

SUMMER 2024
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

COMMENCEMENT



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
*The One-hundred and Seventy-seventh
Commencement Exercises*

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Alma Mater

*Alma mater, beloved old Southwestern,
Pride of our Southland so fair!
Oaks and pines and sweet magnolia's beauty,
Show forth thy charms so rare,
Alma mater, for honor, truth and wisdom
Thy halls for aye shall stand
Loyal sons and daughters sing
Proclaiming here's my heart and hand.*

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Ragin' Cajuns® Fight Song

*Fight on, Cajuns, fight on to victory
For the Red and White,
We will sing of triumph and glory,
For our team tonight,
You will hear the rage of the Cajuns,
So let's give a yell, (Aiyee!)
Hustle up and bustle up and
Fight on to victory - Geaux UL*

WELCOME



Louisiana Welcome Wall

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's a community and you're an important part of it.

Since its founding in 1898, the University has been dedicated to improving the lives of its students. Each academic year, more than 3,000 students receive degrees.

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 is paved with bricks engraved with graduates' names, arranged alphabetically by year. The bricks begin near Martin Hall with the Class of 1903, fill the arched walkways and sidewalks of the Quad, line Boucher Street and continue along McKinley Street. Those who earn multiple degrees from UL Lafayette receive a brick for each graduation year.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has a reputation for academic excellence, community service and its Ragin' Cajuns spirit.

Established July 14, 1898, it is the largest university in the University of Louisiana System and the second largest in the state. It has one of the highest graduation rates among Louisiana's public universities.

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the leading framework for describing the nation's colleges and universities, has designated UL Lafayette an R1, its top tier. Just 3% of higher education institutions in the U.S. have achieved R1 status.

Nearly 19,000 students choose to attend UL Lafayette each fall.

To ensure them a strong academic foundation and the best opportunities to compete in the global job market, the University offers contemporary degrees and many online options.

UL Lafayette has been ranked among the best universities in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*.

The University is one of the nation's top 26 institutions for increasing graduate rates for underrepresented minorities over the past decade. It was recognized by the Education Trust, a national non-profit advocacy group, for improving graduation rates for Black, Hispanic and Native American students.

The University regularly receives support from the National Science Foundation, which funds only the most innovative research. In addition, 10 faculty members have earned the NSF's CAREER Award, given to outstanding researchers who have potential for leadership in their fields.

Community service is an essential component of the learning experience at UL Lafayette. It's a course requirement for all first-time freshmen, for example. Each academic year, students contribute about 150,000 hours of service as part of University courses. That service has an estimated value to Lafayette and surrounding region of about \$1.8 million.

Some 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 diverse 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 musicians, 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 roots music to earn a bachelor's degree in traditional music, one of only a handful of such programs nationwide.

The University has an extensive economic impact on the state and in the region. According to an independent study, residents who are UL Lafayette graduates add \$2.2 billion to the state's economy. Also, every \$1 of state funds invested in the University has a return of \$8. In the years to come, UL Lafayette's impact on the economies of Louisiana and Acadiana is likely to be even greater than it is today.



University Seal

The seal was adopted May 11, 1926, when UL Lafayette was 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 as both a French and Spanish colony. The three fleurs-de-lis refer to France, while the castle denotes Louisiana'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 it was recognized as a university and became the University of Southwestern Louisiana. In 1999, USL's name was changed to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to 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. The gold star on a white background symbolizes Acadian culture; the red, gold and green stripes represent West African heritage.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Academic Dress and Heraldry

The academic dress worn by the faculty and administration in the procession today originated in 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. It 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. Colors worn by members of the procession at UL Lafayette reflect its academic diversity; faculty members 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.



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SAVOIE TO NEW GRADUATES

Dear members of the class of 2024,

Today is a singular moment in your lives. No doubt when you began your academic journey with us, you imagined Commencement – the sights, the sounds, the joy and the pride of this special occasion.

Reaching today took more than imagination, however. It required dedication, and you provided it. It needed a commitment to excellence, and you exhibited it. It demanded perseverance, and you supplied that, too.

