



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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LSUA has experienced tremendous progress in the last three months, and we are excited to share the great news with you. When I returned to LSUA as chancellor in 2019, we established a strategic enrollment goal of reaching 5,000 students by the end of FY2025. At the time, our enrollment stood roughly at 3,000 students. However, our strategic plan did not factor in 3+ years of unprecedented disasters, including a global pandemic, three major hurricanes, an ice storm, and a tornado. Yet, despite these hurdles, our resilient faculty, staff, and students faced these challenges head-on, driving our positive momentum.

I am proud to report that LSUA has consecutively achieved historic enrollment records for eight semesters, with a Fall 2022 enrollment of 4,115 students! Besides breaking records for eight semesters and seeing an 11.34% growth from Fall 2021, the excitement we all feel is a tremendous motivation that has us feeling optimistic about reaching our goal of 5,000 by 2025. LSUA is one of only three higher education institutions in Louisiana that saw enrollment growth over the last three years, and we are forever grateful that growth continues.

I want to thank our faculty, staff, and the central Louisiana community for their loyal support over these past few years. In August, we were honored by the Alexandria Business Foundation to receive a \$600,000 investment for an Endowed Chair of Accounting in the LSUA College of Business. On October 12, we will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of our Drainage & Infrastructure Project. In the new year, a groundbreaking for our LSUA Student Success Center is scheduled for February 10. In addition to these incredible campus projects, development is underway for the LSUA Campus Edge project and our LSUA Health Education Workforce Development Plan. As a result of these efforts, we are poised for continued growth, quality, and career-focused academics for all students.

Recently, LSUA received two Bizzy Awards that are particularly noteworthy because they are backed by two of Cenla's preeminent large businesses – the Cleco Innovation Award and Crest Industries' We Win Together Award. Additionally, the Alexandria Museum of Art (AMoA), an affiliate of LSUA, also received a Bizzy award for the 2022 Best Nonprofit Organization. As you read, consider the many accomplishments and achievements mentioned throughout this report. These stories are a testament that LSUA is setting its own positive trajectory, largely as a result of the support we receive from across central Louisiana. LSUA is committed to providing an excellent education to bolster the workforce of today and tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Coreil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Coreil, PhD
LSUA Chancellor

FEATURED NEWS

LSUA's Enrollment Tops 4,115 Eight Semesters of Consecutive Growth

LSUA's Fall 2022 enrollment of 4,115 students marks another record with an 11.34% increase from 3,696 in the Fall of 2021. LSUA boasts the highest percentage of growth of any four-year institution in Louisiana. The total population had a net increase of 419 students with a 100% occupancy rate in on-campus housing. Students see LSUA's academic programs, the faculty, and hands-on learning opportunities as unique and exceptional.

2021
ENROLLMENT
3,696

2022
ENROLLMENT
4,115

ENROLLMENT
GROWTH
11.34%

LSUA Honored by the Chamber of Commerce with Two Bizzy Awards

The Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce honored LSU of Alexandria with two special awards at the 2022 Bizzy Awards. The Bizzy Awards showcase the best and brightest organizations in Central Louisiana. Crest CEO, Kenny Robison, announced the creation of the new Crest Industries – We Win Together Award. Crest recognized LSUA's College of Business for their work in transforming the pipeline of accountants from the classroom into the job market.

Cleco CEO Bill Fontenot gave the coveted Cleco Innovation Award to the LSUA senior leadership team. Additionally, LSUA was nominated for Best Marketing Campaign and Best Business Website alongside the LSUA Foundation's nomination for Best Nonprofit.



LSUA Announces Development of Cybersecurity Training Facility

LSUA announced a new Center for Technology & Innovation, made possible by a \$561,000 Louisiana Economic Development grant. The new "Technovation Center" will provide hands-on cybersecurity training designed to equip graduates entering the central Louisiana workforce with specialized, in-demand technology skills. A key focus of the center will be a new cybersecurity lab offering real-time threat mitigation training. LSUA also plans to utilize the center for co-curricular programming and events for education, business, and government collaborators.

