PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE
of
William F. Tate IV

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.
LSU UNION THEATRE
Processional

Welcome ........................................... Dan Borné

The National Anthem .......................... Khary Wilson
LSU Student joined by LSU String Quartet

Scholarship First
An Alumnus Perspective .................... Roy O. Martin III
Chairman CEO CFO
Martin Sustainable Resources L.L.C.

Scholarship First
A Student Scholar Perspective ............ Bri Robertson
Stamps Scholar,
Goldwater Scholar, and Astronaut Scholar

Scholarship First
A Faculty Perspective ......................... Ursula White
Assistant Professor,
Pennington Biomedical Research Center

Investiture ...................................... Robert S. Dampf
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

A Vision for LSU’s Future .................... William F. Tate IV
LSU President

Alma Mater ...................................... Khary Wilson
LSU Student joined by LSU String Quartet

Recessional

Reception in the Royal Cotillion Ballroom
President William F. Tate IV

William F. Tate IV became the LSU president in July 2021. As the president, and chief academic and administrative officer for the LSU system, in Baton Rouge, he provides strategic and collaborative leadership in developing and advancing aspirational goals and plans to achieve LSU’s mission of fostering first-class learning, the discovery of innovations, and the development of Louisiana’s human capital by applying research and scholarship in advancing intellectual, personal, and professional growth.

Prior to LSU, Tate served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina. Before that, he was dean of the Graduate School and vice provost for graduate education at Washington University in St. Louis.

During his time at the University of South Carolina, Tate launched a comprehensive scholarship program with the state’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) so dually enrolled students could earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in an affordable fashion. He also established the Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowship program with the aims of increasing faculty diversity and research productivity on campus and guided, in collaboration with the Faculty Senate, the development of an innovative “Founding Documents” course for incoming freshmen, which covers the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, a minimum of five essays from the Federalist Papers, the Emancipation Proclamation, and one or more documents that are central to understanding African American heritage in the context of the nation’s formation.

Tate received his PhD in mathematics education from the University of Maryland, Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Texas at Dallas, Master of Psychiatric Epidemiology from the Washington University School of Medicine, and Bachelor of Science in economics from Northern Illinois University.
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LSU History

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- Offering a broad array of undergraduate degree programs and extensive graduate research opportunities designed to attract and educate highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students

- Employing faculty who are excellent teacher-scholars, who are nationally competitive in research and creative activities, and who contribute to a world-class knowledge base that is transferable to educational, professional, cultural, and economic enterprises

- Using its extensive resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges

Since 1860, the LSU flagship campus in Baton Rouge has served the people of Louisiana, the region, the nation, and the world through extensive, multipurpose programs encompassing instruction, research, and public service.
LSU of Today

LSU FLAGSHIP CAMPUS

LSU’s flagship campus in Baton Rouge sits on more than 2,000 acres of lush landscaping along the Mississippi River. The campus, widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in the country, is known for its Italian Renaissance-style architecture, tranquil lakes, and majestic live oak trees that are valued at approximately $45 million. LSU’s Memorial Tower, one of the campus’s best-known landmarks, as well as the War Memorial on the Parade Ground and the Memorial Oak Grove all honor those who have given their lives in service to the United States during various wars and conflicts throughout our nation’s history. The campus is also home to the Indian Mounds, which are two Native American earthworks dated to be more than 6,000 years old—older than the Egyptian pyramids. The newly renovated and expanded Patrick F. Taylor Hall is now the largest academic building in Louisiana and one of the largest freestanding academic engineering buildings in the nation. The Business Education Complex, the Manship School of Mass Communication, and the LSU Union are other noteworthy buildings. And in fall of 2018, the Nicholson Gateway opened, welcoming students to state-of-the-art living and retail spaces on the campus, just a short walk from Tiger Stadium and the Quadrangle. LSU’s Tiger Stadium, well-known by college sports fans, is one of the largest college football stadiums in the nation. Known as Death Valley, the stadium has a reputation for being one of the loudest in the NCAA, and LSU is famous for its spirited tailgating atmosphere.
LSU Flagship Campus Highlights

- LSU’s retention of first- to second-year students reached a historic high of 86 percent in fall 2020, while the two-year retention rate rose to a historic 75 percent.

