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LSU OF ALEXANDRIA LAUNCHES ROTC PROGRAM

ALEXANDRIA, LA – LSU of Alexandria is adding an ROTC program to its ever-expanding list of on-campus student opportunities.

“We are excited to bring Army ROTC to the students of Louisiana State University of Alexandria. ROTC is one of the best leadership courses in the world at preparing young people for long term success,” said ROTC Battalion Commander LTC William Underwood. “Army ROTC is present at over 1300 campuses across the nation and it ensures the officer corps of the Army reflects the diversity that makes America great. I believe that this is an incredible opportunity for our students at LSUA, the Army and a great value to our country.

LSUA ROTC students will participate in Military Physical Fitness courses on the LSUA campus administered by the Northwestern State University of Louisiana Department of Military Science. All other ROTC military science courses and leadership labs will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Natchitoches.

Participants will also be required to attend two weekend field training exercises each semester. Summer training may include Airborne, Air Assault courses, the Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program, the Pre-Commissioning Training and Leadership Development Off-Campus Training or the Nurse Summer Training Program.

Additionally, students who receive the Army ROTC Scholarship will be awarded approximately \$5,400 for tuition, all fees paid, \$1,200 for books and a monthly allowance per academic year.

Nursing students will have additional benefits such as the choice to serve as an Army nurse either on active duty or in the Reserve Component, payment for NCLEX prep and test fees, paid weekend and summer military opportunities as a Reserve Component Nurse and payment for nurse specialty schools and programs once commissioned.

As an Army veteran, Chancellor Dan Howard stated that this is an incredible opportunity for LSUA students that will have a positively transformative influence in their lives while enrolled in the ROTC program and afterwards.

Those interested must be between 17 and 30 years of age, be enrolled in a full-time bachelor’s degree program, have at least two years of school remaining, a cumulative GPA of 2.7, be able to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, have no civil convictions and have no more than three dependents.

Participants will receive a commission and serve as an Officer in the Army Active Duty Forces, the US Army Reserve or the Army National Guard.

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