Today is your day, and it's our hope that the sense of achievement you feel right now will remain with you always.

As you look back on your time here, I also hope you cherish the memories you've created, the friendships you've made, and the knowledge you've gained. And I want to thank you – because you've not only prepared yourselves for lifetimes of success, but you've enriched our campus community with your perspectives and contributions.

The University has provided you with a solid foundation upon which to build your futures. Equipped with the skills and experiences you've acquired, you are ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Remember, your education does not end with these ceremonies – it is a lifelong journey of learning and growth.

As you begin the next phase of your lives, whether you're pursuing further studies or entering the workforce, remember to stay connected to your alma mater. Be active members of the Alumni Association. Volunteer to mentor a student. When you are able, hire current students and graduates. Root the Ragin' Cajuns on to victory. Hang your diploma so others can see it and share your experiences with prospective students and the wider community. Remember – you are an ambassador for your alma mater and your continued involvement strengthens the University's reach and reputation and supports those who, one day, will be seated where you are now.

To the families, friends, faculty and staff who have supported our graduates along the way, thank you for the tireless encouragement and guidance you provided. You've played an essential role in the success we celebrate today.

Congratulations again, graduates! May your futures be filled with fulfillment, achievement and boundless opportunities to make a positive impact on our world.

Enjoy your day, and Geaux Cajuns!

Sincerely,



Dr. Joseph Savoie
President



Dr. E. Joseph Savoie became the University's sixth president in 2008. Under his leadership, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette continues to concentrate on providing students with a high-quality education and a fulfilling college experience.

The University's president is known for successfully building strategic partnerships, especially within higher education. He served as Louisiana's Commissioner of Higher Education for 12 years, providing advice and policy direction for higher education across the state.

The president earned bachelor's and master's degrees from UL Lafayette, where he previously served as the University's first vice president for University Advancement. He also holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Columbia University's Teacher's College in New York.

He and his late wife, Gail Heinbach Savoie, have a daughter, Blaire; a son, Adam; and a granddaughter, Addison Marie.

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President

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EMINENT FACULTY AWARDS

2024 Eminent Faculty Award Recipients

Distinguished Professor Award



Dr. Terrence Chambers

Dr. Terrence Chambers holds the Donald and Janice Mosing BORSF Endowed Chair in Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering. His research of solar and renewable energies was integral in the creation of the Louisiana Solar Energy Lab at University Research Park and the Cleco Alternative Energy Center in Crowley, La. His wide-ranging expertise in solar energy technologies includes photovoltaics, solar thermal, thermal energy storage and systems design. He also leads the University's Green Hydrogen Center of Excellence.

W. Geoff Gjertson is a professor of architecture for the School of Architecture and Design in the College of the Arts. He is a licensed architect and director of the University's Building Institute. The institute offers students instruction and hands-on experience in designing and building sustainable homes. It also helps to coordinate a range of community-focused projects in urban neighborhoods. Gjertson's research interests include design pedagogy, community and professional practice engagement, and building science and material research.



W. Geoff Gjertson

Dr. Ray P. Authement Excellence in Teaching Award



Dr. August Gallo

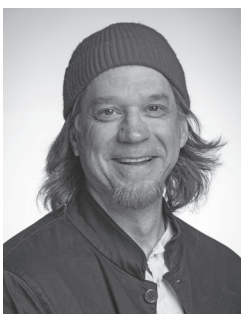
Dr. August Gallo is a professor and an accomplished researcher in the Department of Chemistry in the Ray P. Authement College of Sciences. His interests in the field of organic chemistry include researching heterocyclic compounds, which have structural entities found in many pharmaceutical drugs. Another research interest is natural products chemistry, particularly native Louisiana plants that exhibit pharmacological activity. Gallo also conducts interdisciplinary research, examining the formation of biodiesel from feed stocks such as alligator fat.

Marissa Lajaunie is a senior instructor who teaches a range of courses for the Department of Health Sciences in the College of Nursing & Health Sciences, including a health education course that focuses on professional values, ethics and legal issues. She is faculty advisor for the Health Information Management Society student organization. Lajaunie is a registered health information administrator. She has held leadership positions with the Louisiana Health Information Management Association, and earned the association's Outstanding Volunteer Award.