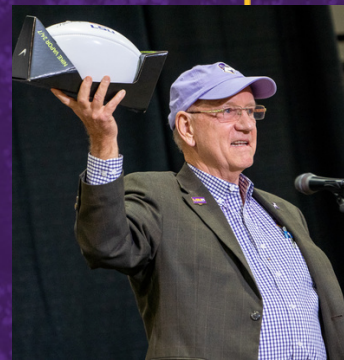
NAIA Names LSUA Athletics as Gold-Level "Champions of Character" Five-Star Institution for the 2021-22 Season

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) posted its annual "Champions of Character" awards naming LSUA Athletics as a Gold-level Five-Star institution. Institutions are measured by a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character, exceptional student-athlete grade point averages, and minimal-to-no ejections during competition throughout the academic year. LSUA was the only school in the Red River Athletic Conference to receive the NAIA's Gold Five-Star Institution award.

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Alexandria Business Foundation Gives LSUA \$600,000 For Accounting Endowment

The Alexandria Business Foundation has awarded LSUA \$600,000 toward funding an endowed chair of Accounting. The LSUA College of Business was awarded a gift from the Foundation to seek matching funds from the Louisiana Board of Regents. LSUA will seek approval from the Board of Regents to use 60/40 matching funds to create the Alexandria Business Foundation Endowed Chair of Accounting. The endowment will allow the LSUA College of Business to attract and retain quality accounting faculty. The investment provides funding to propel research, experiential learning, and professional development for LSUA faculty and students.



Generals Athletic Association Hosts Second Annual Shrimp Jam at the Randolph Riverfront Center

The Generals Athletic Association (GAA), a division of the LSUA Foundation, held its annual Shrimp Jam fundraiser with over 400 in attendance. The event was held at the Randolph Riverfront Center and raised over \$48,500 to benefit the student-athletes of LSUA. Coach D-D Breaux, LSU's former Head Coach of Gymnastics for 43 years, was the featured speaker. Breaux spoke about hard work, surrounding yourself with the right people, and finishing the task.

LSUA School of Nursing Celebrates Clinical Partnerships with Local Hospitals

The LSUA School of Nursing celebrated key partnerships with CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Health System and Rapides Regional Medical Center in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in LSUA's Coughlin Hall. Each hospital contributed \$150,000 toward the Fierce for LSUA capital campaign. With approval from the Board of Supervisors, the nursing skills labs on campus were named in honor of the local medical benefactors. The first degrees in nursing from LSUA were awarded in 1964. Sarita James, Ph.D., RN-BC, CNE, Director of LSUA's School of Nursing, noted the 58 years of service in educating the community's nurses would not have been possible without the support of LSUA's clinical partners.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



LSUA Names Nathan Sammons as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engaged Teaching and Learning

LSUA's Office of Academic Affairs has named Nathan Sammons, Ph.D., its first Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engaged Teaching and Learning. The newly created position will contribute to the university's ongoing efforts to promote student success through innovative programs and initiatives. Sammons currently serves as the Department of Biological Sciences chair. Sammons will coordinate the efforts of the Center for Teaching Excellence, CORE, the Technovation Center, Career Development, and the Honors Experience.

Northshore Technical Community College and LSUA Create New Transfer Pathway for Students

Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC) and LSUA signed a 2+2 articulation agreement making it easier for students to transfer credits from NTCC to LSUA. Students who complete the Associate of Applied Science at NTCC can transfer hours earned toward the completion of LSUA's Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences. The new articulation agreement marks the beginning of a new and exciting partnership for students to continue to further their education and training after graduating from Northshore.



Avoyelles Parish School Board Signs Dual Enrollment Agreement with LSUA

Avoyelles Parish School Superintendent Karen Tutor and LSUA Chancellor Paul Coreil signed an MOU to formalize the pathway for Avoyelles Parish students to take college classes at no cost. Dual enrollment classes are three-credit college courses taught by qualified teachers online or at LSUA. This provides high school students the opportunity to begin taking college courses in a low-to-no-cost, lower-pressure environment. Students can earn enough credits to graduate high school with an associate degree from LSUA.



