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## LSU Holiday Shuttle

### Registration is now open!

Registration for the Winter Break Shuttle will close on Sunday, December 4 at 11:30 pm. [Click here](#) for an outline of the program dates/times and to register for the Winter Break Shuttle.



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## 2016 Fall Commencement Information



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## Family Association Scholarships

The LSU Family Association will be selecting the 2017-18 scholarship recipients in the spring semester. All students of Family Association members are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Visit this [link](#) for more information, including instructions on how students can apply. To join the LSU Family Association, click [here](#).



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**Click below to join the Family Association today to be invited to the Spring Crawfish Boil!**

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## **FYI**

The **tuition-and-fees deduction** is back. This staple of higher education tax breaks, which officially expired after 2014, was reinstated by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, retroactive to 2015, and extended through the end of 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.



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# Campus Updates

## Upcoming Dates & Events

Saturday, December 3: Classes end, 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4: Concentrated Study Period ends

Monday, Decemebr 5 - Saturday, December 10: Final examinations

Friday, December 16: Commencement Day

## Wintersession Dates

Monday, December 12: Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.

Monday, December 12: Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m. deadline

Tuesday, December 20: Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m. deadline

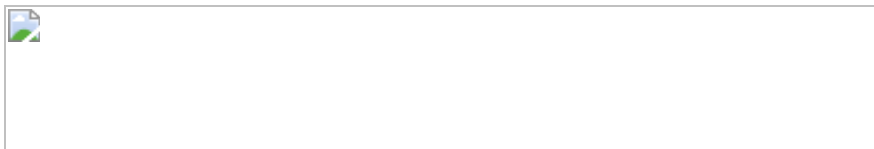
Friday, December 23: Winter holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.

*To see the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar, please click [here](#).*

## Message from the Registrar's Office:

It has been brought to our attention that there was a typo on the final exam schedule for Fall 2016. The exam timeslot for 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday classes and for Tuesday/Thursday classes was erroneously listed as the same time (10:00 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, December 10).

The schedule has been corrected to show that the 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday timeslot is actually 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 10. The complete exam schedule is available in the [schedule booklet](#), but the corrected portion can be seen below.



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## LSU Library Hours

Middleton Library is operating on a 24 hour basis between Sunday and Thursday. For a full calendar of hours for the fall semester, please click [here](#).

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## A Note from the President

In this holiday season, it is appropriate for us to take a step back and truly embrace all the reasons we have to be

thankful, even during a year as challenging as 2016 has been. Here at LSU, we are always grateful for our students, and they continue to demonstrate their exceptional talent while leveraging their LSU education they receive into impact on the greater good.



This year alone:

- Our students donated time, money and supplies to help those who lost everything in the recent flooding.
- LSU's Public Relations Student Society of America chapter received first place in the National Organ Donor Awareness Competition at the PRSSA National Conference for their semester-long educational campaign executed for the Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency.
- Accounting junior Megan Manno received the TD Ameritrade Scholarship, along with the opportunity to ring the Nasdaq Market Bell at the New York Stock Exchange.
- Joseph Steiner, medical physics doctoral candidate, along with physics professor Guang Jia, are revolutionizing prostate cancer screening by developing a device that will improve accuracy of CT scans used to identify and diagnose the disease.

And those are just a few of the examples of our students' commitment to success and excellence.

I know you're counting the days until your Tigers come home for the holidays. It's right around the corner. Enjoy the time with your family, and as always, thank you for trusting us with your Tiger.

Sincerely,

F. King Alexander

LSU President



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### **First Friday featuring Dead Week Donuts**

Johnston Hall Lobby, Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the last First Friday of the semester featuring Dead Week Donuts! Make the Friday before finals a little more enjoyable and stop by Johnston Hall to grab a free cup of coffee

and a donut! Leave your worries with us by writing down what's stressing you on our chalkboard wall! There will be plenty of giveaways and yummy treats so be sure to stop by!

### Student Strategy Sessions

The transition to college can be overwhelming, especially in light of the recent flooding in Baton Rouge. At FYE it's our goal to provide students with the resources and support that they need to be happy, healthy and successful their first year at LSU. All incoming freshman have an assigned FYE staff member to make the transition smoother. Email, call or stop by 128 Johnston Hall anytime.

