Private support of Louisiana State University is led by a consortium of three independent foundations, each with its own governing board, staff, and unique mission.

In addition, many academic units of the University have volunteer development councils and "friends" groups who focus on the special interests of the units.

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Since its establishment in 1905, the mission of the LSU Alumni Association (LSUAA) has been to protect, promote, and foster the welfare of LSU and to create and nurture mutually beneficial relationships between the University and its alumni and friends. The association, using the talents and resources of alumni and friends of LSU, supports the University in pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, and public service to future and current alumni.

The LSU Alumni Association is a nonprofit organization whose members are graduates, former students, and friends of LSU. Active membership may be obtained through an annual contribution of $50 or more to the Alumni Annual Fund. Membership benefits include a subscription to LSU Magazine and discounts at the University Golf Course, the Cook Conference Center & Hotel, and car and moving van rentals. Members may participate in group travel and life insurance, join the Campus Federal Credit Union, and apply for an LSUAA Gold or Platinum Plus MasterCard with no annual fee. In addition, members are entitled to limited use of several University facilities.

Alumni gifts generated through the Alumni Fund support the operation of its programs of academic excellence, including the Alumni Scholars Program and other academic scholarships; alumni professorships; various other faculty awards; and seminars, workshops, and meetings.

The association, headquartered in the Lod Cook Alumni Center, hosts alumni homecoming celebrations, reunions, campus visitations, and chapter programs throughout Louisiana, the U.S., and abroad each year. Awards for outstanding individual achievement and service sponsored by the LSUAA include the LSU Alumnus of the Year, the University's highest alumni honor; the LSU Hall of Distinction; Young Alumnus of the Year; and Chapter Service Awards. Extraordinary philanthropy is recognized and acknowledged with the prestigious Purple and Gold Awards.

The LSU Alumni Association manages and operates the Lod and Carole Cook Conference Center & Hotel on the campus of LSU. Opened in October 2001, the center is located directly behind the Lod Cook Alumni Center. The 128-room, overnight facility offers first-class accommodations to University visitors and the general public. The center also offers 12,000 square feet of meeting space for conferences, seminars, workshops, receptions, lectures, and banquets. Catering is provided by Unique Cuisine Catering, the official caterer of the LSUAA. Conference or event bookings and/or individual room reservations may be placed by calling toll free 866/610-2665 or by logging on to www.cookconferencecenter.org.

Another LSUAA project currently under construction is the Jack and Priscilla Andonie Museum. This sports memorabilia museum will house the extensive Andonie Collection, as well as the LSU Athletic Department’s Hall of Honor memorabilia and awards collection. This collection will be on loan from the LSU Athletic Department. The museum, currently under construction, is adjacent to the Lod Cook Alumni Center and will open in the near future.

The Alumni Association, organized on both academic and geographic lines, offers membership in local area chapters and academic affiliate chapters nationwide. The organization is governed by its Board of Directors, which formulates and administers policy for the association. Additional information concerning membership in the Alumni Association, its subsidiaries, or programs may be obtained by contacting the LSU Alumni Association at 888/RINGLSU or 225/578-3838.

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Chartered in 1960, the LSU Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, public foundation composed of business, professional, and civic leaders concerned with the advancement of LSU. Inquiries concerning LSU Foundation membership, current contribution priorities, assistance with estate planning, or other information are encouraged and welcome.

The LSU Foundation fosters philanthropic support of the colleges and schools of the University, including capital gifts for endowments, facilities, art, special programs of educational excellence, and unrestricted funds for the highest priority needs of the University. The Foundation serves three units of the LSU System: LSU, the LSU Agricultural Center, and LSU Law Center, and the Office of the President of the LSU System.

The LSU Foundation also manages most of the endowed funds and other assets donated by private individuals, corporations, and organizations for the benefit of the University. In June 2003, the total value of the Foundation’s funds was approximately $280 million. The Foundation invests the funds for...
the benefit of some 3,200 accounts for specific purposes in the various colleges, schools, and departments of the University.

Capital gifts made through the LSU Foundation have provided many enhancements that would not have been available otherwise, including endowed chairs and professorships, distinguished lecture series, endowed scholarships, library resources, works of art, laboratory equipment, computers and other educational technology, and awards programs for faculty, staff, and student achievement. The Foundation is the authorized agency for management of the 40 percent matching grants for chair and professorship endowments provided by the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund.

Anyone interested in supporting the academic programs of the University is encouraged to consider gifts of assets in the form of cash, securities, real estate, equipment, works of art, animals, and rare books and papers. The gifts may be designated for the highest priority needs of the University or a department, or may be restricted to specific uses. Endowments may be named by the donor. Gifts may also be included in the estate plans of individuals, using wills, trusts, insurance policies, and other planning methods. Gifts to the LSU Foundation are tax-deductible charitable contributions as allowed by law.

Further information and confidential consultation may be obtained from the staff of the LSU Foundation.

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Tiger Athletic Foundation (TAF) is a private non-profit corporation with a steadfast commitment to the support, advancement, and success of LSU’s Athletic Department. The mission of the Athletic Foundation is to help create the number one athletic department in the nation. Among the most recent accomplishments of the TAF is the renovation of the Old Gym Armory into the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student Athletes. The academic center opened in the fall semester of 2002, and includes a 1,000-seat, state-of-the-art auditorium for general campus usage. Also, a new Golf Practice Facility has been built for the men and women’s golf programs and a new Lady Tiger Basketball Complex is being finished.