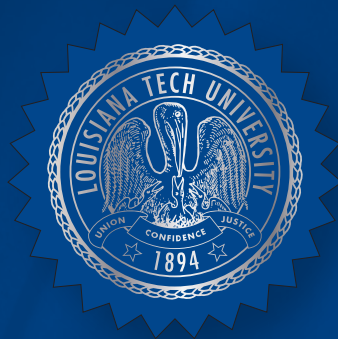




Commencement
Summer 2026

The Tenets of Tech

tenet /ˈtenət/ *n.* An opinion, doctrine, or principle held as being true by a person or especially by an organization.

A college or university is often defined by the traditions, values, and principles established by its leaders over the course of many years and how effective those leaders were in infusing these concepts into the culture of the institution. Over time, these concepts become the cornerstone of the institution's identity and the pillars upon which its mission and vision is built. They should also comprise a large part of the students' personal character and serve as a guideline for future generations.

Louisiana Tech University has developed 12 guiding principles — the Tenets of Tech — that exemplify the qualities that students should possess upon graduating from the institution. It is expected that students will conduct themselves according to these Tenets during their academic careers at Tech and, after graduating, continue to personify these Tenets in their personal and professional lives. In essence, these Tenets become more than ideas to be learned; they become a moral and ethical compass with which to navigate through life.

As each student exits the stage, they will receive a commemorative medallion inscribed with the 12 Tenets to remind them of their days at Tech and the guiding principles that will be invaluable as they begin the next chapter of their life.

CONFIDENCE
EXCELLENCE
COMMITMENT
KNOWLEDGE

INTEGRITY
RESPECT
LEADERSHIP
LOYALTY

ENTHUSIASM
CARING
HOPE
PRIDE



To Our Guests

Commencement is a happy and dignified occasion. It is a meaningful time to recognize our graduates. Therefore, guests and participants are requested to maintain proper decorum throughout the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement in the seating area and by withholding applause until designated times to be indicated during the program.

Following the awarding of degrees, audience members are requested to stand for the alma mater and then to be seated until the recessional is completed.

We heartily welcome you
to the commencement exercises of
Louisiana Tech University.

Louisiana Tech University

Three Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Commencement
Saturday, August 15, 2026

Processional “Pomp and Circumstance” **Sir Edward Elgar**
Nathan Earl Trahan, Pianist/Organist
Lecturer, School of Music

Marshals: Dr. Jason Howell, Mr. Stan McCaa, Dr. Mikey Swanbom,
Dr. Heath Tims, and Mr. Andy Yepson

National Anthem “The Star-Spangled Banner” **Francis Scott Key**
Music by John Stafford Smith
Ashton Thomas, Vocalist

Invocation..... Richard Warmack, Pastor
Grace Baptist Church, Ruston

Greetings and Commencement Introduction Dr. Donna Thomas
Provost

Commencement..... Dr. James B. Henderson
President

Commencement Address Ronny Walker
Mayor, City of Ruston

Presentation of Candidates for Academic Degrees

College of Applied and Natural Sciences..... Dr. Jamie J Newman
College of Business..... Dr. Christopher L. Martin
College of Education and Human Sciences Dr. Henrietta Williams Pichon
College of Engineering and Science..... Dr. Collin D. Wick
College of Liberal Arts..... Mr. Karl S. Puljak
Graduate School Dr. Leland W. Weiss

Conferring of Degrees and Awarding Diplomas Dr. James B. Henderson
Assisted by: Ms. Ashley Johnson, Interim University Registrar
Announcer: Mr. Douglas R. Postel

Presentation of Commemorative Medallions..... Academic Deans

Alma Mater **John P. Graham**
Ashton Thomas

Recessional “Trumpet Voluntary” **Jeremiah Clarke, Arr. Shin**
Nathan Earl Trahan

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Mr. Ronny Walker

Now seeking his fourth term in office, Ruston Mayor Ronny Walker has been deeply involved in the economic growth and civic well-being of both Ruston and Lincoln Parish for more than 40 years.

Building and strengthening the partnership with Louisiana Tech has been one of Walker's highest priorities since voters elected him as mayor on November 4, 2014. His efforts were formally recognized in 2019, when he was presented with the Arlis Scogin Award, the highest honor Tech can bestow for extraordinary service to the University by a non-graduate.

