery Dives](#) class on February 10 and [Scuba Lessons](#) beginning on February 19. Scuba Discovery Dives is a single-day event designed for Tigers who want to experience what it is like to breathe underwater. Scuba Lessons are designed to prepare your Tiger to become Scuba certified at the completion of the course.

Self-Care: The College Student Success Series continues with a session on self-care/self-love. Join the Student Activities Board in this informative and interactive session to learn why self-care is important and what college students can gain from it. Join us on Zoom Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m. More information can be found [here](#).

Service Breaks: The Service Breaks team is in the final planning stages for spring and summer breaks and is accepting applications for local opportunities. The application deadline is February 22. Apply [here](#).

Student Success Help Desk (SSHD): The Student Success Help Desk will assist your Tiger in answering any questions they may have. We will point you to the best campus resources to resolve your concerns, give you guidance & support, and serve as a one-stop-shop for most of your needs. To find out more about SSHD, visit [here](#).

Student Support Services: Is your first-generation student receiving the support they need? Encourage them to apply to [Student Support Services](#)! We are a federal grant that serves first-generation students, income-eligible, and students with disabilities. Applications will open in March for the Fall 2021 cohort. Students can express interest by filling out [our interest form](#) and will be contacted when the applications open. Questions? Email sss@lsu.edu.

Stress Less, Study More! Having trouble with your courses? Did you know that you can sign up for a free month trial of Bartleby Homework Solutions at the LSU Bookstore? With millions of step-by-step textbook solutions and 24/7 homework help, Bartleby is your key to an easier way to study hard!

Tiger Card Office: This month's TigerCASH Lagniappe special comes to you from Fat Boys Pizza! Receive a free 32 oz. beverage with the purchase of a slice of pizza when you pay with TigerCASH!

University College - Center for Freshman Year: Check out our February Newsletter [here!](#)

Volunteer: Volunteer LSU's (VLSU) mission is to promote and coordinate volunteer opportunities, build partnerships within the community, and instill within its members a lifelong commitment to services. VLSU hosts monthly meetings to discuss volunteer opportunities within the community. Join us via Zoom for our next meeting on Monday, February 8 from 6 until 7 p.m. For more information, visit [here](#).



Visiting your Tiger during the Spring semester? Stay at the only on-campus hotel, The Cook Hotel & Conference Center at LSU. We offer elevated accommodations, 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 February 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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