

# LSU

## PRESIDENT'S POSTSCRIPT



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Dear LSU Family,

At LSU, everything we do is for the good of our students. We provide an exceptional education with unparalleled support services to help everyone who sets foot on any of our campuses succeed. Already, our graduates earn competitive starting and mid-career salaries upon graduation and leave the university with little or no debt -- bucking national trends and beginning their professional careers in an enviable position.

On top of that, we are excited to share that an LSU education -- already an incredible value -- has become even more accessible now that TOPS has been fully funded. Due to this last-minute turn of events, LSU has extended our deadlines and we are saving a seat for Louisiana students. Please help us spread the word so that we can keep our state's best and brightest right here at home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. King Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "F" and "A".

F. King Alexander  
LSU President

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I hope you'll all join me in congratulating our 2017 Tiger Baseball team on an exceptional run at Omaha. Geaux Tigers!





## Headlines and Heartbeats

Public relations students at LSU's Manship School of Mass Communication typically get hands-on experience in one of their culminating courses, in which they adopt a non-profit and develop a campaign around the organization's mission.

But recently, one group of students took over international [headlines](#) when they created an opportunity for the father of an organ donor to meet the recipient of his daughter's heart -- and hear it beating.



## LSU Senior and Hammond Native Receives Award from Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association

McKinley "Cruise" Dunn, senior and Hammond, La. native, received the [Eugene Christmas College Student Academic Award](#) from the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association.

Dunn is studying Athletic Training in the LSU School of Kinesiology. After graduation, he plans on becoming a board certified athletic trainer and will attend physical therapy school to become dual certified. He aspires to work in a professional sports medicine setting.





## New Flood Study Reveals America's Most Vulnerable Communities

In university researchers' ongoing effort to improve the safety and resiliency of Louisiana communities, LSU faculty have published a [study](#) on flood hazard, exposure and vulnerability in counties throughout the U.S.

Louisiana's Cameron parish leads the nation in the percentage of its population living in flood zones, with 93.6 percent of its 6,401 citizens living in the zone.

This study will serve as a tool to update flood maps globally.



## LSU Music Students Share Their Love of Music with Elementary Students

Nearly 800 Baton Rouge elementary students are learning how to play an instrument, thanks to a relationship between LSU School of Music students and the non-profit organization, [Kids' Orchestra](#).

The majority of Kids' Orchestra teaching artists are current or former LSU School of Music students.

This is one of countless ways that LSU students get hands-on experience in their field of study and give back to the community. In fact, our students contribute more than 70,000 hours of service annually to the Baton Rouge area alone.

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## Did You Know?

LSU is ranked the best ROI in Louisiana for college students by [Payscale](#).

Ten years ago, Nita Clark was named as LSU's first [Morris K. Udall Scholar](#).

LSU's [Landscape Architecture Program](#) is consistently ranked #1 in the nation.

The [bird collection](#) in LSU's Museum of Natural Science is the third-largest in the nation, behind only Harvard and Berkeley.

Students at LSU can choose from more than [400 organizations](#) for everything from recreational activities to professional development.

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## In the News

### *A Sample of LSU Stories from Around the World*

- [With TOPS back, LSU even better option](#) (*The Advocate*)
  - [His Colleagues Wanted to Honor Rep. Steve Scalise. His Alma Mater Was Ready to Help](#) (*Chronicle of Higher Education*)
  - [The Biggest Reason You Gain Weight As You Age Has Nothing to do with your metabolism](#) (*Business Insider*)
  - [Louisiana Launches Business Startup Program for Veterans](#) (*WWL*)
  - [The Rise of LIGO's Space-Studying Super-Team](#) (*Symmetry*)
  - [A mysterious underwater forest warns of Earth's rapidly changing climate](#) (*Washington Post*)
  - [LSU Researchers Study Submarine Landslides in the Gulf of Mexico](#) (*The Reveille*)
  - [Alzheimer's Research Grows at Pennington Biomedical](#) (*The Advocate*)
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## Mark Your Calendars!

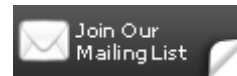
- A team of students and faculty from the Louisiana Space Grant Consortium, LaSPACE, led by LSU will launch two high-altitude balloons on Aug. 21 as part of a NASA-sponsored project to live-stream aerial video footage of the "Great American Eclipse." These balloons will [live-stream](#) footage of the total solar eclipse, in which the moon will entirely block the sun for

approximately 2 minutes on a path progressing from the Pacific coast in Oregon at 10:17 a.m. PCT to the Atlantic coast in South Carolina at 2:47 p.m. EST.

- On July 25, [LSU Science Cafe](#) will feature Dr. Rebecca Christofferson, who will discuss mosquitoes and mosquito-related safety, at the Varsity Theatre in Baton Rouge. Doors open at 5 p.m. for free food, networking and drink specials, and the talk begins at 6 p.m.



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