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# COMMENCEMENT



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE  
*The One-Hundred Eighty-Second  
Commencement Exercises*

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*University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

## *Alma Mater*

*Alma mater, beloved old Southwestern,  
Pride of our Southland so fair!  
Oaks and pines and sweet magnolia's beauty,  
Show forth thy charms so rare,  
Alma mater, for honor, truth and wisdom  
Thy halls for aye shall stand  
Loyal sons and daughters sing  
Proclaiming here's my heart and hand.*

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# A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KOLLURU TO NEW GRADUATES

Congratulations, members of the Class of 2026!

Today marks a defining moment in your life and in the life of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. You join a proud tradition that has endured since the University's beginnings as a small technical school – an institution that grew through vision, resilience and a belief in what education can make possible. Each of you now becomes part of that story through your own hard work, curiosity and determination.

As you look back on your time here, I hope you recognize how much you've learned and how much you've grown. You pursued ideas, solved problems, collaborated with others and discovered the power of your own potential. Those experiences have prepared you not only for your careers but for the responsibilities and opportunities that come with contributing to a rapidly changing world.

Your success reflects the support of faculty, staff, family and friends who guided, encouraged and challenged you along the way. I thank them for the role they played in helping you reach this milestone, and I hope you will take a moment to thank them, too.

As you move from student to graduate, remember that your connection to your alma mater continues. You join a global network of alumni whose achievements reflect the University's values, vision and spirit. Stay engaged, stay connected and help strengthen the community that helped shape you.

Wherever your path leads, carry with you the curiosity, resilience and sense of purpose you developed here. Use what you've learned to improve lives, drive innovation and lead with integrity. And when you do, you will make all of us proud.

Congratulations, and *Geaux Cajuns!*



Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President



Dr. Ramesh Kolluru is the seventh president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

He arrived at UL Lafayette in 1992 as a graduate student and earned both his master's and doctoral degrees in computer science from the University. Before being named president, he served as vice president for Research, Innovation and Economic Development. In that role, he helped lead the University's rise to Carnegie R1 status, strengthened its reputation as a national research leader and oversaw the creation of three national research centers.

Dr. Kolluru's work in innovation and public-private partnerships spans health care, cybersecurity, biotech and energy. He has advised multiple Louisiana governors on technology and innovation initiatives and previously served as chief innovation officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

His wife, Padma, is also a UL Lafayette graduate. The couple has twins, Roma and Paresh.

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# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY



*Louisiana Welcome Wall*

## **Welcome, Family and Friends**

**T**he University of Louisiana at Lafayette welcomes you, the families and friends of our distinguished graduates. UL Lafayette isn't just a university – it's a community, and your support has helped shape each graduate's journey. Since its founding in 1898, the University has been dedicated to improving the lives of its students, and more than 3,000 students earn degrees each academic year.

## **Walk of Honor**

**A**s we honor their accomplishments and the beginning of a new chapter, we also invite you to explore a cherished campus tradition. Visitors enjoy finding graduates' names on the Walk of Honor, a pathway paved with bricks engraved with graduates' names and arranged alphabetically by year. The bricks begin near Martin Hall with the Class of 1903, extend through the Quad, line Boucher Street and continue along McKinley Street and around the Student Union.

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# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is known for academic excellence, community service and its Ragin' Cajuns spirit.

Established on July 14, 1898, it is the largest university in the University of Louisiana System and the second largest in the state.

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the leading framework for describing U.S. colleges and universities, has designated UL Lafayette as R1, its most prestigious tier. Fewer than 5% of higher education institutions in the country have earned the R1 designation, affirming the University's status as one of the nation's top research institutions.

The University has one of the most distinctive athletic monikers in the nation: the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. The Ragin' Cajuns are members of the Sun Belt Conference, and student-athletes compete in 16 NCAA Division I sports, the highest level of collegiate athletics.

The University has an extensive economic impact on the state and region. An independent study found that the University adds \$4.4 billion annually to Louisiana's economy, and its alumni contribute an additional \$2.7 billion in added income.

## University Seal



The University seal was adopted on May 11, 1926, when UL Lafayette was known as Southwestern Louisiana Institute. It was designed by Dr. Edwin Stephens, the University's first president, with Ellsworth Woodward of Newcomb College and John McBryde of Tulane University. Its symbols reflect Louisiana's French and Spanish heritage: three fleurs-de-lis represent France, the castle denotes Spain and the pelican symbolizes Louisiana. Oak leaves signify strength and endurance. The seal features the Latin motto "Fortier, Feliciter, Fideliter," meaning "bravely, happily, faithfully." After it became the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1999, the seal was updated to include the gold star of Acadian culture and the red, gold and green stripes representing West African heritage.

## Fleur-de-lis

UL Lafayette's fleur-de-lis is a federally registered symbol. Historically associated with the French monarchy and used in various political and religious contexts, the fleur-de-lis has been part of the University's identity since 1926, when three fleurs-de-lis were incorporated into its seal.



## University Ring

UL Lafayette's ring symbolizes the lasting bond between graduates and their alma mater. Its red stone reflects the University's primary color, vermilion, and features the fleur-de-lis. The design includes images tied to campus life, such as cypress and oak trees, the University seal and Martin Hall, the main administrative building. Inside each ring is the inscription "heart and hand," the final three words of the University's alma mater.



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# TOP UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President

## President's Cabinet

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Jerry Prejean  
Jim Prince  
Joshua Proffitt  
Rosalind Robertson  
David Romagosa  
Donald Washington

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# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Jefferson Caffery	Doctorate of Laws	May 23, 1971
Alfred Lamson	Doctorate of Humanities	December 20, 1982
Edward W. Stagg	Doctorate of Humanities	May 15, 1983
Joseph A. Riehl	Doctorate of Letters	May 15, 1988
Elida P. Millet Caillouet	Bachelor of Education	December 16, 1990
Sammie Wayne Cosper	Doctorate of Sciences	May 13, 1991
A. Hays Town	Doctorate of Arts	December 16, 1995
J. Bennett Johnston	Doctorate of Arts	December 14, 1996
G. Frank Pervis, Jr.	Doctorate of Humane Letters	May 17, 1997
Rosemary Saucier LaBorde	Bachelor of Nursing	December 12, 1998
Joseph D. Jamail	Doctorate of Laws	May 15, 1999
James Lee Burke	Doctorate of Letters	December 18, 1999
Marc C. Breaux	Bachelor of Fine Arts	December 16, 2000
Michael Doucet	Doctorate of Fine Arts	May 17, 2002
Clay M. Allen	Doctorate of Letters	May 23, 2003
William H Fenstermaker	Doctorate of Sciences	May 23, 2003
Matthew G. Stuller, Sr.	Doctorate of Business Administration	May 23, 2003
Robert Trahan	Doctorate of Humanities	May 15, 2004
Clara Constantine Broussard	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Martha Jane Conway-Bossett	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Shirley Taylor Gresham	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Charles Singleton	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Cecil Picard	Doctorate of Educational Leadership	May 20, 2006
Norman Francis	Doctorate of Higher Education Leadership	December 15, 2007
Ernest J. Gaines	Doctorate of Letters	May 24, 2008
Zachary Richard	Doctorate of Fine Arts	December 20, 2008
George Rodrigue	Doctorate of Fine Arts	December 19, 2009
Cindy L. Courville	Doctorate of Humanities	December 18, 2010
Joe Stewart	Doctorate of Fine Arts	May 12, 2012
Ambassador François Delattre	Doctorate of Francophone Studies	December 20, 2013
Dr. Craig Walker	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	May 13, 2016
Lloyd J. "Red" Lerille	Doctorate of Educational Leadership	December 16, 2016
Donald Mosing	Doctorate of Systems Engineering	December 16, 2016
Governor Kathleen B. Blanco	Doctorate of Liberal Arts	December 15, 2017
B.I. Moody III	Doctorate of Business Administration	December 15, 2017
Winfred Sibille	Doctorate of Educational Leadership	December 16, 2018
James A. "Jim" Garland	Doctorate of Arts	May 14, 2021
James Devin Moncus	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	May 14, 2021
Ginger M. Myers	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	May 13, 2022
Richard "Dickey" Landry	Doctorate of Arts	May 16, 2025

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# UL LAFAYETTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



UNIVERSITY of  
**LOUISIANA**  
L A F A Y E T T E

## Alumni Association

### Welcome to the Family

Class of 2026, Congratulations! You have earned your degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, what an exciting time! We are honored to officially welcome you to the UL Lafayette Alumni Association: your home away from home.

There's no better time to be an alum of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The University is experiencing powerful momentum as it creates the next generation of leaders and innovators. As alums, we generate **\$2.2 billion** in added income for the state economy. We support in impactful ways no matter who we are, where we live, or what we do.

### A Tradition of Service

In 1903, the first graduating class of Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute organized the Alumni Association. Those 18 graduates began a tradition of pride and support for their alma mater while maintaining connections with one another.

Those connections continue with you, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's graduating class of 2025. Your experience with the Alumni Association officially begins upon graduation and stays with you throughout your life. You are now a member of the Alumni Association, welcome to our family!

### Stay Connected

UL Lafayette Alumni are ambassadors of our institution, its values, and its spirit. Alumni contribute to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for many reasons: lifelong learning, quality education, and the betterment of our University. You can support your alma mater by attending a University function or showing your pride by wearing red and white. Stay involved by joining an Alumni Club or Chapter, which allow alumni near and far to connect and network with fellow Ragin' Cajuns across the country.

Support the UL Lafayette Alumni Association with your annual gift to the Loyalty Fund. By supporting student programs, alumni programs, and academic areas funded by the Alumni Loyalty Fund, you help UL Lafayette to continue as a premier institution of higher learning. As a UL Lafayette graduate or former student, you receive all free member benefits. By selecting one of the Loyalty Fund membership levels, you will access additional benefits and perks based on the level you choose. Please visit: [alumni.louisiana.edu/give](http://alumni.louisiana.edu/give) for more information about paid membership options!

Stay informed about what's happening on campus or in your area by signing up for Alumni Accents: an e-newsletter about upcoming events, University news, notable alumni, and more. Stay current with the Alumni Association and your alma mater by keeping your information up to date on our website: [alumni.louisiana.edu/update](http://alumni.louisiana.edu/update).

## SPRING 2026 OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

The Outstanding Graduate Award is one of the highest honors the University bestows upon a graduating senior in recognition of outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. Every spring and fall semester, deans from eight academic colleges each nominate a student as an Outstanding Graduate, based on leadership, scholarship and service. A selection committee of the Alumni Association interviews the candidates and selects one to receive the overall award.

### BACHELOR GRADUATES

#### College of the Arts

Sydnei Henson

#### B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration

Ainsley Gauthier

#### College of Education & Human Development

Abbey Poirier

#### College of Engineering

Wyatt Stoute

#### College of Liberal Arts

Emma Thomas

#### College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Torin Cage

#### Ray P. Authement College of Sciences

Alexandra Chistoserdov

#### University College

MiaAnn Elmer

### MASTER'S GRADUATES

#### College of the Arts

Steven Guillory, Music

#### College of Liberal Arts

Michael DeJean, English

Lauren Edwards, Psychology

#### Ray P. Authement College of Sciences

Braden Doucet, Biology

Madeline Moore, Environmental Resource Science

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9:00 A.M.  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Cajundome • Friday, May 15, 2026*

Processional & National Anthem

Recognition & Platform Guests ..... Dr. Andy Benoit  
Vice President of Student Success  
Master of Ceremonies

University Welcome & Special Presentation..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President

Presentation of Speaker ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru

Commencement Speaker ..... Mr. Bruce Greenstein  
Secretary of Health

Presentation of UL Life Candidates

Mr. Jeremiah Fisher  
Academic Coordinator, B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration

Conferring of UL Life Certificates..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Presentation of Bachelor's and Master's Candidates

Mr. Jeremiah Fisher

Conferring of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates

Announced by

Dr. Amanda S. Mayeaux  
Chair, Graduate Student Success & Retention Committee

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Alma Mater & Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left the arena.

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

*9:00 a.m. Ceremony*

Bruce has spent the last 30 years in healthcare – split between the public and private sectors.

Prior to taking over as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, Bruce was the director of strategy and innovation at the nation's largest post-acute care company.

In 2017 and 2018, he was the CTO at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. In state government, Bruce was the Health Secretary for Bobby Jindal in Louisiana, and before that he was running Microsoft's worldwide health and human services business division.

Prior to Microsoft, Bruce was at CMS overseeing Medicaid Managed Care and Waivers & Demonstrations. He has run operations in behavioral health and spent time in venture capital and private equity and is on the boards of a publicly traded health care company, a health technology company, and two private equity companies addressing the home health market.

Additionally, Bruce has been an advisor to the health informatics programs at George Washington University and the University of Louisiana.

As Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, Bruce D. Greenstein leads the state's largest agency with a budget of over \$20 billion and a team responsible for delivering services to millions of Louisianans. LDH protects and promotes health for Louisiana residents through services provided by Medicaid and the Offices of Public Health, Behavioral Health, Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Aging and Adult Services, Women's Health and Community Health, and Emergency Preparedness. Recently, Bruce led the department through the addition of SNAP services to the department. These programs work to ensure access to medical, preventative, and rehabilitative services for Louisiana's most vulnerable residents.



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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations, members of the Class of 2026!

Today, you join the ranks of approximately 150,000 individuals who have graduated from our University since its founding in 1898.

The College of Education and Human Development is 110 years old, making it the first college of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This is another fact about which to be proud. The history of the College is replete with wonderful alumni who have gone on to make the world a better place.

All of you have arrived here through different pathways. You have taken unique journeys on your way here. However you got here, you have spent many hours in the classroom (in-person or virtual), reading, writing, and practicing your skills. You are not the same person who signed up for that first class at UL. Wiser, maybe more tired, but definitely better prepared to pursue your professional goals. Having met this milestone – a college degree – you can be confident as you move on to what is next.

As a graduate of the College of Education and Human Development, you are part of a great community. You are a member of your cohort, the fellow students who took classes alongside you and faced similar academic challenges. You are a member of the distinguished group you see around you today – others who were pursuing a degree in their respective majors. This university is your alma mater, and your name will forever be in its rolls. You are now a member of UL Lafayette's Alumni Association and that community is there for you. Be on the lookout for opportunities to connect with all these different groups of which you are a member. Even if you are no longer in this immediate vicinity, you can find each other through the activities of the Alumni Association. Stay connected with us and with others who share a love of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

You will go on to be educators, principals, superintendents, physical therapists, occupational therapists, physician assistants and many more professions who make a difference in the lives of others. The faculty and staff of the College of Education and Human Development are proud to have contributed to your toolkit as you set out to do good work. We look forward to hearing about the good things you have done. Thank you for being a part of our college.

Like the thousands of graduates who preceded you, you are now an ambassador of this institution. No matter where life takes you, you will represent the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Wear the honor with pride.

Congratulations and Geaux Cajuns!

Dr. Tracy L. Cross  
Dean and Professor



# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

founded 1915

Dean Tracy L. Cross

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Cynthia Bourgeois Bergeron  
Brandon Paul Bonner  
Ashley Deshon Brooks  
Alaina Gaugis Carter  
Joyrance Neveu Cormier  
Mickey P. Diez  
Nirmal Chandra Gope  
Richard Kevin Hislop  
Destini Duhon Manuel  
Adrienne Monique Williams

## MASTER OF ART IN TEACHING

Shaniqua Crosley  
Clare Landry

## MASTER OF EDUCATION

Jules Blevins  
Tandraer Sade Crosby  
Kathy Lynn Jones  
Casey Judice

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Isabel Anne Armand  
Tanya Guadalupe Castaneda-Avalos  
Joao Pedro Costa Leonel  
Victoria Maria Datta  
Richard Martin Hollier IV  
Madhulika Injeti  
Isabel Elaine Lanciotti  
Paige Renee LeBlanc  
Connie Maron  
Ainsley Ann Mottet  
Alyssa Pellegrin  
Anna Claire Polk  
Amanda Sydney Torrans  
Chloe Anne Townsend  
Savannah Marie White

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ricky Dale Abshire Jr.  
Grace Marie Angelle  
Benjamin G. Day  
Matthew Thomas Foss Jr.  
Blythe Elizabeth Hernandez  
Noah Israel Sanchez  
Aimee Trahan

## HONORS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Abbey Ann Poirier

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Madison Elizabeth Abadie  
Ashleigh Garrido Acebedo  
Morgan Alyse Adams  
Avery Grace Allgood  
Laura Sofia Alvear-Corral



*A mortarboard and tassel are superimposed on a background element representing the flame of learning, symbolizing the goals of educators and their role in passing on knowledge from generation to generation.*

Ella Kate Aucoin  
Dylan Andrew Auzenne  
Alexia Kaaci-Brandé Barnes  
Bryce William Bartsch  
Angel Batarseh  
Robert Suhail Batarseh  
Allison Elizabeth Bentley  
Triana Ayala Bergeron  
Emily Claire Bertrand  
Ava Marie Blair  
Cami Kay Blanchard  
Josie Ann Blanchard  
Sydney Brooke Bordelon  
Lauren A. Boudreaux  
Sara Elizabeth Boulet  
Elizabeth Grace Brennan  
Christian P. Bristow  
Azariya Rajhanae Nicole Broussard  
Beth Anne Broussard  
Mackenzie Leigh Broussard

Aaliyah Brown  
Thalia Francis Brown  
Andee Kate Bullock  
Corey David Carlino  
Isabel Carmen Carter  
Ashley Castille  
Caleb Paul Chauvin  
Claire Marie Clement  
Chase Alexander Clifton  
Kya L. Coleman  
Cara Faith Colvin  
Erin Cooks  
Madeleine Annemarie Cormier  
Brett Todd Crochet  
Colby Joseph Culotta  
Matthew Alexander Cuneo  
Allie Marie Daniels  
Raye-Ann Faye d'Aquin  
Aliya Monique Darby  
Emilee Elizabeth Darby

Anna Michelle Day  
Benjamin Francis Birney deBlanc  
Makala Duplantis  
Nicholas Duplechain  
Christian Luke Dupre  
Gracie Mouton Dupre  
Tyler W. Edwards  
Tyrin Joseph Edwards  
Ekene Onyechigoziri Ejiofor  
Samantha Lane Ewing  
Angel Alissa Faulk  
Adam Michael Faust  
Courtney Grace Foley  
Ava Carolyn Fortier  
Londyn Aline Fruge  
Binod Gaire  
Gabriel Malik Garner  
Caroline Elizabeth Gary  
Grayci R. Gautreaux  
Lexie Ann Gisclair  
Ethan Patrick Green  
Sophia Clay Gruesbeck  
Chloe Michelle Guilbeau  
Ramie Maria Hackett  
Leilani Alice Hamilton  
Makenna Faith Hassan  
Linzie Charlotte Hayes  
Andrew Edward Ira Hays  
Faith Marie Hebert  
Jillian Taylor Hebert  
Angelle Marie Homes  
Marisa Jenae Hooker  
Emma Grace Howse  
Hailey V. Hudson  
Martin Jason  
Hiyam Suleiman Jhane  
Amelia Claire Johnson  
Emmeline Claire Judice  
Gabrielle Ann Judice  
Jon Jung  
Bracie Kelly  
Leah Claire Kibodeaux  
Karis Diane Kiker  
Taylor King  
Emma Elizabeth Knefely  
Sarah Elizabeth Landry  
Brianna Nicole Lange  
Ami Langlinais  
Raegan Kaye Latiolais  
Meagan LeBlanc  
Hailey Blaire Ledoux  
Sydni Blair LeDoux  
Tanasia Leon  
Olivia Ann Lopez  
Shanaya Qualynn Manuel  
Chloe Elizabeth Markins  
Kinley Renae Marsh

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Jesus Martinez  
Kyla Alexandria McDowell  
Destaney Alexius McKee  
Malaysia A. McKee  
Darbi Denise McMillin  
Taylor Ann Meaux  
Jax Michael Melancon  
Kevin Melancon  
Jude Michael Miller  
Makenna Miller  
Morgan Gabrielle Mills  
Maggie Kay Mitchell  
Sere' Elizabeth Mocek  
Aubrey Moore III  
Konner Elizabeth Morrison  
Saban M. Murray  
Madison Eileen Murrell  
Sophia Grace Mury  
Tia Breann Nash

Kimberly Marie Newman  
Bailey Tu Nguyen  
Hannah Chika Nwosu  
Jacob Patron  
Emma Carroll Poiencot  
Braedon Antoninno Premeaux  
Sierra Kae Primeaux  
Reagan Michelle Ratcliff  
Kaylee Baird Rentrop  
Alana Richardson  
Claire Marie Rider  
Bryant Layne Rivette  
Emilee Claire Robichaux  
Corinne Alexis Robinson  
Gracie Marie Simon  
Ashley Smith  
Brooke Nicole Soileau  
Charlie Soileau  
Anna Grace Stelly

Andrea Stephens  
Mia Elizabeth Stewart  
Cameron James Thomas  
Erin Mechele Thomas  
Hanna Elizabeth Toal  
Avery Scott Toups  
Khyla Devonne Trail  
Alec Luc-Phi Tran  
Cecilia Rose Vasquez  
Kayleigh Mia Vogt  
Claire Elise Watson  
Madison Colette Wharton  
Courtney B. Wiltz  
Angelle Catherine Wolfe  
Gracie Ruth Wood  
Sage Lene Wood  
Jackson Von Caleb Woods

**UL LIFE**

**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE**

Robley Case Altamirano  
Patrick K. Black  
Jacqueline S. Butcher  
Jordan J. Cook  
MaShay Jean Hester  
Taylor Parthena Hester  
Madison A. Robertson  
Abigail Grace Rogers  
Carmen M. Simoneaux  
Jason Leo Ward

**UL LIFE**

**BASIC CERTIFICATE**

Andrew Joseph Landry  
Cna L. Landry

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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

To the Graduates of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences,

It is with great pride and heartfelt congratulations that I extend my warmest wishes to each of you on this momentous occasion. Today, we celebrate your remarkable accomplishments and the dedication, perseverance, and resilience that have brought you to this defining milestone in your academic and professional journey.

As graduates of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, you join a proud tradition of excellence in service, scholarship, and leadership. For our nursing graduates, you are a member of a profession grounded in compassion, integrity, and advocacy. For our health information management and health services administration graduates, you stand ready to guide and shape the systems that support quality, equity, and efficiency in healthcare delivery. Together, you represent the future of healthcare—leaders who will advance wellness, improve patient outcomes, and influence policy and practice.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our college, we are proud to include you in our prestigious group of alumni. It is a pivotal time in our history, as we continue our transition to the Health Sciences Campus, and embark on growth of all our programs. Thank you for trusting us to prepare you for your career in healthcare.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, I congratulate you once again. May this Commencement ceremony be both a celebration of your achievements and an inspiration for the meaningful work that lies ahead.

With warm regards and best wishes,

*Lisa Broussard, PhD, RN, CNE*

Lisa Broussard, PhD, RN, CNE  
Dean and Professor  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences



# COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

founded 1951

Dean Lisa Broussard

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

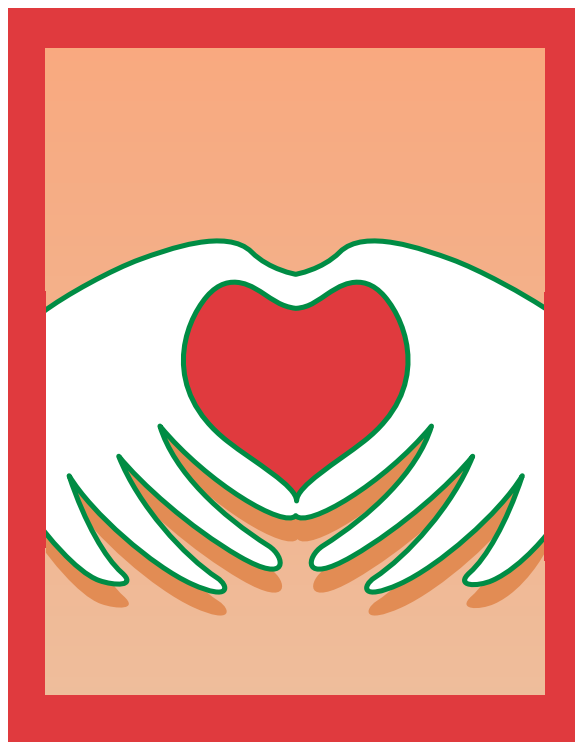
William Nathan Duckworth  
Sarah Dianne Girlinghouse

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Lauren Poche Aguiard  
Cherie Nicole Arnouville  
Andre Thomas Paul Bares  
Heather Barrett  
Amie Adair Bettevy  
Jai Cannon  
David Carriere  
Joelle Provost Charpentier  
Nicole Chiasson  
Ashlynn Folse Crochet  
Stephanie Diffey  
Courtney Monique Dugar  
Shelley Renee Guilbeau  
Emilee Renae Hawkins  
Tracy Houston  
Anna Johnston  
Karley Rae Jones  
Jazzelyn Jenea Kendrick  
Amanda Lacaze  
Tomika Lindon  
Monica Lula Mae  
Chelsea Danielle Matthews  
Elizabeth Leigh Montgomery  
Harold Norman  
Kaylon Alise Pacholik  
Jessica Danielle Partin  
James Steven Richards  
Mia Robertson  
Sandra Oby Robinson  
Morgan Boone Smith  
Erica Wyatt

