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How Do Local Businesses Cater To LSUS Students - Abigail Johnson

Shreveport, LA—Students often look for three things outside of classes: food, job opportunities, and study-friendly spots. After reviewing businesses in Shreveport, LA, that offer various student-friendly discounts, study-friendly locations, and job opportunities for student success off campus.

For this reason, I have created a must-try list starting with student discounts. Discounts: According to the LSUS employee discount page, students receive a 15% discount at The BroBasket.com, a 10% discount at Green House Salad Company, and a 10% discount at Pita De Novo. Students are eligible for discounted rates at ZIPS Car Wash, located just three minutes from campus. If you want to take advantage of one of these discounts, you must have a valid student ID with you. Pita De' Novo, located at 8510 Youree Dr., Shreveport, LA 71115, is the next to join the LSUS student-friendly list. This restaurant also offers an LSUS 10% student discount to students with a valid LSUS student ID. Pita De' Novo is open Mon-Thu 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Fri-Sat 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM, and Sundays 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The last to join the LSUS student-friendly list are Rhino Coffee Uptown, located at 721 Southfield Rd, Shreveport, LA 71106, and The Library on Fern, located at 8660 Fern Ave, Shreveport, LA 71105. These local coffee and dining spots offer a cozy study atmosphere for students to hang out or study off campus.

The Library on Fern is closed on Mondays, open from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Tuesdays, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM Wed-Thu, and 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM Fri-Sat. Rhino Coffee Uptown is open every day from 6:30 AM-7:00 PM. These local coffee and dining spots offer a cozy study atmosphere for students to hang out or study off campus.

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Balloon Glow Festival at LSUS Lights Up Campus - Gabbi Olague

LSUS hosted the Balloon Glow Festival this Wednesday, October 8th, welcoming students, families, and community members for an evening filled with food, fun, and hot air balloons.

The festival included a bouncy house for kids, making it a hit for families. Food trucks such as Hot Dawg Hut, Good Cravingz, Demented Dessert & Coffee, and Uneeda Taco served a variety of meals and desserts throughout the evening.

Guests could purchase tethered hot air balloon rides for \$25 per person, starting at 5:15 p.m and continuing until the balloon glow began at sunset. Each ride accommodated one person.

The Club Level VIP Tent offered hor d'oeuvres, cocktails, and an event t-shirt. Club Level guests could also buy a tethered ride for \$25 between 4:30 p.m and 5:00 p.m, with a reduced wait time. A Club Level admission ticket was required to access this ride.

KSLA 12 News also covered the event, showing the colorful hot air balloon glow and strong community turnout. Admission was free for LSUS students with a student ID and children 10 and younger. The festival ended with an outdoor showing of the movie UP, perfectly matching the balloon theme.

TICKET WORTHY!

One Battle After Another - 2025 - 170 Minutes - Rated R - 4/5 - Cameron Pierce

One Battle After Another might be one of the most appropriate titles of all time, as this is a movie that never, ever stops. There's no shortage of action, humor, and fantastic performances to keep the runtime from feeling as bloated as it really is. DiCaprio and Chase Infiniti shine, and director Paul Thomas Anderson is at his absolute best.

Coming up...

The Smashing Machine

Shreveport Addresses Vacant Buildings and Fire Dangers - Gabbi Olague

Shreveport city leaders are working to deal with an increase in fire involving vacant and non-operational buildings. Mayor Tom Aceneaux has proposed a temporary 2 percent surcharge on water and sewage bills to raise about 3 million dollars for demolishing these unsafe properties. The plan would last 18 months and focus on large empty buildings that continue to catch on fire.

In 2024, more than 30 vacant buildings in Shreveport caught fire. The fire department warned owners to secure and clean out properties to prevent more incidents. This problem has continued into 2025. Oak Meadows Apartments has had 10 fires this year, and Villa Norte Apartments has had a two-alarm fire along with another that left a firefighter injured. This October, the historic Shreveport Country Club, which stood for more than a century, was also destroyed by fire.

These repeated fires show how dangerous neglected properties have become. The mayor's proposal aims to reduce these risks, protect firefighters, and make neighborhoods safer for residents.

Stream Smarter with Your TV Subscriptions - Kendall Mears

College students already have their budget stretched thin with late-night coffee runs, tuition, and textbooks without shelling out a small fortune for streaming subscriptions. On average, these subscriptions are eating up \$55 or more monthly for many students; it's time to stream smarter. By sharing subscriptions with roommates or friends, students can cut entertainment costs in half by using a family plan or alternative built-in share features.

Using a family plan is the ultimate hack for cutting streaming costs with major platforms, like Disney+, Netflix, HBO Max, and ESPN, since they offer bundles or sharing options that allow multiple profiles under one account. For Example, Disney+ standard bundle will be increasing this October from 10.99 to \$19.99. However, split that cost among your four roommates, and everyone's wallet becomes a bit happier. Dropping the cost of \$20 a month to only \$5, which means you save \$180 over a year.

