

The Almagest

YOUR PILOT NEWS SOURCE

NEWSLETTER

For full stories, visit thealmagest.org

VOL 2 | September 15 2025



Rush Week Unfolds: Phi Mu and Lambda Nu Chi Recruitment at LSUS - Gabbi Olague

Rush week, also known as recruitment week, is a process where students explore Greek life and meet different sororities before receiving invitations, known as bids, to join. Greek life rushing gives potential new members the chance to learn about each chapter's values, traditions, and sisterhood through a week of events.

At LSUS, two sororities are leading this year's fall rush: Phi Mu and Lambda Nu Chi. Phi Mu, a part of LSUS since 1984, will host events such as Mocktails with Mu's, Fun and Games with Phi's, and "Plant Your Roots in Phi Mu," alongside philanthropy night, preference round, and bid day. Lambda Nu Chi will feature Paint & Pass, Coffee with the Chi's, speed dating, philanthropy night, interviews, and bid day.

Ticketworthy! - Cameron Pierce

The Conjuring: Last Rites - 2025 - 135 Minutes - Rated R 2/5

If it could get out of its own way, The Conjuring: Last Rites might be a pretty interesting haunted house movie. Instead, it spends most of its runtime telling the audience how special its lead characters are and forgets to do much actual haunting.



Coming up...

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey

LSUS is Breaking Records Once Again - Lora Golston

Louisiana State University of Shreveport reached an important milestone last Spring: 10,000 students enrolled for classes. The presentation about the statistics was held in the University Center theatre. This spring, we have even bigger enrollment numbers. In 2025, 10,926 students joined us for Spring, and 1,700 students graduated in May. For the fall semester, we have 10% more undergraduate students, 6% more graduate students, and 16% more first-time freshmen. We have had the fastest enrollment growth out of any university in the state of Louisiana. We have 1,000 students on campus this year. Whether you are taking online courses or sitting in a classroom, if you are an LSUS student, you are a member of a large and growing community.

How to Pay Less for Your Textbooks - Kendall Mears

Every semester, students find themselves staring at the list of pricey textbooks and access codes that easily add up to hundreds of dollars. To help you keep your hard-earned cash in your pocket, here are some of the best websites and tools for snagging textbooks on a budget. An underrated sight that often flies under the radar is AbeBooks. It has a dedicated section for textbooks, including popular titles from McGraw-Hill and Pearson. If you're looking for a physical book, Chegg is worth checking out. For those who prefer digital options, VitalSource and Redshelf are excellent platforms with various free features, including flashcards and read-aloud functions, for the books you need, but at a discounted price. Now for tools, don't overlook SlugBooks, a powerful search tool that scours multiple platforms, including Amazon, Abebooks, Valore, and many more, to find the best deals for you. It even highlights offers like Cengage Unlimited, giving you access to a whole library for four months instead of purchasing individual titles. Lastly, the best resource at your disposal is your fellow students. After you're done with a course, offer to trade your books; it's a win-win that keeps costs low and helps another student.

How AR is Changing Media Broadcasting - Trendon Lars

Broadcasting is starting to look a lot different than it used to. With the rise of Augmented Reality (AR), the way we watch sports, news, and entertainment is becoming more immersive and interactive than ever before. Immersive broadcasting with AR combines real environments with digital graphics in real time. Instead of just watching a flat screen, audiences can actually feel like they're inside the story. Imagine standing on the sidelines of a football game, watching player stats pop up right next to them, or seeing a weather system form in 3D right in your living room.

Big networks like ESPN and the BBC have already started using AR to bring their coverage to life. Sports broadcasters now overlay replays and data right on the field, while news anchors can literally step into a map or chart to make global issues easier to understand. According to Sports Video, AR and virtual production are enabling broadcasters to create real-time visualizations and dynamic storytelling that were once impossible.

This technology is especially appealing to younger audiences, who want content that is more engaging and personal. AR not only enhances the viewer experience

Lady Pilots' Comeback Attempt Falls Short - Cameron Braun

On September 6, the LSUS Lady Pilots dropped another match to send their record to 1-4. This time around, it was a failed comeback against a high-quality Mid-America Christian club. Coming into this match, MACU had won four of its first five matches to begin the year and are receiving votes for the NAIA top 25 Coaches Poll. To receive votes means MACU has been considered for the top 25. In defense of the Lady Pilots, they only have three returning players from 2024 and a new head coach in Andy Kaplan. Kaplan came in after Clark Charlestin left for Paul Quinn college in Dallas following a historic season for the Lady Pilots. In an interview after a preseason scrimmage, Kaplan acknowledged that it would take some time to adjust since he and most of the players are new.



The Neighbor's Bill - Brandon McWilliams

For decades, energy providers have split the cost between all consumers whenever they want to build new infrastructure or repair things. So you might see an increase in your bill after Entergy repairs some power poles that were knocked down during a storm, taking away power from a neighborhood a few blocks down from you. That seems fair, as the individuals in that neighborhood didn't do anything to cause the accident, so they should not be responsible for paying for it. This same ideology, though, may cause your electricity bill to rise with the implementation of a massive new data center just two hours away from Shreveport. We have seen new data centers pop up around the United States, and these centers cannot exist on the existing infrastructure, meaning that energy companies have to expand their infrastructure solely for the benefit of these corporations. Despite the new infrastructure being built just to power data centers, the cost is still distributed among consumers. Places like Ohio have already seen a monthly increase of fifteen dollars a month on their electricity bills, and it is predicted that the national average increase will be eight percent by 2030 and by twenty-five percent if you live close to a data center.