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Olivia Lynne Austin  
Cherrie Nicole Babineaux  
Kennedy Sa'Nay Batiste  
Ava Rebekah - Lynn Broussard  
Mya Cintrell Burns  
Ema Nicole Cawyer  
Mindy Renae Charpentier  
Dezmond Antonio Chevalier  
Eugene Derouen  
Marlee Dupuis  
Mya Elise Dupuis  
Amari Jack  
Breanna Brimmer Landry  
Rayne Alani Locke  
Destiny Ann Louviere



*Hands enfolding the shape of a heart eloquently symbolize  
the healing role of nurses and health care providers.*

Akeira Janae' Malveaux  
Olivia Nicole Mocklin  
Hope Roshto  
Ke'Asia Ashonte Simoneaux  
Niki H. Tran  
Elizabeth Catherine Tromblay  
Takia Walton

## HONORS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Fatimah Olanrewaju Azeez

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Katherine E. Allen  
Cameron Trent Andrus  
Elizabeth Andrus  
Kylie Arnaud  
Emily Adele Baudoin  
Jessica Beach

Coen Martin Begnaud  
Abrielle Rose Bladely  
Ellie Delana Bollich  
Courtney Marie Boone  
Hayden Michael Boone  
Emma Rose Boudreaux  
Peyton Paige Boudreaux  
Alyssa Jewel Bowers  
John Bowlin  
Kelsey Jean Broussard  
Sophi Elyse Broussard  
Torin Elizabeth Cage  
Caroline Edmee Cagle  
Madison Paige Castille  
Cyndol Germandy Ceaser  
Sidney Morgan Cheney  
Erin Marie Chevalier  
Alex Michael Comeaux  
Ryeisha Cosey  
Haleigh Danae Courville

Teresa Maryam Cudihy  
Alexis Cecilia Daniel  
Molly Brooke Davis  
Tori Deegan  
Brittany Schouest Delahoussaye  
Kelsey Caitlyn Delatte  
Jada Lynn Dogay  
Kendall Lynn Dommert  
Kamiah Doss  
Cassie Leanna Duhon  
Sierra Marie Figgins  
Isabelle Catherine Foret  
Cassidy Rhyann Gary  
Kyleigh Ann Gaudet  
Amaya Elise Givens  
Destiny Goss  
Tatiana Nichole Gresko  
Broc Eric Griggs  
Emily Claire Guedry  
Connor James Guidry  
Griffin Paul Guy  
Johnnie Roy Hardy III  
Lauren Elizabeth Hargrave  
Gabrielle Hauck  
Ella Grace Hebert  
Katherine Elizabeth Hebert  
Sophia Nicole Hebert  
Kaitlyn Hester  
Amy Hill  
Casey Hollier  
Sarah Elizabeth Howard  
Abby Rebecca Hudson  
Paige Elizabeth Julian  
Doreall Jupiter  
Kevin James Lanclos  
Camryn Elizabeth Landry  
Karlyn Jane Landry  
Nicholas Craig Lanehart  
Lola Larmann  
Andrea Idong LeBlanc  
Kelli Marie LeDoux  
Jon Hayward Leleux  
MaKayla Rebecca Lindgren  
Tristan Jarrel Lollis  
Linae Malbrue  
Alexa D. Maraist  
Drew Martin  
Madeline Claire Mayeux  
Taylor McBride  
Jordan Elizabeth McDaniel  
Mackenzie Claire McDaniel  
Lisa McGowan  
Catherine Grace McHugh  
Iris Medal  
Marissa Jade Menard

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Landon Paul Miller  
Lindsay Morgan  
Adeline Jane Naquin  
Courtney Dione Evans Noah  
Skylar Elizabeth Ortego  
Jaylen Markise Perry  
Haylie Petticrew  
Emily Pham  
Lauren Elizabeth Pitre  
Emylee Grace Poche  
Zunary Porche

Hannah Lynne Prados  
Brooke Josephine Prejean  
Catherine Isabella Reyes  
Stacey Rice  
Isabelle Eve Rivette  
Hallie Rogers  
Madison Lane Ryan  
Destiny Jenae Sandolph-Milsap  
Jesi Marie Savoie  
Morgan Elyse Savoie  
Danni Lyn Schrader

Danisha Scott  
Violet Vaughn Sebastien  
Jaylyn Madison Serrano  
Ginny Lea Smiley  
Abby Claire Smith  
Felicia Smith  
Madelene Grace Stewart  
Macayla Strong  
Olivia Rose Sweet  
Ivian Taboada-Fuentes  
Ava Elise Thigpen

Tyra Marie Thomas  
Katie Elizabeth Trahan  
Raven Renee Trahan  
Thao Vy Ngoc Tran  
Benjamin Paul Veillon  
Dylan Verdin  
Kayla Jolie Watson  
Savannah Watts  
Cheryl Whitaker  
Robyn Renay Woodard  
Hayley Jasmine Young

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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## B.I. MOODY III COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

To the Graduating Class of Spring 2026...CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of the faculty, staff and alumni of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration, I am excited and proud to congratulate you on joining more than 150,000 previous graduates of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

As you leave, I want to remind you that in the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration we have six core values...values that define who we are, what we do, how we live. In this message, I am supposed to say something pithy and inspiring. But I'm a finance professor – I cannot compete with commencement speakers like Steve Jobs and Toni Morrison. So, I've decided to use their words – and the words of four others – to amplify our College of Business values. Here are our six core values, as expressed by six recent commencement speeches. This is who we are, this is who you are.

*COMMUNITY: We should be proud of ourselves. Education has transformed and empowered us in so many ways. Education has created our community. Community is a powerful act of resistance in a world that tries to pull us apart. Cherish your friends and those closest to you. Your community is your lifeline, so rely on them, give back to them and keep them close.*

*DISCOVERY: Our preexisting beliefs have their own force of gravity. Today, certain algorithms pull toward you the things you already know, believe, or like, and they push away everything else. Push back. You may succeed. You may fail. But make it your life's work to remake the world because there is nothing more beautiful or more worthwhile than working to leave something better for humanity.*

*EXCELLENCE: You've got to find what you love. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking – and don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it.*

*INTEGRITY: You are your own stories and therefore free to imagine and experience what it means to be human. The theme you choose may change or simply elude you, but being your own story means you can always choose the tone. It also means that you can invent the language to say who you are and what you mean. I see your life as already artful, just waiting and ready for you to make it art.*

*RELEVANCE: A lot of people dream. And while they are busy dreaming, the really happy people, the really successful people, the really interesting, engaged, powerful people, are busy doing. It's hard work that makes things happen. It's hard work that creates change. You just have to keep moving forward. You just have to keep doing something, seizing the next opportunity, staying open to trying something new. Perfect is boring. Just do.*

*RESPECT: Do all the other things, the ambitious things – travel, get rich, get famous, innovate, lead, fall in love, make and lose fortunes, swim naked in wild jungle rivers – but as you do, to the extent that you can, err in the direction of kindness.*

These values are who we are. These values are who you are. These values are your future.

Again....CONGRATULATIONS! You have worked incredibly hard to get to this point. The really fun stuff is about to begin. Make it amazing.

Wishing you all peace, love & happiness,  
Brian Bolton, Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration



# B.I. MOODY III COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

founded 1952

*Interim Dean Brian Bolton*

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adewale Sakiru Akanbi  
 Brenna Peavy Areno  
 Alana Augustine  
 Tobi Timilehin Ayanleke  
 Laurie Michele Badeaux  
 Brandon Banks  
 Juan Angel Barahona  
 Christine Battaglia  
 Jordan Battles  
 Emma Theresa Beauillieu  
 Peyton Joseph Bellard  
 Aliah Monique Benson  
 Gage Bergeron  
 Glennond Nathaniel Bone  
 Emily Claire Boone  
 Meagan Landry Bourque  
 Joshua Brewer  
 Bianca Lanae Broussard  
 Logan Troy Broussard  
 Mary Kirsten Broussard  
 Manuel Enrique Bueso Milla  
 Michael Paul Buras  
 Jamie Hughes Carlton  
 Tyler Chase Christian  
 Matthew Cobb  
 Malik Andre Coleman  
 Kevin Connelly  
 Claire Michele Couch  
 Hannah Crawford  
 David Eugenio Cuevas  
 Tlya Shon Curtis-Morris  
 Jessilyn Burge David  
 Justin Davis  
 Joel Benjamin De Jesus Castillo  
 Derek Derbigny  
 Stephanie Ann Desormeaux  
 Courtney Christina DeWeese  
 Ingrid Katherine Diaz Alarcon  
 Nofisat Oluwadamilola Disu  
 Courtney Dodd  
 Mahala Gabrielle Ebarb  
 Angela Ellis  
 Seth Edward Esponge  
 Hiba Farooqui  
 Alexison Guillermo Farria  
 Kyla Fleming  
 Joseph Peter Foto  
 Kristi Frank  
 Gabrielle Gardner  
 Trey Michael Gravouilla  
 John Elias Hains III  
 Peter George Hanson  
 Elizabeth Hardage  
 Sierra Rhiannon Hardister  
 Emma Anne Hebert  
 Scott Andrew Herrmann  
 Corinne Hester  
 Conor Bryce Higgs



*Symbols of financial and economic development represent both the global nature of the marketplace and money (the eye and pyramid symbol from the Great Seal of the United States from our currency). A stylized graph symbolizes the technical and analytical elements of management, economics and marketing.*

Grace Elizabeth Hueser  
 Ben Anthony Hymel  
 Catrina Evette Jackson  
 Able Jacob  
 Michael Allen Jewell  
 Tristan Johnson  
 Journey Jones  
 Nikki-Giovanni Joseph-Gros  
 Katlin Kately  
 Cincia Brooks Kerr  
 Kevis King Jr.  
 Sai Lavanya Krovi  
 Thane LaCoste  
 Haley Trish Landry  
 Matt Jude Landry  
 Kolby Alan Lanning  
 Macie Marie Latiolais  
 Adel Malahmeh  
 Jacob Christopher Mallet  
 Ronald Maltase  
 Annabel Nicole Marshall  
 Jessie Paul Matte

Angela McCarstle  
 Madelyn Elise McDaniel  
 Ferdinand Magnus McGinn III  
 Peyton McKnight  
 Emma-Claire McMath  
 Averl Nicole Meche  
 Daniel Robert Meyers IV  
 Tyler Lynn Mickens  
 Nicole Romagossa Milner  
 Zachary Milton  
 Victoria Elizabeth Moore  
 Andrew Mullen  
 Michael D. Muntner  
 Ashlyn Murphy  
 Emmanuel Okogu  
 Donna Jackson ONeal  
 Melanie Owen  
 Alisa Alexandria Pachella  
 Patrick Parke  
 Amanda Thomason Paul  
 Adam Michael Hugh Perrina  
 Whitney Daigle Peterson

Eric Policarpio  
 Leah Zeringue Pontiff  
 Manyara Poullard  
 Hannah Rose Ragas  
 Jennifer Marie Reed  
 Adam Reine  
 Eric Charles Rentrop  
 Rozhai Cach Rickmon  
 Devin Daigle Rivere  
 Micah James Roberts  
 Kayla Rogers  
 Michael Ross  
 Isabel April Royer  
 Arnold Adalberto Salinas  
 Katie Schipper  
 Cheryl Randol Sealy  
 Trenton Seets  
 Janae Francis Senegal  
 Emanoil Magdy Shafik  
 Kadija Shelwood  
 Kelli Melerine Showalter  
 Hunter Shows  
 Michael Ryan Smedley  
 Brandon Chayce Smith  
 Manuel Solorio  
 Patrick Stevenson  
 Erica Stewart  
 Lauren Alida Taylor  
 Nhuan Tran  
 Lidia Marie Trappey  
 Kaitlyn Harris Trosclair  
 Warren Vaughn  
 Timothy Rei Leomo Villanueva  
 Ashton Cole Vincent  
 Alyson Joleen Vue  
 Rachel Lynn Walker  
 Annette Walters  
 Sharon Ayoki Wanga  
 Julia Shannon Weatherford  
 Logan Werner  
 Kaylin West  
 Heather Mae White  
 Alexandra Marie Williams  
 Khenedi Williams  
 Sarah Courville Woods  
 Aly Nicole Zumbek

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sabrina Blalock Babb  
 Evan Louis Bergeron  
 Emily Grace Gautreau  
 Jessica Marie LeDee  
 Blake Taylor Leger  
 Chloe Grace Longlois  
 Joshua McCaskill  
 Tiffany Marie Merrel  
 Camryn Elizabeth Smith  
 Christian Wild

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IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
Ainsley Grace Gauthier

