The appearance of a name in this program is presumptive of graduation, but it is not to be regarded as conclusive. Students whose names are listed twice in this program are receiving two degrees. Due to late application, the names of some students who are graduating are not listed in this program.
Welcome

Welcome, Family and Friends

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette welcomes you, the families and friends of our distinguished graduates. UL Lafayette isn’t just a university. It is a community and you are an important part of it.

Since its founding in 1898, the University has been dedicated to improving the lives of its students. We join you in honoring our graduates and celebrating their accomplishments as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Walk of Honor

Visitors to the UL Lafayette campus enjoy looking for graduates’ names on the Walk of Honor. The walkway, which begins near Martin Hall and surrounds the Quad, is paved with bricks engraved with graduates’ names, arranged alphabetically by year.

The Walk of Honor began with an idea from 1987 Alumni Association President Kenneth Ardoin. A groundbreaking was held in 1991.
I welcome you to the 2015 Summer Commencement ceremony.

On behalf of the entire University community, I congratulate you on an achievement that will enhance your future and that of the communities you influence.

We have been committed to your success since the day you stepped onto the UL Lafayette campus. Along the way, you have explored opportunities, broadened your knowledge and developed a sense of civic responsibility preparing you to thrive as a contributing citizen in your community, your state, your nation and the world.

Today is your day.

We are proud of you. And you can be proud of the fact that your degree has more value and respect than ever before with the University’s ever-rising prominence.

Today, you and your fellow graduates become alumni of UL Lafayette, a vast community of Ragin’ Cajuns the world over. We encourage you to keep in touch with the University and with each other in years to come.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie
President
A Tradition of Service

In 1903, the first graduating class of the Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute organized the Alumni Association. Those 18 graduates began a tradition of pride and support for their alma mater and maintaining connections with one another.

Those connections continue with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette graduating class of Summer 2015. Your experience with the Alumni Association begins upon graduation and stays with you throughout your life. Your Alumni Association membership is complimentary for one year following your graduation. Other alumni may also join the Alumni Association by contributing to the Alumni Loyalty Fund. The Loyalty Fund supports academic and student programs, as well as alumni programs. The Alumni Association also serves the University in many ways; by recruiting students and investing in endowed scholarships.

So whether you choose to stay local or relocate afar, there are alumni clubs and chapters in almost every state. What better way to network with fellow alums and meet fellow Ragin’ Cajuns than by attending a club or chapter event in your area. UL Lafayette alumni are ambassadors of our institution, its values and its spirit.

Please stay informed about what’s happening on campus or in your area! Throughout the year, the Alumni Association disseminates information about news and events. Stay current with us, so we may keep you current about your alma mater! (You may do so by logging on to our website at LOUISIANAalumni.org)

Alumni and friends contribute to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for many valid reasons. They believe in lifelong learning. They believe in the hope of the future, which a quality education provides. So many contributions are made for the betterment of our University. Whether it be attending a University function or showing your pride by wearing red and white, you are the key to the University’s progress. Remember...you are the past, present, and future of UL Lafayette.

DISCOUNTS & BENEFITS

• Pride in knowing your support strengthens UL Lafayette
• Direct connection to and a voice in University affairs
• Discounts at the University Bookstore and Ragin’ Cajun Red Zone
• Inexpensive, comprehensive short-term health insurance with GradMed
• Volunteer and leadership opportunities
• Membership in all Alumni Chapters and Ragin’ Cajun Clubs that apply to you
• Alumni Accents Newsletter and La Louisiane Magazine
• Discounts to all Performing Arts Departments events
• Homecoming, reunion, and special events invitations
• Edith Garland Dupre Library privileges
• Association voting privileges
• Travel program offerings
• Discounts at Lafayette area and national businesses
• National car rental and hotel discounts
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has a reputation for academic excellence, community service and its Ragin’ Cajun spirit.

Established in 1898, it is the second-largest university in the state. It has one of the highest graduation rates among Louisiana’s public universities.

Almost 17,000 students choose UL Lafayette each year. To ensure them a strong academic foundation and the best opportunities to compete in the global job market, University officials regularly review curricula to offer contemporary degrees.

UL Lafayette has been ranked among the best universities in the nation by U.S. News Media Group, which includes U.S. News and World Report, and by The Princeton Review. It is also the most affordable university in Louisiana and among the top 10 percent of most affordable four-year colleges in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The University regularly receives support from the National Science Foundation, which funds only the most innovative research. Four faculty members have earned the NSF’s Early Career Award, given to outstanding scientists and engineers who have potential for leadership in their fields.

