

Parent & Family Programs



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Congratulations to our 2021-2022 LSU Family Association Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 LSU Family Association Scholarship recipients! We are excited to announce that we have awarded 20 outstanding LSU students, and each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. LSU Family Association Scholarships are made possible through generous support from donors like you. View the full list of recipients at **Isu.edu/family/association/scholarship**.



Commencement is just around the corner! If your degree candidate has not submitted their survey, they only have a few days left to RSVP. Due to strict capacity guidelines, no RSVPs will be accepted after Friday, April 9th. Visit <u>Isu.edu/commencement</u> to review ceremony details and have your Tiger complete their survey!

LSU Class of 2021: Then & Now Photo

To commemorate all the hard work our students have done since first starting their education, we are making a personalized "Then and Now" photo album of our graduating

LSU Tigers to feature on the **LSU Parent & Family Programs Facebook page**. This appreciation post will be composed of two photos, one from childhood/any K-12 graduating ceremony and the other of any LSU senior pictures. **Submit your pictures here**. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 2.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU Families,

As we advance our critical work to build a campus culture that does not tolerate sexual and domestic



violence, the key to our success is the implementation of the action plan we have developed to strengthen our Title IX policies, procedures, and training.

I recognize that effecting lasting cultural change is not something we will achieve quickly or easily and that we have much work to do. However, I am confident that our action plan, combined with steps we have already taken, will immediately improve the way LSU responds to assault allegations, enhance our support of survivors, and ultimately make our campus a safer place for everyone.

Our action plan closely follows the 18 recommendations made in the Husch Blackwell report, all of which we are committed to fully implementing as we move forward. Importantly, we have already taken the following actions:

- Established a new Office of Civil Rights and Title IX, which reports to the president and is no longer housed in the Office of General Counsel. Jane Cassidy, who has been part of our LSU Family for 33 years, is leading the office as interim vice president as we conduct a national search for a permanent leader.
- Begun our search to fill critical positions in the Title IX office, including a case manager, investigator, and assistant to the vice president, as we evaluate making additional hires.
- Launched a <u>new website</u> offering help and support to anyone who has been impacted by domestic or sexual violence, and which pulls together in one place the many different resources that are available to our

Upcoming Dates & Events

Click on underlined events for more info

March 28-April 16: Course scheduling for fall semester and Wintersession

April 5: <u>Roommate</u> <u>matching opened</u>

April 8: LSU Drive-In Movie Series: Mad Money

April 8: <u>Major Sweat:</u> How Do I Choose My <u>Major?</u>

April 9: Deadline to RSVP for Commencement

April 9: <u>Virtual</u> Budgeting Bingo

April 10: Class makeup day for Wednesday, Feb. 17

April 12: <u>Money</u> <u>Management Monday</u> (in-person, Free <u>Speech Plaza)</u>

April 13: <u>Virtual Career</u> Panel– Transitioning Into Your Next Role

April 13: <u>Make the</u> Most of Your Summer

April 13: <u>Let's Talk</u> <u>About Consent IRL</u> from 5 - 6:30 p.m. LSU community, from medical and mental health services to the variety of reporting options that survivors can access.

- Improving our Training through our partnership with Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, or STAR, which is developing and will provide improved training to employees on how to respond to students who disclose dating and/or sexual violence with fairness, dignity, and respect, in accordance with their legal rights.
- Designated a Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Support and Resources through our Lighthouse Program.
- Launched comprehensive and targeted training in the Athletics Department through contracts with STAR, LiveRespect, and A Call to Men.
- Finalized an agreement with the LSU Police Department to ensure timely sharing of information with the Title IX office.

This is just the start of our work. Additional actions will be taken in the future and we are currently working on several important initiatives. These include implementing internal monitoring and regular reporting of current Title IX cases; further clarifying mandatory reporting obligations to employees; improving record keeping; implementing additional specialized training on dating and domestic violence; and making substantial improvements in our overall accountability.

Please take some time to review more details about our action plan at **<u>Isu.edu/titleix-review</u>**, which we will be updating as we take additional actions. We will also be bringing Husch Blackwell back to campus in a few months to evaluate our progress and share that publicly with our community. As we move forward, I promise that we will be open and transparent about this important work, and I hope you remain engaged in this process and hold us accountable every step of the way.

As always, thank you for your continued support of LSU.

Sincerely,

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

ROADMAP TO SPRING

April 13: <u>LatinX Mini-</u> <u>Festival</u> from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 5-16: <u>Private</u> Swim Lessons Session Seven

April 14: Goat Yoga

April 15: Learn to Climb

April 15: <u>Passion: How</u> to Discover Yours

April 15: <u>Apex: Esports</u> <u>Tournament</u>

April 16: <u>Asian</u> <u>American and Pacific</u> <u>Islander Heritage</u> <u>Showcase</u> from 12 - 1 p.m.