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Aidan Cole Abbott  
Zaki Roupar Aissi  
Lee J. Amedee IV  
Seth Hayden Andrus  
Treg Arboneaux  
Regan James Aucoin  
Zaire Tyriq Barnes  
Kaitlyn Mae Barrar  
Gage C. Barton  
Kia Jacqueline Batiste  
Brandon Stroud Beavers  
Edyn Lee Belgard  
Derrilynn Abby Bell  
Daven Michael Benoit  
Caleb Bergeron  
Victor Scott Bernard II  
Caileigh Blanchard  
Gavin John Blanchard  
Ajia Nycole Bocage  
Bryce William Botkin  
Baylie Shaye Boudoin  
Jeaun Boudreaux  
Kirstianna Leigh Bounds  
Madison Claire Bourg  
Dorian Marsel Bourgeois Jr.  
Brock Bourque  
Emily Alice Briley  
Mia Katherine Brou  
Connor James Broussard  
Dillon Ray Brown  
Joshua Lee Brown  
Angelo Bruno  
Thomas John Buller  
Gage Thomas Buteaux  
Ethan Paul Caillier  
Gregory Edward Campbell  
Kathryn Grace Carrere  
Austin David Caruso  
Emma Marie Caswell  
Kohl Champagne  
Kamyrie Charles  
Austin Shea Charpentier  
Jonathan Michael Cheely  
Anna Grace Cholley  
Jacob Brian Cloughley

Matthew Tyler Coker  
Aani Marie Constantine  
Meredith Conzelmann  
Molly Kate Cortez  
Bryce Nicholas Credeur  
Colby Thomas Curcio  
Mason Curry  
Ian James Curtis  
Brianna Michelle Davis  
Melissa Nicole DeJean  
Andrew Charles DeNicolo  
Allie Renee Devillier  
Avie Louise Ditch  
Alivia Doolin  
Manuel Caleb Dossett  
Alyssa Theriot Douet  
Sebastian Edgar Duke  
Asiah Simone Dupont  
Griffin Vance Eberly  
Ryan Ebrahim  
Shelton Lee Edwards Jr.  
Keijae Vinn Eeves  
Will Thomas Emanis  
Adrienne Marie Faucheux  
Carvente Lamar Favorite  
Dorthea Ferren  
Isabella Maria Florea  
Kallin Christopher Fonseca  
Trent Scott Forbes  
Jack Peter Furman  
Dylan Gardner  
Patrick Joseph Gisclair  
Katherine Victoria Granger  
Christopher Gravois  
Erin Blache Green  
Kendal Green  
Deontre Griffin  
Canean Riley Guidry  
Jonah Asher Guidry  
Corinne Claire Guillot  
Ivy Mae Hailar  
Annabelle Claire Hall  
Collin James Hardin  
Lauren Elizabeth Harris  
Jayden Taylor-Lee Hartley  
Ali Claire Hebert  
Darriun Helaire  
Briana Goldie Henry  
Ashleigh Nicole Hoggle  
Aynsley Clarice Horn  
Emily Grace Hunnicutt

Aaron Patrick Hunter  
Alexander Joseph Jackson  
Jessica Lee Jackson  
Nicholas Coburn Janssen  
Abby Jo Johnson  
Reginald Andre Johnson II  
Sydnee Ivory Johnson  
William Wade Judice  
Jacob William Kaliszeski  
Nyjal Rashal Kelly  
Lexi Blaine LaBove  
Lauren Marie LaCombe  
Joseph Paul Landry  
Myrna Marie Landry  
Andre Fournet LeBlanc  
Emmy LeBlanc  
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Victoria LeeAnne Lewis  
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William Joseph Millican  
Chase Patrick Mire  
Jaxon Charles Moncla  
Sydney Speyrer Montagne  
Thomas Mitchell Montgomery  
Makenzie Jade Morea  
Ashante Wilexus Morrison  
Kylee Ann Mullen  
Kendra Nathan  
Justin Robert Neider  
Kayle H. Nguyen  
Paris Tracey Lavaughn Noel  
Jace Michael Nugier  
Russell Nugier  
Logan Overton  
Owen Judice Parker  
Brooklyn Alaina Pearson  
Elizabeth Ann Perry  
Ryan Thomas Perry  
Molly Elizabeth Peveto  
Vi Trieu Pham  
Michael Patrick Pope

Dylan Mark Pregeant  
Jackson S. Priest  
Samantha Sripathipanditaradhyla Rao  
Tayah Rachel Ratcliff  
Caroline Grace Rauschenbach  
Alyssa Julianne Ray  
Jeffrey Alan Reddoch III  
William Yovanny Ribero Duarte  
David James Richard  
Ryan Drew Richard  
Lexi Ann Rivette  
Raylyn Alex Roberie  
Joshua Louis Roberts  
Uriel Rojas  
Alida Dolores Romero  
Annalee Celeste Romero  
Hayley Elizabeth Romero  
Logan Rouly  
Joshua Deason Rush  
Jason Satchell  
Lauren Michelle Schneider  
Jules Rivers Schwing  
Aaron David Simon  
Mallory Amelia Slay  
Kyle Joseph Smith  
Tatum Smith  
Kimbri Rae Soileau  
Brooke Renee Spalitta  
Caroline Claire Spalitta  
Seth Ashton Stanley  
Avery Grace Stone  
Clint Subra Jr.  
Blake Julius Summerlin  
Brynn Madison Tabora  
Wyatt Houston Taylor  
Joshua Trahan  
Noah Tripper Trammell  
Jade Marie Triggs  
Logan Trosclair  
Amanda Clare Vincent  
Gabriella Noel Wachob  
Payton Walls  
Ciara Weatherspoon  
Amara Anna Thalia West  
Jonathan M. Wilson  
Chance James Womack  
Aubrey Elizabeth Wood  
Ava Mary Zelesnik  
Devyn Mikal Zenon  
Ean Joseph Zimmerle  
Melanie Karina Zuniga

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1:00 P.M.  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Cajundome • Friday, May 15, 2026*

Processional & National Anthem

Recognition & Platform Guests ..... Dr. Andy Benoit  
Vice President of Student Success  
Master of Ceremonies

University Welcome & Special Presentation..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President

Presentation of Speaker ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru

Commencement Speaker ..... Ms. Julie Emerson  
Chief of Staff to the Governor

Presentation of Bachelor's and Master's Candidates

Ms. Yasmeen Qudsi  
Senior Instructor, Mechanical Engineering  
College of Engineering

Dr. Ryan Simon  
Assistant Dean  
Ray P. Authement College of Sciences

Conferring of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates

Announced by

Dr. Dianne Olivier  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Alma Mater & Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left the arena.

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

*1:00 p.m. Ceremony*

Julie Emerson serves as Chief of Staff to Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry, bringing more than a decade of legislative and policy experience to the administration. A native of Homer and raised in Carencro, Emerson earned a degree in political science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette before beginning her career in public service and business development.

Before joining the Governor's office, Emerson represented Louisiana House District 39 for three terms in the state legislature, where she built a reputation as a leading voice on fiscal policy, tax reform, healthcare, and education issues. She made history as the youngest Republican woman ever elected to the Louisiana Legislature and later became the first woman to chair the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. Known for her collaborative leadership style and policy expertise, Emerson now oversees strategic operations and legislative coordination for the Governor's office while helping advance key priorities for the state of Louisiana.



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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dear Spring Graduates of the College of Engineering,

Today, you cross an important milestone, one that marks both achievement and opportunity. Earning an engineering degree takes curiosity, creativity, and commitment, and you've shown all three with excellence. Along the way, you have learned to think critically, work collaboratively, and turn ideas into real solutions. You stand here not just as graduates, but as innovators ready to make a difference in a world that needs your skills more than ever.

You have learned more than how to build machines and models. You have learned how to build momentum. You have laid the foundation for innovation, leadership, and service. Today, you earn more than a degree; you earn distinction. You have applied knowledge to real challenges, collaborated across disciplines, and grown into engineers and engineering technologists whose ideas and impact will extend far beyond this campus.

During your time here, you have shaped more than your own future; you have shaped ours. Your ideas pushed boundaries and challenged us to think differently. Your energy brought life to our classrooms. Your presence raised the bar for what it means to be a student in this college. You mattered here, and you always will.

As you go forward, I hope you also find your way back. Return not just in memory, but in mentorship. Come back to share your experiences, to guide innovation, and to inspire the next generation. The seats you once filled will soon welcome new students, curious, determined, and unsure. And when they look for proof that they too can rise, it will be your example they find.

May the achievements you celebrate today spark the breakthroughs we hear about tomorrow, and may you always carry, with pride, the honor of being a Ragin' Cajun Engineer.

Ahmed Khattab, PhD  
Dean and Professor  
College of Engineering  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette



# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

founded 1940

Dean Ahmed Khattab

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Lisa Stephanie Hufano Dizon  
Md Nahin Mahmood  
Md. Atiqur Rahaman

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Md Shafiqul Islam Chowdhury  
Matthew Hicks  
Adam Plauche  
Sydney Douglas Schexnayder

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

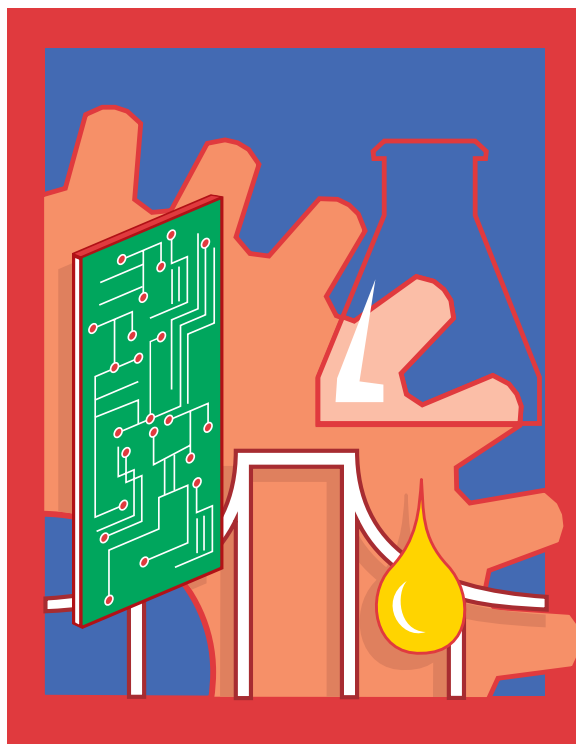
Colin Eddy Dupuis  
Prasanna Kawatkar  
Emilien Joseph Meyer  
Abdullah Sahruri

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Mohammad Mustafa Ahmad Abuhejleh  
Samia Alam  
Waleed Fouad Alnasser  
Maryam Ismail M. Alsaihati  
Nelly Akweley Ankrah  
Usama Aslam  
Holden Blaize Broussard  
Braden Jude Dauphine  
Himakshi Goswami  
Ismaeel Ibrahim  
Md Khairul Islam  
Lam Duy Bao Le  
Francis Dela Nuetor  
Derrick Amoah Oladele  
Claire Elizabeth Orgeron  
Md Mahfujur Rahman  
Connor Michael Rawls  
Carli Brienne Rodriguez  
Jui Roy  
Syed Muhammad Abdullah Safdar  
Savion Kavon Michael Siner  
Donald Charles Stemmans III  
Jackson Lee Tregaskes  
Anayo Sylvester Udeh

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Trey Alex Bijeaux  
Anna C. Blanchard  
Hunter Bonial  
Dhara Rain Brassieur  
Ashton Kyle Castete  
Ross Pierre Delcambre



*A montage of stylized emblems from the national engineering societies (chemical flask, circuit board, gear, oil drop and bridge) symbolize the engineer's application of science to the needs of society.*

Maggie Diez  
Dawson C. Doucet  
Karlle Christina Dufrene  
David Michael Farmer  
Richard Allen Fontenot II  
Timothy Edward Gale  
Thomas Foster Garbarino  
Rylan James Guidry  
Caleb Jude Hebert  
Viet Quoc Huynh  
Ezekiel Anthony Joseph  
Helina Mulatu Kebede  
William Trevor Lamb  
Dylan Shane Mack  
Jenna C. Pinell  
Liberty Plasek  
Layla Pongracz

Hailey Renee Privat  
Jersey Kay Revere  
Jared Michael Robichaux  
Cole Michael Sposito  
Carson Theriot

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Branson Arceneaux  
Mackenzie E. Brashier  
Delaini E. Brou  
Joseph Vu Bui  
Cristopher Alfredo Caceres  
Alexander Casas  
Eli Jacob Guidroz  
Taylor Lynn Hale  
Ped Columbus Kay IV

Rhett Patrick Kibbe  
John Patrick Koury  
Jacques Marcelin Marmande  
Thomas Blaine Moreau  
Seth Michael Noegel  
Michael Glenn Paddock  
Luke Joseph Poiencot  
Nick Paul Pontiff  
Keely Taylor Rainey  
Charles Arne Stauder  
Drake Robert Tooraen  
Andre Lawrence Weber