Marissa Lajaunie

Leadership Service Award



Scott Durbin

Scott Durbin holds the Drs. Chuck and Sue Lein/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Music Business in the College of the Arts. He also leads the School of Music and Performing Arts' music business program. The program provides students with instrument training coupled with instruction in areas such as music production, management, entrepreneurship and marketing. Durbin's extensive industry experience includes co-founding and performing in the Emmy Award-winning children's TV show "Imagination Movers," which aired on the Disney Channel.

UL LAFAYETTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



UNIVERSITY of
LOUISIANA
L A F A Y E T T E

Alumni Association

Welcome to the Family

Class of 2024, Congratulations! You have earned your degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, what an exciting time! We are honored to officially welcome you to the UL Lafayette Alumni Association: your home away from home.

There's no better time to be an alum of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The University is experiencing powerful momentum as it creates the next generation of leaders and innovators. As alums, we generate **\$2.2 billion** in added income for the state economy. We support in impactful ways no matter who we are, where we live, or what we do.

A Tradition of Service

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

Those connections continue with you, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's graduating class of 2024. Your experience with the Alumni Association officially begins upon graduation and stays with you throughout your life. You are now a member of the Alumni Association, welcome to our family!

Stay Connected

UL Lafayette Alumni are ambassadors of our institution, its values, and its spirit. Alumni contribute to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for many reasons: lifelong learning, quality education, and the betterment of our University. You can support your alma mater by attending a University function or showing your pride by wearing red and white. Stay involved by joining an Alumni Club or Chapter, which allow alumni near and far to connect and network with fellow Ragin' Cajuns across the country.

Support the UL Lafayette Alumni Association with your annual gift to the Loyalty Fund. By supporting student programs, alumni programs, and academic areas funded by the Alumni Loyalty Fund, you help UL Lafayette to continue as a premier institution of higher learning. As a UL Lafayette graduate or former student, you receive all free member benefits. By selecting one of the Loyalty Fund membership levels, you will access additional benefits and perks based on the level you choose. Please visit: alumni.louisiana.edu/give for more information about paid membership options!

Stay informed about what's happening on campus or in your area by signing up for Alumni Accents: an e-newsletter about upcoming events, University news, notable alumni, and more. Stay current with the Alumni Association and your alma mater by keeping your information up to date on our website: alumni.louisiana.edu/update.



Shown are nine of the 18 members of Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institutes first graduating class. TOP ROW FROM LEFT: Alma

