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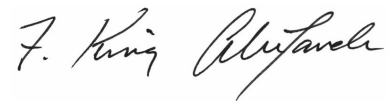
Dear LSU Family,

LSU is home to overachievers. Our students, faculty, staff and alumni are never content with good enough -- instead, they hone their skills, burn the midnight oil, and consistently go above and beyond, both on- and off-campus. In short, they do more of everything: studying, researching, and giving back.

Our student body in particular personifies the saying, "Geaux big, or geaux home." This results in the campus culture you no doubt remember -- one that is committed to excellence in the classroom, in the lab, and in the community.

I hope you'll enjoy these stories highlighting a few of our most recent overachievers and their impact on the world.

Sincerely,

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

F. King Alexander
LSU President



LSU Class of 2017 Breaks All-Time Record Largest, Most Diverse Class on Record for a Fourth Consecutive Year

LSU's 292nd commencement exercises marked a record-breaking graduating class comprised of more than 6,562 exceptional LSU graduates. The overall class of 2017 also included the most degrees awarded to women, African American and Asian American students. These students represented 53 Louisiana parishes, 48 U.S. states and 50 foreign countries. The size, scope, and caliber of this class demonstrates our university's unwavering commitment to student success.

I hope you'll join me in congratulating the newest crop of LSU alums and welcoming them to your ranks.



Two Good Men

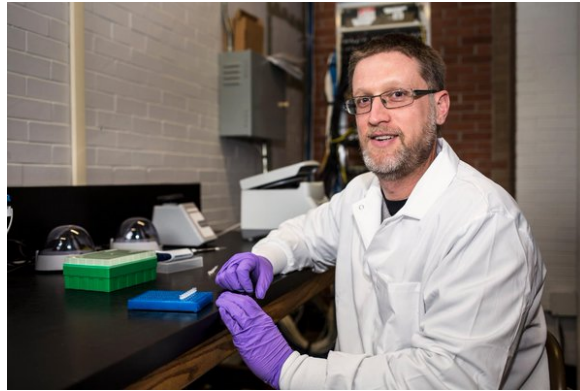
Zachary Faircloth, an electrical engineering and political science major with a minor in Spanish from Pineville, La., and Christopher Dedo, an industrial engineering major with minors in business administration and technical sales from Lafayette, La., were both selected to receive the [Sean O'Keefe Leadership Award](#).

The award committee was tasked with selecting just one student for the honor, but were so impressed with these two Tigers that they couldn't choose between them.



Wetlands Warrior Wins National Award

LSU Professor and Louisiana Sea Grant Executive Director Robert Twilley is the recipient of the [2017 National Wetlands Award for Science Research](#) from the Environmental Law Institute. He was selected for the honor in recognition of his tireless efforts to save Louisiana's coast, including his leadership role in developing the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, which led to the state's first-ever master plan for protecting the coast.



LSU Researcher Takes Top 10 with Discovery of new Species

LSU Museum of Natural Science Curator of Mammals Jake Esselstyn is part of a team that described one of the International Institute for Species Exploration's [Top 10 New Species](#) of 2017. Esselstyn and his colleagues have discovered a new genus and species of rodent on the island of Sulawesi in Indonesia.

Over the last decade, faculty at LSU's Museum of Natural Science have discovered 65 previously unknown species.



LSU Alums Take Crawfish Into the 21st Century

Ryan and Laney King have made buying crawfish as simple as downloading an app -- their app, to be precise. The [Crawfish App](#) allows users to search for live or boiled crawfish based on the price, reviews and their location. It's not just southeastern vendors listed on the app.

Both members of the King family are LSU alums. Ryan studied engineering and Laney studied finance. Laney also received her MBA from the E. J. Ourso College of Business, and Ryan is currently a third-year law student at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Did You Kneaux?

In May, nearly 1,000 LSU students (only 4% of the student body) managed the near-impossible, maintaining a perfect GPA for the spring semester and earning a spot on the [Spring 2017 President's Honor Roll](#).

LSU recently saw its seventh consecutive academic adviser, Jessica Aslin of the University College Center for Advising and Counseling, receive the [Outstanding Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association](#). We appreciate our advising staff's continued commitment to excellence and recognize their tremendous impact on our Tigers.

LSU was recently one of only nine universities honored with the U.S. Department of Education's [Green Ribbon Schools award](#). This acknowledgement is a reflection of our faculty and staffs' continued commitment to sustainability education and environmental stewardship.

To help further the LSU trait of expanding impact, the E. J. Ourso College of Business recently created a bachelor's degree in [entrepreneurship](#), allowing students to pursue their dreams of creating and managing their own businesses.



In partnership with Student Government, LSU has developed an [app](#) that allows everyone from alumni and current students alike to stay up-to-date with all the outstanding things happening beneath the arches and oaks. Download it today, build your persona, and keep LSU by your side at all times.

In the News

A Sample of LSU Stories from Around the World

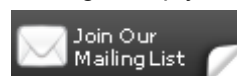
- [KIC 8462852: Alien Megastructure Star Starts Dimming Again-What Does It Mean?](#) (Newsweek)
- [Valero makes \\$1 million gift to LSU Engineering](#) (U.S. News & World Report)
- [How to Lose Weight the Right Way](#) (Consumer Reports)
- [LSU cybersecurity expert addresses recent attacks, offers tips](#) (WAFB)
- [LSU Honors Leadership Class of 2017](#) (The Advocate)
- [Buzzfeed calls LSU the most beautiful campus in Louisiana](#) (Dig Baton Rouge)
- [Question Your World: Is There Any Other Life in the Universe?](#) (NPR)
- [Deadly Virus Threatens Louisiana's \\$300 million crawfish industry](#) (Weather Channel)
- [Experts Tackle State Waterway Issues](#) (Houma Courier)

Mark Your Calendars!

- Orientation sessions for our incoming freshman class begin on June 8 and last through Aug. 15. We're looking forward to welcoming our newest Tigers to campus, and hope you'll help instill them with our distinct Tiger Pride.
- [Garden Fest](#) will take place at the Lone Burden Visitor's Center on June 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Garden and trial plot tours and food sampling will be featured, along with fun, family activities, such as hay rides, testing of new vegetable varieties, and fun summer activities for children.
- On June 27, [LSU Science Cafe](#) will feature Dr. Tabettha Boyajian, who will discuss how to view a total solar eclipse, at the Varsity Theatre in Baton Rouge. Doors open at 5 p.m. for free food, networking and drink specials, and the talk begins at 6 p.m.



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