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Nathaniel Lee Agee  
Brennan S. Blackledge  
Amelia Clare Doll  
Adam Tate Fontenot  
Gia Elizabeth Golecki  
Virginia Anne Hebert  
Jackson Henry Hoyt  
Cade Anthony Kyzar  
Luke Anthony Marty  
Uriel Mendez-Vasquez  
Darren Michael Morris Jr.  
Aiden James Willis  
Mikaela Lynne Woodard

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Armando Barajas Munoz  
Stephen Eliot Bourque  
Geri Lea Bowie  
Tyler Chase Brewton  
Benton Louis Brooks  
Brayden Hayes Calvin  
Haden Matthew Delhomme  
Jake Matthew Domingue  
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Samuel Rudolph Harris  
Taylor C. Harris  
Michael Hartenstine  
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Alexus Hills  
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Dayton Wayne Lewis  
Kincade Michaud Magar  
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Nyron Adair Schexnayder  
Addison Carter Smith  
JaCaleb Raynard Smith  
Mason Andrew Suter  
Valeria Torres  
Carlie A. Wilson

**HONOR BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Haili Gabrielle Duncan  
*(Posthumous Degree)*  
Nina Kanonye

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Collin J. Arnaud  
Seth Paul Arredondo  
Emma G. Brooks  
Kadin Luke David  
Amir N. Dotson  
Haili Gabrielle Duncan  
Matthew Hunter Dunn  
Raegan Claire Fontenot  
Abigail Renee' Fremin  
Noah Scott Grabert  
Grant Julien Guilbeau  
Andrew Christopher Judice  
Hayden James Klingman

Kenneth Mark LeBlanc  
Jacques LeDee  
Sweden Leanne Ledet  
Jude Mitchell Meaux  
Nicolas Jeffery Miller  
Tyran R. Minor  
Adam Joseph Montet  
Lucas Matthew Morse  
Brendan Alan Oalman  
Kennedy Claire Passantino  
Logan James Power  
Kaiden Joseph Romein  
Cayne Austin Romero  
Matthew Henry Romig  
Emma Yvonne Schwing  
Hossein John Sehati III  
Kendall Paul Smith

Kiley Charles Solomon Jr.  
Sean Matthew Spain  
Wyatt Louis Stoute  
Patrick Michael Taylor  
Seth Michael Venable  
Dominique M. Zaunbrecher

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
PETROLEUM ENGINEERING**

Kayla Ariana Butler  
Darius Colenberg  
Hallie Nicole Delcambre  
Mohammed Ahmed Hasan  
Janaiyah Sontrice Mitchell  
Cameron Williams

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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## RAY P. AUTHEMENT COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Dear Spring 2026 Graduates of the Ray P. Authement College of Sciences,

Congratulations on reaching this truly outstanding milestone. I am deeply proud of each of you for the perseverance, curiosity, and intellectual rigor you have shown on your journey. Today you graduate not only with a degree, but with a foundation of scientific thinking and a mindset prepared for meaningful challenge and change.

Our College has a rich tradition of discovery and innovation. Over the past year, our faculty and students have continued to advance research that addresses some of the world's most pressing scientific questions—from exploring coastal ecosystems and renewable energy solutions to studying the mysteries of space and the building blocks of life. These accomplishments reflect the heart of our mission: to teach, to discover, and to serve.

You have been a vital part of that work. In classrooms, laboratories, and field sites across Louisiana and beyond, you have asked bold questions, pursued creative solutions, and demonstrated the power of science to improve lives and strengthen communities. Your contributions have enriched the College's legacy and set the stage for future discovery.

As you embark on the next chapter, remember: the world needs your voice, your talent, and your integrity. Whether you move into graduate school, industry, medicine, education, or any number of other paths, your training in science gives you a unique vantage point—to ask why, to imagine what if, and to pursue how can we. Let your curiosity be relentless, your collaboration genuine, and your purpose bold.

Please take a moment to thank the people who helped you reach this day—your family, friends, faculty, and staff. Graduation is not a solo act; it is the result of community, mentorship, and shared dedication. You now join a proud lineage of alumni who are pushing boundaries, building solutions, and shaping futures. Finally, I encourage you to stay connected to your alma mater. The Ray P. Authement College of Sciences is not simply the place where you earned your degree; it is part of who you are now, and we look forward to hearing of your accomplishments in the years ahead.

With warmest congratulations and best wishes for every success in the journey ahead,

Azmy S. Ackleh  
Dean, Ray P. Authement College of Sciences  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette



# RAY P. AUTHEMENT COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

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Dean Azmy S. Ackleh

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nazia Afrin  
Agnideep Aich  
Daniel Robert Akin  
Jonathan Gifford Allen  
Gabrielle Amanda Atkinson  
Gracie Lynn Babineaux  
Jackie Barua  
Neerob Basak  
Precious Efereta Batubo  
Justin Andrew Dunnam  
Michael Christopher Fulbright  
S M Shamsul Hoque  
Jenita Jahangir  
Simin Javaherian  
Mohammad Wahiduzzaman Khan  
Lovelyn Ogechukwu Madu  
Narendra Pant  
Saburi Tolulope Rasheed  
Liqun Shan  
Kevin Thomas Torgersen

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Md Mustakin Alam  
Samantha Chopin Amos  
Sumaira Asghar  
Thais Christine Borges da Silva  
Myllah Marie Brown  
Eric Bruschi Haddad  
Redeemer Buatsi  
Michael Collins  
Debangshu Deb  
Happy Rani Debi  
Braden Isaiah Doucet  
Anthony Duhon  
Godwin Uche Edor  
Chisom Okwuchi Emeghiebo  
Md Hasibul Hasan  
Md Sobuj Hossain  
Tytiana James  
Afeez Oyeshola Jimoh  
Sadi Jones  
Trishtanya Senitha Jones  
Anudeep Kalyadapu  
Surendar Kumar  
Bryce Christopher Lavergne  
Ricky Paul LeBlanc  
Emily Clare LeDoux  
Karen Therese Oubre LeDoux  
Hruthwik Reddy Marikanti  
Abu Kaiser Mohammad Masum  
Georgie Anna McBride  
Jesse Miranda De Figueiredo Filho  
Soraya Mokhtari  
Madeline Jean Moore  
Madhu Sree Nalluri

Awaiiz Noor  
Joy Nneka Ojuro  
Faith Ewera Okunbor  
Itunu Comfort Olanrewaju  
Hritika Pandey  
Sanjeev Panta  
Anurag Paudel  
Cole Bradley Phillips  
Yazmine Niayokie Tiya Pleasant  
Anamika Podder  
Annika Leshea Prevot  
Justin Price  
Corianna Jamira Prioleau  
Ashikur Rahaman  
Mohammad Masudur Rahman  
Cameron Allan Richard  
Roberto Enrique Salazar Rodriguez  
Abu Sayeed  
Md Shafiur Raihan Shafi

Gerald Richard Songy  
Tasnim Tabassum  
Tanha Tasfia  
Sai Siva Rohith Tirumalasetti  
Fatema Tuz-Zohora  
Karis Irene Watson  
McKenzlea June Wise

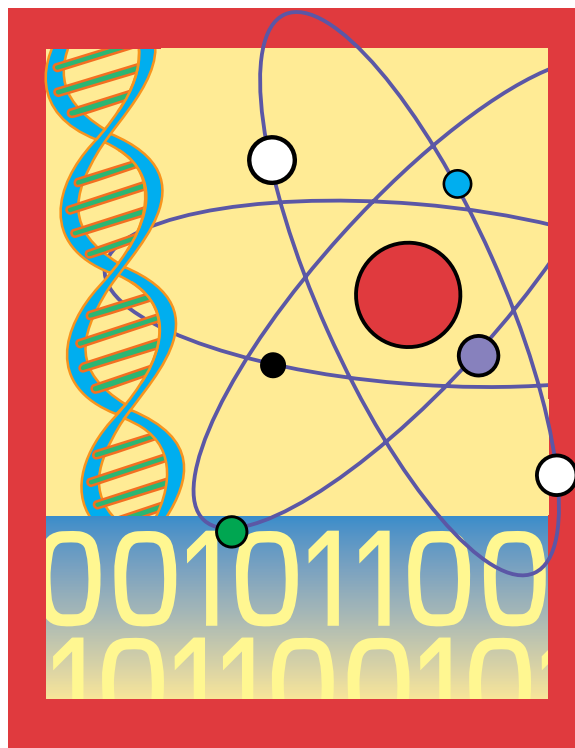
## HONORS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alexandra Natalie Chistoserdov  
Paulina Claudia Chistoserdov  
Reese Provost

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alexandria Marie Alles  
Zoe Elizabeth Allgood  
Aiden Alan Anderson  
Christopher Adam Angelle Jr.  
Hunter James Arcement

Cameron P. Aucoin  
James Benjamin Auer  
Noor Azzam  
Londyn Bardash  
Kallie Marie Barrow  
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Cameron Joseph Breaux  
Heather Brown  
Calvin Burrell  
Aiyana Burris  
Kaitlin Marie Callahan  
Natalia Ekaterina Carranza  
Nicholas Tuney Castaneda  
Leonardo Chavez  
Peyton Paul Chiasson  
Abigail Marie Choate  
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Will Sinclair Dupuy  
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Lawren Joanne Fabacher  
Kameron J. Flowers  
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Sydney Jade Francois  
Maria Arabella Franklin  
Izabella Kathryn Frederick  
John Kevin Garner  
Lana Faye Gaspard  
Sarah Michelle Gassen  
Rebecca Sans Gautreaux  
Alexis Julianna Ghatti  
Jacob Lee James Gilbert  
Olivia Good  
Lauren Grace Gremillion  
Emma Katherine Guidry  
Elizabeth Anne Guillory  
Jackson Neil Hadskey  
Cade Michael Halbach



*Symbols of the basis of scientific theory and application provide visual elements to represent this college. The stylized atom visualizes the basic building block of all computer codes.*

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Joshua Michael Huber  
Qui Huynh  
Sydney Anne Iles  
Kennedy Ivian Jackson  
Chase Raymond Jones  
LaReyna Isabel Joya  
Arlo Blue Kharod  
Ryan Thomas Kimball  
Cody Kinney  
Mackenzie Anne Kliebert  
Darshan Paresh Kumar  
Gabriel Joseph Lachney  
Ryleigh Nicole LaFleur  
Ryan Lai  
Bree Jada Landry  
Izamary Malutsay Lara  
Brennan Leblanc  
Sophia Rose LeBlanc  
Zachary Patrick LeDoux  
Hannah Claire Leger  
Khloe Sage LeLeux  
Xing Li

Joseph Emile Lonero III  
Isabella Margaret Macha  
Benjamin Joseph Manuel  
Luis A. Marrero Norat  
Elise Renee Martin  
William Ingram Mayeux  
Connor Anthony Melancon  
Masie Minnick  
Wesley John Mire  
Connor Bradford Mitchell  
Jillian Claire Moody  
Shahd Ali Muthana  
Phat Van Nguyen  
Timothy Doan Nguyen  
Francis Alfred O'Brien IV  
Emma Katherine Oday  
Roland Osahonoghwen Okungbowa  
Brooke Ashton Otto  
Joshua Thomas Pace  
Giulianna Alina Pacheco-Ethridge  
Isha Bhupendrabhai Patel  
Claudio Enrique Peña Canales  
Jacob Huy Pham  
Taylor Leigh Pike  
Joshua Caleb Pitre

Kiersten Marie Price  
Caroline Prentiss Quebedeau  
Christopher Joseph Rabalais Jr.  
Benjamin L. Ragusa  
Katlyn Paige Reed  
Ashley Rae Richard  
Darrin Wynn Rious Jr.  
Alexis A. Robinson  
Andrew Charles Romano  
Malcolm Ahmad Russell  
Connor James Rutland  
Waylon Daniel Saragusa  
Daniel Jake Shafizadeh  
Kaelan Alexander Shipp  
Ashton James Sonnier  
Kelly Blake Sonnier  
Alayah D. Spears  
Tucker Alan Styles  
Kennedy Genevieve Suire  
Ebony Denea Sylvester  
Reem Tammam  
Thinh Truong Thai  
Caleb Matthew Theriot  
Gregory Dale Thibodeaux  
Eric Maurice Thomas II

Julianne Nicole Tipper  
Riley Catherine Trahan  
Kayla Marie Veronie  
Adrienne Lynn Vickers  
Clinton Joseph Vincent II  
Spencer Vitello  
Chance Vizier  
Joshua Manhbinh Vu  
Regan Marian Wall  
Emery Romero Wallace  
Samantha Ann Wallace  
Presley Grace Walls  
Hudson Randal Walton  
Taylor Waterman  
Kennedi Faith Watkins  
Samantha K. Watson  
Scott Alexander Whitman  
Aaron Paul Williams  
Brianna Monet Williams  
Jas'myn Deshea Wilson  
Sean Landon Winfield  
Madison Womack

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5:00 P.M.  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Cajundome • Friday, May 15, 2026*

Processional & National Anthem

Recognition & Platform Guests ..... Dr. Andy Benoit  
Vice President of Student Success  
Master of Ceremonies

University Welcome & Special Presentation..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President

Presentation of Speaker ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru

Commencement Speaker ..... Mr. Mark Romero  
Chairman, University of Louisiana System

Presentation of Bachelor's and Master's Candidates

Ms. Lori Crain  
Assistant Dean  
College of the Arts

Mrs. Lindsay Hobbs  
Master Instructor, Communication  
College of Liberal Arts

Conferring of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates

Announced by

Dr. Wesley J. Bradford  
Chair, Graduate Council

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees ..... Dr. Ramesh Kolluru  
President  
Dr. Jaimie Hebert  
VP of Academic Affairs

Alma Mater & Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left the arena.

