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A Word from the ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The old saying “time flies when you are having fun” is surely the case for me. It is hard to believe that I have been a part of the Division of University Advancement for more than 13 years – first as a graduate assistant, then as a coordinator, and for the past nine years as the Director of Alumni Relations – and it has been FUN! The opportunity to interact with so many of you has been such a blessing to me, whether it was simply through these biannual letters, at an athletic event or at one of our numerous gatherings of alumni and friends.

Earlier this summer, President Les Guice asked me to join his staff to assist with planning and advancement. This opportunity allows me to continue to interact with you, our most dedicated alumni and friends, as well as with students, faculty and staff across campus. My family and I are excited about the new adventure, especially since it allows us to remain at the university we love and where my wife and I met and earned our degrees.

So the question is – who will be the new Alumni Director? After reviewing numerous applications, we identified an extraordinary alum in Wes Cavin, Class of 2010. Wes will bring wonderful new ideas to the division and will work hard every day to keep you connected to your university. I know you will enjoy getting to know the Cavins and will be willing to assist Wes in his efforts to continue to move our association and our university forward. To learn more about Wes and his family, see Page 11.

As I conclude my final letter for “Louisiana Tech Magazine,” I want to thank the Alumni Association Boards that I have had the privilege to work with, the staff of the Marbury Alumni Center and you, our dedicated alums and friends, for your support through the years. I look forward to interacting with you as we all strive to make the Tech Family stronger each and every day.

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From the 16th Floor

Louisiana Tech's success is measured by the success of our students. Beyond all the national rankings, recognitions and accolades we've received, student success is a principle that guides most of our actions.

Our students have been successful, both inside and outside the classroom, and our graduates have distinguished themselves in so many professions and walks of life. Whether through graduation rates, retention rates, degree completion times, national competitions or demonstrated competencies such as communications, creativity and leadership skills, our students rank at the top in the state and among the best in the nation.

Through those successes, Louisiana Tech has established a first-rate reputation, and we see the positive impacts of that every day by an ever-increasing number of high-achieving students who desire to join the Tech Family.

We also see evidence of student success through the large number of employers who have been drawn to our campus and our region, seeking our graduates. Some companies have even set up operations on our campus to take advantage of easy access to our talented students.

One global information technology company, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), recently announced their selection of Bossier City to open an innovative Technology Center which will bring 800 high-tech jobs to the area. What was the primary factor in their decision? It was the tremendous opportunities they saw to work with Tech because they know that we can produce the talent they need to be successful as a company. Once again, evidence that the quality of our students is synonymous with the strength of Louisiana Tech.

This partnership with CSC, along with others like the one with CenturyLink, is creating significant opportunities for our students and graduates right here along the I-20 corridor. We are also seeing the likely impacts for more economic prosperity for our region as more businesses follow.

We know that the employees of these companies will see Louisiana Tech as a great place to further their education, to participate in sporting events and recreational activities, and to enjoy cultural experiences and performing arts. These companies will actively seek out our students and graduates from business, communications, design and many more disciplines. They already are.

North Louisiana needs a major national research university to support its educational and social needs and to be a catalyst for economic development. We have demonstrated that Louisiana Tech is meeting those needs. However, to continue to support this as our region and State grow, we recognize that we must grow as well. And to achieve that, we have set a goal of 15,000 students by the year 2020 – clearly an ambitious goal, but one we believe to be achievable. As we pursue this objective, quality won't be sacrificed for quantity, and we will seek to continually increase the strength of the student we recruit as well as the strength of the graduate we produce.

Tech offers an outstanding product to our students, and our faculty and staff have been able to offer that product at an exceptional value as evidenced by rankings among the top universities in the nation for affordability, return on investment, highest salaries and lowest debt for graduates.

To achieve our ambitious goals for student body growth and maintaining high standards for quality, value and access, we have determined that scholarship support is our highest priority. The University Scholars Program will enable us to use private resources strategically to recruit the best and brightest students from across the nation. *(For more information on the University Scholars Program and how you can strengthen it, see our cover story on pages 6-7.)* We also believe that it is essential for us to continue to support skilled, capable and industrious first-generation college students from Louisiana, who have proven historically to be some of Tech's greatest ambassadors.