Faculty Facts - Bailey Monk

If you could ask Napoleon one question, what would it be?

"I think the broader question I would ask him - why keep pushing farther and farther, even when you already ruled more of Europe than anyone since Rome — what were you still chasing?"
-Dr. Alexander Mikaberidze

Community Quiz:

What is your favorite local hangout spot?

Click, respond and tune in to find out your neighborhood's favorites!

Contact us at almagest@lsus.edu
for questions or news tips

For more content check out our
social media



lsusalmagest



LSUS Almagest



lsus.almagest

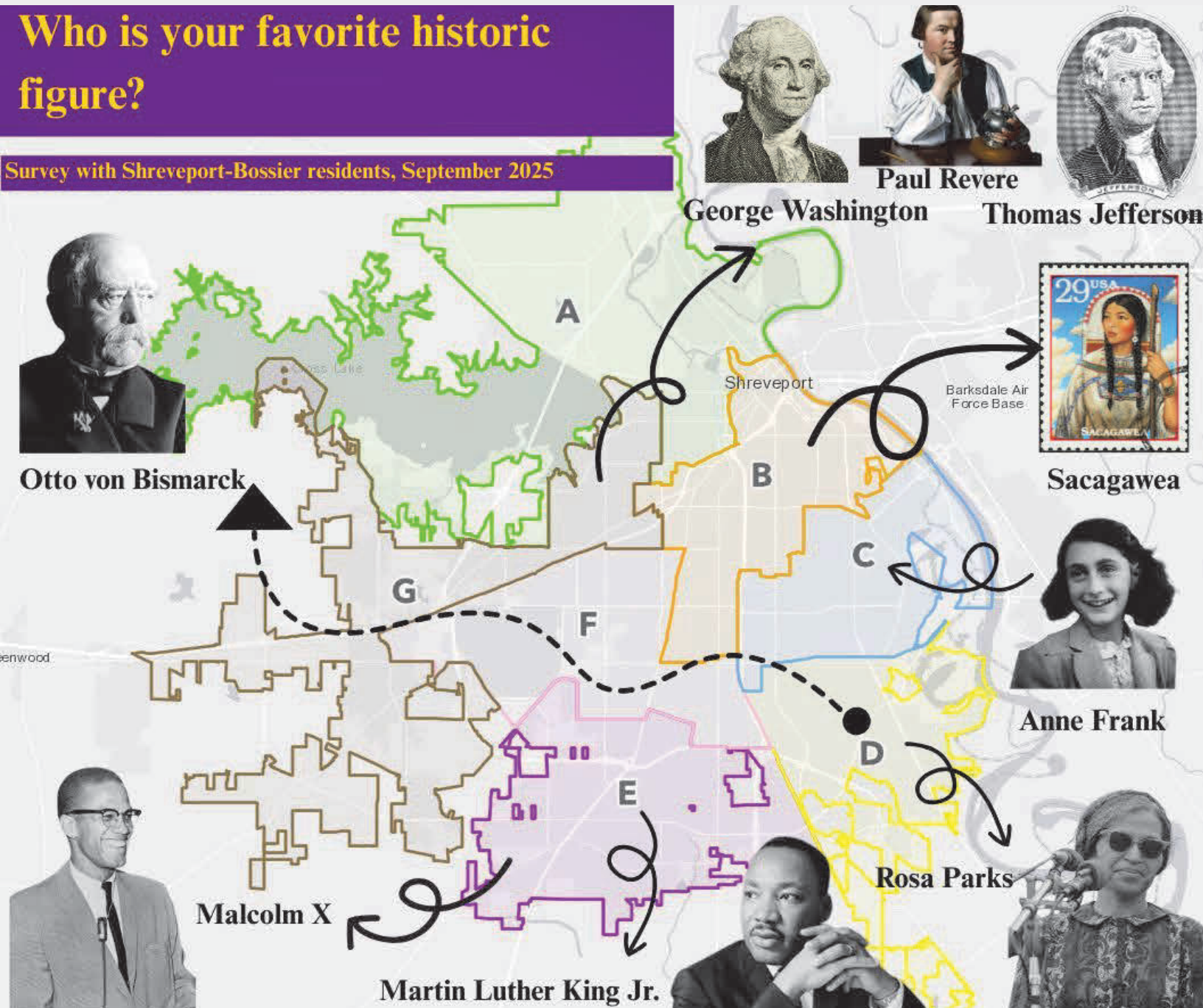


Last Issue's Community Quiz

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first community quiz! Here are the results from Volume 1:

Who is your favorite historic figure?

Survey with Shreveport-Bossier residents, September 2025



Do you want to be featured in our next newsletter? Make sure to subscribe to our newsletter, respond to our community quiz and check back in every two weeks!

- The Almagest Team