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Parent & Family Programs

September update

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

We hope your Tiger is enjoying their fall semester so far! Check out these **virtual resources** to help launch them into a successful semester, both mentally and physically! We also encourage you to review the **Levels of Care for your Tiger's Emotional Wellness**.

Virtual Involvement Fair

Does your Tiger want to get involved but is not sure where to start? Joining an organization yields resume-worthy experiences, establishes networking skills, and provides students the chance to find their place on campus! LSU has over 400 student organizations, and we're here to get students connected outside of the classroom. This semester we are bringing our students together virtually within the TigerLink engagement platform. Representatives from student organizations and clubs will be here to help them find their fit. Come meet our incredible student leaders as we continue to build a great campus community together. Three time options are available! Visit **lsu.edu/campuslife** to see times and sign up!

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

- LSU Roadmap to Fall - **lsu.edu/roadmap**
- COVID-19 Protocol - **lsu.edu/roadmap/health/symptoms**
- COVID-19 Testing - **lsu.edu/roadmap/health/testing**
- LSU Roadmap to Fall FAQs - **lsu.edu/roadmap/faqs**

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU Families,

The start of the fall semester is always an exciting time for our LSU Family, especially in a year as unprecedented as this one. The ongoing pandemic has changed campus life, and last week's hurricanes disrupted our first week of classes—but they haven't diminished our Tiger spirit.

Moving forward, the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff will continue to be our top priority. To that end, it's vital that everyone in our campus community continues to follow all health and safety protocols, use our **TIGER Check COVID-19 Monitoring System** daily, and get tested.

Virus testing is a critically important part of our plan to monitor COVID-19 on campus and maintain a safe environment. The more we know about the health of our campus community, the more impactful we can be in our efforts to contain the virus. If your student has not taken advantage of the opportunity to get tested, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Click on underlined events for more info

September 3-6: Suit Up with JCPenney

September 4: Final date to drop courses without receiving a grade of "W", 4:30 p.m.

September 7: Labor Day Holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.

September 8: Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.

September 8: Final date to add courses or make section changes, 4:30 p.m.

September 9-10: Virtual Involvement Fair

September 11: Bike the Levee

September 11: Last day to add or change a meal plan

LSU has four COVID-19 Testing Center locations on campus that are open seven days a week. You can get more information about testing center hours and schedule a test at **lsu.edu/roadmap/health/testing.php**. While health insurance is required, LSU is committed to providing all students with testing regardless of their ability to pay.

To keep everyone informed, we are updating the number of positive cases reported on our campus on our **Roadmap to Fall website**. Please know that the numbers indicate when a positive case was reported to us, not when the virus was contracted. While we are not disclosing personal information about anyone who tests positive, due to privacy concerns, we are conducting contact tracing and notifying those who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive—including everyone who lives in the same residence hall or works in the same office as someone who tests positive. We are prepared to accommodate students who test positive and provide any assistance needed to help ensure they're able to safely isolate or quarantine, regain their health, and stay on track academically.

Thank you for your continued support of LSU as we continue to adjust how we live and learn on campus to keep our community as safe as possible. This is truly a semester unlike any other that's come before it, and I understand that means there's going to be more anxiety and frustration than usual. I know it's not an easy time to be a parent of a child who's in college, and I promise you that none of us at LSU takes the trust you've placed in us for granted. Your child's health and well-being will always be our number one priority.

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

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Our hearts go out to all of our Tiger families who were affected by Hurricane Laura. If you're looking for an opportunity to support affected students, here are some options:

1. If you are in a position to give, please consider giving to the LSU Student Emergency Support Fund to support students impacted by Hurricane Laura and other emergencies. More info: **lsu.edu/family/association/emergencyfund**.

2. Support the **LSU Food Pantry**, which acts as a supplemental

September 14: Kayak Clinic

September 15: Virtual Career Expo

September 21: Kickball League & Sand Volleyball Tournament Registration open

September 21: Commit to be Fit Challenge

September 22: Virtual Career Expo

September 23: Backbends & Twists Yoga Workshop

October 4: Scuba Discovery Dive

To see the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar, please click here.

ASK YOUR TIGER

- What steps are you taking to set yourself up for academic success this semester?
- How have you been balancing web-based and/or in-person coursework, while also prioritizing your physical and mental wellness?
- Have you connected with any professors or teaching assistants (TA) during their virtual office hours?

source of food for current LSU students in need. Shop the **Amazon wish list** or make a **monetary donation** through the LSU Foundation.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Bursar Operations: Students participating in the Deferred Payment Plan for Fall 2020 will have the first installment due October 1. Payments can be made starting 9/17/20 on myLSU > Financial Services > Billing Statement.

Center for Academic Success: Is your student looking for free, online support? Students can now schedule appointments for all of our online services, including academic coaching, Supplemental Instruction, and tutoring. And for incoming freshmen, check out our **Top 5 Tips for College Freshmen video**. Visit **our website** for more information about our services.