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

*5:00 p.m. Ceremony*

Mark Romero is Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, which oversees nine public universities across Louisiana. A native of New Iberia, Romero has served on the UL System Board since 2013 and previously held leadership roles as chair and vice chair. Professionally, he is Executive Vice President of Brown & Brown Insurance Services, where he oversees operations in Louisiana and Mississippi. Romero is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, earning both a bachelor's degree and an MBA, and is widely recognized for his leadership in higher education, business, and public service throughout Louisiana.



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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Good afternoon, and welcome to the Spring 2026 Commencement.

We are gathered here today to celebrate you, our graduates, on this extraordinary milestone in your lives. While today's chapter concludes with celebration and a diploma, the journey that brought you here is anything but uniform. Each of you has traveled your own distinctive path to reach this moment.

Many of you are the first in your families to earn a college degree, blazing new trails for yourselves and those who will follow. Some of you are veterans or working professionals who balanced full-time jobs, families, and life's many demands while pursuing your education. Some of you are transfer students who began your education elsewhere, and the important thing is that you are walking out of here a Ragin Cajun. Some of you came here through the support of scholarships or financial aid, showing that drive and talent can flourish when given the opportunity. You come from communities large and small, from cities and towns across Louisiana and beyond, even from across oceans. You are student-athletes, researchers, artists, writers, caregivers, and change-makers. Some of you have faced learning challenges or personal obstacles that required resilience and determination. Together, your stories reflect the strength and spirit of our college.



I hope you will each take this moment to sit back and celebrate your personal journeys: the work you put in, the questions you were curious about and sought to explore further, the things you did exceptionally well, the challenges you wrestled with, the resilience you showed, the last-minute papers and late-night studying, and the many things that had to happen for you to walk across this stage on this day.

As you celebrate your own achievements today, I hope you will also take a moment to reflect on your connections, on the communities and individuals who supported you in material and moral ways: your families, friends, professors, and mentors. If along the way you needed help and encouragement, I hope sincerely that you found both, and I hope you also found friendship and joy in the process.

Your education in the College of Liberal Arts has prepared you to step forward into the world beyond this stage. This education is not about telling you what to think; it is about teaching you how to think. You have unearthed the lessons of history, grappled with the complexities of philosophy and ethics, and explored the rich tapestry of human cultures and creativity at local, national, and global levels. These are not simply academic pursuits. They are tools, keys to solving the most pressing challenges of our time with empathy, insight, and imagination.

As you enter a world shaped by rapid change, from environmental pressures to technological innovation, I invite you to consider the kind of world you want to help create. Let your leadership make room for others. Let your curiosity drive progress. Let your compassion guide your decisions. The future will be shaped by those who are willing to imagine it differently and to act boldly in service of that vision.

In parting, I want to leave you with the words of the great American writer Toni Morrison: "You are your own stories and therefore free to imagine and experience what it means to be human. [...] And although you don't have complete control over the narrative [...], you could nevertheless create it."

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts, I want you to know how proud we are of you. We see tremendous potential in you and cannot wait to hear how you shape the world with your ideas, your passion, and your resolve.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. This is your moment. Go forward, and write your stories well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ani Kokobobo'.

Ani Kokobobo  
Dean, College of Liberal Arts

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

founded 1921

Dean Ani Kokobobo

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

John Ashburn  
Xueao Cao  
Katherine Anne McQuitty Hays  
Ashley Hartley Kidd  
David Palmer  
Benjamin Salvatore Porter  
Samantha Marie Schaefer  
Amanda Wilhite

## MASTER OF ARTS

Morgan Caleb Beard  
Connor Matthew Benoit  
Morgan Rochelle Bobb  
Bhynty Charif  
Michael Ryan DeJean  
Rodrigo Do Amaral Munhoz  
S M Saifullah  
Carson Maxx Savoie  
Mst Tajlima Tamanna  
Maryam Tavakkoli  
Taylor Leigh Townsend

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Allison Lea Abel  
Kehinde Omolara Aladeotan  
Doralis Maria Allen  
Trejai Nakeeya Baudoin  
Caroline Bigler  
Camille Grace Bourque  
Dylan Briggs  
Madison Brinkman  
Jullian Bui  
Brianna Lee Burns-Meaux  
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Jaeleah Hart  
Md Rakibul Hasan  
Kinsey Leeanne Hatfield  
Madalyn Claire Huesers  
Evan Thomas Jordan  
Erica Nicole Lafayette  
Jennifer Marie Lane  
Lydia Jantz LeJeune  
Maria LeJeune  
Phoebe Li-An Lim  
Maria Cristina Lindquist  
Valerie Elizabeth Manguno  
Jamillia Domani McKinley  
Catherine Ann Meche



*The symbols for this college represent the search for understanding of the world around us and the world within us through the study of communication, the humanities and behavioral science.*

Brittany Menard  
Charley Angelle Minyard Pike  
Madeline Kaye Montgomery  
Goodness Ikpemosi Okhumode  
Olivia Cate Owensby  
Morgan Michelle Pappion  
Kade Ross Parker  
Michael Emmanuel Pellerin  
Camryn Grace Perkins  
Caroline Adele Pullen  
Josie Lillian Roane  
Maya Sanchez  
Zachary David Schleiter  
Madison Claire Stelly  
Mariella Emile Stephens  
Darriante Ane Washington

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hailey Adams  
Tia Monet Armour  
Tia Maria Armstead

Josie Michele Authement  
Amare Auzenne  
Gracyn Paige Babin  
Abigail Grace Bailey  
Cristi Nicole Bantiling Mercadel  
Lily Katherine Bellas  
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Jacob Daniel Bruce  
Elijah Cole Brunet  
Lexie Michelle Burge  
Ethan Campisi

Margaret Aimee Causey  
Kate Elizabeth Champagne  
Edith Raye Chesson  
Philip Jude Clostio  
Louis George Cohn  
Shelby Kay Collier  
Rachael Kathryn Conaway  
Julie Anna Cormier  
Angeleigh Cestia Courrege  
Sophie Emily Cramond  
Jolie Michelle Daigle  
Mallory Renae Decoux  
Cailin Samara Demps  
Danielle Ann Derouen  
Ezekiel Teck Yung Diong  
McKenna Elise Dufrene  
Jansen Paul-Lewis Duhon  
Cara Echols  
Madigan Addaway Ezell  
Kelsi Angelle Fanguy  
Katherine Ann Faust  
Kaitlyn Rose Foreman  
Evelyn L. Foret  
Kaleiah Fulgence  
Elizabeth Lynn Gaspard  
Sarah Grace George  
Candace Georgette Gettridge  
Claire Catheryn Glaeser  
Trenae A. Gordon  
Rylea Richelle Gradney  
Ariyah Wilhelmeana Green  
Javona Kendrelle Gregory  
Mary Grace Guidroz  
Harper Elaine Gunn  
Clay Sawyer Hale  
Ja'Mecia Jarae Hampton  
Ian Jacob Harrington  
Maryah Risse Harrington  
Kylin J. Harris  
Jaquala Noreaha Hebert  
Anne-Marie Higginbotham  
Angele Maria Hoover  
Avery Dyanne Hopkins  
Isabella Marie Horn  
Clair Marie Hubbard  
Braxton Kyle Hudnall  
Luke Joseph Hunsaker  
Natonni D. Ivy  
Brian M. Jeanpierre  
Mya Nicole Kelly  
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 Charlee Reese Melancon  
 Sendy Metayer  
 Lillian Marie Miller  
 Brianna Lynn Mills  
 Emelie Anne DeJean Moore  
 Vivian Rose Muller  
 Kinsey Grace Murrah  
 Ella Ruth Murrell  
 Jeanne Myers  
 Sean Philip Myers  
 Laila Gabrielle Myles  
 London Myles Neal  
 Noah Henry Nedderman  
 Cassaundra Georgia Lee Noland  
 Steven Russell Noyes  
 Cameryn Nicole OQuain  
 Lindsey Renee Ortego  
 Julia Catherine Patin  
 Faviola Eliana Perez  
 Sophia Adele Perkins  
 Ava Angelle Pitre  
 Samantha Mary Pride  
 Rylly Tori Ramee  
 Abigail Claire Ramsay  
 Norman Gerard Rene II  
 Lexi Elizabeth Richard  
 Katelyn Brianne Richey  
 Ruby Anne Roberts  
 Kaori Rochelle Rodney  
 Joshua David Rumsey  
 Marshall R. Sampson  
 Faith Clementina Scholl  
 Grace Anne Scott  
 Ellie Madolyn Seymour  
 Lucy Elliott Simon  
 Hope Simpson  
 Mikayla Naomi Smith  
 Stephanie Marie Soto  
 Addison Jane Spencer  
 Natalie Rose Spillman  
 Kathryn Marion Stanford  
 Avery Sturgis  
 Bruce Woodrow Tete

Madison Thibodeaux  
 Emma Grace Thomas  
 Coleman Aaron Townsend  
 Ashlee Ann Trahan  
 Gavin James Trisler  
 Gabrielle Lynn Vice  
 Samantha Rea Wall  
 Madeline Virginia Weiser  
 Brandon Joseph West  
 Madelyn Kayli Willis  
 Bailey Elizabeth Wilson  
 Brennen P. Winn  
 Kayla Woods-Crane  
 Kaitlon Youngblood

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Taylor Monet Addison  
 Matthew Alexander  
 Juliana Allemand  
 Amber Danielle Barr  
 Lainnie Michelle Barras  
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 Haylee Brynn Bates  
 Meredith Louisa Bayard  
 Faith Danielle Beck  
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 Alexis Carmen Boutte  
 Sarah B. Boyette  
 Amiree Therese Broussard  
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 Megan Lynn Broussard  
 Lindsey Anzhela Brown  
 Andrea Elise Bryant  
 Trinity Burrell  
 Winter Alessia Campbell  
 Amarie Leilani Carries  
 Anna Caroline Castellanos  
 Hailey Renee Castille  
 Corinne Ann Grace Cazabon  
 Bailey Marie Cheramie  
 Eunice Chicas  
 Jenna Rae Chimeno  
 Kaili Brooke Choplin  
 Lana Catherine Cocke  
 Louis George Cohn

Scott Louis Cormier  
 Amaya Shanel Corsey  
 Ali Taylor Couvillion  
 Trisha Janine Cunanan  
 Skylar Star Delgado  
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 Gabrielle Hebert  
 Esthela Xiomara Hernandez  
 Analiz Graciella Hobbs  
 Haille Alyse Hotard  
 Lauren Ann-Marie Jewell  
 Lauryn DaNae Jones  
 Aysa Cane Jordan  
 Emily Kaitlyn Keller  
 Jackson Price Kenney  
 Kyra Mckenze King  
 Malia Sydney Jeanae Knox  
 Jayden Renee Lance  
 Emma Kathryn Landry  
 Jaydee Maria Dawn Lane  
 Jacques Michael Laughlin  
 Kayla Lee Lavin  
 Shaylin Danea Lawrence  
 Lainey Marie Legoria  
 Ashley E. Malhiet  
 Rivers John Mayon  
 Darranique Divine McClure  
 Phillip Osbourne McCoy  
 Tatum Livia McGill  
 Robert Cameron McQuain

Annelise Catherine Menuet  
 Morgan Elizabeth Mire  
 Avery Sue Monfrey  
 Anna K. Moore  
 Nelly Denisse Morales Gutierrez  
 Catherine G. Moyers  
 Rebekah Grace Murphy  
 Savannah R. Nelson  
 Javier Christopher Normand  
 Anabelli Perez  
 Jasmine Picard  
 Brianna Marie Reed  
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 Ella Claire Richard  
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 Mary Elise Riley  
 Caleb Anthony Rios  
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 Laila Amarri Russell  
 Majaha I. Sampson  
 AnDajihl Nichelle Savoy  
 Stephenie Lynn Savoy  
 Madison Marie Schools  
 Sydni Nicole Sellers  
 Jordan Christina Semones  
 Shamyra B. Shallerhorn  
 Rylee Claire Smith  
 Savannah Smith  
 Ann V. Spencer-Lee  
 Logan Joseph Staton  
 Kinley Marie Stuart  
 Aja Taylor  
 Dominic Armand Thibodeaux  
 Marc Anthony Todd  
 Jaini Treniece Turner  
 Mason Edward Varnado  
 Avery Elizabeth Vincent  
 Delaney Annette Walker  
 LaZharia Danielle Washington  
 Kylie Weaver  
 Margaret Cate Weaver  
 Sonya Rene Weaver  
 Austin David Willis  
 Zoe Wiltz  
 Laila Marie Word  
 Tanae Brianna Wright

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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Dear Graduates,

As you approach this significant milestone in your academic journey, it is with great pride that I acknowledge your achievements and the dedication you have demonstrated throughout your time here at UL Lafayette. I commend you for overcoming challenges and embracing opportunities that have shaped your personal and professional development.