- For the third consecutive year, LSU set records for the largest and most diverse freshman class with historically underrepresented making up more than 30 percent, including record-high enrollment of Black and Hispanic students—all of which contributed to an 8 percent campus-wide increase in enrollment.

- The incoming class’s average GPA reached an all-time high of 3.45, while the ACT remained steady when compared to previous classes at 25.

- The six-year bachelor’s graduation rate (the standard indicator of completion success for universities across the nation) rose to 70%, the highest graduation rate in LSU history.

- LSU is ranked among the top 100 universities granted U.S. patents in the world. Faculty inventors at LSU campuses across the state garnered 38 U.S. utility patents for their innovative work spanning the sciences and engineering disciplines in 2020. Twenty-six of the 38 patented ideas were developed at LSU’s flagship campus in Baton Rouge.

- LSU’s Cox Academic Center for Student-Athletes has been named recipient of the 2021 NCLCA Outstanding Learning Center Award for Special Populations. The center provides academic support and services for nearly 500 student-athletes and has maintained an 88 percent graduate success rate for its student-athletes for the past four years.
LSU ALEXANDRIA

A comprehensive baccalaureate institution, LSU Alexandria is authorized via the Louisiana Board of Regents to offer certificate, associate, and baccalaureate degrees. As such, LSUA is the only public university in Louisiana whose entire focus is on a 21st century undergraduate education that blends professional studies with an informed and intentional general education. The university has responded to the needs of the region, its students, and its employers by designing degree programs that establish a foundation for continued academic growth and a platform for regional economic development. LSUA’s mission is to provide a broad spectrum of affordable undergraduate degrees in a setting that challenges students to excel and creates reciprocal relationships for the diverse student body and community it serves. LSUA envisions itself as a university of choice, recognized for academic excellence, committed to student and community growth through teaching, research, and service, and esteemed as a contributor to the economic, cultural, and intellectual growth of Louisiana.

LSU Alexandria Highlights

- LSUA saw consecutive record enrollments in fall 2020 and spring 2021. Fall enrollment increased 6.5 percent, or 3,500, from the previous years. Spring enrollment increased 11.8 percent, or approximately 3,300.

- A collaborative faculty team received $1.2 million from the National Science Foundation to help LSUA students become highly effective biology, chemistry, and math teachers in high-need high schools after they graduate.

- After partnering with central Louisiana area healthcare providers and six businesses, LSUA’s nursing program has been able to enroll an additional 20 nursing students each semester and expects to graduate 55 new RNs by the end of this year (up from 37 graduates in 2020) ready to enter the workforce.
LSU EUNICE

Louisiana State University Eunice, a 200-acre campus in Acadia Parish, is a comprehensive, open admissions institution of higher education. LSU Eunice offers associate degrees, certificates, and continuing education programs, as well as transfer curricula. It’s considered one of the best comprehensive community colleges with one of the lowest tuitions in the state. LSUE is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Courses transfer agreements for general education courses with all public universities in the state and transfer programs in numerous areas. LSUE seeks to establish itself as the model comprehensive two-year college in Louisiana through a total institutional commitment to quality, state-of-the-art education and student success in degrees; transfer preparation; career education; adult and workforce education; and customized business and industry training.

LSU Eunice Highlights

- LSUE was selected as one of seven schools regarded as “workforce and economic development engines” in rural communities by Achieving the Dream, a nationwide network of more than 300 community colleges.