Fall Into Leadership: Leadership LSU is accepting applications for its Fall 2020 Cohort. A program that is 30 years strong, Leadership LSU provides students in their final semesters the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills and apply their leadership to high levels. The Fall 2020 program will be entirely online. Leadership LSU is open to all juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Have your Tiger visit **lsu.edu/leadershiplsu** for more information and to apply. Applications close September 8.

Family Weekend: We are still actively evaluating our options for Fall Family Weekend, which is tentatively scheduled to be held October 23-25, 2020. Additional guidance regarding group sizes, physical distancing, football policies, and other decisions will have an effect on Family Weekend. We will communicate information about Fall Family Weekend as soon as possible, and this will also be updated on our website at **lsu.edu/familyweekend** once it is finalized.

Geaux Big Baton Rouge 2021: Is your Tiger Geauxing Big this spring? Geaux Big Baton Rouge is LSU's largest single day of service! This spring tradition gives LSU students a chance to say "Thank you, Baton Rouge" by going out in the community and helping with various service projects. Geaux BIG is planning ways to serve for the Spring 2021 semester and is recruiting dedicated student leaders to help plan the spring event. Have your Tiger apply at **lsu.edu/geauxbig** by September 7.

Get Involved with TigerLink: Is Your Tiger Looking For A Way To Get Connected? TigerLink is a great resource for your tiger to find out everything that is happening on campus. With over 400 student organizations at LSU, there are tons of choices! TigerLink makes it easy for students by serving as a one-stop-shop for finding all student organizations and their events. Have your student log onto **lsu.edu/tigerlink** or reach out to the Campus Life involvement staff at **involvement@lsu.edu** if they need personalized help.

Leadership Training for First-Year Students: Tiger Year One is a leadership exploration program for students who are in their first year at LSU. Through small group discussion, participants have the opportunity to examine who they are, what they can do to lead and serve while they are at LSU, and who they want to be when they graduate. The fall program is entirely online. Registration is open **here** and closes on September 7.

LSU Foundation Engagement Center: We're hiring Engagement Ambassadors (EA)! These students reach out to parents, friends, and alumni of LSU and ask them for monetary support. This position is great for any student's major, as it helps to build communication skills and allows the EAs to network and connect with people of all backgrounds. The pay rate is $9/hour. Interested students can email their resume to **Malykah.bell@ruffalonl.com**.

LSU License Plate: Show your LSU pride wherever you go and support scholarships by purchasing an LSU license plate in Louisiana or Texas! For more information visit **lsu.edu/plates**.

Olinde Career Center: Ensure your student has a career game plan this Fall [**... read more**].

Parking & Transportation Services: **Tiger Trails transit system** is available to assist in your Tiger's transportation needs. All transit riders are reminded that they are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when boarding and exiting the bus. In accordance with CDC, APTA, state and local guidelines, maximum capacity on all buses will be limited to 25%. We encourage all riders to remain flexible and plan their schedule accordingly to allow for anticipated delays. Please visit **https://lsu.transloc.com/** and/or download the transloc app on Apple or Android devices to monitor arrival and departure times. For more information regarding COVID-19 and Parking and Transportation Services, please visit our website and access our COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions at: **https://www.lsu.edu/parking/transportation/covid19.php**.

Parking Permits & Citations: If your Tiger has not had an opportunity to purchase a parking permit, the permit portal will remain open for ordering through the spring 2021 semester **[...read more]**.

Please be advised that beginning on Monday, August 31, 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 **[...read more]**.

Quiet Zones in the Student Union: Need a place to take an online class? The LSU Student Union has two dedicated places for students to comfortably attend online classes. Check out Evangeline or the Quiet Zone on the third floor. The Testing Center is also on the third floor in the Magnolia Room.

Submitting a Work Order for on-campus residents: Students can submit facility, IT, and laundry concerns at their community's front desk [...**read more**].

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. Eligible students will be contacted for an interview in October for the Spring 2021 cohort.

Questions? Email **sss@lsu.edu**.

Take a Service Break: Service Breaks is a Campus Life sponsored student organization that facilitates alternative service break experiences. Students can apply for executive board positions or to participate in a 2020-21 Service Break when applications open on September 8. Click **here** to learn more.

Thanks for a Great Move-In! View photos on the Residential Life Facebook page **here**.

TigerCASH Lagniappe Promotion: September's TigerCASH Lagniappe promotion comes to you from Burgersmith! Receive a free side of fries with the purchase of any burger or sandwich when you use TigerCASH at Burgersmith at Acadian Perkins Plaza Shopping Center.

University College - Center for Freshman Year: Check out **this month's parent newsletter.**

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 **lsu.edu/vlsu** to find out more about our organization and events.

The Cook Hotel is committed to the highest standard of cleanliness. We offer elevated accommodations and great rates right on campus. When you're ready to visit campus again, book with us at **TheCookHotel.com** or (225) 383-2665.

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LSU Parent & Family Programs hopes you have enjoyed reading the September 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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