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LSUS offers first doctoral degree

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LSU Shreveport plans to offer its first doctoral degree, a doctorate of education in leadership studies, pending the approval of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

This new 63 credit-hour program intends to train and familiarize students with various leadership skills for use in any number of higher positions in businesses or organizations.



Photo by Corey Drummond
Dr. Ruth Jackson, chair of the department of education

"Its primary focus is on developing leadership qualities, studying leadership, and equipping our graduates to lead various organizations," said Dr. John Vassar, vice chancellor of academic affairs. "It is not strictly for the sake of the organizations themselves, but so those organizations can have a transformative impact on the community."

The degree is designed to take students beyond leadership
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LSUS searches for chancellor

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With the appointment of Dr. F. King Alexander as LSU System president, the search for LSU Shreveport's chancellor picks up where it left off.

The recently retired Dr. David Gustavson chairs the LSUS Chancellor Search Committee.

"A fly in the ointment was that the presidency and the chancellorship in Baton Rouge were both open. They were in the middle of their search so we met and talked about what our procedure [was] going to be and what characteristics were desirable in a Chancellor and what the campus needs," Gustavson said. "And then we kind of came to a screeching halt while they finished their search."

The Committee has a tentative timetable for the selection process and hopes that Dr. Alexander and the LSU System Board of Supervisors will have chosen the official chancellor by March 2014.

"Somewhere around the end of October to the middle of November...we'll take all of [the] applications. And our task will be to get



Dr. Paul Sisson is currently serving as interim chancellor for LSUS.



Photos by Christopher Talerico
Dr. David Gustavson serves as chair of the LSUS Chancellor Search Committee.

[the applications] down to a manageable number," Gustavson said. "If we're happy with the candidates, then we'll send them down to Baton Rouge. All of this will probably happen between early November and, say, February... We're shooting for someone we can name as chancellor somewhere around March or April and having that person take office either at the beginning of the summer or the fall in 2014."

The committee primarily functions to identify specifically what LSUS requires of the future chancellor and what are the institution's specific needs.

The two greatest needs identified were budgetary management and community outreach.

Using these two needs to form the crux for their requirements, the committee identified a number of key attributes they believe necessary for a successful chancellor.

When reflecting on the need for the next chancellor to reach out to the community, a unique, cultural dynamic must be addressed.

"Louisiana is different. You have to do things differently here. People actually want to sit down and chat before they start doing business. You have to find somebody that really fits with the community, someone that's going to be respected by the faculty but at the same time someone that can go out and make contact with the business community," Gustavson said. "We need somebody...who has a credible academic background. We're wanting to look at somebody who's had certainly upper level administrative management experience at a college or university. But again, someone who can articulate the mission of the university to the community.

If you think of engineering, you think of tech. If you think of nursing, you think of

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Bible named interim dean of business college



Photo by Krista Wilson
Dr. Douglas Bible is currently serving as interim dean of the college of business, education, and human development.

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As students and faculty jump into a new semester, those who find themselves in the business and education building may discover a new outlook on a few programs thanks to a new interim dean.

Last spring, Dr. David Gustavson, the dean of business, education, and human development, retired. Dr. Douglas Bible, who has been with LSU Shreveport since 1985 and received his doctorate from Ohio State University, assumed the role of interim dean of the college of business, education, and human development.

In regards to naming a permanent dean for the college of business, education, and human development, Dr. Larry Anderson hopes to have a short-list of the most quali-

fied applicants by the end of the upcoming spring semester. Anderson spoke about some of the qualities being considered.

"Effective teachers have a lot of different qualities but one of the common ones is certainly patience when dealing with the students in any sort of way," Anderson said.

According to Bible, a typical day includes anything from preparing for his real estate investment/tax class to meeting with students to discuss their graduation check-out list, to meeting with faculty and administration, to discussing department budgets. He said he must also constantly check his e-mail and keeps his phone with him.

"[While the position is] more than I expected, I get an opportunity to learn a lot and work with half of the university," Bible said.

Bible said he enjoys the combination

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# Welcome back to a new semester at LSUS



**Crystal Vandegriff**

**From the Editor's Desk**

It's odd how once you return to a routine it can seem as though you never left it. All summer the days seemed to be dragging on and suddenly, with the beginning of a new semester of classes, looking back it seems as though summer was only

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about the span of a weekend.  
Nevertheless, it is time once again for class to get underway. Books to be bought, embarrassed shuffles to be had once you realize you've entered the wrong classroom, snooze buttons to push.

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northwestern...What do you think of when you think of LSUS? I'd like to think you think a good education. We need someone who can get out there and verbalize who we are and maybe clearly define a mission,” Gustavson said.

