LSU Parent & Family Programs
April E-mail Update

Over 1,600 tigers volunteered at over 62 different work sites throughout the Great Baton Rouge area for the third annual Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

Parent & Family Programs Updates

Family Association Call Campaign

Attention LSU Family Association Members!

Once a year, LSU Family Association hosts a call campaign to garner support for the LSU Family Association Scholarship Program. Because of tremendous parent involvement in the past, our goal this year is higher than ever—$30,000! The LSU Family Association is a non-profit organization solely supported by donations, and therefore your contribution directly impacts student lives! When you receive your call, please consider making a difference in a student’s life. For more information about the LSU Family Association or the LSU Family Association Scholarship Program, click here.

Not an LSU Family Association member? The Family Association provides access and support through knowledgeable staff, current University information and special involvement opportunities that allow members to stay connected to LSU. Benefits of membership are:

- Membership Card, Academic Wall Calendar, LSU Family Association Bag and Other LSU Souvenirs
- Involvement Opportunities through Family Association Events & the Family Association Council
- Access to Exclusive Scholarships
- Priority Registration for LSU Family Weekend
- Special Discounts & offers from campus vendors with your Family Association Membership Card at the LSU Bookstore and the Cook Hotel.

Join today: here!

Limited Positions Available: The Family Association Council

Do you have a passion for helping students succeed at LSU? Consider becoming a member of the LSU Family Association Council! This exclusive membership is open to only a limited number of parents who are interested in making a difference in the lives of LSU students. As a Council member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Mentor student leaders
- Support the LSU Family Association Scholarship Program
- Attend exclusive events and networking opportunities
- Contribute to the success of LSU students

Apply now: link here.
Association Council. We are currently accepting applications for new positions! This is an excellent opportunity to serve the university and represent LSU families throughout the year.

The Council meets twice a year during Family Weekend and the Spring Event, helps select scholarship recipients, awards emergency funds to eligible students, and partners with Student Life & Enrollment and the LSU Alumni Association on events and opportunities on and off campus.

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply for the Council.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Kevin and Tracey Feruson

Family Association Council Chairs

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**Family Association Crawfish Boil**

Every year, the LSU Family Association and the Office of Parent & Family Programs hosts an annual Family Association Crawfish boil held in conjunction with an LSU Baseball game. This year we held our event on March 14th in conjunction with the Baseball game against Ole Miss. We saw over 500 people who attended the crawfish boil with their families ranging from freshmen to seniors. The evening was fun filled with fun give gifts, games, and of course delicious crawfish. We encourage every family to plan an attend next years event and for more information from a parents perspective we encourage you to read one of our council member's [blog](#) post, Mrs. Peggy Frazier.

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**Spring Invitational 2015**

I cannot believe that Spring Invitational is over! Working Spring Invitational this year was unique for me as I played a dual role. As the Orientation Chair for LSU Ambassadors, I worked very closely with the Office of Orientation and assisted them in planning and executing Spring Invitational programming for the student side of orientation. As a Parent Orientation Leader, I got my first taste of what it would be like learning and growing with Parent and Family Programs this summer and helping ease the college transition for parents throughout the orientation session. After SPIN, I can honestly say that I have fallen in love with parents! Parents have such nurturing, concerned souls and it was extremely rewarding to guide them through their first steps as LSU moms and dads. Addressing the worries of parents during SPIN reminded me of when I was starting my freshman year here at LSU four short years ago. I am the youngest of two daughters, so me moving away to go to college left my parents with an empty nest, literally. Sometimes I forget that my parents had to transition into my life as a college student just as much as I did. They experienced a roller-coaster of emotions and although very different, they were not any less passionate than the emotions I was experiencing as I transitioned as well. Working as a POL for SPIN was eye-opening yet fulfilling and I cannot wait to continue serving my university this summer through Parent Orientation!