Community service is a hallmark of the university experience at UL Lafayette. It is a course requirement for all first-time freshmen, for example. During the 2012-2013 academic year, students, faculty and staff members, and administrators contributed about 170,000 hours of service in University courses. That service has an estimated value of about $3 million.

Students also participate in UL Lafayette’s AmeriCorps Community Service Program. Established in 1995, it is the only campus-based program in the state and is one of the oldest in the nation.

Louisiana’s Cajun and Creole cultures are reflected in the University’s academics. For example, the archives of the Center for Louisiana Studies include one-of-a-kind recordings of Cajun and Creole music, oral histories and storytelling. UL Press specializes in books related to Louisiana, producing award-winning academic titles as well as best-selling general interest books.

UL Lafayette’s Francophone studies doctoral degree program is the only one of its kind in the state. And, students may study Louisiana music to earn a bachelor’s degree in traditional music, one of only a handful of such programs nationwide.

The University also has a beautiful, vibrant campus. Cypress Lake, a managed wetland, is shaded by its namesake trees and is home to native Louisiana wildlife, including herons, egrets and alligators. Residence halls offer living-learning communities, where students with similar interests live, study and socialize.

University Seal

The seal was adopted May 11, 1926, when UL Lafayette was still known as Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Dr. Edwin Stephens, the University’s first president, helped design it, along with Ellsworth Woodward, director of the Newcomb College art school, and John McBryde, a professor at Tulane University. Elements of the seal reflect Louisiana’s history. The three fleurs-de-lis symbolize its French heritage; a gold tower on a red field acknowledges the state’s connection to Spain. The pelican is symbolic of Louisiana. Oak leaves represent the strength and endurance of the oak tree.

The seal includes the Latin motto “Fortier, Feliciter, Fideliter,” which means “bravely, happily, faithfully.”

The institution’s name was updated in 1960, when the school was recognized as a university and became the University of Southwestern Louisiana. In 1999, the University of Southwestern Louisiana was changed to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a name that better reflect its stature as the state’s second-largest university and an institution with statewide and national — rather than regional — influence. In that same year, the seal was modified to include elements of the Acadian and Creole flags to reflect the University’s cultural diversity. Red, gold and green stripes were added to indicate West African heritage.
Academic Dress and Heraldry

The academic dress worn by the faculty and administration in the procession today originated in the medieval universities of Europe, where instructors were priests and members of religious orders. Students were clerks in holy orders, monks or priests themselves. In the unheated buildings, they wore habits with cowls, or hoods, that could be pulled over their heads for warmth.

In 1894, a commission of American educators met at Columbia College with the leading supplier of academic robes. They created a dress code that was eventually accepted by almost all universities and colleges in the United States. The code was modified slightly in 1932 and remains in use today.

Typically, degree candidates wear black gowns. At UL Lafayette, bachelor’s gowns and doctor’s gowns are vermilion; master’s gowns are black. The University’s distinctive fleur-de-lis is incorporated in the design of its graduation gowns.

Bachelor’s gowns have pleated fronts, semi-stiff yokes and pointed sleeves. They are worn closed. The master’s gown is worn open, with the forearm protruding through an opening in the long sleeve. The doctor’s gown, also worn open, is more formal, with velvet panels around the neck that extend down the front edges. Three horizontal velvet bars are placed on the upper arm of a squared sleeve. The velvet is usually black, but may instead be a color that reflects the academic discipline related to the degree. The mortarboard is the usual headwear.

The most notable feature of academic dress is the hood, reminiscent of the monks’ head coverings. The colors of the lining, folded so that they are exposed in the back, are the official colors and pattern of the university from which the individual received a degree. For those who have received a degree from UL Lafayette, for example, the hood is lined in vermilion with a white chevron. The master’s hood is three and one half feet long, the doctor’s hood, four feet.

The color of the velvet border on the hood indicates the academic discipline of the individual’s degree. For example, the Ph.D., or doctor of philosophy degree, is identified by a blue border. You will see that the colors worn by members of the procession at UL Lafayette reflect its academic diversity; faculty have earned advanced degrees from institutions across the United States, as well as abroad.

Fleur-de-lis

UL Lafayette’s fleur-de-lis is a federally registered symbol. Historically, the fleur-de-lis has been associated with the French monarchy, and used in other political and religious contexts.

The University has used a fleur-de-lis as part of its identity since 1926, when three fleurs-de-lis were introduced in its seal.

Presidential Regalia

The University president wears a handcrafted medallion, a miniature of the University seal, during Commencement and other formal events. Its chain includes small plates engraved with the names of the institution’s presidents.