"The partnership between the City of Ruston and Louisiana Tech University continues to make our community stronger," Walker said. "It is a privilege to celebrate the achievements of this remarkable graduating class."

During his first term in office in 2015, Walker championed the "Moving Ruston Forward" sales tax initiative, which funded more than \$250 million in infrastructure improvements that has led to more than \$900 million in private projects over the next three years throughout the city. Besides the Ruston Sports Complex and improvement in relationships with both state and federal leaders that have produced more than \$70 million in grants, the snowball effect of Moving Ruston Forward continues to be evidenced in several major ongoing projects, including Buc-ee's, the Willis Knighton Health Center, and the Radiance Technologies microchip factory.

To help define his vision for the City that surrounds Tech, Walker coined "Excellence Made Here," a phrase that has been embraced and continues to be illustrated with continued improvements and enhancements in infrastructure, quality of life, and the growing partnership with Tech, a major catalyst for economic growth and workforce development.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The names in this program were candidates for graduation as this program went to press. The names of those awarded degrees "in absentia" will not be called but may be noted on the program. The right-pointing triple angle symbol (»») indicates the candidate earned three degrees concurrently. The right-pointing double angle symbol (») indicates the candidate earned two degrees concurrently. The double solid square symbol (▪▪) indicates the candidate earned a double major. Those with the diamond symbol (♦) earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

COLLEGE OF APPLIED AND NATURAL SCIENCES Dr. Jamie J. Newman, Dean

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Malia Noemi Hubbard, Lake Charles

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Emma Rose Giddens, Natchitoches
Colton L Knight, Leander, TX
Jordan Lawrence, Marshall, TX
Jackson Tod Matney, Dry Prong

LaChanti Keocha Lyndel Phillips, Baton Rouge
Addison Thomas, Minden

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Clay Andrew Doss, Choudrant
Keteral J Ducote III, Marksville

Jasmine Lashae Oakley-Parker, Opelousas

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John David Gray, Calhoun

Caden Allen Medaries, Bossier City
Sydney Hull Parks, Ruston
Dahomeyan Yopez, Slidell

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Dr. Christopher L. Martin, Dean

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Willie Arkansas III, Dallas, TX
Isabel Frances Black, Shreveport
Ethan Layne Brignac, St. Amant
Daniel H Campbell, Benton
Kinleigh Ann Crank, Shreveport
Debreanna Elise Durham, Minden
Tanner Cullen Earnest, Bossier City
Addison Reese Echart, Nacogdoches, TX
Hadleigh Elizabeth Fangue, Southlake, TX
Jamal Sami Farhat, Alexandria
Kevin Deon Smith, Bastrop

Kayla N Gamble, Vidalia
Reagan C Garrett, West Monroe
Savannah Brooke Garrett, Ruston
Ernesto Gonzalez, Bastrop
Cassandra Lee Hiner, Kilbourne
Grace R Krohn, Cypress, TX
Tori Grace McLelland, Junction City, AR
Caden Luke Meche, Alexandria
Madison Jene Mitchell, Rayville
Connor Neal Norris, Ruston
Toby Landon Rice, West Monroe
Randyl Marie Sandifer, Baton Rouge
Christopher Daniel Stafford, Ringgold

Aja Lyn Tellis, Elm Grove
Jacob Tyndall, Shreveport

Jesse Wright Tyndall, Shreveport
Kevin D Wynn, Bossier City

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Dr. Henrietta Williams Pichon, Dean

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Kaely Ranae Bettisworth, Haughton
Sidney Danielle Doiron, Calhoun
Madelyne Ferguson, Ruston
Nathaniel Dantas Freeman, Simsboro

Michael Wayne Gilmore, Dubach
Josie Faith Henkel, Geismar
Sierra Long, Ruston
Jaci A Poirrier, Denham Springs

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Laney Katherine Bonaventure, Baton Rouge
Allie Catherine Eldridge, Bastrop
Breydon M Hobley, Shreveport

Gabrielle Alexis Johnson, Monroe
Ava M Murchison, Natchitoches
Isabelle Caroline Saunders, Bossier City
Laura Hope Vanetta, Luling