Sincerely,

Brianna Guillory

Orientation Chair

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**Southern Regional Orientation Workshop**

Over the past few months, LSU Ambassadors have been working diligently on putting together professional presentations and performances for the 2015 SROW conference. The conference was held this year at Murray State University and we had the privilege of sending around 36 students to represent LSU. Throughout the weekend, the LSU students presented on skills to be better orientation leaders for both students and parents, learned more innovative ways of leading and presenting, and networked.
with other orientation leaders from around the country. At the conclusion of the conference, LSU Ambassadors proved to represent our university well by winning multiple awards in their First Place performance in dance, a Second Place design in T-shirt, and the Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award to senior, Ryan Bolotte. We are truly grateful to represent our university and hope to continue to make strides in bettering our overall orientation experience with the skills and knowledge gained from this wonderful experience.

Sincerely,
The 2015 SROW Team

2015 Family Weekend

Save the Date for Family Weekend

October 2-4

Campus Updates

Upcoming Dates and Events

Friday, April 3 - Friday, April 10 Spring Break - No Classes
Monday, April 13 Classes Resume
Wednesday, April 29 Concentrated Study Period Begins
Monday, May 4 - Saturday, May 9 Final Exams
Thursday, May 14 - Friday, May 15 Spring Commencement

To see the complete 2014-2015 Academic Calendar, please click here.

LSU Library Hours

Middleton Library is open 24 hours between Sunday and Friday as a result of student requests.

For complete hours of the LSU Libraries, please click here.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, LSU is currently facing unprecedented budget cuts, but solutions have been and will continue to be proposed. As such, the 2015 Legislative Session, which begins April 13, promises to be fraught with implications for your university. Success will require concerted teamwork and creative leadership to ensure that the best possible resolution is both found and implemented.

I want to continue hearing from you. Your children are our most precious asset, and we take LSU’s responsibility to each and every individual seriously. We have to work together to ensure a stable future for LSU – and for higher education in Louisiana. In this spirit, the LSU Alumni Association developed Tiger Advocates to connect and engage concerned LSU alumni, students, friends, family, and supporters, and keep them updated on legislation that could impact LSU. You can also carry this message forward to anyone who will listen: LSU matters. When our Tigers graduate (and they do, in droves ... our graduation rate is higher than the national average), they don’t just find jobs – they create industries and make waves, changing our quality of life and bettering society. They will create the Louisiana of tomorrow, if we support them through their academic endeavors today.

Geaux Tigers!
F. King Alexander
LSU President and Chancellor

First Fridays
Johnston Hall Lobby, April 17th from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The First Friday of every month FYE welcomes students to Johnston Hall to share their LSU experiences with other students, provide free food and hand out free giveaways.

Taste of Home
LSU Dinning Halls, April 29 from 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Missing your favorite meals from your home-state? Come get a Taste of Home in the LSU Dinning Halls for lunch and dinner. All of your favorite out-of-state foods will be served.

Student Strategy Sessions
Johnston Hall

At the beginning of the year, students are assigned staff contacts based on the first letter of their last name. Our staff members are here to answer any student’s questions, help him or her get involved, and find his or her place on LSU’s campus. Our goal is to connect students both academically and socially.
LSU Bursar Operations

Spring InterSession 2015 Fee Bills are scheduled to be available April 24 on myLSU with a payment due date of May 6. Summer 2015 Fee Bills are scheduled to be available May 6 on myLSU with a payment due date of May 21. Included are links to the Spring InterSession Schedule Booklet and the Summer Schedule Booklet, which contain important dates and other useful information.

It may also be helpful to know that through myProxy parents (or other interested third parties) can request access to a student’s online Fee Bill as well as other records. Parents will be prompted to create a communityLSU id which will then allow them to request access from their student.

Have a New Tiger Living on Campus for Fall 2015?

Room assignments for incoming Tigers are well under way! Special programs and residential colleges are in progress, and students interested in traditional housing options will select their rooms in April. We look forward to welcoming these new Tigers this fall!

Who wants crawfish?

Students living on campus are invited to the Residence Hall Association’s (RHA) annual Crawfish Boil on April 24 in the courtyard behind East & West Laville Halls. Tell your students to look for details in their inboxes soon. They don’t want to miss this fun and appetizing event!