UL Lafayette President Dr. E. Joseph Savoie also wears a lapel pin that once belonged to Dr. Edwin Stephens, the University’s first president, who served from 1900 to 1938. The pin’s design features the letters, “SLII,” which stand for Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute. Stephens gave the pin to Dr. Joel Fletcher, the institution’s third president, who served from 1941 to 1966. Fletcher passed it down to his grandson, who gave it to Savoie as an inauguration gift in 2009.

University Ring

UL Lafayette’s ring signifies the bond between the University’s graduates and their alma mater. The red stone represents the University’s primary color, vermilion, and also features its fleur-de-lis. The design incorporates other elements and images of campus life, including cypress and oak trees, the University’s seal, and Martin Hall, the main administrative building. Inside each ring is the inscription, “heart and hand” — the final three words of the University’s alma mater.
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2015 Eminent Faculty Award Recipients

Each spring, the UL Lafayette Foundation recognizes four esteemed Faculty members with two awards: the Distinguished Professor Award and the Dr. Ray P. Authement Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Paul L. Klerks, a professor of Biology, and Dr. Chan Kiat Lim, an associate professor of Music, were chosen as this year’s Distinguished Professor Award recipients.

Dr. Klerks, an exceptional researcher, has published 54 journal articles in his field’s most notable journals with his works being cited over 1,100 times. During his 31 year career with the University, Dr. Klerks generated over $6 million in research and graduate education funding. In addition, he has advised 19 graduate students to achieving their degrees, and is currently mentoring four.

Dr. Lim is an internationally renowned recital pianist who has appeared twice at Steinway Hall in New York City. In 2011 he released a collaborative record, featuring a duo of world premiere recordings from two Pulitzer Prize and Grammy winning composers. Dr. Lim also co-created eNovativePiano.com, a revolutionary interactive online resource for piano practice and instruction.

Dr. Pegge L. Alciatore, an assistant professor of Biology, and Dr. Ross Chiquet, a master instructor of Mathematics, each received the Dr. Ray P. Authement Excellence in Teaching Award this year.

Dr. Alciatore has dedicated 35 years to teaching anatomy and physiology at the University. She has instructed not only Biology majors but Nursing and Kinesiology majors as well, using innovative pedagogical approaches in order to connect with students from a variety of academic backgrounds. As an NSF Fellow and Director of DOE and NCAA-funded programs, Dr. Alciatore has gained much financial funding for her department.

Dr. Chiquet, Assistant Department Head of Mathematics, teaches an array of courses and enthusiastically mentors students in undergraduate research. His interest is applied mathematics, publishing five papers and assisting, as a research investigator, to secure a $5.2 million grant. Dr. Chiquet’s passion for education has motivated, guided and intrigued countless students.
Commencement General Assembly

Cajundome Convention Center • 11:00 a.m. • Friday, August 7, 2015

Procession and National Anthem ............................................................... Piano & Vocalist

Introduction ........................................................................... Dr. James Henderson
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome ............................................................................... Dr. E. Joseph Savoie
President

Recognition of Platform Guests ........................................................... Dr. James Henderson

Introduction of Commencement Speaker ..................................................... Dr. DeWayne Bowie
Vice President for Enrollment Management

Commencement Address ................................................................... Dr. Chun Kiat Lim
Associate Professor in Music

Presentation of Honors Undergraduates ...................................................... Dr. DeWayne Bowie

Awarding of Undergraduate Degrees .......................................................... College Deans

Awarding of Graduate Degrees ........................................................... Dr. Mary Farmer-Kaiser
Dean of Graduate School

Alma Mater and Recessional (see inside back cover) ............................................. Piano & Vocalist

The audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left the arena.
College of the Arts
The study of design and fine arts at four schools of the college are represented by an icon blending stylized elements of a building (architecture), music note (music), ticket (performing arts) and eye (visual arts).

B. I. Moody III College of Business Administration
Symbols of financial and economic development represent both the global nature of the marketplace and money (the eye and pyramid symbol from the Great Seal of the United States from our currency). A stylized graph symbolizes the technical and analytical elements of management, economics and marketing.

College of Education
A mortar board and tassel are superimposed on a background element representing the flame of learning, symbolizing the goals of educators and their role in passing on knowledge from generation to generation.

College of Engineering
A montage of stylized emblems from the national engineering societies (chemical flask, gear, oil drop and bridge) symbolize the engineer's application of science to the needs of society.