This vision for the future is a shared one, and one that belongs to every alumnus of Louisiana Tech University. I am convinced that the pride, passion and commitment we share for our University will enable us to achieve our goals and realize our vision.

I hope that you will join us on this exciting journey.

Leslie K. Guice

Follow Dr. Guice on his blog at GuiceBlog.LaTech.edu and on twitter @LKGuice.

A World of Opportunities... Close to Home

Two-are-better-than-one partnership creates more graduates, jobs and economic opportunities.

TWO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BUSINESS OF SOLVING big challenges have partnered in hopes that together, they can do twice as much good for north Louisiana and beyond.

The payoff for Louisiana Tech graduates and students is a new kind of home field advantage.

Louisiana Tech's partnership with global information technology leader Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) opens the door for an increase in comprehensive and more convenient cyber-related education and a projected 800 jobs statewide during the next four years. The union is a culmination of efforts between Tech, CSC, Louisiana Economic Development and the Cyber Innovation Center (CIC) in Bossier City, which has enjoyed a strong, collaborative relationship with the University during the past several years.

CSC is establishing a 116,000 square-foot technology center at CIC, the anchor tenant for the 3,000-acre National Cyber Research Park in Bossier City; CSC selected the site after considering 134 locations around the country.

"Today's technology companies need a capable workforce, new employees with the right education, and skills that are current with the continuously changing IT sector," said CIC president Craig Spohn *(above right)*. "These businesses and agencies are impressed with our region because our Louisiana Tech graduates not only possess those skills, but also have a strong work ethic and patriotic sense.

"This alliance is truly transformative for our region," he said.

"This partnership is going to have an enormous impact across this region and across this state," said Tech president Dr. Les Guice, *(pictured during the February announcement in Bossier City)*. "It's an excellent opportunity for Louisiana Tech students and graduates to work with a premier technology company with leading-edge tools and resources to help solve some of the world's most complex problems."

The partnership should expand the state's knowledge economy, Guice said, calling the alliance "a great opportunity for our citizens to grow and prosper right here in north Louisiana without seeing our children leave for other states to work and realize their career aspirations."

A Fortune 200 company, CSC is one of the world's largest and most respected providers of IT services. Headquartered in Virginia, CSC has major offices on three other continents and, through its 80,000 professionals, serves clients in more than 70 countries. CSC has global alliances with many companies, including ATT, Dell, Intel and Microsoft.



The State of Louisiana will provide \$14 million in funding during the next 10 years to expand higher-education programs designed primarily to increase the number of annual graduates in computer science and cyber-related fields. Tech will receive at least 65 percent of these program expansion funds. So as a key result of the partnership, Tech's computer science program is expected to soon rank among the nation's Top 20 for the number of bachelor's degrees awarded annually by an engineering school; the number of Tech's cyber engineering graduates will likely rank even higher. Tech's number of computer information systems graduates should quadruple during the next five to six years.

Also in the alliance are Bossier Parish Community College and the Louisiana Economic Development (LED) FastStart Workforce Training Program. BPCC will contribute educational resources and support to further prepare and produce graduates with skills sets that are needed to fulfill CSC's needs and LED's statewide focus on workforce training and development.

"We have a great opportunity to link higher education more closely with business and industry to stimulate even greater growth in Louisiana through research, innovation, workforce development and partnerships," Guice said.

For more information about the University's academic programs available that will allow graduates to closely align with the needs of CSC, visit ACE.LaTech.edu.

Investiture of the President LESLIE K. GUICE

THE 14TH PRESIDENT OF LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

APRIL 8, 2014



SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

Banners announced one of the University's most meaningful and rare ceremonies, one that included remarks from Reneau, Woodley, Hebert, Tech SGA President Allison East, Tech Alumni Association Executive Board Member Cathi Cox-Boniol, Tech University Faculty Senate President Heath Tims and Board of Regents Chairman Clinton Rasberry, Jr., then concluded with Tech's newest president (*pointing*), fellow alums and current students singing Tech's alma mater.



Although it's a place where formal events are almost as common as Greek mixers and study sessions, Louisiana Tech's campus had not witnessed this kind of ceremony in more than half a century.

This was no ordinary spring day.

This was the official conferral of office and authority, the investiture of Leslie K. Guice, Ph.D., as the president of Louisiana Tech University. In the storied history of the University, this was one of its more significant events, the official recognition of only the 14th president in the 120-year history of north Louisiana's long-stable higher education flagship.