Dr. Paul Sisson, interim chancellor for LSUS, offers a unique insight into the needs of the university and the requirements the next chancellor will have to meet.

“The number one challenge is the fact that we're dealing with massive cuts in state funds since 2008. Our biggest need here is we need to focus on growing our enrollment. Since our budget is so dependent on tuition and fees, self-generated funds, then we need to make sure we have a healthy enrollment. We have the capacity to essentially double the number of students we have right now and that's my goal, and probably should be the goal of anyone looking into balancing the budget. The second requirement [for the next chancellor] is to reach out to the community because having our community support us is so much more important than it used to be,” Sisson said.

However, Sisson doesn't guarantee that he will even apply for the chancellorship once applications are being accepted.

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of administrative work with teaching. Although his work has doubled, he makes time to step out of the administrative setting for a moment to help educate students at LSUS. In his free time, Bible often researches real estate and other relevant topics to further his knowledge in the business world.

Bible hopes to see some changes begin to occur in the Master of Business Administration program to increase the availability of online classes. He is now overseeing the Master of Education curriculum and instruction, a new program offered entirely online.



Photo by Krista Wilson  
Dr. Larry Anderson serves as dean of the college of arts and sciences.

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in education and expand into different areas like businesses and non-profit organizations.

“Although it is housed in the Department of Education, it truly is a more interdisciplinary degree. It is designed for professionals who are working in a variety of settings, most likely educational settings like schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses,” said Dr. Ruth Jackson, chair of the department of education. “The goal of the program is to build a greater capacity of managers and supervisors, so that they become visionary leaders and help their particular organizations advance, grow, and become more efficient and successful.”

The offering of a doctoral degree could have a major impact on the northwest Louisiana region. Students from around this part of the state seeking options for more education previously left the greater Shreveport area to find it.

“We talked to various completers of master's degrees and we learned that many of our strong students were eager to continue their education. They had to leave the northwest Louisiana region in order to do that. That included going to other universities in the state, and for education, most of them went to Texas to study for their doctorates,” Jackson said. “The risk that you run when students have to leave the area to pursue a higher education is that they don't return very of-

Although things are still very much the same overall, there are a few new things to enjoy this semester. For the staff of the *Almagest*, for instance, we are very excited to welcome you to our newly redesigned website. It's the same URL--[almagestlsus.com](http://almagestlsus.com)--but a completely new look. Be sure to let us know what you think of the new interactive design.

We would also like to introduce two new staff members: our new video editor, Zachary Roberson, junior, mass communications and our new photo editor, Jessica Ingram, freshman, mass communications.

As always, contact us at [almagest@lsus.edu](mailto:almagest@lsus.edu) if you have something you think the student body needs to hear about!

the applicants down to a short-lis of three to five candidates.

“The Chronicle [of Higher Education] has traditionally been THE place where you posted ads for these kinds of jobs. We'll probably end up putting something there,” said Dr. Gustavson. “The ad will appear, wherever it appears, in September.”

The committee will narrow the applicants down to a short-list of 3-5 candidates which will be sent to the LSU System Board of Supervisors and Dr. Alexander for final selection.

Applicants for the chancellorship will remain anonymous prior to the publishing of the short-list. However, candidates on the short-list must be willing to allow their names to be published.

“In the ranks of academia, if you let it be known too early in the process that you are even looking for another job then somehow people don't trust you. They don't think you're doing your job right or you don't have any loyalty to your company,” said Mary Jarzabek, a member of the chancellor search committee and president of the faculty senate.

ten. That highlighted the need to retain talented people and talented leaders in our area.”

The desire for a doctorate degree program at LSUS was evident by the support from around Shreveport and beyond. The Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, and DeSoto Parish school boards all threw in their support for LSUS to offer a higher education program. Other colleges from around the state, including Centenary, BPCC, and Northwestern State University, sent letters of support for the program to the Board of Regents.

“Many of these institutions of higher learning have staff with master's degrees and they are going to have to go off to get their doctorate. The concern of any organization is that when you have key leadership that is pursuing educational opportunities out of state or out of the community, then they might not come back. Those schools really wanted this offered in this community so they can have easy access to their doctorate,” Vas-sar said.

LSUS is currently waiting for approval for a level change from its accrediting body to allow the school to offer a doctoral degree to students. They will be given conditional approval in December to allow LSUS to begin offering classes in January 2014. The SACS will give its final approval at its June meeting next year.



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# Rocke Musgraves leaves LSUS, search for coach begins

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It was announced on August 2 by LSU Shreveport's Athletic Director Chad McDowell that Rocke Musgraves will be leaving LSU Shreveport after 14 successful seasons as head baseball coach. He is taking the position of new head coach at North West Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho.

