

Parent & Family Programs



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 COVID-19 Homepage Isu.edu/coronavirus
- LSU Fall 2020 Reopening Plan Isu.edu/roadmap
- LSU Roadmap to Fall FAQs Isu.edu/roadmap/faqs

LSU has also shared the following recent updates with your students:

- Take the Pledge to Keep LSU Safe
- Fee Bill Updates
- Details for Fall
- <u>Keeping LSU safe and healthy</u>

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LSU Families, Upcoming Dates & Events

Click on underlined events for more info

August 7: <u>Virtual</u> Graduation Celebration,

I couldn't be

more excited to welcome our students, faculty, and staff back to our beautiful campus for the fall semester. We have a lot to look forward to, including the



arrival of our largest, most diverse, and most academically qualified class of first-year students in LSU history.

As we prepare to resume in-person operations to the greatest extent possible, we're hard at work to ensure everyone in our LSU Family remains safe and healthy. We recently released a comprehensive Roadmap to Fall 2020, which includes our guiding principles, policies, and protocols for our safe reopening, including a specific guide for students. I encourage you to review the Roadmap to Fall 2020 and get additional details regarding our fall semester plans at <u>Isu.edu/roadmap</u>.

Campus life will be a little different this fall, but that's okay. Together, we will navigate the challenges that COVID-19 presents us, and we will continue to adjust our policies and protocols as needed. The unrivaled spirit that makes LSU such a special place has only been strengthened by our unified response to fight the pandemic—and it will be even stronger when we're together again on campus. But to succeed we need to mask up, remain physically distance where possible, wash our hands, and be smart.

As we work toward the safe reopening of campus, LSU has also intensified our ongoing work to foster an inclusive culture that is welcoming to all students. We've made great progress in recent years to increase inclusion and diversity at LSU, but we know there's more work to be done—and we know our actions will speak louder than our words. Please visit **<u>Isu.edu/together</u>** to learn about the concrete steps we're taking to make real and lasting improvements that will strengthen our campus culture.

We all have a role to play in ensuring everyone in our LSU Family remains safe and feels welcomed on our campus this fall, and I'm confident we will all do what's necessary to make this fall semester a great success. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

10 a.m.

August 7: <u>Virtual</u> Family Engagement <u>Session</u>, 12 p.m.

August 7: <u>Health</u> <u>Center Hangout</u>, 2 p.m.

August 7: Deadline to Request a Lofted or Bunkable Beds for oncampus residents

August 11: <u>Tiger Card</u> Photo Upload Due

August

12: <u>Panhellenic Sorority</u> <u>Recruitment Parent and</u> <u>Family Convocation</u>, 5 p.m.

August 12: <u>Virtual</u> Family Engagement session, 5 p.m.

August 12: IFC Fraternity Recruitment Parent and Family Covocation, 7:30 p.m.

August 14: <u>Health</u> <u>Center Hangout</u>, 2 p.m.

August 15-19: Move-In for on-campus residents

August 15-23: Welcome Week

August 20: <u>Virtual</u> Family Engagement session, 7 p.m.

August 21: Fee Bill Deadline, 4 p.m.

August 24: Fall Semester Classes begin

August 24: UREC Fall 2020 membership access begins

August 25: <u>Virtual</u> Family Engagement session, 6 p.m. Thomas C. Galligan, Jr. LSU Interim President and Professor of Law



Congratulations to all of our August LSU Graduates and their families! View the LSU Class of 2020: Then & Now photos for August graduates on our **Facebook page**.

Tune in to the graduation watch party on the **LSU Facebook page** today at 10 a.m. to wish our newest class of proud Tiger alumni congratulations and appreciation for their hard work and continued determination through trying times.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Share your Words of Wisdom with other Tiger families. <u>Fill out</u> <u>this short form</u> to share what you wish you would have known as your student began school at LSU.

Each upcoming Wednesday, we will be sharing these tips on our **LSU Parent & Family Programs Facebook page**.

Here's a preview of some of the advice that Pam Hernandez, mom of two recent LSU grads, from Atlanta, GA shared:

"Encourage your student to get involved and try new things. Take advantage of all the new opportunities that await! Don't believe everything you hear or read. Research and investigate for yourself. Don't try to 'fix' everything for your student (professor, roommate, schedule...). Sometimes they just need someone to vent to in order to figure out how to solve the situation for themselves." September 1: Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m.

September 2: Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m.

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

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

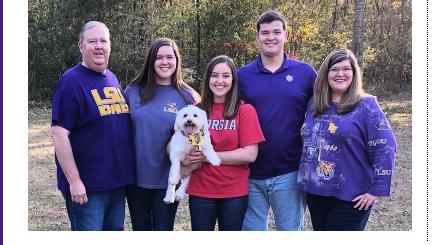
To see the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar, please <u>click here</u>.

ASK YOUR TIGER

- What are your goals for this semester?
- Have you thought about applying to any jobs or internships for the fall semester? Jobs and internships can be found in <u>Handshake</u>.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Barnes & Noble at LSU: Get ready for the fall semester by ordering your textbooks from <u>Isu.bncollege.com</u>. Order now, and get free ground shipping through the entire month of August on all purchases of \$49 or more. Don't want your books shipped? Order online and select In-Store Pick-Up. Stop by the Bookstore during your selected move in time slot and have your textbook order ready and waiting for you!