Graduation is not only a celebration of your hard work and commitment; it is a rite of passage that marks your transformation into the next generation of leaders and change agents. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the knowledge and experiences gained during your studies. Your General Studies degree is an interdisciplinary degree that reflects both depth and versatility. It equips you with the ability to connect ideas across fields, to innovate, to problem-solve, and to adapt to a world that is constantly evolving. The skills you have acquired will serve you well as you embark on the next chapter of your lives, whether that is further education, entering the workforce, or pursuing other aspirations.

As graduates of a Research One public institution, you stand on the shoulders of those who invested in the promise of education. I encourage you to carry that spirit forward as you transition from students to alumni; we invite you to stay connected with the UL University community. Your unique contributions and perspectives enrich our institution and inspire future generations of students.

We look forward to hearing about your accomplishments and the impact you will undoubtedly make in your respective fields. Congratulations on your well-deserved success. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bobbie B. DeCuir  
Dean, University College



# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

founded 1978

Dean Bobbie Decuir

## BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Susan Patricia Abboud  
Javian Tre'von Adams  
Katey Adcock  
Jasmine Allen  
Lauren Allen  
Reoinnia Dannielle Faith Amos  
Frashaylon Angelle  
Adrienne Claire Arnold  
Zoe Marie Bacon  
Alexandria Lashea Baptiste  
Carlos Alberto Barberena Jr.  
BreOntae Barnes  
Bryan Batiste  
Chloe' Elizabeth Batiste  
Stevi Bean  
Caitlyn Elizabeth Beemer  
Riley Benton  
Dalon James Bernard  
Ethan James Blanchard  
Armoni Monique Blue  
Evelyn Bonaventure  
An'Jel Nicole Boyd  
Blair Elizabeth Brandt  
Murphy Clyne Brooks  
Ann Claire Broussard  
Kaylee Camille Brown  
Mackenzie Brown  
Reshanta Rachele Brown  
Mary Frances F. Bryson  
Roberto Bustamante  
Mirian Castillo Sierra  
Jade Chaisson  
Joshua Champagne  
Jacob Charpentier  
Ryli Jean Chevallier  
Chloe Elizabeth Chiasson  
Kay-Lagay Clarke  
Jodi Constantine  
Chandra Maria Cousin  
Destany Cryer  
Kirtland Danenberg  
Olivia Claire Davy  
Stephanie Vanessa Del Olmo  
Katherine Alexis Delbrey  
Avis Alexis Derbigny  
Kathryn Devillier  
Kelsey Rae Doiron  
Bry Phillip Drobish  
Myriah Duraso  
Carson Mitchell Dutile  
Brandon James East  
Dana Edison  
MiaAnn Oliva Elmer  
Elijah Edward Entrekun  
Kayla Escort  
Kiley Desiree Faul  
McKayla Ferguson  
William Kyle Ferrell



*The seven birds encircling the flame of knowledge represent the seven traditional liberal arts and freedom to develop an individualized program of study from course work representing several disciplines.*

Alexandra Nikole Francis  
Jaidyn Patryce Fusilier  
Danni Elizabeth Gallet  
Taylor Elaine Gavelek  
Matthew Joseph Georgia  
Lauren Elizabeth Gerald  
Olivia Ann Glass  
Shelby Alexis Goree  
Damian Gregory  
Charlee Cherie Griffin  
Reese Elizabeth Grossie  
Paige Elizabeth Guidry  
Laurie Deeann Guilbeau  
Matthew David Hackett  
Carson L. Hall  
Trinity Harold  
William Hemphill  
Madeleine Clare Hernandez  
Shayla Keziah Hickerson  
Hannah Ann Himel  
Kimola Tashieka Hines  
Raven Zhane Hogan  
Jerome Holmes  
Amy Howze

Tiffany Louise Huval  
Jazmyne Smone Jackson  
Amaya Dakayla Joseph  
Christopher Jacob Kahn  
Kaleb Kaiser  
Jeanette Kelley  
Treasure Carolann Kelley  
Billy Landry Jr.  
Brooke Landry  
Isabelle Graham LeBlanc  
ReMayah L. Ledet  
Reagann Leleux  
Jonathan Chandler Levesque  
Haylie Lewis  
Skyler Carrington Logan  
Julian Edward Kenneth Mallett  
Alyssa Danielle Manning  
Breland Martin  
Gabrielle Mays  
Jayden James Miller  
Alaina Marie Minnick  
Josselin Missier  
Rebecca Moriarity  
Tijuanique Timmia Morton

Stephanie Mosley  
Yulisa Karen Mouton  
Karri Alicia Muhammad  
Garry Zakhy Munro  
Kamare' Isaiiah Narcisse  
Ashanti Leshe' Ned  
Logan Newell  
Laura Briana Nichols  
Brooklyn Alyse Nolen  
Jeremy Byron Oubre II  
Kory Pellerin  
Roshonda Perrio  
Christian Poullard  
Emily Elizabeth Pounds  
Kailey Alexis Priest  
Anna Claire Frances Rader  
Colin Paul Rappold  
Paris Milan Rayfield  
Kristopher Milan Reed Jr.  
Skyler Larkin Remlinger  
Madelyn Mae Richard  
Zachary Sebastian Robin  
Samantha Kay Roe  
Alesia Marie Romero  
Te'a Russ  
Jasmine Sakaguchi Muller  
Stephen Robert Salopek III  
Steven Joseph Sensley  
Nadia Shiber  
Charles Jarrett Shields  
Ella Grace Simon  
Doris Skillman  
Dabney Smith  
Darryl Michael Soignet III  
Kalley Thanh-Thuy Thach  
Kenneth Thach  
Jacob Thacker  
Trae Tomlinson  
Chaniqua Tonge  
Nathan Dean Torney  
Shenell Tucker  
Kaylan Deshaye Mary Tyler  
Jory Vargo  
Caroline Rachelle Weiss  
Claire Williams  
Jonathan Thomas Williams  
Laria Monique Williams  
Morgann Johanna Williams  
Ana Elizabeth Williamson  
Ashley Wiltz  
Michelle Diane Wittenberg  
Kaitlyn Amyri' Woods  
Aaron Wright  
Roman Patrick Wyatt  
Christian Aidan Wynne  
Ariel RaeShayla Wysinger  
Leeann Elizabeth Zitzmann

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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

## COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Congratulations, College of the Arts Class of 2026!

My heart is full on this day, with the shared pride and joy of your collective milestone and achievements!

Go forward confidently, riding the wings of the optimism of today – wings that you’ve forged, through study, talent, ideas, and the ongoing thirst to always be open to the life-long ideal of “Learning.” It is the opportunity for you to be the change agents that our communities so desperately need, as the Arts are indeed at the core of our collective humanity. Yes, the Arts, our living organism of creative discovery in the community you belong to of makers, thinkers, performers, and doers across the disciplines of the Visual Arts, Architecture, Design, Music, Dance, and Theatre.

You have successfully navigated the rigorous and forward-facing curriculum that has prepared you for today and for the challenges of what’s to come. Embrace this shared celebration, with friends, loved ones, and the Faculty and Staff who provided the fertile ground that is your launchpad today, as you leave us to meet the challenges and successes ahead, ensuring that our society will continue to grow and prosper, becoming – always becoming – a better place to live, work, love, and play.

As you leave our campus to continue your amazing journey, building on the accomplishments realized here at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, we wish you every success!



Daryl Joseph Moore FRSA



# COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

founded 1995

Dean Daryl Joseph Moore

## MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Emily Jewell Aucoin  
Trent Charles Naquin

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Elaine Marie Dean  
Chelsea Goolcharan  
Steven Michael Guillory  
Jason Michael Nester  
Quaneal Nixon  
Selena Diamond Torres

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Montreal Anderson  
Jake Matthew Bergeron  
Ian Michael Beuhler  
Emma Claire Broussard  
Damion John Carlos  
Evan Hayes Dimonde  
Ethan Joseph Gary  
Aidan Keth Landry  
Emily Virginia Marin  
Brayden Michael McClelland  
Izabel Thuy-Nhi Nguyen  
Brianna Lanae' Richard  
Garrett Schoeffler  
Christopher James Smith  
Ian Thomas Stolmeier  
Judah Grant Williams  
Cynthia Zavala

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Thomas LeRoy Boneski  
Tyzn Bridges  
Ava Grace Broussard  
Keegan Andrew Broussard  
Leah Marie Cox  
Courtney Renee Doyle  
Tucker Wade Dufrene  
Londyn Rae Duhon  
Kayla Renee' Fain  
Moses Briggs Fanguy  
Brycelyn Grace Fontenot  
Mason Daniel Forsythe  
Melanie Maria Gray  
Ella Rose Greenway  
Laurel Mae Greenway  
Julianna Guilbeau  
Sydney Stephanie Henson  
Jonathan Alexander Hicks  
Kristen Hill  
Hannah Hinton  
Brandon J. Johnson  
Gianna Elizabeth Johnson  
Ailynn Alondra Jones  
Laila Sue Jordan  
Alexis Marie Landry  
Kaitlin Lanay Lee  
Collin Sebastian Lodrige  
Alena Lunsford

Cora Jean McIntyre  
Madison Claire Meaux  
Amaya Nicole Melancon  
A'Myra Renee' Menard  
Kai Moore  
Lucas Morrisey  
Thuong Nguyen  
Chloe Elizabeth Portier  
Aijah Roy  
Brighley A. Rue  
Rachel Laine Selle  
Taylor Ann Sonnier  
Julia Marie Tabony  
James Robert Womack Jr.

## BACHELOR OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Dexter Rhode Bounds  
Desmond Aristide Bourgeois  
Samuel LLOYD Brashier  
Matei Chivoiu  
Matthew Connor Cook  
Cameron Camille McBride  
Colin Grant McRae

Janiah Jashae Pellerin  
Brodie Charles Reich  
Hayley Georgiana Richardson  
Ashley Schliegmeyer  
Sisley Marie Stephens  
Monica Cornelia Wolz

## BACHELOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN

Cindy Sarojnee Arjoon-Griffin  
Margaret Claire Bailey  
Cherie Blanchard  
Kasey James Bourque  
Isabella Renee Cagle  
Jacqueline Denise Crochet  
Amanda Leigh Dupuis  
Madeline Elizabeth Fowler  
Cambree Lynn Granier  
Miia Bailey Guilbeaux  
Victoria Ann Gunnels  
Fantasia Hall  
Kaylee D. Johnson  
Sha'Kenya Marie Cynthia Lattin  
Rene'e Kathryn Leitell

Katelyn Monique Martin  
Emily Kassandra Martinez  
Bailee Elizabeth Mitchell  
Hayden Paul Patout  
Mary Grace Robichaux  
Chloe Kay Swain  
Chloe Turner  
Emilie Elisabeth Warner  
Kortlyn Chenette Wiggins  
Emily Grace Zeringue

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Madison Claire Alwert  
Austin Robert Dees  
Erin Elizabeth Glendening  
Hunter Michael Landry  
Robert Blake Miller  
Christian Paul Nelson  
Jaden Robert Patti  
Ruben Rosabal III  
Evan James Smith

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Chasity Alfred  
Courtney Grace Banko  
Mary Ellen Blanchard  
Alissa Danielle Booker  
Katherine Elise Brasseaux  
Frank Clavelle III  
Trinity Eyanti Early  
Landon Joseph Fuselier  
Haley Ganier  
Emma Goodman  
Isabella Victoria Granderson  
Zoe Gremillion  
Anna Alexys Guidry  
Chase Hernandez  
Glenn Dale Hunter Jr.  
Danyia Zonae Johnston  
Katilyn Michelle Kemper  
Harton Reid Krebs  
Linde Leutiger  
Kendall Brianne Lynn  
Kylie Marie Matherne  
Tony Mejia  
Ebony Monae Morgan  
Rachel Lynn Morvant  
Jonathan Wayne Notto  
Demi Layne Patin  
Josie Lee Scott  
Blake James Shelton  
Garrett Daniel Sholin  
Susannah Summerlin  
Jaggar Lark Thibodeaux  
Lindsey Dylan Trahan  
Daniel Eduardo Trevino Medrano  
Christian Anthonius Cayat Villanueva  
Mikael Sebastien Yang



*The study of design and fine arts at four schools of the college are represented by an icon blending stylized elements of a building (architecture), music note (music), ticket (performing arts) and eye (visual arts).*

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# DEAN MESSAGE TO STUDENTS GRADUATE SCHOOL

Spring 2026 Commencement Program – Dean’s Message

Congratulations, graduates!

