



Parent & Family Programs

March update

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU
Families,

The continued distribution of COVID-19 vaccines has provided a welcomed light at the end of the



pandemic tunnel that we've been in for the past year. With each passing day, we are closer to the highly anticipated day when we will resume living and learning on our campus as we did prior to the pandemic. And while we are not there yet, we expect we will be by the fall semester.

We are very excited to be preparing for the vast majority of our classes to be face-to-face in the fall semester, as they were before COVID upended our lives, assuming vaccine distribution continues to proceed as expected. In the meantime, we will continue to closely monitor the state's COVID-19 progress and vaccine distribution, and we will follow all state and CDC guidelines, with the safety of our campus community as our guidepost. We have not yet finalized our plan for how classes will be held during the summer session and intersession, but we are hoping to have an update on that soon. We are also working on our plan for spring commencement and we will also keep you updated about that as well.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Click on underlined events for more info

March 4: Virtual Art and Design Career Networking Day

March 5-7: LSU Family Weekend

March 6: Virtual Residence Hall Tours

March 6: Class make-up day for Monday, Feb. 15

March 7: Discover Day Symposium Application Due

March 8: All-in Apartment Leasing Opens

March 8-19: Private Swim Lessons: Session 5

March 8: Volunteer LSU meeting

As we move forward with our spring semester, we also continue to work on expanding and enhancing our mental health services, academic support, and various other support services for students. Since November, we have been able to serve nearly 25% more students with academic advising appointments each week, and we are now adding 25 personnel to further accommodate more students this semester.

The [Student Health Center](#) has hosted hundreds of programs and outreach events to assist students since last fall, and it has also implemented several new initiatives, including mental health consultation programs, suicide prevention training, and screening tools for mental health and substance use issues. Our new [Student Success Help Desk](#) at the Student Welcome Center has been positively received since it was launched earlier this semester, and we are encouraging all students who are seeking additional support to visit the help desk or reach out to them by phone (225-578-2634) or by email (success@lsu.edu).

As we look forward with great hope that we are nearing a return to normalcy at LSU, I am very grateful for your continued support, patience, and flexibility. Stay safe and Geaux Tigers!

Sincerely,

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

LSU | Family Weekend

Join us as we celebrate you, our Tiger families, during LSU Family Weekend, which will held Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 7! The weekend will include a mix of limited capacity in-person events and virtual programming curated to allow families to spend quality time with their Tiger.

- View the [Schedule of Events](#)
- Check out our [virtual games and activities](#)
- Explore our list of [Things to Do in Baton Rouge](#)

ROADMAP TO SPRING

March 9: [Mid-semester grades due](#)

March 9: [Virtual Marketing, Sales and Management Career Fair](#)

March 10: [LSU Giving Day](#)

March 10: [ESport Tournament: Fortnite](#)

March 10: [Virtual Construction Networking Day](#)

March 11: [Virtual Construction Interviewing Day](#)

March 12: [Mountain Biking Trip to Hopper Road](#)

March 12: Class make-up day for Friday, Feb. 19

March 13: [Virtual Residence Hall Tours](#)

March 16: [Virtual Kinesiology Career Fair](#)

March 16: [Virtual Major Mining Workshop](#)

March 16: Mid-semester grades due, 9:00 a.m.

March 16: [Tiger Family Talks: Navigating Scheduling & Eight Semester Plans](#)

March 17: [Virtual Diversity and Inclusion Networking Event](#)

March 17: [Virtual Major Mining Workshop](#)

March 17: [Paddleboard Yoga](#)



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 Information](#)

LSU has also sent the following recent broadcast emails to students:

- [Fall 2021 Update](#)
- ['W' Grades this Spring](#)



Join us for our Tiger Family Talks webinar series on Tuesdays throughout the spring! Our next Tiger Family Talks will be held on **Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. CT**. The topic is "Navigating Scheduling & Eight-Semester Plans. Join us as we hear from University College Center for Freshman Year (UCFY) and student and parent panelists, as they provide info to help your Tiger strategically schedule their courses. View the Zoom login event info and the full spring webinar schedule at lsu.edu/family/communications/webinars.

ASK YOUR TIGER

- Have you thought about what classes you'll need to schedule for the fall semester? Course scheduling will begin on March 28.
- Have you considered making an advising appointment?
- What kind of experiences have you had related to your major? Is this something you can still see yourself doing after graduation?
- What are your plans for this summer? (e.g. where will you live; have you investigated job/internships/classes)

March 18: [Doubles](#)

[Tennis Tournament](#)

March 18: [Virtual](#)

[Communication](#)

[Professionals](#)

[Networking Fair](#)

March 19-21: [Scuba](#)

[Lessons](#)

March 20: [8-Ball](#)

[Billiards Tournament](#)

March 22: [Learn to](#)

[Lead Climb](#)

March 23: [Virtual](#)

[Government and](#)

[Nonprofit Career Fair](#)

March 23: [Table Tennis](#)

[Tournament](#)

March 25: Class make-

up day for Thursday,

Feb. 18

March 26: Final date to

reschedule exams

when three are within

24 hours

March 28: Course

scheduling for fall

semester and

Wintersession begins,

5:00 p.m.

March 30: [Virtual](#)

[School Professionals'](#)

[Networking Day](#)

March 30: [Financial](#)

[Planning: The College](#)

[Student Success Series](#)

March 30: [Tiger Family](#)

[Talks: Summer](#)

[Experiences & Building](#)

[a Résumé](#)

April 2: Good Friday

Holiday

April 6-7: [CAS](#)

[Workshop: Prep For](#)

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!