Bursar Operations: Fall 2020 Fee Bills are available through myLSU > Registration Services. Courses will not be dropped as long as registration is complete by 4:00 p.m. CST, Friday, August 21, 2020. Financial aid refunds will start the week before classes begin for students who have completed registration and will continue daily as funds are received. Students are encouraged to select Direct Deposit as their preferred method to receive credit balance refunds at myLSU > Financial Services > Direct Deposit of Refunds.

Campus Mailbox (The UPS Store): Students will receive an email with details when and where their on-campus mailbox is assigned. Once the box is assigned, they will be able to mail their items to the UPS Store and will receive a notification when the items are available to pick up.

Our hours of operation during move-in are:

- Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Sunday, August 16 closed
- Monday, August 17 Friday, August 21, 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Center for Academic Success: Make sure your student is prepared for the transition to college learning! The Center for Academic Success offers academic coaching, supplemental instruction, tutoring, and study groups. Your student can get their semester on track from the very beginning. Check out our website for more information and updates: **Isu.edu/cas**

COVID Student Survey: We want to know what students really think about COVID-19. They can take this **anonymous survey** in less than a minute to tell us how they're handling the virus.

Greek Recruitment: Is your student is participating in Sorority or Fraternity recruitment? Join us for a virtual presentation, that will also be recorded, to get valuable information on how to guide and support your student through the recruitment process [...read more].

LSU Dining: What's New With Dining in Fall 2020? LSU Dining is fully committed to providing a wide variety of delicious, healthy, and nutritious meal options to the LSU community. Click <u>here</u> for steps being taken to ensure we deliver on this promise safely. We are here for you. Click <u>here</u> to see our Dining Safety Commitment.

LSU Foundation: The LSU Call Center gives students job experience and perks, including competitive wages and a flexible schedule—all while supporting LSU! For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Malykah Bell at **Malykah.bell@ruffalonl.com**.

Meal Plan Discounts for Fall 2020: Due to updates with the Fall 2020 academic calendar, LSU Dining has reduced the fall semester cost of resident meal plans [...read more].

Move-in 2020 is fast approaching! Find the latest move-in details at Isu.edu/moveinday.

- Students moving in August 15-19 must report to the River Road staging area first to receive unloading hang tags and guest bracelets. Students moving in August 20-23 should go straight to their building for unloading zone access, guest bracelets, and check in. Review routes at <u>Isu.edu/moveinday</u>.
- Each student may bring two (2) individuals to assist with move-in and two (2) cars. No volunteers will be available to assist at move-in this year. Carts will be available in each community, but you are welcome to bring a personal hand cart or dolly too.
- Each student will have a 2-hour window to arrive on campus and unload belongings. Once the car(s) are unloaded, driver(s) should move the cars to perimeter parking areas and walk back to meet your Tiger and set up the room. Guests may remain in the room to set up, but will not be allowed to freely come and go from the building.
- Today is the last day to **request lofted or bunkable beds** prior to move-in. After today, go to the front desk when moving in for assistance.
- Microfridges are still available to rent! Have it waiting in the room; one less thing to pack!

Olinde Career Center: A crash course in student career development for parents! [...read more].

Online Class Spaces Available: 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.

Parking & Transportation Services: We are diligently working to minimize health risks for our riders and employees [...read more].

Parking Permits: 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].

Supporting the students: LSU Libraries is here to safely provide access to library resources and services this fall semester. [...read more].

Survey and Resources for Graduating Students

Is your student graduating this August? Encourage them to <u>complete the Graduating</u> <u>Student Survey</u> by logging into their Handshake account. This survey assists the university in tracking post-graduation outcomes of our students, and in better serving future Tigers! Additionally, graduates can include their personal email address when completing the survey in order to maintain free access to Handshake as an alum.

<u>Job search resources</u> and <u>virtual appointments</u> with the Olinde Career Center staff can help students with job search strategy, resume development, interview prep as well as with <u>graduate or professional school assistance</u>.

Tiger Card Instructions for First-Year Students: The Tiger Card is your official LSU ID card that will help you gain access to everything you need on campus! From your residential hall and meal plan to athletic events and the UREC, you can't leave home without your Tiger Card!

Getting your Tiger Card is easy! To expedite the process and have your Tiger Card ready for you upon your arrival to campus, you must electronically submit a photo by visiting the **<u>Tiger Card Photo Upload Portal</u>**. Please submit these items no later than August 11, 2020.

Once approved and printed, residential students will receive their Tiger Card at their scheduled move-in appointment. Commuter students will need to visit the Tiger Card Office located on the first floor of the LSU Student Union to pick up their Tiger Card.

If you have any questions concerning the upload process, please call 225-578-4300 or email **tigercard@lsu.edu**.

Tiger Health Toolkit: Do you know what household healthcare items you should bring when moving to campus or an apartment nearby this fall? Watch <u>here</u> to make sure you're prepared when you come to campus in the next couple of weeks.

Check out **the videos made by your Student Health Center providers** to learn more about optimizing your overall health and wellness.

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

University Recreation: University Recreation is excited to have students on campus and our doors will be open to welcome them back. UREC worked hard during the summer to reopen the facility during these difficult times that puts the health and safety of students, staff, and members front and center, while still providing quality service. UREC encourages all Tigers to review our "**Reopening Plan**" to better understand operational changes in place to help minimize the risk of exposure, including masks being required to wear at all times while in the facility and on the pool deck.

UREC Fall 2020 membership access begins August 24, but UREC grants a 2 week grace period that allows all students to enter the facility beginning August 15. For a list of UREC Fall hours, please visit or **Facility Hours Page**.



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