Students can make appointments by clicking [here](#).



### **Why Let Your Tigers Live Close to Campus When They Can Live On?!**

The time for on-campus residents to reserve their space for 2017-18 is just around the corner.

2017-18 returning resident applications open January 23, 2017

Apartment reservations start February 6, 2017

Residence hall reservations start February 13, 2017

Encourage your student to consider staying on campus, either in a residence hall or one of two on-campus apartment complexes. [East and West Campus Apartments](#) (ECA & WCA) are beautiful, convenient, and affordable options for upperclassmen. Already included in the rent are cable TV, wired & wireless Internet, and ALL utilities – about a \$150 per month value. No splitting electricity bills or paying a utility package, and the on-campus convenience and security – PRICELESS! Get details at [LSU.edu/LiveOn](http://LSU.edu/LiveOn).

### **Sophomore Living-Learning Communities Available**

Is your Tiger loving the first-year living-learning environments? Two sophomore living-learning communities are available, and applications are due January 17, 2017. Learn more about the [Sophomore Gold](#) program in ECA and the [Leadership & Service](#) program in WCA and encourage your Tiger to apply!

### **Looking Ahead to Winter Break**

Residence halls close over winter break, but ECA and WCA remain open for students who are returning for spring 2017. Details of closing procedures are available at [Resident Resources](#).

### **Encourage Your Tiger to Be a Resident Assistant (RA)!**

An RA is a student employed by the Department of Residential Life to live in an on-campus community and work as part of a staff team to build a positive living-learning environment, enhance the sense of community, and serve as a role model for residents. RAs build their resumes with quality leadership experience, create bonds with residents and colleagues, and make a difference in students' lives. 2017-18 RA applications are now open and due January 19, 2017. Details available at [lsu.edu/reslifejobs](http://lsu.edu/reslifejobs).



### **FINAL EXAMS are almost here!**

Encourage your tiger to stop by the Shell Tutorial Center to work with trained peer tutors.

Nov 28 - Dec 2 ( Mon - Thurs): 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dec 5 - 9 (Mon-Thurs): 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **GPA IMPACT**

IMPACT is a free workshop that improves academic performance. It is open to all students; however, first year students on academic warning or probation are required to attend. Students need to present a valid LSU ID. Registration is not required. Students may select one of the following sessions, all of which are in Coates 143.

Jan 09: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Jan 10: 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jan 10: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Every student can benefit from an Academic Coach!**

Your tiger may work with an experienced Academic Coach for personalized learning and study methods, test-taking and time management strategies, and course specific tips. Students should call (225) 578-2872 or visit B-31 Coates Hall to schedule an appointment.



LSU International Programs/Academic Programs Abroad (APA) provides students with study abroad options around the globe! APA is currently accepting applications for short term-faculty led programs in Summer 2017. Short-term programs are planned, directed and taught by LSU faculty. They are tailored to the location, include on-site learning, and are a great fit for students looking to have

their first experience abroad.

International Exchanges are a great option for students to spend a semester or a year studying abroad! In addition to the many direct exchange options available through direct (bilateral) exchanges, LSU is also a member of the ISEP and Global E3 consortia, so students have many options available. No matter the major, there is a program for everyone!

National Student Exchange (NSE) is the best kept secret on LSU's campus. The university's participation in this consortium provides students the opportunity to study at partner universities around the U.S. and Canada for a semester or year. This is a great opportunity to explore the U.S. or Canada while earning course credits and paying in-state tuition!

In collaboration with LSU Continuing Education, APA is now offering Community Tours! These programs are led by LSU faculty and are open to everyone! The first

tour, Brazil's Urban and Rural Landscapes, is currently open for registration. For more information, click [here](#).

International Programs has recently launched the LSU Study Abroad Scholarship Program. This program allows domestic students to earn scholarship funding for study abroad while having meaningful interactions with international students on the LSU campus through a variety of peer activities. To learn more about this unprecedented opportunity, please visit the International Programs website [here](#).

For more information on APA programs, please visit our [website](#), call us at (225) 578-6801, or stop by our offices at 103 Hatcher Hall. Geaux Abroad!



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## Safety Information

Parents, be sure your son/daughter has signed up to receive emergency text messages. [Click here to learn how they can sign up via myLSU.](#)



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## The Cook Hotel





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

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