NNU competes at the NCAA Division II level and is a member of the Great North West Athletic Conference. It is a nonprofit Christian university and has been rated by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top masters-level universities in the west.

Coach Musgraves has been with the Pilots for 14 seasons. The past 10 seasons he won more games than any other four year coach in the state of Louisiana.

Prior to Musgraves arrival, the LSUS baseball team had not a single winning season. But not long after his arrival, the Pilots went on to winning every season since. His coaching even led them to a record 9 straight 40-win seasons.

Under his guidance, the team went on to win; 3 regional season conference titles, 7 conference tournament titles, and 11 NAIA national tournament appearances. In those appearances, the Pilots took 4th place in the World Series for the 2011 season and 3rd for their 2003 and 2012 seasons.

"I think we maybe took a lot of the things he did for us

I'm very grateful to have had him as a coach throughout my career. He managed to turn a bunch of strangers into a family.

- Ben Suit, LSUS alumni

for granted, the wins and titles we got with him. And now that he's leaving, well hey, that's how things go in sports," said Cade Bowen, student assistant and once pitcher for the team. "He was a great college coach."

Musgraves pushed the baseball team all the way to the number one spot in the NAIA top 25 rankings, a first in LSUS history.

During his time with LSUS, Musgraves himself was awarded numerous honors and titles. He has been honored with the NAIA's Regional "Coach of the Year" award not once, but twice. He has also taken home back to back Red River Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" titles for the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

"I'm very grateful to have had him as a coach throughout my career," said Ben Suit, LSUS alumni and Pilot relief pitcher. "He managed to turn a bunch of strangers into a family. He brought a lot of hard work and heart to the table and I will forever respect him for that."

Though seeing their longtime coach and mentor leave is a hard way to start the new season, many of the veteran players wish him luck and will always treat him as Pilot family, regardless of where he goes.

Choosing a new head coach for LSUS is a two week process and over 70 applicants have applied for the open position. While the decision remains undecided, assistant coach Brent Lavallee will serve as interim head coach.

# University apartments dive into new semester with movie night



Students play badminton around a net set up for movie night.

Photo by Jennifer Middleton

Jennifer Middleton  
STAFF WRITER

The University Court Apartments at LSU Shreveport kicks off the fall semester with a Tuesday evening screening of Now You See Me. The "Dive-In," put together by the Student Activities Board, also included food provided by Raisin' Canes, and several games including badminton and a bean-bag toss.

explained the purpose of the event.

"It's really to kick off the new school year," said Student Activities Board member Keke Ellis, junior, sociology. "To bring everyone together to have a little fun."

"One thing we're about at the Student Activities Board is about unity," said SAB member Chaz Coleman, senior, psychology. "And being a part of LSUS, we've had a wonderful opportunity to not only engage with the new students at the school, but this is really a great way to connect off-campus.

We have a lot of different organizations represented at this party tonight."

Ellis and Coleman listed several of the organizations represented at the event, including students from the Phi Mu sorority, debate team members, basketball players, and members of the Student Government Association.

"We look across the scope of LSUS," Coleman said "[And] we see team-building across different organizations, fraternities, sororities...and that's why we put this event on, because it's what's best for the students.

"As far as off-campus activities are concerned," Coleman said. "this is as diverse as it can get. We just think it's wonderful that we can do this at the beginning of the school year, because by the end of the school year, everyone's friends, everyone's connected, but to be able to do this on the second night of the semester really says a lot about the student life at LSUS."

# LSUS departments offer advice to incoming freshmen students

Frank Johnson  
STAFF WRITER

LSU Shreveport is working hard to ease the transition for freshmen students beginning their collegiate careers. Student affairs, student activities, and recreational sports form key parts of this transition.

Freshmen at LSUS and colleges across the country face numerous odds in this new avenue of their life. Some of these anxieties include meeting new people, an entirely new environment, and new responsibilities.

"I'd say there's a lot more responsibility," said Thomas Legg, freshman, computer information systems. "I expect it to be hard, but it should be well worth it."

There are certain tips and attitudes that will enable freshman to rise above all obstacles.

"It is statically proven that students who are engaged in student life have a higher level of success," said Angel Martin, director of student activities and recreational sports.

According to Martin, the intimidation factor can prevent new students from getting involved and offers advice to students who would like to help or encourage their new classmates.

"So many students are receptive if you just come up and introduce yourself," Martin said.

The Student Development and Counseling Center is an entity of student affairs, and it offers four focused areas of assistance for students attending LSUS, personal counseling, disability services, career services, and academic/learning services.