Gulley, Maxime Beraud, Rhena Boudreaux, Annie Bell and Ula Corona. BOTTOW ROW. FROM LEFT: William P Mills, Pothier J. Voorhies, Harold Demanade and Henry D. Amedes.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Jefferson Caffery	Doctorate of Laws	May 23, 1971
Alfred Lamson	Doctorate of Humanities	December 20, 1982
Edward W. Stagg	Doctorate of Humanities	May 15, 1983
Joseph A. Riehl	Doctorate of Letters	May 15, 1988
Elida P. Millet Caillouet	Bachelor of Education	December 16, 1990
Sammie Wayne Cosper	Doctorate of Sciences	May 13, 1991
A. Hays Town	Doctorate of Arts	December 16, 1995
J. Bennett Johnston	Doctorate of Arts	December 14, 1996
G. Frank Pervis, Jr.	Doctorate of Humane Letters	May 17, 1997
Rosemary Saucier LaBorde	Bachelor of Nursing	December 12, 1998
Joseph D. Jamail	Doctorate of Laws	May 15, 1999
James Lee Burke	Doctorate of Letters	December 18, 1999
Marc C. Breaux	Bachelor of Fine Arts	December 16, 2000
Michael Doucet	Doctorate of Fine Arts	May 17, 2002
Clay M. Allen	Doctorate of Letters	May 23, 2003
William H Fenstermaker	Doctorate of Sciences	May 23, 2003
Matthew G. Stuller, Sr.	Doctorate of Business Administration	May 23, 2003
Robert Trahan	Doctorate of Humanities	May 15, 2004
Clara Constantine Broussard	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Martha Jane Conway-Bossett	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Shirley Taylor Gresham	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Charles Singleton	Bachelor of Humanities	December 18, 2004
Cecil Picard	Doctorate of Educational Leadership	May 20, 2006
Norman Francis	Doctorate of Higher Education Leadership	December 15, 2007
Ernest J. Gaines	Doctorate of Letters	May 24, 2008
Zachary Richard	Doctorate of Fine Arts	December 20, 2008
George Rodrigue	Doctorate of Fine Arts	December 19, 2009
Cindy L. Courville	Doctorate of Humanities	December 18, 2010
Joe Stewart	Doctorate of Fine Arts	May 12, 2012
Ambassador François Delattre	Doctorate of Francophone Studies	December 20, 2013
Dr. Craig Walker	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	May 13, 2016
Lloyd J. "Red" Lerille	Doctorate of Educational Leadership	December 16, 2016
Donald Mosing	Doctorate of Systems Engineering	December 16, 2016
Governor Kathleen B. Blanco	Doctorate of Liberal Arts	December 15, 2017
B.I. Moody III	Doctorate of Business Administration	December 15, 2017
Winfred Sibille	Doctorate of Educational Leadership	December 16, 2018
James A. "Jim" Garland	Doctorate of Arts	May 14, 2021
James Devin Moncus	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	May 14, 2021
Ginger M. Myers	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	May 13, 2022



SUMMER 2024 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Cajundome • 10:00 a.m. • Friday, August 4, 2024

Introduction Dr. Jaimie Hebert
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Master of Ceremonies

Recognition of Grand Marshal and Platform Guests..... Dr. Jaimie Hebert
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome Dr. E. Joseph Savoie
President

Alumni Address Alumni Association Executive Board

Presentation of Undergraduate and Graduate Candidates Ms. Lori Crain
Assistant Dean, College of the Arts

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates Dr. Mary Farmer-Kaiser
Dean, Graduate School

The audience is requested to remain seated until the academic procession has left the arena.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Founded 1957

Dean Mary Farmer-Kaiser

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Kwok Chee Katherine Chung
(Educational Leadership)
Hong Kong, China
Associate Diploma, Trinity College
London, 1998
A.S., The Associated Board of the
Royal Schools of Music, 2001
Licentiate, Trinity International
Exams Board, 2004
Advanced Diploma, Hong Kong
University, 2011
M.M., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2021
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"A Qualitative Analysis of the
Perspectives of Experienced
Instrumental Music Ensemble
Directors (EIMEDs) on Today's
Ensemble-based Instrumental
Music Education and Social and
Emotional Learning (SEL) in
Schools"*
Directed by Dr. Amanda Shuford
Mayeaux

Emaly Jauxniece Drayton
(Educational Leadership)
Pineville, Louisiana
B.S., Northwestern State
University, 2014
M.A.T., Louisiana College, 2016
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Teacher Knowledge as it Pertains
to ADHD in Traditional and Non-
traditional Settings"*
Directed by Dr. Amanda Shuford
Mayeaux

Eleanor Harris
(Educational Leadership)
Angie, Louisiana
B.S., Stephen F. Austin State
University, 1994
M.A., University of Arizona Global
Campus, 2021
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Empowering Nontraditional
Students through the YouthBuild
Program: A Comprehensive
Analysis of Outcomes for Youth
Ages 16-24"*
Directed by Dr. Amanda Shuford
Mayeaux

LaRae Dasney Hasty
(Educational Leadership)
Lake Charles, Louisiana
B.S., Louisiana State University
Health Sciences Center at New
Orleans, 1991
ADN, McNeese State University,
2000
M.Ed., McNeese State University,
2004
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"An Examination of Traditional
and Nontraditional Support
Factors on High School
Graduation During Times of
Crisis"*
Directed by Dr. Nancy Autin