College of General Studies
The seven birds encircling the flame of knowledge represent the seven traditional liberal arts and freedom to develop an individualized program of study from course work representing several disciplines.
College of Liberal Arts

The symbols for this college represent the search for understanding of the world around us and the world within us through the study of communication, the humanities and behavioral science.

College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions

Hands enfolding the shape of a heart eloquently symbolize the healing role of nurses and health care providers.

Ray P. Authement
College of Sciences

Symbols of the basis of scientific theory and application provide visual elements to represent this college. The stylized atom visualizes the basic building block of all computer codes.

The Graduate School

The search for knowledge through scholarship – past, present, and future – is symbolized in a rich palette of visual elements including a classical pediment and a vista to the future.

These banners were an initiative of the Centennial Commencement Committee. Creative concept and execution by Darrah Design+Marketing, Anne and Curtis Darrah.
GRADUATE SCHOOL
Founded 1957
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(Educational Foundations and Leadership)
Baldwin, Louisiana
B.A., University of Southwestern LA (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette), 1973
M.A., University of Southwestern LA (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette), 1985
Ed.D., University of Southwestern LA (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette), 1989
"A National Study of the Relationship between the Use of Inclusive Teaching Practices and 8th Grade Mathematics Achievement: An Analysis of the NAEP Data."
Directed by Dr. Robert O. Slater

Mitchell Ward Coffman
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M.L.A., Louisiana State University, 2004
M.S., Louisiana State University, 2005
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
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B.S., Northwestern University, 1993
M.Ed., Harvard University, 1997
M +30, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2003
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
"A Mixed Methods Study on The Leader in Me Process: How Does Fostering Student Leadership Capacity Influence Behavior, Efficacy, and Achievement?"
Directed by Dr. Mitzi Trahan

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Vinodh Kumar Chellamuthu
(Mathematics)
Chennai, Tamilnadu, India
B.S., University of Madras, India, 2003
M.S., Anna University, India, 2005
M.S., Tulane University, 2010
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
"Structured Population Models: Numerical Methods and Applications to Dynamics of Amphibians and Chytridiomycosis"
Directed by Dr. Azmy S. Ackleh

Subasish Das
(Systems Engineering – Civil)
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B.S., Bangladesh University of Eng. & Tech., 2007
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2012
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
"Effectiveness of Inexpensive Countermeasures to Improve Traffic Safety"
Directed by Dr. Xiaoduan Sun

Jamie Hartwell
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B.S., University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2007
M.S., University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2009
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
"Access Denied: An Investigation of the Impact of Aphasia on Social Inclusion in Long-Term Care Facilities"
Directed by Dr. Jack S. Darnico & Dr. Nancye Roussel

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(Educational Foundations and Leadership)
Thibodaux, Louisiana
B.S., Nicholls State University, 1985
M.Ed., Nicholls State University, 1996
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015
"School Boards: Perceptions of Power, Privilege and Responsibility in a Diverse 21st Century Educational Society"
Directed by Dr. Mitzi Trahan

Bin Huang
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Huntington Beach, California
B.S., Naval Engineering University, China, 1997
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M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2006
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B.S., University of Engineering and Technology, Pakistan, 1999
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M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2010  
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Saliency Detection in a Large Image  
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Directed by Dr. Chee-Hung Henry Chu

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M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2010  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015  
“Protein 3-D Structure Representation for  
Alignment-Free Comparison and Structural  
Motif Discovery of Proteins, and Hierarchical  
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Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015  
“Environmental Constraints on the  
Establishment and Expansion of Freshwater  
Tidal Macrophytes: Applications to  
Restoration Ecology”  
Directed by Dr. Mark W. Hester

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B.S., National Sun Yat-Sen University, Taiwan, 2005  
M.S., National Taiwan University, Taiwan, 2007  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015  
“Repair of Damaged Hair Cells in Tentacles of  
Sea Anemones and in the Inner Ear of Mice  
by Specific, Secreted Proteins”  
Directed by Dr. Glen Watson

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Marrelo, LA  
B.A., Southeastern Louisiana University, 1998  
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Sciences Center, 2000  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015  
“An Investigation into the Manifestations  
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B.S., Central South University (China), 2010  
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2012  
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2015  
“Long Time Behavior for Reaction-Diffusion  
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Maria-Gabriela A. Bollich  
Edward Joseph Brittrnan  
Heather Elizabeth Degeyter  
Fatima Tareq Osman  
Phillip Joel Suire

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
Dylan Walsh Broussard

MASTER OF ARTS  
IN ARCHITECTURE  
Kaitlyn Alexandra Perrodin

MASTER OF EDUCATION  
Sandra Lee Broussard  
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