

# Louisiana Tech University

## Family Association

### Important Dates

**Fee Payment:**  
8/31 by 5 p.m.  
**Residence Halls Open:**  
9/4  
**Dawg Haul:**  
9/5  
**Welcome Week:**  
9/5-9/10  
**Convocation:**  
9/9  
**First Day of Class:**  
9/10  
**Tech vs. Nicholls State:**  
9/19  
**Tech vs. Hawaii:**  
9/30  
**Tech vs. New Mexico State:**  
10/17  
**Tech vs. Boise State:**  
11/6  
**Tech vs. San Jose State:**  
12/5  
**Last Day to Withdraw:**  
10/30  
**Finals:**  
11/9-11/19  
**Last Day of Classes:**  
11/19

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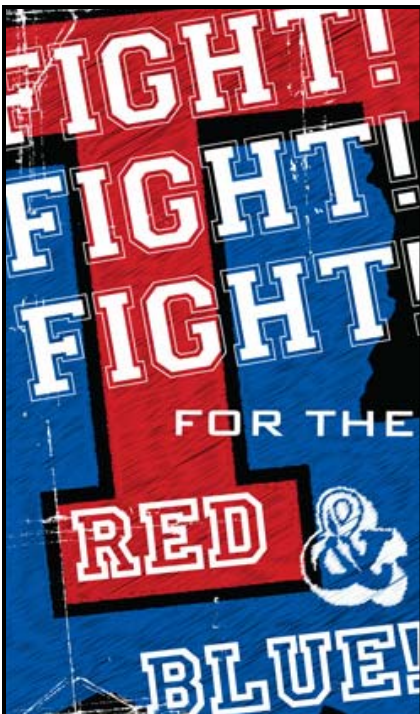
Louisiana Tech University has a long history of a family environment commonly referred to as the “Tech Family.” Being part of the family is a unique experience while one is a student on the campus, and it continues for proud alumni of the University. The Louisiana Tech Alumni Association has a mission to keep parents of current students connected with other members of the “Tech Family” throughout the country and connected to the campus in Ruston.

By joining the Louisiana Tech Family Association, you reaffirm your commitment to celebrate what Louisiana Tech means to you. As the proud family of a Tech student, you have a vested interest in staying connected to the University. The Alumni Association values your commitment to the University and appreciates you for being in the Family Association. You will always be a member of the “Tech Family,” and we want you to stay informed about the University and its many activities.

Your membership entitles you to: *The Louisiana Tech Magazine* twice a year, communications about activities in your area, e-mails about upcoming events, *The Louisiana Tech e-news* sent monthly, the Tech Update sent daily, and a window decal.

### F • Y • E - First-Year Experience

What is the First-Year Experience (FYE)? It's a program aimed at the first-year student! The First-Year Experience focuses on giving the first-year student the resources and support needed to successfully transition to college. Louisiana Tech has a long history of providing services to first-year students; however, this year initiatives are being coordinated and implemented under the First-Year Experience umbrella. The Common Reading Program, the First-Year Convocation and the Medallion are just a few of many exciting programs to come! It is our goal to provide special events and activities to help your student excel academically, find friends, adjust to college life and balance their academic and social schedules.



CONFIDENCE | EXCELLENCE | COMMITMENT | KNOWLEDGE |  
INTEGRITY | RESPECT | LEADERSHIP | LOYALTY | ENTHUSIASM |  
CARING | HOPE | PRIDE



## Stacy Gilbert Director, Co-Curricular Programs

We are so excited to welcome your student to campus. We plan to offer many activities during Welcome Week and strongly encourage you to take advantage of Dawg Haul. Dawg Haul is an SGA (Student Government Association) sponsored event where upperclassmen, faculty and staff help move students into the residence halls on Saturday, September 5.

If your student is a first-year student, please encourage them to attend Academic Convocation on September 9 at 7 p.m. in The Howard Center for the Performing Arts. At Convocation, first-year students are welcomed to campus by the president, vice-presidents, deans, faculty, staff and alumni of the University! If your student is not a first-year student and would like to help at convocation, have him or her contact me at the information below – we are always looking for student volunteers!

As the Director of the First-Year Experience, I enjoy the many opportunities to assist first-year students. Making the transition from high school to college can be difficult. Should your student have a particularly difficult time—don't hesitate to have them contact me.

I would also like to encourage you to take part in the Family Weekend we are planning for the weekend of April 24-25, 2010. We are already planning some wonderful events for you!

If you have any questions or I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 318-257-4730 or [stacyc@latech.edu](mailto:stacyc@latech.edu).



The Bulldog Achievement Resource Center (BARC) seeks to connect students to Louisiana Tech University by providing them with academic and co-curricular resources, by giving them opportunities for involvement in the University and community, and by helping to equip them to succeed in completing a degree program while enhancing the overall student experience.

The BARC's main focus is math tutoring, writing assistance, advising to undeclared majors, and University Seminar for undeclared majors. Tutoring in other subjects is offered with subjects and times offered updated regularly on their website, [www.latech.edu/barc](http://www.latech.edu/barc)



As part of the First-Year Experience, students participate in a convocation to begin their college experience.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is B.O.S.S.?** B.O.S.S. (Bulldog Online Student System) is Tech's online student services web system. It is a secure method of accessing student records, viewing grades, completing registration actions, and paying tuition or applying financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.) to your tuition bill.
- **What is Blackboard?** Blackboard is an online system professors use to post information and documents for class as well as conduct online courses.
- **What is Tech Express?** A Tech ID serves as your Tech Express card. Tech Express allows students the convenience of purchasing items on campus without the hassle of using cash, checks, or a debit/credit card. At the beginning of each quarter the designated Tech Express amount is added to the Tech ID to be used at all campus dining locations, the Tech Bookstore, vending machines, and laundry services.
- **Where do you find tutoring assistance?** Tutoring assistance is offered at the BARC—Bulldog Achievement Resource Center. Tutoring hours are updated per quarter on their Web site.
- **What is the purge date?** The purge date is the day by which a student must have paid for their classes and confirmed their schedule for the following quarter.



## Contact Numbers

### Career Center - 257-4336

- Aids with resume writing, career planning, job search, internships, etiquette training

### Counseling Center - 257-2488

- Personal, group, and educational counseling, career decision making, choosing a major, support groups, and study skills development

### Financial Aid - 257-2641

- Assists students and families with the costs of education

### Student Activities - 257-3479

- Campus events, recognized student organizations, spirit groups, Greek life

### BARC - 257-4730

- Writing assistance, tutoring, supplemental advising, study space

### Student Health Services - 257-4866

- General health concerns and immunization information

For more information, visit [www.latech.edu/families](http://www.latech.edu/families).



**Save  
the  
Date**

Join other Louisiana Tech students and parents for a great weekend of family activities and fun.

**April 24-25, 2010**

Registration information and details for the day will be available in February 2010.

We look forward to spending the day with you!

Reserve your hotel room for the weekend at Sleep Inn & Suites, 318-232-1100. Be sure to ask for the University Rate.