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE
Dr. Collin D. Wick, Dean

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Cass G Alexander, West Monroe
Carson Dean Allen, Sterlington
Andrew J Barham, Tyler, TX
Memphis Creed Dalme, Castor
Harrison Cecil Day, Bay Springs, MS
Mason Alan Donadieu, Montz
Chloe Teresa Ducote, Bunkie
Kathleen Brigitte Edwards, New Braunfels, TX
Regis Fregene, Keller, TX
Clayton M Fry, Bossier City
Laterrence Deanquone Harris Jr., Bastrop
Evan H Keaton, Palm Harbor, FL
Emma Rose Lamoureaux, Gonzales
Logan Stanley LeBlanc, Lacombe
Cade J Lollar, Benton

Jacob A Marks, Prairieville
Chasey Blair Morris McNeely, West Monroe
••Dylan Spencer Mitchell, Sugar Land, TX
Prashant Neupane, Bardibas, Nepal
Robert Penaltan Newman, Winnsboro
Allan J Pineda, West Monroe
Tucker Edmond Raborn, Monroe
David Wayne Rockett, Shreveport
Ryan Alexander Staggs, Shreveport
Savannah Kay Stokes, Otis
Craig Anthony Sturiale Jr., Denham Springs
Isaiah Allen Thigpen, Mangham
Charles H Waite, Glendora, CA
Sarah A Wallen, Woodbridge, VA
Keaton Jason Williams, Zachary
Fayrouz Mohamed Zeidan, Mandeville

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Mr. Karl Puljak, Dean

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Nicholas Calvery, Dallas, TX
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Kolbe Isaac Fields, New Orleans

Amani Donte Givens, Baton Rouge
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>>>Jesse Colton Webb, Calhoun

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Madisyn D McClanahan, Alexandria
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Isabella A Silva, Cottonport
Michael Jacob Slaughter, Monroe
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Brady D Burguieries, Lake Charles
Daniel Efrain Conzonere, Dodson
Parker Davis Cupples, Minden
Cole Michael Doiron, Gonzales
Tate Mathewes Farrar, Ruston
Dylan Z Fitzgerald, Anacoco
Noah David Guerrero, Houma
Matthew A Houston, Hallsville, TX

Michael Grady Jones, Choudrant
Brandon Harvey Latcha, Bossier City
Aidan Michael Lord, Dallas, TX
Colin William McGinity, Houston, TX
Scott C Poon, New Orleans
Elizabeth Tannor Sermons, Pearl, MS
Hayden Kristoffer Smith, Independence
Sam Jared St Amant, Tyler, TX
Austin Stuke, New Orleans
Luke Jude Werling, New Orleans

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Joshua Noel Henry, Slidell

Grace Lorraine Julius, Austin, TX

GRADUATE SCHOOL Dr. Leland Weiss, Dean

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College of Applied and Natural Sciences

Tiffany Ann Cook, Lafayette

Alison Rodriguez Fontenot, New Orleans

MASTER OF SCIENCE
College of Applied and Natural Sciences

Melissa Barkemeyer, Baton Rouge

Caleb Wilcox, Elysian Fields, TX

MASTER OF SCIENCE MOLECULAR SCIENCE AND NANOTECHNOLOGY
College of Applied and Natural Sciences

Henry Johnson II, Baton Rouge

Fatima Yeasmin, Ruston

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Barro Joubert Massad, Shreveport
William I McClanahan, Bossier City
Thatcher D Ray, Shreveport

Kelsey E Simmons, Haughton
Sarah Catherine Spohn, Benton
Hunter Gilbert Wright, Arp, TX

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Thaxton Berch, Tulsa, OK
Carson Michael Bordelon, Baskin
Hannah Elizabeth Brotherton, El Dorado,
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Caitlin Elizabeth Byrd, Shreveport
Michael Christopher Cavalier, Kyle, TX
Catherine Hodges Clark, Jackson
Andrew Clifton, Starkville, MS
Casen Charles Craig, Frisco, TX
Quinlan Edmund Daily, Austin, TX
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Taylor Doolan Fenz, Huntingtown, MD
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Trevor Fortier, Mandeville
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Morgan Elizabeth Kleinpeter, Shreveport
Kristopher John Kovel, Colorado Springs,
CO