Commencement is one of the most meaningful days of the academic year. It is, without question, one of my favorite days. It is a day filled with joy, admiration, and well-earned celebration.

Today, we recognize the extraordinary achievements of our newest master’s and doctoral graduates. You have completed demanding programs, pushed through moments of doubt, navigated challenges with resilience, and grown in ways that will shape your professions, your communities, and the world around us.

Whether I have the privilege of seeing you in person today or celebrating from afar, please know how proud I am of all you have accomplished.

As I reflect on this moment, I’m reminded that graduate education is never a solo journey. No one arrives at this day alone. Behind every graduate are family members, friends, and faculty who offered steady support along the way. Spouses, children, parents, and loved ones—you have contributed to this achievement. Thank you for the late nights, the childcare, the meals, and the encouragement that sustained our graduates. Your support matters more to this day, to this degree, and to your graduate than you know.

To our graduate faculty and the academic colleges that are home to our programs: thank you. The mentoring relationships between graduate students and faculty are among the most meaningful in higher education, cultivated in your departments, labs, studios, clinics, and seminar rooms. Today, the hooding of our doctoral students honors that bond and reflects our shared scholarly journey.

Faculty mentors help shape the direction, confidence, and scholarly identity of their students. At their best, they foster environments that bring out each student’s strongest work, encourage the development of independent research and creative contributions, and model ethical and equitable practices as scholars, teachers, and colleagues.

Graduates, your degrees represent more than academic achievement. They carry rights, privileges, and honors. They also carry much responsibility. The world you enter is complex and fast-changing. It needs your leadership, your curiosity, your discipline, your deep expertise, and your care more than ever.

As you move forward, I hope you will carry one more thing with you. Leave today and move forward with gratitude. Not just as a feeling, but as a practice. Gratitude keeps us grounded in what we have received and intentional in what we give in return.

You have earned this moment—and this degree. Now go forward and be intentional with your rights, privileges, and honors. Use your degree with purpose to make a meaningful difference in the world.

With deep pride and much #GradDeanGratitude,

Mary Farmer-Kaiser, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Graduate School



# GRADUATE SCHOOL

founded 1957

Dean Mary Farmer-Kaiser

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Cynthia Bourgeois Bergeron  
(Educational Leadership)  
Lake Charles, Louisiana  
A.A.S., Louisiana State University  
at Eunice, 1981  
B.S., McNeese State University,  
2004  
M.B.A., McNeese State University,  
2008  
M.A.T., McNeese State University,  
2012  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"An Exploration of Variables  
Related to Gender Role  
Differences and Social  
Relationships Among  
Nontraditional Bachelor's Degree  
Recipients"*  
Directed by Dr. Peter A. Sheppard

Brandon Paul Bonner  
(Educational Leadership)  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
B.A., Harding University, 2006  
M.Ed., Louisiana State University  
at Shreveport, 2019  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"Undiscovered Gems: The  
Underrepresentation of Black  
Girls in Gifted Education Policies  
in Arkansas and Louisiana"*  
Directed by Dr. Roslin E. Growe

Ashley D. Willis-Brooks  
(Educational Leadership)  
Loreauville, Louisiana  
B.I.S., Southern University and  
A&M College, 2012  
M.A.T., Grand Canyon University,  
2016  
Ed.S., McNeese State University,  
2018  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"The Promise and the  
Punishment: A Critical Analysis of  
PBIS at the Intersection of State  
Discipline Policies in Louisiana"*  
Directed by Dr. Heather L.  
Dunham

Alaina Gaugis Carter  
(Educational Leadership)  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
B.G.S., Southern University at New  
Orleans, 2018  
M.S., Southern University at New  
Orleans, 2020  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"The Impacts of Academics on  
the Social and Cultural Capital in  
the New Orleans Charter School  
System"*  
Directed by Dr. Amanda Shuford  
Mayeaux

Mickey P. Diez  
(Educational Leadership)  
Thibodaux, Louisiana  
B.S., Nicholls State University,  
1998  
M.B.A., Nicholls State University,  
2000  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"A Qualitative Study of Transfer  
Student Policies and Practices  
at Four-Year Public Regional  
Universities in Louisiana"*  
Directed by Dr. Christopher L.  
Giroir



*The search for knowledge through scholarship – past, present, and future  
– is symbolized in a rich palette of visual elements including a classical  
pediment and a vista to the future.*

Nirmal Chandra Gope  
(Educational Leadership)  
Tangail, Bangladesh  
B.Ed., University of Dhaka, 2008  
M.Ed., University of Dhaka, 2009  
M.Ed., Lamar University, 2015  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"A Cross-Sectional Study of First-  
Generation College Students'  
Sense of Belonging Across  
Diverse Institutional Contexts"*  
Directed by Dr. Dianne F. Olivier

Richard Kevin Hislop  
(Educational Leadership)  
West Monroe, Louisiana  
B.F.A., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 1997  
M.Ed., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2005  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"Uncovering Hidden Potential:  
A Multiple Case Study of Best  
Practices to Identify Giftedness  
in Underserved Student  
Populations"*  
Directed by Dr. Christine J. Briggs

Destini Duhon Manuel  
(Educational Leadership)  
Sulphur, Louisiana  
B.S., McNeese State University,  
2012  
M.A.T., McNeese State University,  
2014  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"A Qualitative Study:  
Understanding the Effects of  
Acceleration Programs on the  
Motivation and Burnout of  
Students with Gifts and Talents"*  
Directed by Dr. Christine J. Briggs  
and Dr. Donna E. Wadsworth

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Joyrance Neveu-Cormier  
(Educational Leadership)  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
B.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1997  
M.Ed., Southern University and A&M College, 2002  
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Comparing Early Reading Literacy Policies of Louisiana and Mississippi"*  
Directed by Dr. Roslin E. Growe

Adrienne Monjue Williams  
(Educational Leadership)  
Lettsworth, Louisiana  
B.S., Grambling State University, 2002  
M.Ed., Southern University and A&M College, 2007  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"A Qualitative Study Examining Teachers' Knowledge and Awareness in Recognizing the Characteristics of Twice Exceptional Learners: An Underrepresented and Underserved Population"*  
Directed by Dr. Christine J. Briggs and Dr. Donna E. Wadsworth

#### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

William Nathan Duckworth  
(Nursing Practice)  
Lewisburg, Tennessee  
B.A., University of Alabama at Huntsville, 2002  
B.S.N., University of Alabama Huntsville, 2004  
M.S.N., Loyola University New Orleans, 2010  
D.N.P., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Enhancing HIV Prevention: Implementation and Evaluation of a Standardized HIV Risk Assessment Screening in a Primary Care Setting"*  
Directed by Dr. Frances Stueben

Sarah Dianne Girlinghouse  
(Nursing Practice)  
Pineville, Louisiana  
A.S.N., Northwestern State University, 2011  
B.S.N., Northwestern State University, 2013  
M.S.N., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2016  
D.N.P., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Improving HPV Vaccination Engagement and Uptake Among Young Adults Aged 17–26 Through a Multilevel, Multicomponent Intervention"*  
Directed by Dr. Christy McDonald Lenahan

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nazia Afrin  
(Mathematics)  
Dinajpur, Dinajpur, Bangladesh  
B.S., University of Dhaka, 2009  
M.S., University of Dhaka, 2010  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2023  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Mathematical Analysis of Within-Host Models: Viral-Immune Dynamics, Bifurcations, and Disease Severity"*  
Directed by Dr. Hayriye Gulbudak

Agnideep Aich  
(Mathematics)  
Kolkata, West Bengal, India  
B.S., University of Calcutta, 2016  
M.S., University of Calcutta, 2018  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2021  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Learning from Extremes: A Copula-Based Feature Selection Framework for Machine Learning-Driven Risk Prediction"*  
Directed by Dr. Bruce A. Wade

Daniel Robert Akin  
(Environmental & Evolutionary Biology)  
Sedalia, Missouri  
B.S., University of Central Missouri, 2018  
B.A., University of Central Missouri, 2019  
M.S., Auburn University, 2022  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"A Multi-level Approach to the Evolution of Neotropical Whale Catfishes (Family: Cetopsidae)"*  
Directed by Dr. James S. Albert

Jonathan Gifford Allen  
(Environmental & Evolutionary Biology)  
Franklin, Indiana  
B.S., University of Evansville, 2019  
B.A., University of Evansville, 2019  
M.S., DePaul University, 2021  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Diversification of Ghost Electric Fishes (Gymnotiformes, Apternotidae) in Tropical South America: How Traits and Environmental Factors Constrain Macroevolutionary Diversification"*  
Directed by Dr. James S. Albert

John Ashburn  
(Francophone Studies)  
Johnson City, Tennessee  
B.A., Belmont University, 2016  
M.A., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2020  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Fashioning the Self: Trauma, Disability, and Autofiction in Contemporary Quebecois Literature"*  
Directed by Dr. Gaëtan Brulotte

Gabrielle Amanda Atkinson  
(Environmental & Evolutionary Biology)  
Tampa, Florida  
B.S., University of South Florida, 2019  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2024  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Evolutionary Responses of the Hawai'i 'Amakihi (Chlorodrepanis virens) to the Introduction of Avian Malaria (Plasmodium relictum)"*  
Directed by Dr. Loren Cassin Sackett

Gracie Lynn Babineaux  
(Earth and Energy Sciences)  
Forked Island, Louisiana  
B.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2020  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2022  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Challenges in Tracking Methane Seepage Variability: The  $\delta^{13}C$  Proxy in Deep-Sea Benthic Foraminifera"*  
Directed by Dr. Brian Schubert and Dr. Davide Oppo

Jackie Barua  
(Environmental & Evolutionary Biology)  
Chittagong, Bangladesh  
B.M.S., University of Chittagong, 2014  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2022  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Molecular and Histologic Studies of the Amygdala and Reward Circuits in Self Injurious Behaviors"*  
Directed by Dr. Karen Muller Smith

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Neerob Basak  
(Mathematics)  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
B.S., University of Dhaka, 2015  
M.S., University of Dhaka,  
2016  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana  
at Lafayette, 2026  
*"The Impact of Evolution and  
Strong Allee Effects on the  
Dynamics of a Discrete-Time  
Predator-Prey System"*  
Directed by Dr. Azmy S. Ackleh

Precious Elereta Batubo  
(Earth and Energy Sciences)  
Port Harcourt, Rivers State,  
Nigeria  
B.S., Godfrey Okoye University,  
2017  
M.S., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2021  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana  
at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Investigating the Distribution  
and Origin of Pitted Mounds  
on Mars through Machine  
Learning-Based Mapping and  
integrated Geological Analysis:  
Application to Isidis Planitia"*  
Directed by Dr. Gabriele Morra

Xueao Cao  
(Applied Language & Speech  
Sciences)  
Tianshui, Gansu Province,  
China  
B.Ed., Beijing Language and  
Culture University, 2019  
M.S., North Carolina Central  
University, 2023  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana  
at Lafayette, 2026  
*"Finding the Missing Pieces:  
An Investigation of Clinical  
Communicative Interactions  
Involving a Child with Sturge-  
Weber Syndrome"*  
Directed by Dr. Judith D. Oxley

Lisa Stephanie Hufano Dizon  
(Systems Engineering, Chemical  
Engineering)  
Laguna, Los Banos, Philippines  
B.S., University of Philippines, 2006  
M.S.E., University of Philippines,  
2020  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"Optimization and Process  
Development for Enhancing  
Methanotrophic Consortium in  
Activated Sludge for Methane  
Mitigation"*  
Directed by Dr. Emmanuel D.  
Revellame

Justin Andrew Dunnam  
(Mathematics)  
Saraland, Alabama  
B.S., University of West Florida,  
2020  
M.S., University of West Florida,  
2022  
M.S., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2024  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette, 2026  
*"Inference on Quantiles of Normal  
Populations: One- and Multi-Sample  
Cases"*  
Directed by Dr. Kalimuthu  
Krishnamoorthy

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Ethnographic Microanalysis  
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Lawlor’s Mortal Girl and All  
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*“The Interplay of Seasonality,  
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