

What's Hot at LA Institutions

Louisiana State University

* Students who wish to live on campus must first be admitted to the university before they can apply for housing.

* At LSU current students showcase the opportunities that await prospective students on campus. Over the years they have produced a number of distinguished undergraduates, including four Marshall Scholars, 25 Goldwater Scholars, 14 Rhodes Scholars, five Truman Scholars and 25 Fulbright Scholars. Students from LA are accomplishing achievements such as being named to the USA-Today All USA College Academic First Team, receiving the Scrip's Howard Journalism Award, earning the Harry S. Truman scholarship, and winning the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

* For two years LSU has been awarding students their National Scholars award. This unique opportunity is for students recognized as finalist or semifinalist in National Academic competitions and who score in the 80th percentile on the PSAT, ACT, or SAT (currently a 25 ACT composite) or who are in the top 10% of their graduating class. The award pays for a student's tuition and registration fee for 8 semesters, and is valued at an estimated \$13,000 for the class of 2009. Students also have the opportunity to earn an extra \$6,200 through an on campus job. For the class of 2009 they offered the award to 385 LA students, 28% more than the 278 they awarded to the class of 2008.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

* School of Architecture and Design -- one of 20 teams selected internationally to compete in the 2009 Solar Decathlon. Team BeauSoleil will be the only Louisiana team to display a solar home on the National Mall in Washington D.C. during the month of October 2009.

* College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions was named the 2009 Nightingale Nursing School of the Year award recipient by the Louisiana State Nurses Association and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation. They have the nation's third largest traditional nursing program with a ninety-seven percent pass rate on the certification exams throughout the last 20 years.

* UL Lafayette Mechanical Engineering students were featured on the Discovery Channel for designing and building the "Cajun Crawler"-- a Segway like device that moves on mechanical legs that provide crab-like movements.

Southern University at New Orleans

* New Women's Volleyball Team

* Campus Housing

* SUNO moves to selective admissions Fall 2010

Delgado Community College

* The College of Arts and Sciences of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) and the Humanities Division of Delgado Community College have an articulation agreement that establishes a 2+2 program for hospitality and tourism majors.

* Delgado Community College now offers a new certificate program in Diesel Power Technology. Student pursuing this certificate will be prepared for a career in the operation, repair, and maintenance of diesel/multi-fuel industrial engines and equipment.

* Delgado's Northshore location has expanded and relocated as a result of increased enrollment.

Southeastern Louisiana University

* Southeastern has implemented a number of new undergraduate degrees which have been specifically designed to meet area workforce demands. These new programs include Supply Chain Management, Engineering Technology with mechanical, construction, computer science, and industrial technology concentrations, and additional clinical training in radiology technology.

* Southeastern offers a unique "Progression Scholarship" to encourage students to complete their undergraduate degrees in four years. As students progress towards a degree they can receive a scholarship for their progression after each year. In addition, special scholarships for transfer students who meet ACT score and grade point average benchmarks are now available.

* Southeastern's School of Nursing undergraduate program has been accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and, for the third time in six years, the nursing program has been named "Nursing School of the Year" by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation.

Nicholls State University

* Nicholls State University has partnered with IBM and Microsoft to offer new curriculum in its information systems program. Paid internships will be offered for students invested in emerging. This is the only program of its kind in Louisiana and a part of a select few nationwide.

Centenary College

* Centenary has a 100% acceptance rate into Law School and 87% acceptance rate into Medical School.

* Centenary has created an Energy Management Minor which is housed in their new Energy Business Center.

* Centenary continues to be considered one of the better bargains among private colleges because of their strong scholarship and financial aid programs such as their merit based scholarships and their Louisiana Live Your Dream Program.

Tulane University

* In addition to reopening the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life following a \$50 million renovation a year and a half ago, Tulane recently reopened Turchin Stadium, home to the Greenwave's celebrated Division-I Conference USA baseball team, in March 2008 after it underwent a \$7.5 million renovation and expansion, Tulane continues to fund capital projects to provide students with the most update to date, state of the art facilities.

* The Athletic program is expanding! In addition to men's football, baseball, basketball, cross country and track, and women's basketball, golf, tennis, volleyball, cross country and track, Greenwave Athletics now competes in men's tennis and women's swimming and diving and in women's soccer and bowling beginning in the fall of 2010.