Tarron Lewis
(Educational Leadership)
Morgan City, Louisiana
B.S., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2002
MBA, University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2020
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"From the Front Line to the Front
Row: A Phenomenological Case
Study Exploring How Student
Veterans Navigate and Persist
at a Louisiana Higher Education
Institution"*
Directed by Dr. Christopher Giroir

Jennifer Lee Ortiz Garza
(Educational Leadership)
Victoria, Texas
B.A., Texas A&M University -
Kingsville, 1995
M.A., University of Houston -
Victoria, 1997
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"The Essential Hispanic Male: A
Phenomenological Case Study
Examining Factors Contributing
to a Hispanic Student's Decision
to Enroll in a 4-Year, Hispanic
Serving Institution"*
Directed by Dr. Christopher Giroir

Curtis Mitchell Rogers
(Educational Leadership)
Sulphur, Louisiana
A.S., SOWELA Technical
Community College, 2005
B.S., McNeese State University,
2015
MBA, McNeese State University,
2018
Ed.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Analysis of Analyses" to
Synthesize the Economic Impact
of Higher Education"*
Directed by Dr. Jin Lee

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Morgan Britney Christie
(English)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
B.A., Salem College, 2015
M.S., University of Oxford, 2017
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"I and I: A Theoretical Integration
of First and Second Generation
Transcendence Towards Oneness
and the Short Story Collection
'Down Black Creek Way'"*
Directed by Dr. John McNally

Barbara Jean Flowers
(English)
Lake Charles, Louisiana
B.G.S., McNeese State University,
2006
M.S., McNeese State University,
2010
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Reproductive Identity in
Speculative Fictions"*
Directed by Dr. Shelley Ingram

Ember Lynn Johnson
(English)
Center City, Minnesota
A.A., Clark College, 1998
B.A., Metropolitan State University,
2016
M.F.A., University of Minnesota,
2020
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Basic Rules of Combat: An
Original Manuscript with an
Essay on the Poetics of War
Narratives and the Intersection
of Ethnographic Regionalism,
Geography, and Memory"*
Directed by Dr. Shelley Ingram

Nathan Lindsay Lee (Posthumous)
(English)
New Paltz, New York
B.A., Belmont University, 2012
M.A., State University of New York
College at New Paltz, 2018
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
Directed by Dr. Shelley Ingram

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.

GRADUATE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Lucas Lezian
(Francophone Studies)
La Garde, Var France
B.A., Université de Toulon, 2018
Master's Degree, Université de
Toulon, 2020
M.A., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2021
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Par-delà les Frontières : Normes,
Déviations et Contemporanéité
dans Donjon de Joann Sfar et
Lewis Trondheim"*
Directed by Dr. Fabrice Leroy

Sankar Sikder
(Mathematics)
Narail, Khulna Bangladesh
B.S., University of Dhaka, 2016
M.S., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2020
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Discrete-Time Population
Models with Application to
Predator and Prey Selection-
Mutation Dynamics and Gulf-
Coast Tick Dispersal"*
Directed by Dr. Azmy Ackleh

Jacob Alexander Stagray
(Environmental & Evolutionary
Biology)
Southern, California
B.S., Southeastern Louisiana
University, 2015
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"Gene and environmental
interactions upon metabolism,
stress, and maternal behaviors"*
Directed by Dr. Karen Müller
Smith

Julia Anne Sweet
(Environmental &
Evolutionary Biology)
Monterey, California
B.S., University of California,
Santa Barbara, 2007
M.S., University of California,
Santa Barbara, 2020
M.S., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2023
Ph.D., University of Louisiana at
Lafayette, 2024
*"The Louisiana Diet:
Connections Between
Freshening Estuaries, Harmful
Cyanobacteria Blooms, and
Food Webs"*
Directed by Dr. Beth Stauffer

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GRADUATE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

MASTER OF ARTS

Sarah Rae Broussard
Cameron Lee Collier
Camille Marie Duhon
Samantha Mei-Hong Huang
Sean H. King
Kenneth Dwight Knapp III
Noelle Rudolf

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Rebecca Lynn Adams
Adebimibola Oluwaranti Adebona
Jake Michael Allemand
Maili Osana Bartz
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