- LSUE is the only school in Louisiana to now participate in a new Building Resiliency in Rural Communities for the Future of Work initiative to increase enrollment, retention, student success, and ultimately employment in a changing economy and workplace.
LSU SHREVEPORT

Louisiana State University Shreveport offers a wide array of nationally accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including a doctoral degree. The university’s mission is to educate a diverse population of students; engage in regional and global thought leadership through collaboration and service; and innovate to enhance the application of knowledge and intellectual discovery through faculty and student research and creative endeavors. Between 2015 and 2020, LSUS has seen the highest enrollment growth of any higher education institution in Louisiana. The LSUS Cultural Trail includes Red River Radio, The Pioneer Heritage Center, The James S. Noel Collection, The Northwest Louisiana Archives, and the Spring Street Museum. The university is home to cutting-edge learning facilities, including the Idea Space, based on the Stanford Design Thinking Model, and the 10,000 square foot Cyber Collaboratory. Named by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the most affordable colleges in Louisiana, LSUS offers high quality classroom and online instruction with very affordable tuition rates.

LSU Shreveport Highlights

• LSUS is now the fastest growing higher education institution in Louisiana in the last five years. The university boasts the largest freshman class in five years and the largest number of retained students in five years.

• Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, LSUS’s fall enrollment was 9,877 students strong, a 16 percent increase over fall 2019 enrollment. In addition, graduate student enrollment nearly doubled compared to the same time in 2019, with 3,182 new graduate students in fall 2020.
LSU AGCENTER

The LSU AgCenter’s mission is to conduct agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs that advance and maintain Louisiana’s highly diverse agricultural industry and sustain Louisiana’s natural resources; to provide research and educational programs in the field of nutrition; and to develop Louisiana’s youth and families through the 4-H program. The LSU AgCenter has offices in every parish, 15 research stations across the state, and 14 departments on the LSU campus. AgCenter research programs contribute to the development of new crop varieties, improved agricultural production techniques, a safer and abundant food supply, and healthier citizens. The AgCenter’s educational efforts span agricultural outreach, nutrition and health, food safety, home gardening, youth development, managing insects, economic development, resource conservation, and so much more.

LSU AgCenter Highlights

- The LSU AgCenter operates 17 research locations across the state, which work with crops and animals in the same environments and conditions as the state’s farmers, ranchers, and foresters to ensure the information they supply meets the needs of Louisiana’s producer.

- LSU AgCenter research supports the state’s $12.3 billion agricultural enterprise.

- The Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service includes offices in all of Louisiana’s 64 parishes. Educational opportunities offered through these offices include online and in person classes, seminars, workshops, field days, publications, and news releases.

- LSU AgCenter 4-H youth programs serve more than 200,000 children annually.
Oilman and philanthropist C.B. “Doc” Pennington conceived the research center’s vision for preventive medicine. His major gift to LSU in 1980 provided the resources to put the building design in motion. Pennington Biomedical is the largest academically based nutrition research center in the world, housing 370 full-time employees, including 57 faculty and 21 postdoctoral fellows. It includes 763,376 square feet of research space, 45 research laboratories, and 13 core facilities dedicated to nutrition and preventive medicine. Pennington Biomedical’s $65 million annual funding is broad-based. The foundation is provided by an annual appropriation from the State of Louisiana, and approximately 75 percent of the total annual budget is generated by grants and contracts from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Defense, and private sector organizations and companies. The Pennington Medical Foundation and Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation are also major financial resources.

Pennington Biomedical Research Center Highlights

- Pennington Biomedical currently has highest number of clinical trials, totaling 61 active clinical trials with the capacity to enroll 4,700 people.
- U.S. News named the DASH Diet, developed in part by Pennington Biomedical Research Center dietitians, as the best diet for healthy eating and heart health in 2021.
LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT

LSU Health Shreveport is home to the School of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies, and School of Allied Health Professions. More than 800 students are enrolled in the degree programs at any one time. Additionally, nearly 600 residents and fellows are trained each year. LSUHS boasts three state-designated Centers of Excellence in cancer, cardiovascular disease, and rheumatology. At the heart of it all is a strong faculty, including a number of nationally and internationally acclaimed physicians and scientists leading research efforts, educating students, and providing primary and specialty care to patients. Patient care and training take place at four partner hospitals: University Health, Willis-Knighton, Shriners Children’s Hospital, and the Overton Brooks Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Students and residents also rotate through rural hospitals and clinics in the region. University Health operates the teaching hospitals and clinics in Shreveport and Monroe, which include the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center and the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center.