April 16: <u>LSU Discover</u> <u>Day</u>

April 16-18: Scuba Lessons

April 17: Geaux BIG Baton Rouge

April 18: LSU Ring Ceremony

April 19: <u>Telling your</u> <u>Story through Your</u> <u>Personal Statement</u>

April 19: Credit 411

April 21: UREC Earth
Day Services Project

April 21: <u>Career</u> <u>Convos: Talking to</u> <u>Family about Career</u>

April 21: Concentration Study Period Begins no social activites, meetings, or major exams other than labs

April 21-22: LSU Graduation Celebration



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
- <u>COVID-19 Testing</u>
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Information</u>
- Let LSU Know if You're Vaccinated

Today, Wednesday, April 7, from 3-6 p.m., anyone wanting the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine can walk up to LSU's vaccine location at the South end zone of Tiger Stadium, without an appointment. Registration is not required between those hours. Enter through Gate 22 of the stadium. Parking is available in lot 401 across South Stadium Drive.

LSU will continue to provide updated information regarding additional vaccination events held on campus.

FINAL EXAM TIPS

As your Tiger prepares for final exams, remind them to keep these 5 study tips in mind:

- 1. *Touch every subject every day!* Daily study is better than saving it up for longer study sessions a couple of times a week. Break homework down into small steps that are well-defined and practice active studying.
- 2. *Make flashcards, quiz yourself, or make a graphic organizer/mind-map.* Create mnemonic devices, such as acrostics, rhymes, or acronyms, to help remember information and then quiz yourself.
- 3. *Keep a running to-do list.* Pick out your top 3 priorities on your list each day and do them!
- 4. *Make the place you study a pleasant spot to be*. Get rid of distractions and make it cozy!
- 5. *Take short breaks and take care of yourself.* Brains can only process a limited amount of information and will

at Barnes & Noble at LSU

April 23: Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m. deadline

April 23: Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m. deadline

April 24: Classes end, 10 p.m.

April 25: Concentration study Period Ends

April 26 - May 1: Final Examinations

May 4: Final grades due (degree candidates) 9 a.m. deadline

May 5: Final grades due (non-degree candidate) 9 a.m. deadline

May 7-8: Commencement ceremonies

May 24: Summer classes begin, 7:30 a.m.

To view the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar, please <u>click here</u>.

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ASK YOUR TIGER

 How are you preparing for your final exams? benefit from some rest. Remind your Tiger to eat healthy, exercise, drink water and get plenty of sleep.

How are you taking care of yourself?

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Barnes & Noble LSU Café: Check out this month's deals and promotions.

- April 1-7: 20% off diploma frames and free shipping on the LSU Bookstore website
- April 1-11: Additional 50% off clearance continues
- April 5-11: Buy one, get one free: any drink & sandwich
- April 5-May 2: Free Dasani water with the purchase of any Coke Energy
- April 21-22: LSU Graduation Celebration!
- April 19-May 2: \$3 smoothies and frozen hot chocolate
- All Month Long: Up to 30% off select trade books, 2 for \$3 20 oz Coca-Cola product
- Every Monday in April: To continue with our Monday Motivation series, there will \$2 refreshers any size every Monday in March!
- Every Thursday/Friday in April from 2-7: Buy one, get one free grande (16 oz) drinks

Be a part of Awesome! Plan and lead one of LSU's signature events! Campus Life is accepting applications for the Homecoming Student Committee now through April 10. Apply <u>here</u>.

Building Your Brand: The College Student Success Series continues on April 13 at 8 p.m. with a session on how to market yourself. Join the Student Activities Board and special guest, Melody Robinson of Just Melody, in this informative session. Click <u>here</u> for more info.

Bursar Operations: Students participating in the Deferred Payment Plan for Spring 2021 had an installment due April 1 and the next installment is due May 1. Payments can be made on myLSU > Financial Services > Billing Statement between May 1 and 4:30 pm CST, Tuesday, May 11. You may contact Bursar Operations at **bursar@lsu.edu** with questions.

Center for Academic Success: Finals are just 4 weeks away! Encourage your student to attend **online Academic Coaching sessions** to create a finals game plan. Learn more about free academic services on the **CAS website**.

End of Year Celebration: Join the Student Activities Board as we celebrate the ends of the semester on the Parade Ground. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed. Monday, April 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Follow <u>@Isucampuslife</u> on Instagram for more details to come.

Feelin' Good Friday at the UREC Pools: During the month of April, the University Recreation outdoor pools will have special programs every Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Boats in the Pool, Floating Yoga, and water volleyball are just a few of the things going on this month. No registration required, just show up with a suit and enjoy the sun! Click <u>here</u> for more info. **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 job sites 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! <u>Isu.edu/geauxbig</u>

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.