Xavier University

* Xavier University currently in construction phase of an addition to their College of Pharmacy.

* Xavier Alumna, Dr. Regina Benjamin, '79 has been nominated by President Barack Obama for Surgeon General of the United States. Dr. Benjamin has been providing health care in Bayou La Batre, AL.

* Xavier University's College of Pharmacy is operating a new Health and Wellness Center at 5110 Jefferson Highway in Elmwood. The center will assist individuals with chronic health issues better manage their illness.

Our Lady of Holy Cross College

* New Labs: Their campus has three new Nursing labs, two new Biology labs, one new A & P lab, and they are in the process of upgrading their current Chemistry lab.

* ESL Add-on Certification Courses: Our Lady of Holy Cross College is proud to announce that they will now begin offering the four courses necessary for ESL Add-on Teacher Certification.

* New Honors Biology Program: OLHCC will begin offering an honors program in Biology this fall. This program will be open to students who are in the top 10 percentile of their graduating class or who have an ACT of 29 or better.

Northwestern State University

* Recently ranked the fourth largest Nursing program in the nation. Not only are they a leader in the nation with regard to numbers but they are also leading when it comes to quality.

* New innovative programs like their Bioinformatics program. It is the only undergraduate program in our state, in addition to being only one of 30 in the nation.

* The Departments of Biological Sciences and Criminal Justice offer a new Joint program in Forensic Science.

University of Louisiana at Monroe

* New and returning students with a 3.5 GPA or higher will now have the opportunity to live in ULM's recently established Scholars Hall in one of their newest residence halls on campus.

* For fall 2010, ULM is excited to announce a residential college for high ability students pursuing degrees in the healthcare field. Students can apply to be accepted to this residential college upon meeting certain criteria. A primary goal is to assist students in transitioning from high school to college in a small college living, learning environment.

The Clarke M. Williams Student Success Center is their newest addition to campus. The goal of the SSC is to provide resources for their students to be successful in the classroom. Tutoring, advising, supplemental instruction, study rooms, and computer labs are some of the free services provided to their students.

Louisiana Tech University

* Students and parents will have the opportunity to attend their exciting Saturday visit events TWICE this Fall. Time Out for Tech, will allow students to experience campus while learning more about housing, financial aid, and their academic departments. Everyone attending will be invited to join the Tech Family at the football game that evening. During the winter, Legacy Day will provide a special visit opportunity for the children of Tech's alumni.

* This year, Louisiana Tech will see the completion of over \$100 million in the renovation, construction, acquisition, and maintenance of campus facilities, including improvements to their recreational, housing, and academic resources.

* Louisiana Tech now offers a minor in Sports Marketing awarded through the College of Business.

Grambling State University

* New movie theater - 150+ capacity.

* New Performing Arts center.

* New Freshman Village Residence Halls.

Louisiana State University at Shreveport

* Athletics: Men's Soccer and Women's Tennis are joining the growing Athletic program at LSU Shreveport! These programs will add to their continued outstanding teams in Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's Baseball and Women's Soccer. Go Pilots!

* Mass Communication: The Broadcast Journalism program at LSU Shreveport is expanding. Students in the program will have access to state-of-the-art recording and editing equipment, including hi-def video cameras available for check-out and Apple Mac editing stations. A studio is under construction which will be used to broadcast student-produced news.

* LEAD Program: The LSU Shreveport Leadership Education And Development (LEAD) program is an LSU Shreveport initiative designed to develop leadership aptitude throughout the community. Students will have the opportunity to pursue the Leadership Certificate in conjunction with, and in addition to, their regular undergraduate degree. Upon completion, students will have successfully completed at least nine hours of Leadership studies preparing them for their future as progressive Leaders of Character.

Louisiana State University at Alexandria

* New Programs of Study: LSU Alexandria is pleased to announce its Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The BSN is a two plus two program where students earn their Associates Degree in Nursing along the way to earning a BSN. These students are licensed and considered Registered Nurses by the time they are Juniors in college.

* Construction, construction, construction. As their Chancellor likes to say, "There will be more dirt moved in the next 20 months than has been in the last 20 years." This construction includes renovations to the student center, cafeteria, and fitness center, as well as construction of a new academic building (over 70,000 square feet), and completion of the new athletic fields.

* New priority deadlines: LSUA has established a new priority deadline for admissions and scholarships. December 1 is now the deadline for early decisions. Please apply early!