LSU Health Shreveport Highlights

- 48 percent of the graduating students will remain in Louisiana, which is critical with Louisiana facing a significant shortfall in the number of physicians needed to meet the state’s healthcare demand.

- 24.2 percent of the 2021 graduating class will remain at LSU Health Shreveport for their residency with 38.3 percent of the class pursuing their residency at either LSU Health Shreveport or New Orleans.

- LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine will accept 139 new residents, and they will train at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Academic Medical Center, St. Mary Medical Center, and Monroe Medical Center, along with other partner hospitals.
LSU Health New Orleans is Louisiana’s flagship academic health center, educating approximately 70 percent of Louisiana’s health care professionals. LSUHNO has teaching, research, and health care functions state-wide, through its six professional schools—medicine, graduate studies, dentistry, nursing, allied health professions, and public health—and eight Centers of Excellence, as well as the more than 100 hospitals and other health science related institutions, with which they maintain affiliations, throughout the state, region, nation, and the world.

LSU Health New Orleans Highlights

• 56 percent, or 98 of 175, LSU Health New Orleans graduating medical students participating in the National Resident Match Program this year chose to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training.

• 78 percent of those staying in-state will enter an LSU Health residency program.

• The LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine residency programs in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, and Bogalusa will accept 219 new residents.
Research and Academics

- LSU, the state’s flagship university, is one of only 24 land-, sea-, and space-grant institutions in the country offering academic programs in all areas of science, engineering, humanities, arts, and social sciences.

- LSU is a member of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) Scientific Collaboration, a dynamic group of scientists from around the globe collaborating to detect and study gravitational waves. LIGO’s Louisiana facility first detected gravitational waves in 2015, proving Einstein’s General Theory of Relativity in a groundbreaking discovery that contributed to the Nobel Prize in 2017.

- The LSU Center for Internal Auditing is the premier internal audit program in the world and is a model for similar programs in other schools and countries.

- The LSU College of Art & Design’s Robert S. Reich School of Landscape Architecture is consistently ranked as the No. 1 program of its kind in the country in undergraduate education.

- STRIKEWERX, Air Force Global Strike Command’s innovation hub, and LSU Shreveport are working together to develop prototypes and solutions that will improve the lives of Airmen. The 10,000 square foot facility focuses on emerging technologies, featuring 3D printers that range from desktop size to industrial format and use standard plastic filament to exotic metals like carbon fiber.

- The LSU Department of French Studies has been recognized by the Cultural Services office of the French Ambassador to the U.S. as a centre d’ excellence, an honor given to only 15 university French programs in America.

- The LSU Department of Theatre is one of a handful of programs in the country with an affiliate professional theatre, Swine Palace.

- LSU’s School of Veterinary Medicine is one of only 30 accredited colleges of veterinary medicine in the U.S. The graduate program excels in research on equine health, vector-borne diseases, respiratory diseases, and molecular medicine and imaging.

- The Manship School of Mass Communication is the only one in the U.S. offering a political communication focus at undergraduate, graduate, and PhD levels.

- Researchers from LSU Health Science Shreveport recently identified a new biomarker for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. These findings may help with early diagnosis, disease progression, and intervention.

- Research conducted at LSU Health New Orleans Neuroscience Center of Excellence reports that Elovanoids, bioactive chemical messengers made from omega-3 very-long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids, may block the virus that causes COVID-19 from entering cells and protect the air cells (alveoli) of the lung.
LSU Alma Mater

Where stately oaks and broad magnolias shade inspiring halls,

There stands our dear Old Alma Mater who to us recalls

Fond memories that waken in our hearts a tender glow,
And make us happy for the love that we have learned to know.

All praise to thee our Alma Mater, molder of mankind,

May greater glory, love unending be forever thine.

Our worth in life will be thy worth we pray to keep it true,

And may thy spirit live in us,

FOREVER L-S-U.