



PRESIDENT'S POSTSCRIPT



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Dear LSU Family,

We are getting very close to the start of the Fall 2017 semester, when we have the opportunity to greet our returning Tigers while also welcoming in our newest class of students. For those members of our community lucky enough to have already experienced the benefits of an LSU education, you know better than anyone what an exciting moment this represents.

We have closed the books on an exceptional year -- one where the international scientific community acknowledged LSU's role in proving Einstein's Theory of Relativity, among other outstanding achievements from our students, faculty, and staff. We all know that these accomplishments are indicative of the hands-on, student-focused educational experience this university provides. But more than any year prior, we will be asking you, as the LSU-loyal and dedicated university family we are lucky enough to claim, to help us demonstrate the value of an LSU degree to the world.

Thank you for being a member of the Tiger elite. I cannot say it enough -- our university's name is only as good as the accomplishments of our students and faculty. We want more opportunities to share your successes and experiences.

Sincerely,



F. King Alexander
LSU President

Two-Time LSU Alum and Celebrity Chef Jay Ducote to Deliver August Commencement Address, Host Celebration for Summer Graduates

Two-time LSU graduate Jay Ducote will deliver the keynote address at LSU's 293rd commencement on Friday, August 4, in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.



Jay holds a bachelor's degree in economics and political science and a master's degree in political science from LSU. He used the entrepreneurial spirit instilled by our university to leverage his passion for Louisiana's culinary arts into a successful career.

He finished runner-up on Season 11 of the hit reality competition show "Food Network Star" and has had a pilot for his show "Deep Fried America" air on the Travel Channel. He has also been named one of the top 100 amateur chefs in America by FOX's MasterChef, has appeared as himself on HBO's drama series "Treme" and has been featured on multiple programs such as "Cutthroat Kitchen," "The Kitchen" and "Burgers, Brew & Que" on Food Network; "Eat St." on Cooking Channel; and "Last Call Food Brawl" on Destination America. The "Bite and Booze Radio Show," produced and hosted by Ducote since 2011, won a 2014 Taste Award for best food or drink radio broadcast in the country and the Uniquely Louisiana Award from the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters in 2015. Learn more about Jay [here](#).

LSU Identifies Possible Mike VII

David Baker, DVM, Ph.D., LSU's Attending Veterinarian, has identified a tiger at a rescue facility that could become Mike VII. This juvenile, male rescue tiger is currently 9 months old and weighs approximately 160 pounds. The tiger has both Siberian and Bengal characteristics.

Starting in April 2017, LSU's tiger habitat began undergoing updates, which are scheduled to be completed in August. The tiger cannot be transported to LSU until the updates are complete. The current plan is to have the tiger arrive mid-August. Once the tiger arrives, he will be kept in the night house for approximately one week for quarantine and acclimation; he will not be visible to the public during this time. If the quarantine/acclimation period goes well, the tiger will be released into his yard, at which time he will be declared Mike VII. LSU will announce in advance the day and time that the tiger will be out in his yard for the first time.

LSU cannot state at this time exactly when the tiger will arrive or when he will be introduced to the LSU community, as these details depend upon construction completion, travel arrangements and the quarantine/acclimation period. Read more about this in the university's official [press release](#).



Honors College Goes to Oxford

Thirteen students in LSU's Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College traveled to Oxford, England this summer to read the works of Homer, Virgil, Jane Austen, and Charles Dickens; view Pre-Raphaelite paintings and tapestries in the colleges and museums; and travel to Bath, London, and Stratford.

The students contributed to a travelogue during their studies. You can read about their reflections and adventures [here](#).



LSU Fulbright Scholar Spotlight

LSU College of the Coast & Environment Fulbright Scholar [Patrick Alteus](#) has taken his experiences with natural disasters in his native country of Haiti and turned it into a passion for emergency preparedness. To complete his master's degree, he analyzed factors that influenced the effectiveness of the response and the structural measures needed to strengthen Haiti's national disaster management system.



LSU Hosts Governor's School for Agricultural Science

The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences, held at LSU, is a two-week, residential educational program for Louisiana's academically talented high school seniors interested in agricultural sciences. This highly selective program provides 20 scholars with the opportunity to engage in college-level coursework in areas ranging from textiles and apparel merchandising to natural resource management. They will also develop leadership skills by working with LSU College of Agriculture faculty and staff. The program is designed to showcase the breadth, depth, and expertise of our agricultural programs.

Read about the program's most recent exceptional alumni [here](#).



LSU Hosts Summer Camp for Future Engineers

LSU recently hosted its 39th annual REHAMS, or Recruiting Into Engineering High-Ability Multicultural Students, summer camp.

The week-long camp sponsored by Shell, Fluor and Dow brought 41 high school students from nine different states to LSU's campus. During the camp, students worked to build a sustainable house that would protect inhabitants against hurricanes and flooding.

Read more about their experience [here](#).

Did You Know?

LSU is consistently ranked as a best value by [Forbes](#) and [Kiplinger's](#).

LSU's [Center for Internal Auditing](#) was the first university-based program focusing on the profession

and is considered to be the premier internal audit program in the world.

Our College of Engineering is home to a high-tech [driving simulator](#) features a full-body Ford Focus (minus the wheels) and advanced computer programming that provides a realistic virtual environment by combining a series of cameras, projectors and screens, bringing the total driving experience indoors.

[Landolt Observatory](#), LSU's on-campus refracting telescope situated atop Nicholson Hall, hosts free public viewings monthly.

In the News

A Sample of LSU Stories from Around the World

- [Science's glitterati -- including Brian Cox, Gabriela Gonzalez and Martin Rees -- Converge on Cambridge to mark Stephen Hawking's 75th Birthday](#) (*Cambridge News*)
 - [LSU Health New Orleans research shows walnuts may improve health](#) (*WWL*)
 - [How giant atoms may help catch gravitational waves](#) (*The Conversation*)
 - [Mini Med School Offers hands-on medical training to public](#) (*Shreveport Times*)
 - [Scientists Found a preserved underwater forest from the Ice Age](#) (*Mic*)
 - [LSU Extends Enrollment Deadlines to Court TOPS Students](#) (*Baton Rouge Business Report*)
 - [LSU Dentistry Dean Named to Board](#) (*The Advocate*)
 - [Why Tabby's Star is the Weirdest Star in the Galaxy](#) (*Fox News*)
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Mark Your Calendars!

- LSU's Official "Move-In Day" takes place on August 16. Be sure to welcome the newest class of Tigers as they settle into their residence halls!
- Join LSU Associate Professor Carol Friedland from the Bert S. Turner Department of Construction Management for Science Cafe on August 29. Dr. Friedland will provide critical information on how to protect your most valuable asset: your home. [Science Cafe](#) is held on

the last Tuesday of each month at the Varsity Theater 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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