**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

This month, we sat down with Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, to get insight on her philosophy and goals for serving as the new Dean of Students. Dr. Fuentes-Martin began her tenure in January, following a national search following the retirement of Dean Katherine Gold. At the beginning of her leadership, Dr. Fuentes-Martin expressed her excitement to work with the students and the university community. She emphasized the importance of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where students can thrive.

Dr. Fuentes-Martin highlighted three key goals for her tenure: building a strong and collaborative team, increasing student engagement, and fostering a culture of support and resilience. She also emphasized the value of student perspectives and the need for open dialogue to ensure the university is meeting the needs of its diverse student body.

**Ask Your Tiger**

What are your biggest goals for the semester? How do you plan to achieve them? Share your thoughts with us on social media using #AskYourTiger.

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**CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

- **January 14-18:** LSU Libraries annual Book Friends of the LSU Libraries annual Book Sale. The sale will be held in the Thomas Boyd Hall room.
- **January 15-16:** Union Lactation Room Opening. The room will be located in the Union building.
- **January 17:** Martin Luther King Day. The university will observe this holiday with a day off.
- **January 21:** Spring semester classes begin. Students should check their schedules for the start of classes.
- **January 22:** Student Open House. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to meet their professors and get to know the campus.
- **January 24-26:** Sanders Hall Spring Open House. This event will provide an opportunity for students to tour the hall and meet the resident advisors.
- **January 31:** Open Enrollment Deadline. This is the last day for students to enroll in courses for the semester.

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**NEWS AND EVENTS**

- **MAKE THIS THE BEST SEMESTER EVER.** Visit your Tiger and attend a gymnastics meet, theatre and music performances, king cake tasting, and more. Visit [lsu.edu/spring2019](http://lsu.edu/spring2019) to complete registration. The Spring Family Fling will include an entire weekend of activities for all LSU Family Association members.

- **LSU CARES:** "The LSU Cares logo is shown with the text "LSU Cares:-supported LSU students with a comfortable place to work out and make progress towards their academic goals."

- **STAY SAFE LSU:** "The LSU UREC logo is shown with the text "stay safe LSU: LSU UREC Personal Trainers are here to help your Tigers reach their fitness goals."

- **A DEBT MANAGEMENT OPTION:** "The LSU Bursar logo is shown with the text "a debt management option."

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**Upcoming**

For more information on personal training, Tiger Twelve: [lsu.edu/staysafe](http://lsu.edu/staysafe).

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**FAMILY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

All LSU Family Association members will receive an email tomorrow with instructions on how students can apply. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 1, 2019. Visit [lsu.edu/famasscholarships](http://lsu.edu/famasscholarships) for more information.

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**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Getting involved in an organization is a great way for students to branch out and take up leadership positions. Students are invited to the Involvement Fair this semester to learn more about myProxy, which parents (and other interested third parties) can use to request access to a student's online Fee Bill, as well as other records.

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**Academic Calendar**

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**THANK YOU**

And everyone here at LSU cares about each of its members. If you ever have a concern about your Tiger, let us know. LSU President F. King Alexander and the entire LSU community appreciate your support and dedication to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

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**Families,**

Think about what you hope will be different this semester. Is there anything you’re excited about? What are you hoping to achieve? We would love to hear your thoughts. Please share them with us on social media using #AskYourTiger.

Happy New Year, and everyone—here at LSU cares about each of its members.

Sincerely,

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Families of LSU Students