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Brandon Mitchell Little, Burlington, WI
Carter Alexander Lodgen, Monroe
Taylor Marie Louviere, Franklin
Michael Daniel Mach, South Lyon, MI
Ashley Martinez, Bossier City
Kierra Janece Middleton, Arlington, TX
Robert Eugene Mitchell V, Haughton
Hanna Moore, Calhoun
Nicholas Charles Motta, Haverhill, MA
Noah Nakaya, Kettle Falls, WA
John Slade Netterville, Shreveport
Jake Dwaine Patton, Quitman
Olivia Pharr, Lafayette
Richard Pyle, Lake Jackson, TX
Rileigh Erin Rabalais, Bossier City
Noah Luke Robbins, Ruston
Karli Marie Sitter, Benton
Lilian M Sobalvarro, Shreveport
Lexi Brielle Steinmann, Thibodaux
Trenton Tyler Storm, West Monroe
Edward Teal, Winnfield
Sydney Camille Thomas, Kennesaw, GA
Robert Thurston, Plymouth, MN
Jacob Joseph Tomba, Mandeville
Emily G Tookey, Ruston
Alexandria Ulrich, Haskins, OH
Parker Owen Vige, Gonzales
Torey Washington, Lake Charles
Dylan Thomas Watson, Baton Rouge
Anna Claire Wilhite, Ruston
Ali Nicole Wilson, Gilliam

George Michael Wolcott, Shreveport
Adam Wood-Foster, Winnsboro
Mackenzie Lea Wurm, McKinney, TX

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MD

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Monroe

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Charlize Camron Williams, Mesquite, TX

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Ashleigh Grace Hughes, Benton

Megan Bates Hunt, Ruston

MASTER OF SCIENCE
College of Education and Human Sciences

Aidan Thaddeus Holland, St Francisville

Seth Trahan, Scott

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College of Engineering and Science

Oluwole Tolulope Aina, Lagos, Nigeria
>>Amelia Boudreau, Kenner
Nur Mohammad Chowdhury,
Chattogram, Bangladesh
Olivia Coca, Kuna, ID
Madison Elise Enfinger, Benton
Nerivaldo Teodoro Eurico Jamba,
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Sajeivan Nallanathan, Ruston
Jasmine Neupane, Kathmandu, Nepal
Johnson Chukwuemeka Okoye, Ihiala,
Nigeria
Niloy Paul, Bagerhat, Bangladesh

Al mothashim Sabbik, Dhaka,
Bangladesh
Mohammad Abdus Sami, Dhaka,
Bangladesh
Shahjalal Selim, Cumilla, Bangladesh
Md Ashfaq Siddiquee, Mymensingh,
Bangladesh
Gabriel Nathan Vessel, Norwood
Joel Quade Wells, Ruston
Gregory James Whitehurst, Hinston
Tzu I Yang, Manor, TX

MASTER OF ARTS
College of Liberal Arts

Anna Grace Cotton, Monroe

Harrison James Hamiter, Marietta, GA

DOCTORAL HOODINGS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY College of Business

Sharmin Islam, Dhaka, Bangladesh

LLB (2019) Jahangirnagar University

Dissertation: "Essays on Information Friction: Hidden Liquidity, CEO Networks and Decision Making"

Major Advisor: Dr William McCumber

Ajaan Rahman Khan, Dhaka, Bangladesh

BA (2014) Jahangirnagar University

MBA (2015) Jahangirnagar University

Dissertation: "Seen but not Known: A Grounded Theory Study on Identity Obfuscation and Peer Privacy Concern on Dating Apps"

Major Advisor: Dr T Selwyn Ellis

Hooded by: Dr Craig Van Slyke

Daria Koksai, Scherbinka, Russia

BS (2013) Moscow State Technical University

MS (2020) Mississippi State University

Dissertation: "First-Class but Second-Hand: Understanding How Consumer Motivations and Value Perceptions of Pre-Owned Luxury Consumption Shape Intentions to Purchase New Luxury Products"