[Finals and Manage Stress](#)

April 12: [Geaux BIG Baton Rouge](#)

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

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Barnes & Noble LSU Café: Every Monday this month, you can get a \$2 Iced Coffee in any size! From March 1-13 you can get an Iced Coffee with the purchase of a breakfast sandwich. From March 14-27 we have our \$5 pizzas, and from March 21-27 we have \$3 smoothies and frozen hot chocolate. 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!

Bursar Operations: Students participating in the Deferred Payment Plan for Spring 2021 will have the next installment due April 1. Payments can be made on myLSU > Financial Services > Billing Statement between April 1 and 4:30 pm CST, Monday, April 12, 2021. You may contact Bursar Operations at bursar@lsu.edu with questions.

Celebrating Our Student Organizations: Nominations are now open for the Love Purple Live Gold Awards. Nominate distinguish student leaders, faculty, advisors, and registered student organizations for their positive contributions to the quality of student life at LSU by celebrating their achievements, merits, and passions. Students are welcome to apply for themselves or nominate their peers whom they feel best to represent the qualities listed above. The deadline for nominations is March 12, and students and organizations will be recognized on April 6. Click [here](#) for the Organization Nomination Form. Click [here](#) for the Individual Nomination Form.

Center for Academic Success: We're halfway through the semester! Encourage your student to use [free CAS services](#) like Academic Coaching, tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, or Shell Study Groups. These services can help your student break through the midterm madness and get them confident and prepared for their classes. Learn more on the [CAS website](#).

8th Annual LSU Discover Day Applications Due Soon! 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! Go to lsu.edu/discover/discoverday for more information.

Financial Planning: The College Student Success Series continues with a session on financial planning. Join the Student Activities Board in this informative and interactive session to learn financial planning and investing for college students on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m Via Zoom. All details can be found here: lsu.edu/sab

Geaux Big Baton Rouge - Saturday April 17! Geaux Big Baton Rouge, LSU's largest single day of service, is returning this spring. The service event unites current LSU students with the surrounding Baton Rouge community. To follow Covid-19 safety guidelines, all jobsites will be outdoors with a limit on the number of volunteers at each site. Sign up early to ensure that you get a volunteer spot! lsu.edu/geauxbig

Is Your Student in one of our Open Groups? The Mental Health Service offers a wide variety of group therapy that caters to a diverse range of topics.

- [Launch group](#) is an open group for first-year students who want to build skills to support their transition to college. Interested students are welcome to come to all the sessions or only the sessions of interest. This group meets in-person and virtually. This month, Launch will meet virtually Tuesday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m. and in-person Wednesday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m.
- [Emotional Widsom Webinars](#) provide students the opportunity to learn and practice skills for effective mood management and meets Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- [Let's Talk](#) offers brief, informal, and confidential consultations at locations around campus. Students can seek support, perspective, and assistance connecting with campus and community resources. Let's Talk meets on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Visit our [Spring 2021 Group Therapy](#) webpage for Zoom passwords and meeting locations.

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. *You do not need to attend the entire series.* Sign-up [here!](#)

LSU Dining News

- **Zippy's burritos tacos and more** is a favorite among locals in Baton Rouge. LSU Dining is continuing its commitment to supporting local businesses with the opening of Zippy's Express in the Student Union. Follow us on social media for details as we celebrate our new partner, now open Sunday – Friday, 11am – 9pm.
- **3 Little Pigs** is not just a fairy tale...it is the new dining location in the LSU Vet School! Brought to you by your friends at City Pork, visit the Vet School for nachos, street tacos, sandwiches and more! Visit lsudining.com for hours of operation of 3 Little Pigs and all of our dining locations.
- In celebration of **Women's History Month**, we will celebrate our women in culinary! Follow social media for cooking demos and profiles of our culinary leaders.
- The LSU Community was so generous during our last **"Sending Love To Our Troops"** campaign, that we are bringing it back! Remind your Tiger to look for special displays later this month in On-The-Geaux, Take 5, and 459 Outtakes with much-needed items you can purchase for our troops. We will ship the care packages "With Love from LSU Tigers"
- Follow LSU Dining on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) for events, cooking demonstrations, health tips, and all things food!

LSU Giving Day is one week away! Next Wednesday, March 10, join us in a global celebration and support of tenacious Tigers who always rise to the occasion. Join the fun at geauxgive.lsu.edu.

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: With course scheduling for Fall just around the corner, it's a great time to ask your Tiger these questions...[\[...Read More\]](#).

Mountain Biking Trip to Hopper Road: Free transportation, free bike, free helmet, and free adventure on March 12. All Tigers are invited to join the UREC team and explore over 5 miles of winding terrain at the [Hopper Road Bike Trail](#). Registration is currently open and is free to UREC members. Space is limited to 6 people.

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.

Tigers Love the Lakes: Tigers have the chance to paddle, float, and perform Yoga during "GroupX Happy Hour: Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga" on March 17. Registration opens March 3 and is free to UREC members. Space is limited to 8 people. Click [here](#) for more information.

UREC Calendar of Events: UREC continues to offer in-person programs for all Tigers, and most of our programs are free! View all of UREC's upcoming programs and registration deadlines by visiting [UREC Calendar of Events](#).

University College - Center for Freshman Year: Check out our March 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, March 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 March 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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