"All of student affairs works very closely with each other," said Paula Atkins, director of student de-



Thomas Legg, freshman, computer information systems



Paula Atkins, director of student development and counseling center, above; Angel Martin, director of student activities and recreational sports, below.



velopment and counseling.

The tips that are available to the freshman are vast.

"To balance a new found freedom, consider school your job, learn organization or management strategies, and first and foremost, be engaged!" Atkins said.



# Cecilia Smith scores a goal with Brazil vacation

*The Almagest invites you to get to know your professors through weekly professor profiles.*

**Ebonie Nelson**  
STAFF WRITER

Students that have taken a foreign language at LSU Shreveport know Cecilia Smith is a passionate instructor along with being an avid sports fan. Over the summer, she followed her passion for sports all the way to Brazil.

In Brazil, she attended the 2013 Federation Internationale de Football Association Confederations Cup, for which she received VIP tickets. Smith explains that this cup was a prelude to the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil which she also plans on attending.

Smith said the last time she visited Brazil was ten years ago and it surprised her that little had changed since then. However, she did notice the soccer fields underwent major renovations.

Even though she went for sports she also toured other attractions.

“I went to a beautiful resort area in the big city and visited two small colonial towns,” Smith said.



Cecilia Smith is pictured with Davor Suker, a retired Croatian soccer player who serves as the current president of the Croatian Football Federation.



Photos courtesy of Cecilia Smith

Cecilia Smith relaxes during her Brazilian vacation.

Smith has been an instructor at LSUS for the past nine years in the fine arts/foreign language/humanities department, as well as handling placement exams for Spanish and French. Smith said her teaching style of engaging and interacting with students is her first priority. As a result of her engaging style, some students call her “Professor Fun.”

Although some parts of the lessons are considered “boring,” she provides jokes and humor to lighten it up.

“I try to use everyday people and examples when

teaching, I believe it helps a lot,” Smith said. “But with all jokes aside, as long as the students do the work then they can pass the class.”

Besides teaching Smith spends time horseback riding and considers it an adrenaline rush being able to interact with the great outdoors. As an animal lover, she enjoys the tasks of grooming and feeding the horses.

“It’s an all around positive hobby,” Smith said.

# Community health, LSUS’s fastest growing major

*Don’t know what to do with your degree after college? This weekly series is dedicated to helping you find out.*

**Iris MacLean**  
STAFF WRITER

Boasting five career-oriented concentrations, community health is LSU Shreveport’s fastest growing major.

Community health is a Bachelor of Science degree that focuses on advocating and promoting health, as well as preventing health problems. The university offers five unique concentrations to students interested in this field.

The first concentration is Non-Profit Leadership Alliance Certification. This is a newer program that focuses on preparing students to work with non-profit organizations. Dr. Timothy Winter chair of the department of kinesiology and health science said he is excited about this program because there are many health-related non-profit organizations in this region of Louisiana.

The next is the health behavior concentration. This program provides students with an opportunity to delve deeper into health content. Students in this concentration will gain more knowledge related specifically to the different aspects of health.

The next, physical activity, is one of the more popular concentrations because of the employment opportunities it provides. Career possibilities include working in fitness and wellness centers, personal fitness training, and strength coaching.

This program is unique in that it prepares students to be eligible for multiple certifications. These include the American College of Sports Medicine certification, the Health Fitness Specialist certification, and Certified-Strength and -Conditions Specialists.

“Employment comes down to these certifications. You

could go online and take a weekend course and be a personal trainer, but we’re talking about a four-year degree giving you all the exercise science background so you understand what you’re trying to do, and we really do a great job with that,” Winter said.

The most popular concentration is Pre-Physical/Occupational Therapy. This program fills the requirements for admission to graduate schools for these fields. LSU Shreveport designed this package program that students sought out in order to fulfill the science requirements for physical or occupational therapy schools.

Health and fitness management is the final concentration. This concentration, added last January, fulfills the requirements for a minor in business in order to give students an increased business skill-set within the community health degree.

Winter emphasized that completing the community health degree gives students eligibility for the national certification of Certified Health Education Specialist. Winter strongly advocates this certification because of its reputation and the credibility it gives graduates. Being a CHES ensures an employer that they’re hiring a qualified specialist.

Rachel Weber graduated last May with a Bachelor of Science in community health. She now works as an activity director at Heritage Manor West, a skilled nursing facility and rehabilitation center.

“I wanted to be an occupational therapist and it was a much more interesting major than biology which also offered a concentration in pre-occupational therapy,” Weber said.

Weber is happy that she chose this major because it was easy for her to find a job she enjoys while doing what



Photo by Iris MacLean

Dr. Timothy Winter, chair of the department of kinesiology and health science, above;