Major Advisor: Dr Laura Flurry

Hooded by: Dr Melanie Koskie

Joseph Mansour, Monroe

BA (1993) Centenary College of Louisiana

BS (2002) University of Louisiana at Monroe

MS (2019) Louisiana Tech University

Dissertation: "Anthropomorphic Perceptions of Generative Artificial Intelligence: A Qualitative Study of Causes and Consequences"

Major Advisor: Dr Craig Van Slyke

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION College of Education and Human Sciences

Jodi Marie Waters, Magnolia, AR

BGS (2013) Southern Arkansas University

MAT (2014) Southern Arkansas University

Dissertation: "From Entry to Insider: Onboarding as a Mechanism of Organizational Socialization and Workplace Belonging Among Clinical Faculty"

Major Advisor: Dr Bryan McCoy

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY College of Education and Human Sciences

Sarah Anthoney, Ruston

BS (2013) Forman Christian University

MS (2015) University of Management and Technology

Dissertation: "The Moderating Effect of Social Support on the Relationship Between Mental Toughness, College Satisfaction, and College Adjustment"

Major Advisor: Dr Walter Buboltz

Patrick Anthony Green, San Diego, CA
BA (2018) California State University San Marcos
Dissertation: "AI in the Workplace: Do We See a Team Player?"
Major Advisor: Dr Tilman Sheets

David Joshua Rusk, Olla
BA (2021) Louisiana Tech University
MA (2026) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: "Can Belief Change Reality? General Self-Efficacy as a Mediator in the Relationship Between the Impostor Phenomenon and Intrinsic and Extrinsic Job Satisfaction in Full-Time Workers"
Major Advisor: Dr Kacie Mennie

Christina Cantu Thompson, Houston, TX
BA (2019) University of North Texas
BAAS (2019) University of North Texas
MA (2022) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: "Measuring What Matters: Measurement Invariance of a Safety Perception Survey Across Job Categories"
Major Advisor: Dr Tilman Sheets

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
College of Engineering and Science

Mohammad Javed Perves Bappy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
BS (2013) Khulna University of Engineering and Technology
MS (2023) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: "Metal Oxide Coated Halloysite Nanotube Surface Coating to Treat Multidrug Resistant Bacterial Infections"
Major Advisor: Dr David Mills
Hooded by: Dr Teresa Murray

Dorian Jake Beebe, Lafayette
BS (2019) American Public University System
MS (2021) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: "Rethinking How We Fund Infrastructure: Multi-City Evidence for a Performance Driven Utility Model"
Major Advisor: Dr John Matthews

Alexander Johns Cogburn, West Monroe
BS (2022) Louisiana Tech University
MS (2025) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: "Induction Motors Operating Under Voltage Asymmetry: Performance Degradation, System-Wide Effects, and Methods of Compensation"
Major Advisor: Dr Prashanna Bhattarai

Ashton Garner Ward, Monroe
BS (2018) Louisiana Tech University
MS (2023) University of Arkansas
Dissertation: "Perceived Value and Impact on Performance of Non-Electrical Engineering Students in a Sophomore Circuits Course"
Major Advisor: Dr Krystal Corbett Cruse

ACADEMIC HONOR DISTINCTIONS

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
LATIN HONORS

summa cum laude

(cumulative GPA of 3.90 to 4.00 on all hours pursued)

Allie Catherine Eldridge
Tamara Holliman

Matthew A Houston
Dylan Spencer Mitchell

magna cum laude

(cumulative GPA of 3.70 to 3.899 on all hours pursued)

Daniel Alexander Aillet
Kathleen Brigitte Edwards
Tate Mathewes Farrar
Dylan Z Fitzgerald
John David Gray
Malia Noemi Hubbard
Brandon Harvey Latcha

Aidan Michael Lord
Aja Lyn Tellis
Sidney Tiblier
Laura Hope Vanetta
Jesse Colton Webb
Luke Jude Werling
Fayrouz Mohamed Zeidan

cum laude

(cumulative GPA of 3.50 to 3.699 on all hours pursued)

Amelia Mckenzie Broadway
Cole Michael Doiron
Sidney Danielle Doiron
Hadleigh Elizabeth Fangue
Clayton M Fry

Michael Grady Jones
Emma Rose Lamoureux
Caden Allen Medaries
Prashant Neupane
Sam Jared St Amant