Even without roommates, you can save. Netflix's "extra member" feature, for instance, lets you join someone's standard plan for \$6.99 monthly, giving you a separate account and password. Streaming platforms won't advertise these deals, but most still offer family plans, student discounts, and sharing options. You just have to be willing to search them out.

Lastly, set the ground rules for your group streaming upfront. Decide how everyone will pay their share, whether cash, Zelle, or Venmo, and set a backup plan in case someone misses a payment. Additionally, respect content preferences and stay on your profile; no one wants their recommendations ruined by their roommates' late-night romcom spree. So, by using these tips and workarounds, students get all the benefits of saving money without any of the drawbacks of missing their favorite shows or movies.

Meta Glasses changing the "game" **- Trendon Lars**

Technology is getting smarter in front of our eyes literally now; sunglasses are becoming smart devices. Meta, which is the company behind Facebook and Instagram, has launched a line of smart glasses in partnership with Oakley and Ray Ban. These high-tech wearable shades are not used just to look cool and block the sun. They also let you record videos, call people, listen to music, and even see notifications right in your lens.

Two models were made: Oakley Meta Vanguard that are set to release October 21, Designed for athletes and active users with a Built-in camera and open-ear speakers, long battery life (up to 9 hours). Ray-Ban Meta Display the were released September 30, Meta's first glasses with an in-lens display, Shows real-time info like text messages, translations, and directions, These glasses makes a big step toward augmented reality (AR). That can be worn daily. You don't need to pull out your phone your information is right In front of your eyes While some people are worried about privacy, especially with hidden cameras that others don't know weather they are being recorded or not make people iffy about it and always-on microphones. Still, many young people are excited.

Meta says it wants to be able to make wearable tech more useful with everyday tasks and more stylish while doing so. While \$499+ might be too pricey for most students, it's clear that smart glasses are becoming part of our future.

Same Outcome, Different Stories for Men's, Women's Soccer **- Cameron Braun**

When stacking Texas College up against the Pilots, LSUS should be heavy favorites. However, sports are unpredictable. The Steers stayed in it as long as they could with LSUS, but ended up falling, 2-0. On offense, LSUS had some struggles with getting the ball in the net.

Steers goalkeepers Alan Garcia recorded 13 saves but ultimately conceded goals to Pablo Fuentes and Fernando Beraldes. Once again, defense was the story for LSUS. Goalkeeper Pieri Mack did not get any action as the Pilot defense did not allow a single shot on goal. It was not the cleanest match for LSUS, but as a member of the men's team said as he carried flags up to the press box after their match, "Great teams find a way to win these games".

For the women's side of things, they also were considered heavy favorites against the Steers, and they sure looked like it. Jade Derks dropped in two goals in the first four minutes and finished off the hat trick right at the end of the 6th minute. The Lady Pilots recorded eight goals in the first half and four in the second, coming together for a 12-1 victory. For the other nine goals, six came from Ashley Moore and Mada Uriarte, with each recording a hat trick. Diana Leon, Alia Sanchez, and Aida Monteserin each recorded a goal as well.

The beginning of the season did not go as expected for either school. Both squads are unbeaten at 5-0 since the beginning of conference play, and with the end of the regular season getting closer by the day, it is the right time to play well.

The next match for both clubs will be Senior Day, and will take place on Saturday, October 11 against Texas A&M San Antonio.

The National Guard in Shreveport - Brandon McWilliams

On Monday, September 29th, Gov. Landry submitted a formal request to have the National Guard deployed to New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport. He points to the high crime rate as the reason for his request, stating, "Louisiana currently faces a convergence of elevated violent crime rates in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, coupled with critical personnel shortages within local law enforcement." Not everyone subscribes to the belief that the National Guard is needed in Louisiana, especially for the reasons Jeff Landry cited. Crime data analysts in Louisiana, like Jeff Asher, point out that crime has been on the decline over the past few years. Asher says, "Carjackings, relative to 2022, are down 80%, and shootings are down 63% this year. Auto thefts are down 67% from their peak in 2023." He also says that murder is down in all three cities, with it dropping 35 percent through June in Shreveport and murder numbers hitting a record low since 1970 in New Orleans. The mayor of Shreveport, Tom Arceneaux, points out the declining crime statistics in an official statement as well. In the same statement, he also says he will accept the help of the National Guard, but he has concerns he wants answered before anyone is deployed. He is worried about where the guard will be stationed, what they will be allowed to do, how long they will stay in the city, and how the guard can best help the existing law enforcement. Part of his answer can be found in Jeff Landry's letter, which asks for the guard to "deploy throughout the state to urban centers, support law enforcement presence in high-crime areas, provide logistical and communications support, and secure critical infrastructure." This would persist until the end of the 2026 fiscal year, which is September 30th.

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Favorite Movie to Watch on Halloween?

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