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

LSUA Celebrates Five Kinesiology Graduates Pursuing Advanced Degrees in Occupational and Physical Therapy

Three recent graduates of LSUA who will be attending Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy school this fall and two alumnae currently pursuing graduate degrees were recognized by LSUA School of Education's Kinesiology faculty. LSUA's program provides students with a comprehensive foundation that includes core courses in health, nutrition, physical conditioning, motor learning, and exercise physiology.



LSUA Radiologic Technology Students and Faculty Receive Awards and Recognition at Annual State Conference

LSUA Radiologic Technology students and faculty attended the 64th Annual Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists meeting in Baton Rouge this summer. The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) is the only professional organization in Louisiana to represent Radiologic and Imaging professionals.

LSRT's purpose is to advance the professions of radiation and imaging specialties, maintain high education standards, enhance patient care quality, and further the welfare and socioeconomics of Radiologic Technologists. Students and technologists from across Louisiana come together to hear lectures and explore networking opportunities.

LSUA Hosted Second Annual Tank Fest

LSUA held its annual Tank Fest, where attendees enjoyed games, face paintings, flower crowns, and food trucks. The Wild Thornberrys and Deep Water Rehab provided the crowd with amazing tunes. Tank Fest is a free, family-friendly event for the community and students of LSUA.

LSUA and Japan's Komazawa University Implement Student Exchange Program

Five students from Komazawa University enrolled on campus at LSUA this fall as part of an exchange program brokered by the College of Business and the Office of International Programs. In the summer of 2023, LSUA students will have an opportunity to participate in a three-week trip to Japan. The participating students will study at Komazawa University in Tokyo, Japan, and will have opportunities to travel and visit historic sites within Tokyo.

LSUA Nursing Students Attend Trauma Informed Care and Emotional Intelligence Training

Students entering first-semester clinical courses at LSUA participated in Trauma Informed Care and Emotional Intelligence training designed to help students understand how trauma, abuse, and stress can influence patients' behaviors and responses in healthcare settings. The overall goal of the training was to build the resilience required for program completion which will eventually lead to increasing the number of LSUA ASN graduates entering the healthcare workforce. The workshop was funded by a Healthcare Occupations Grant from The Rapides Foundation.



LSUA Hosts Central Louisiana Dental Association Summer Conference

LSUA hosted the summer conference for the Central Louisiana Dental Association. Topics of discussion focused on the newest trends in technology-assisted smile correction, including inter-oral digital scanning, AI-generated results forecasts, and 3D printed dental appliances. With new technologies available, modern dentists can scan, print, cure, and deliver oral appliances within an hour. LSUA is working to address the workforce needs of today's dental profession.



LSUA Ranked #2 Most Affordable Online Psychology Degree in National Survey

LSUA's psychology degree has been ranked the #2 most affordable online psychology offering by an accredited institution in a nationwide survey by Best Universities. The program consists of valuable studies on mental health, research methodology, and human behavior. Best Universities has compiled a list of some of the most affordable online psychology degrees. All schools considered for these rankings are regionally or nationally accredited, offer at least one fully online psychology degree, and were collected from official accrediting agency websites. All data was sourced from the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics survey, CollegeScorecard.gov, and BLS.gov.



LSUA Names Central Community College's Billy Perkins as new Women's Basketball Head Coach

The LSUA Athletic Department has named Nebraska's Central Community College coach Billy Perkins as its second women's basketball head coach in program history. Perkins spent five seasons at CCC and is coming off an eight-win improvement over the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season. As a native Texan, Perkins has recruitment ties to the state. This past season, Perkins led the CCC Raiders to an NJCAA Region IX DII Runner-up finish. His most successful season with CCC was in 2019-20, leading the Raiders to a Region IX regular season and tournament championship. Coach Perkins was named Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. He received his undergraduate degree from West Texas A&M University and a master's degree from Sul Ross State University. He and his wife, Celesta, have four children.



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