HONOR SCHOLARS' DISTINCTION
Completion of the University Honors College Program

Jesse Webb

Robert Newman

Academic Honors Regalia

- Blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students recognize membership in the **Beta Gamma Sigma** International Honor Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic achievement in collegiate business and management programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB - International). Selection for membership requires the student to be in the top 10% of the undergraduate business class.
- Light-blue honor cords with light-blue tassels worn by graduating seniors signify a **Senior Honors Scholar**. The student successfully completed 9 semester hours of Senior Honors courses, including a Senior Thesis, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3, reviewed annually.
- White and royal blue honor cords with white and royal blue tassels worn by graduating seniors signify an **Honors Scholar**. The student successfully completed 21 semester hours of Honors Program courses while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3, reviewed annually.
- Medallions on blue ribbons worn by graduates signify membership in **Phi Kappa Phi**, National Honor Society. Membership includes all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 5% of the junior class and the top 10% of the senior class.
- Medallions worn by graduates signify membership in **Mortar Board** and indicate distinction for academic achievement as well as outstanding community and university service during their senior year.
- Gold satin stoles with blue embroidery worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Golden Key** National Honor Society. Membership is open to all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 15% of the junior and senior classes.
- Red and blue honor cords with multicolored tassels worn by graduates signify membership in **Phi Alpha Theta** History Honor Society. Membership is interdisciplinary and offered to those students who successfully completed 12 or more semester hours of history with a minimum 3.1 GPA and maintained a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA.
- White satin stoles embroidered with the orange Bent symbol worn by graduating engineering students recognize membership in **Tau Beta Pi** Engineering Honor Society. Selection for this honor is based on the student's engineering GPA being within the top one-eighth of all junior engineering students and within the top one-fifth in the senior year.
- Purple and gold honor cords with purple and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Phi Sigma Pi** Honor Fraternity. Membership is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors from all academic disciplines and requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, reviewed annually.
- Black and gold honor cords worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Gamma Beta Phi** National Society, recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Membership is interdisciplinary and requires scholastic ranking within the top 20% of the senior class.
- Red and purple honor cords worn by graduates signify membership in **Alpha Epsilon Delta** National Pre-Medical Honor Society. Membership is open to all pre-health profession students who successfully complete five academic terms with a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA, reviewed annually.
- Gold honor cords with blue and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Psi Chi** National Psychology Honor Society. Membership is

open to all psychology students who successfully complete a minimum of 9 semester hours of psychology courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA, rank in the top 35% of their class in general scholarship and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

- White pointed collars embroidered with the Bent symbol and the Greek letters XE, worn by selected engineering degree candidates, identify members of **Chi Epsilon** National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to civil engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior civil engineering class, and the top 33% of the senior civil engineering class.
- Bright red and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students identify members of **Beta Alpha Psi** National Honors Fraternity for Financial Information Professionals. Membership in the local Alpha Chi Chapter is limited to accounting majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a 3.25 GPA in the most recently completed 30 semester hours; Finance and Computer Information Systems majors with minors in Accounting require a cumulative GPA of 3.25.
- Cream and burgundy cords worn by selected degree candidates identify members of **Kappa Omicron Nu** National Honor Society for Human Ecology majors. Membership is open to students enrolled in the Human Ecology disciplines with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and ranked in the top 25 % of their class.
- White satin stoles worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Alpha Pi Mu** Industrial Engineering Honor Society. Members achieved a cumulative GPA placing them in the upper one-fifth of their junior class and upper one-third of their senior class.
- Blue satin stoles with the scholastic aviation symbol and the Greek letters HMΣ, worn by aviation degree candidates, signify members of **Eta Mu Sigma**, the National Collegiate Aviation Honor Society. Membership is restricted to Professional Aviation and Aviation Management majors who achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA as a junior or a 3.3 cumulative GPA as a senior.
- White satin stoles with a multicolored crest and the Greek letters IITΣ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Pi Tau Sigma** Honorary Mechanical Engineering Fraternity. Membership is limited to mechanical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior mechanical engineering class and the top 35% of the senior mechanical engineering class.
- White satin stoles with a maroon crest and the gold Greek letters ΩXE, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Omega Chi Epsilon** National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering. Membership is limited to chemical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or the top 25% of the junior chemical engineering class, and 3.00 or the top 33% of the senior chemical engineering class.
- Navy blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating liberal arts seniors and graduate students identify membership in the Cast of **Alpha Psi Omega** National Honorary Theatre Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic and on- and off-stage performance achievements in areas of dramatic production. The student achieved a 3.2 cumulative GPA and an accumulated over 100 job rating system points based on work in various productions at Louisiana Tech University.
- Spanish gold and red cords worn by graduates identify members of Alpha Omega chapter of **Sigma Delta Pi** National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. Eligibility for membership is restricted to those students who have demonstrated a genuine interest in Hispanic people, their civilization, and thought through the achievement of a minimum GPA of 3.0 in 21 or more semester hours of Spanish, with at least one course in Spanish literature or culture at the junior or senior level, and rank in the upper 35% of the senior class.
- Black and gold honor cords worn by degree candidates in Kinesiology signify membership in **Phi Epsilon Kappa** Fraternity, Eta Chapter. Membership is open by

