

LSUS keeps the Kerry Garland Scholarship plaque

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Malvya Chintakindi claimed the Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship on Friday night. Her promise in her field of public relations paid off in the competitive pool if candidates.

Chintakindi, junior, public relations, was given the Rolling Shield as a part of the award. A plaque with the names of all previous winners of the award, including her name, was given to LSUS to keep.

Previously, the plaque was given to each year's winner, but with Chintakindi's award, the final space on the plaque has been filled. Due to this, the plaque will not be given to the next winner. LSUS will keep it for the future.

Chintakindi was very happy to receive the honorable scholarship, especially the rolling shield plaque.

"LSUS received the rolling shield pertaining to the scholarship award I received, which is special for two reasons: first, the university gets to keep it, and secondly this is the last rolling shield to be given out," Chintakindi said.

The scholarship, awarded by the Southern Journalism Foundation, was established in 1984 after Kerry Garland, a promising journalist at The Shreveport Times, was killed in a tragic car accident.

Chintakindi was awarded the Kerry Garland scholarship for PR majors in memory of the journalist killed prematurely in 1984. She was also given a memorable plaque bearing her name. The scholarship presentation was part of the Shreveport Journalism Foundation annual meeting and banquet at Ralph & Kacoo's in Bossier City.

The Southern Journalism Foundation awards both the Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship and The Orland Dodson Scholarship. Both scholarships are annually awarded to a college junior or senior majoring in journalism or public relations, attending school in the North Louisiana area.

The Kerry Garland and Orland Dodson Memorial

Scholarships are available to North Louisiana journalism and public relations students. Only one person can win each scholarship each year. Chintakindi has won the Kerry Garland scholarship.

Chintakindi became aware of the scholarship by Linda Webster, chair of the communications department. She weighed the chances of winning the award, and figured she might as well try. Hailing from India, her family visa prevents her from working or making money through jobs.

"I need to save for grad school too. So I thought that this wouldn't hurt me," Chintakindi said.

Chintakindi began as a politics major, but it didn't take long for her to move to a new field.

"I couldn't continue in politics...it was not practical to continue my education in politics," Chintakindi said. "I didn't choose [PR]. It chose me."

The award ceremony was Friday night; Malvya was at a debate tournament so her parents accepted the award on her behalf. It was a win-win night for her, since she won the Speaker Award at the tournament, her first time winning the award. She accepted an award for Best Speaker at the East Texas Baptist University Debate Tournament.

She jokes that others at the ceremony were surprised at how well her parents spoke English. She also discussed that most people are surprised by her fluency.

"It is my national language. America doesn't even have a national language," Chintakindi jokes.

"I wrote on a notecard what I wanted my dad to say for me," Chintakindi said. "So he delivered an acceptance speech and what I wrote down on the notecard."

She was participating in a Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament at East Texas Baptist University the night of the award ceremony.

The Shreveport Journalism Foundation is a non-profit

organization which promotes journalism study and development through scholarships that are offered to journalism and public relations majors in their junior or senior years in college, according to the SJF website.

Chintakindi submitted her GPA, home address, and a 250-word essay about why she wanted to pursue a career in public relations in order to be eligible for the scholarship. She also had to live within a 100-mile radius of downtown Shreveport in order to receive the award.

Chintakindi is originally from India and was a sophomore at her university there until being transferred to LSUS after moving with her family to America because of her father's job as an accountant. She became aware of the scholarship via an email from Dr. Linda Webster, professor and chair of mass communication.

"I was skeptical because I did not think I was eligible for the scholarship," Chintakindi said.

Her major in India focused on journalism and politics, but she could not continue in that field in the U.S. because of the significant amount of American history she would have to learn for the field. To be able to pursue her passion in her already chosen field, she rested upon the Public Relations major.

"I didn't choose it, it chose me," Chintakindi said regarding her present career goal.

She hopes to pursue a career in international relations after completing graduate school. She is undecided about whether she wants to continue her graduate education in India or the United States.

The Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship is a prestigious award for North Louisiana students. Chintakindi's high probability of success in her field of public relations secured her the award this year.



Photo courtesy of Malvya Chintakindi



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Night classes: Safety on campus

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Between family life, work, and other scheduled commitments, a college student may wind up scheduling night classes. Night classes may be mandatory for the curriculum of some, or simply taken for convenience purposes; either way they pose to be potentially more dangerous than day-time classes.

For many students that are enrolled in night classes, safety is a huge concern. Shannon, a freshman enrolled in one night class this semester says that her main concern is walking to her car at night, she feels the most important factor is safety precautions is campus police.

Did you know that LSUS has a campus police staff of eight highly qualified members? Additionally, there is a night time number that students can call if they ever feel threatened, or uncomfortable. A unique part of the LSUS Campus Security is that they provide instructional meetings on personal safety. Emily, a third year History major says she would love to see a self-defense class included as part of the fitness and health classes offered to the LSUS Students.

There are definitely some safety precautions every student can take when being on campus at night.

- Always notify someone of your night class schedule

- Walk to a car with a friend, if this isn't an option; wait for someone else leaving the building before proceeding to the parking lot.

• Alleviate distractions- According to the U.S Department of Education, Campus Crimes happen 64% more of the time to students on their phone, or on other devices. The statistics show that it is easier to target someone who isn't paying attention to their surroundings.

- Carry helpful resources
- Have Campus Security's phone numbers in your contacts or stored in a speed dial setting.

-Carry an LED flashlight or danger whistle on your keys.

For more information on Campus Security, or campus resources regarding safety visit the LSUS website and go to the Offices and Services tab.

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Photo by Alexandra Meachum

Be careful on campus at night, keep in mind these tips

Pilots revel in an unbeaten season

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The LSU Shreveport Pilots remain unbeaten on the season as they took down the Belhaven Blazers for the second time this season, this time at The Dock by a final tally of 73-70.

The Pilots led the majority of the contest but the never say die Blazers fought to the very

end but missed a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Pilots their third win of the season.

"It wasn't the best game for our fans to watch tonight but it's always good to pick up a win; we did what we had to do down the stretch and made our free throws to ice the game," said LSUS head coach Kyle Blankenship.

The reigning RRAC Player of the Week

Kyle Preston scored the final field goal of the game for the Pilots with 23 seconds to play to give the home squad the lead, 71-70.

"Preston did a good job of getting to the middle of the paint and he is very effective right there and he made a big basket that gave us the lead that we never let go of," said Coach Blankenship.

The Pilots defense forced a turnover on the ensuing Belhaven (1-5) possession and Preston was fouled and sent to the line which he made both double-bonus free throws to give the Pilots a more comfortable three-point advantage.

Belhaven called a timeout but could not work their way around the LSUS defense as the final shot was off target as the buzzer sounded.

Preston was only one of two Pilots to finish in double figures as he collected 13 points while Joseph James led the team with 16 points, both off the bench.

James led the Pilots with four three's on 11 attempts while Preston was perfect from the charity stripe in six tries.

The Blazers came to play and outrebounded the Pilots 48-38 and had four shooters finish in double figures. Jordan Bedford led all scorers with 20 points while De'La Mayers had 19, Jerrial Dawson 14 and Josh Carpenter 10.

LSUS led by as much as 11 with nine minutes to play in the first half but the lead evaporated to just four at the break, 31-27. The Blazers shot 52-percent in the second half.

The next game for the Pilots will be on Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at Dillard and then play at SUNO on Thursday, Nov. 20th.

The Pilots return to The Dock on Tuesday, December 2nd, as they take on their cross-town rival, the Centenary Gents.



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Coach Kyle Blankenship leads the Pilots in their unbeaten season so far



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