Final Exam Care Package – Deadline Reminder

If your student currently lives on campus, you should have received information in the mail about sending your student a final exam care package. Res Life partners with a vendor to provide care packages full of high energy snacks, tasty and wholesome food, and fun little items for study breaks delivered to your Tiger on campus. This program is a fundraiser for the Residence Hall Association (RHA) to put on fun programs for students (like the crawfish boil mentioned above!). We hope you’ll consider using this service to surprise your Tiger. Orders are due April 13, so order today or contact RHA for information at rha@lsu.edu or 225-578-8945.

Finish Strong! The school year is almost over and you can help your son or daughter take steps now toward their career success.
Is your son or daughter stressed about scheduling courses for fall and summer? While our staff does not provide academic advising, we can help students who want to choose a major or identify a better major prior to scheduling.

Studies confirm that grade point average (GPA) is related to career goals. Students who have not yet chosen a major or are struggling in a major that is not a good fit will benefit from taking steps now to set appropriate career goals. With a defined goal in view, students are better motivated to work harder to achieve success. The LSU Olinde Career Center offers trained career counselors who help students focus their decision-making to find the best fit in careers as well as academic majors. Career Assessments can be beneficial in the process, and occupational information can help complete the picture. These resources and many more are available in our center and on our website.

Students can also explore summer jobs and internships that can turn this summer into a great career-building experience. Jobs and internships can be found in the LSU Careers2Geaux system and staff are also able to help students find opportunities to expand their skills related to career goals.

If your son or daughter is graduating, job search resources and services are located on our website and staff can also assist students with job search strategy sessions, résumé critiques, mock interviews and more. Services also include those who wish to pursue graduate or professional school. As a final thought, all students are urged to review the Four-Year Career Plan to be sure they are making progress toward a satisfying career. Check it out!

For more information about the LSU Olinde Career Center and our resources and services, please visit our website.

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**Prep for Finals Workshop**

Find out how to finish the semester strong with simple time management skills and study tips.

**Tuesday, April 21 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.,**

B-2 Coates Hall

**Wednesday, April 22 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.,**

B-2 Coates Hall

**Tips you can give to your students for final exams:**

- Take a break from studying every 45-50 minutes to prevent overwhelming your brain.

- Get a good night sleep! Research shows that getting a full night sleep produces better test results than staying up all night studying.

- Make a plan for what you are going to study. Goal-oriented study times will help you get more studying in less time.

Visit [lsu.edu/cas](http://lsu.edu/cas) for more information.

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**FINAL EXAMINATIONS & CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD**

Final exam week is May 4-9, 2015. The university provides students with a concentrated study period (April 29 - May 3, 2015) to help students prepare for final exams. Encourage your student to check their exam schedule multiple times, as course exams often do not fall during their normal class time.

**FALL SCHEDULING**
**PHI ETA SIGMA, National Honor Society for LSU Freshman**

Phi Eta Sigma invites any freshman students with at least a 3.5 GPA to join LSU’s chapter of this national honor society. Eligible students should have received both an emailed invitation and a personal letter inviting membership. The deadline for acceptance is April 10, 2015.

LSU University College academic counselors are always available to assist. Appointments are encouraged, visit [www.uc.lsu.edu](http://www.uc.lsu.edu) or call 225-578-6822. Students may also access an academic counselor by email at ucinfo@lsu.edu, as well as walk in visits. LSU University College is located at 150 Allen Hall (next to Middleton Library in the Quad) and is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are Where Excellence Begins.

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**LSU Financial Management**

The LSU Cale P. & Katherine Smith Financial Management Center had great success with our TRANSIT: LSU Financial Literacy Challenge. We have had more than 3,000 freshman students educated on financial literacy and the benefits of money management! We would like to continue the financial literacy conversation. Please encourage your son or daughter to schedule an appointment with our office to learn more on how to better manage their personal finances. Appointments can be made through e-mail at sfmc@lsu.edu or by calling our office at 225-578-1586.