- <u>Launch group</u> 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 month, Launch will meet in-person Tuesday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m.
- <u>Emotional Widsom Webinars</u> provide students the opportunity to learn and practice skills for effective mood management and meets Wednesday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m.
- <u>Let's Talk</u> 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 <u>Spring 2021 Group Therapy</u> webpage for Zoom passwords and meeting locations.

LSU Dining News: For LSU Dining, April is all about Stress Awareness, Earth Day and Stop Food Waste Day!

- Mental health affects everyone directly or indirectly. If only for a moment, students need a break to laugh, have fun and relieve stress. No better opportunity to do that than before or after a meal! We will host Stress Awareness table sits, giving out coloring books and colors as a stress reduction activity.
- We will celebrate Earth Day and Stop Food Waste Day with month-long awareness campaigns in our locations and via social media! Be on the lookout for our DIY Grow Kits, allowing students, faculty, and staff to all get involved in showing the Earth some TLC!
- Follow LSU Dining on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>Twitter</u> as we raise awareness about mental health, celebrate Earth, take the pledge to Stop Food Waste and SO MUCH MORE!

LSU Discover: Friday, April 16 is LSU Discover Day Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium - Parents and families welcome! Each spring, hundreds of LSU undergraduate students from disciplines across the university gather (virtually, of course) to present their research and creative works at LSU Discover Day. Is your Tiger presenting this year? You can watch their presentation live over Zoom! To receive the zoom link, please fill out the free Visitor's Registration Form. For more information about Discover Day, visit here.

LSU Drive-In Movie: The LSU Drive-In Movie Series continues Thursday, April 8. All Tigers are invited to come out and watch <u>Mad Money</u> (Rated PG-13), beginning at 8:30 p.m. The University Recreation Field Complex gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the first 125 people to arrive will receive a t-shirt! Complimentary snacks are available upon entry, and blankets and chairs set up next to viewers' vehicles are encouraged. Registration is now open

through **TigerLink**. View more details here.

LSU Pre-College: Does your child have summer plans yet? LSU Pre-College offers both on-campus and virtual academic summer programs for rising 6th-12th graders. <u>Click to</u> <u>learn more</u>.

LSU Residential Life News

- May Check-Out: If your Tiger currently lives on-campus, make sure to follow the May Check-Out Spring Semester procedures found <u>here</u>. They are expected to vacate their room within 24-hours of their last exam, or by 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, whichever comes first. If your Tiger needs an extension to stay in their residence hall until May 2, they must contact their <u>Residence Coordinator</u> by Friday, April 30. They may have up to two guests to help move out of the residence hall and must follow community policies and guidelines, including wearing face masks.
- Work where you live! RA applications for 2021-22 will be accepted through April 23 [...read more].
- Need a summer job? Applications for Residential Life tour guides and desk assistants [...read more].
- Find Your Match! The roommate matching system is now open in myLSU [...<u>read</u> more].

LSU Olinde Career Center: Encourage your Tiger to remain committed to their internship, part-time or full-time job search. Check out these resources to boost confidence and stay on track [...**read more**].

Student Support Services: Is your first-generation student receiving the support they need? Encourage them to apply to <u>Student Support Services</u>! We are a federal grant that serves first-generation students, income-eligible, and students with disabilities. Applications are open for the fall 2021 cohort. Students can <u>apply online</u>. The priority deadline is May 2, 2021. Questions? Email <u>sss@lsu.edu</u>.

Study abroad programs for summer 2021 canceled. After careful consideration and consultation with education abroad faculty members, the Office of International Programs has decided to cancel summer abroad programs. **Read the full update**.

UREC Tiger's Den Summer Camp: 2021 Tiger's Den Summer Camp registration is now open for children 6-12. If you have a future Tiger ready to visit our campus, send them to one of our 10-week sessions during the summer. Visit <u>here</u> to learn more and to register.

University College - Center for Freshman Year: Check out our April 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, April 12 from 6 until 7 p.m. For more information, visit <u>here</u>.

Wow, what an impact! On #LSUGivingDay, 4,200 tenacious Tigers across the globe joined together and raised more than \$2M to support LSU students, faculty, and staff. In case you

missed it, the results are still live at geauxgive.lsu.edu.



Is your Tiger about to become an official LSU alum? Sign up for a Recent Grad membership offered by the LSU Alumni Association and Tiger Athletic Foundation. This membership gives you exclusive access to special pricing for LSU Athletics tickets including football, basketball, and baseball (tickets may vary). If you sign up before April 20, you can receive a FREE LSU Alumni sweatshirt! Sign up <u>here</u>.



Visiting your Tiger during the Spring semester? Stay at the only on-campus hotel, The Cook



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