invitation to undergraduate and graduate candidates in Kinesiology and requires a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

- Violet, gold, and lavender cords worn by graduating seniors and graduate students signify membership in the **Pi Mu Epsilon** National Mathematics Honor Society. Membership is open to students of all disciplines with completion of three or more college mathematics courses including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 4.0 and top 25% general class ranking) or two years of college mathematics including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 3.5 and top 33% general class ranking). Graduate students will have met the same criteria as undergraduate candidates with a 3.0 GPA on mathematics work completed during the last school year prior to membership.
- Gold cords with blue and red tassels worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Eta Kappa Nu** National Electrical Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to electrical engineering juniors ranked in the top 25%, and seniors ranked in the top third of the EE class. Along with outstanding scholastic achievement, students must have demonstrated exemplary character and involvement in campus activities.
- Green and ivory cords worn by degree candidates identify members of **Sigma Pi Sigma** National Honor Society for Physics. Membership is open to all students ranked in the top third of his/her class in general scholarship, with a minimum 3.2 GPA for all physics courses attempted, of which at least three or more are applicable to the undergraduate degree in physics.
- Green and white satin stoles with a green embroidered conifer tree and the gold Greek letters $\Sigma\Pi$, worn by graduating Foresters, identify the Alpha Phi chapter members of **Xi Sigma Pi** National Forestry Honor Society. Membership is by invitation to junior and senior forestry majors achieving a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 25% of their class and who exhibit strong moral character, honesty, hard work, and faithfulness.
- An honor cord of deep blue with a hint of red worn by degree candidates identifies members of **Pi Delta Phi** French Honor Society. The society's goal is to promote French and to recognize scholarship in the various disciplines and future teachers of America. Membership is open to French majors, French Education majors, and French minors with a 3.0 average in French and a minimum 2.8 GPA.
- Maroon and black honor cords worn by degree candidates identify Rho Gamma chapter members of **Sigma Tau Delta** International English Honor Society. Members are English majors or minors who have completed a minimum of 12 hours in English language or literature beyond the level of freshman composition, with a minimum 3.0 GPA in all English coursework, and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in all coursework.

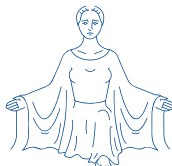
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Academic Regalia

The regalia worn by degree candidates, faculty, administrators, and some guests consists of a gown, the cap (tam or mortarboard), and the hood (where appropriate). The lining of the hood bears the color or colors of the institution from which the wearer graduated. The color of the velvet trim around the hood designates the academic discipline of the degree conferred on the wearer.

The colors associated with some of the academic disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Accountancy, Business, Commerce.....	Drab
Audiology	Spruce Green
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture.....	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work.....	Citron
Theology.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Science.....	Gray



ALMA MATER

By John P. Graham

O Tech, thy halls so beautiful,
Thy pleasant walks, thy noble trees,
That charmed me in my college days
Are ever dear to me.

Louisiana Tech I love thee,
My Alma Mater, my Alma Mater;
I will ever loyal be
To thee, my Alma Mater.