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**LSU Campus Life**

**Spring Greening Day, April 24**

With the azaleas in bloom and weather warming up, spring is in full swing on LSU’s beautiful campus! For the sixth year in a row, we’re celebrating the arrival of spring with Spring Greening Day, a half-day service project opportunity for students to help beautify the LSU campus and learn about sustainability. This event is coordinated in partnership with LSU Landscape Services and the LSU Foundation in support of the Green Tiger Project. Encourage your student to help keep campus beautiful by registering for Spring Greening Day by April 17 to serve on April 24!

**Tiger Twelve Class of 2015 Announced**

Each spring, the Office of the Dean of Students honors 12 outstanding seniors who “contribute positively to the life of the campus and surrounding community.” These 12 individuals are then recognized as the Tiger Twelve. This year’s Tiger Twelve honorees were Caroline Broussard, Andree Comeaux, Philip Dempsey, Katelyn Gross, Lauren Landry, Arenn Martin, Erin Perrevault, Ricky Richard, Connor Rougelot, Hannah Suffern, Clay Tufts, and Allie Williams. Congratulations to the Tiger Twelve Class of 2015! We look forward to celebrating your achievements at the Tiger Twelve ceremony on April 25.

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Image: Spring Greening Day

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Tips you can give to your students for final exams:

- Make a plan for what you are going to study. Goal-oriented study times will help you get more done in less time.
- Take a break from studying every 45-50 minutes to prevent overwhelming your brain.
- Use repetition to learn new information. Repeating information in different ways will help you learn it faster.
- Make sure to get plenty of rest before your exams. It is important to be well-rested for your exams.

For the final exam schedule, please visit [myLSU](http://myLSU). The third annual RHA to put on fun programs for students (like the crawfish boil mentioned above!). We hope you'll send your student a final exam care package. Res Life partners with a vendor to provide care packages that students love!
The **National Student Exchange (NSE)** program is one of the best-kept secrets on LSU’s campus. NSE provides opportunities for LSU undergraduates to study for up to one calendar year at another NSE member school. There are over 170 different NSE colleges and universities to choose from in 48 states, 7 Canadian provinces, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and Guam.

An NSE exchange is an extremely affordable study away option for LSU students. While on exchange, students have two options for payment plans: Plan A and Plan B. On both plans, most types of financial aid (including federal loans and TOPS) count toward your exchange.

NSE participants have found their exchanges culturally enriching, academically rewarding, and one of the most significant experiences of their undergraduate education.

You can find all program details on the APA [website](#) or stop by our office.

Two LSU students enjoying the Glacier National Park, Montana, while on an NSE Exchange this past school year.

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### Academic and Support Services

LSU is committed to your son/daughter's academic and personal success. In addition to working with academic advisors, encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of the [support services](#) the university offers to help them succeed.

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### Important Safety Information

A new, free smart phone app, called [LSU SHIELD](#), is now available to the LSU community. Available for both iOS and Android operating systems, LSU SHIELD is designed to help students, faculty and staff report emergencies or crimes, receive help from police, or simply check on each other to ensure they've arrived safely at their destinations or returned safely from class, their workouts, or other outings.

1. If you see something, say something:

If you see something suspicious on campus, please report it! We want to hear from you, and you can even report suspicious behavior anonymously. Call LSU Police at 225-578-3231 or learn [more](#).

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2. Bookmark LSU’s homepage:
Everything from safety messages and severe weather alerts to what’s happening around campus can be found at LSU's homepage.

3. Safety messages from the LSU Police Department:
Stay informed of campus safety issues by visiting the LSU Police Department's website and liking LSU PD's Facebook page. To reach LSU PD by phone, dial 225-578-3231 or if it’s an emergency, dial 911.

4. Don’t Be a Zombie:
Use caution walking and driving on campus, especially in crosswalks. More information!

5. Take a shuttle at night:
Instead of walking around campus at night, take LSU’s free shuttle known as Campus Transit.

6. Emergency Text Messages from LSU
Your students should make sure that they have registered their personal cell-phones with the Emergency Text Messaging System. Students can register via their myLSU account. Only faculty, staff, and students will receive an emergency text message in case of an immediate safety issue on campus.

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Parent & Family Programs hopes you have enjoyed reading the April E-mail Update and that you found the information helpful. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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