For the two-hour ceremony, Louisiana Tech students, faculty and administrators were there, along with alumni, distinguished guests and higher education leaders from throughout the state to witness the official installation of Guice and his reception of the presidential medallion, signifying his acceptance of office and the authority and leadership responsibilities of the institution.


The ROTC Valkyrie Honor Guard, Symphonic Band, Chamber Singers and Concert Choir were there to perform and to entertain.

But perhaps most importantly, Guice's family was there, including his wife Kathy, his mother Marguerite, and his first grandchild, Christopher, in town from Florida to help celebrate one of the most memorable days of his granddad's life. Born

May 25, 2013, five weeks before his granddad took office July 1, Christopher even helped Tech's newest president plant the 14th and newest of the trees along the entrance to Alumni Walkway, each tree in honor of the men who've served in Tech's highest office.

University of Louisiana System President Dr. Sandra Woodley executed the investiture of office. Both she and University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors Chair E. Gerald "T-Boy" Hebert presented the presidential medallion to Guice.

Guice assumed the presidency of Louisiana Tech on July 1, 2013, succeeding Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, who had led the university for 26 years and retired as the longest tenured president in the history of the institution.

The investiture ceremony began with an academic procession that included delegates from other colleges and universities, as well as select Tech faculty, student and administration delegates. It included musical selections, greetings and comments from several university and community groups, the presentation of the symbols of office, the president's address, and the singing of the Louisiana Tech alma mater. 



INVESTED FAMILY: Flashing post-investiture smiles are (left to right) Guice's daughter-in-law Ginger, son Kyle, wife Kathy, son Chad, grandson Christopher, daughter-in-law Christy and son Bret (daughter-in-law Shannon was unable to attend); the president's mother, Marguerite (center in middle photo), enjoyed a luncheon in her son's honor, and before the ceremony, Christopher helped his granddad with some very important presidential landscaping.



MISSION 2020, NOW

One alum and one student at a time,
Tech taking its next big step

HARRY HOWARD IS LOUISIANA TECH'S FIRST GRADUATE and lone member of the Class of 1897. He was awarded his Bachelor of Industry degree. His graduation ceremony involved Col. A.T. Prescott, Tech's first president, handing Harry his diploma that May.

For a lot of reasons, Howard, Col. Prescott and the six-member faculty of what was then the Industrial Institute and College of Louisiana would be impressed, if not overwhelmed, with what happened 308 commencement exercises after that first and most informal one. At the 2014 spring commencement on May 24, a packed Thomas Assembly Center honored 957 new Tech grads. A total of 966 degrees were conferred, which included nine dual degrees and 11 doctorates.

Very impressive. Nearly 1,000 students graduate in one spring quarter from a Tier 1 national research university; during the recently completed academic year, Tech conferred nearly 1,900 degrees.

But...in terms of where Tech wants to go, May of 2014 is in some ways like May of 1897: A solid start, but just a foretaste of what can be.

THE GOAL

The call to arms for faculty, staff, new graduates and alumni is to recruit new Tech students today for tomorrow. The enrollment



goal for 2020 is 15,000. Tech's current enrollment is roughly 4,000 short of that.

Tech does not want to be bigger just to be bigger, just to reach a number. There is concrete potential with each student who enrolls and is retained by the University. The potential lies within the student, and that relationship increases the potential of the University.

THE PAYOFF

Tech in 2020 with 15,000 students would mean this:

- At least \$50 million in additional revenue;
- 200 more faculty members and similar increases in support staff;
- a more vibrant campus community with greater curricular, co-curricular and athletics opportunities for our students;

- a much larger pool of graduates to support the needs of our state and nation;
- more robust research, innovation and workforce development programs that will impact the economy, particularly in north Louisiana, creating greater education opportunities and economic prosperity for our citizens.

"This would be the size campus that enables us to compete more effectively against other national public research universities – most of those are at 15,000 or above – and to compete nationally for even more exceptional students, faculty, grants and corporate partners," Tech president Les Guice said. "We can still retain the size that enables us to keep the personal touch but have the scale necessary for greater opportunities for our students and faculty. Meeting this challenge will help us achieve efficiencies that better prepare us to handle budget fluctuations from normal ups and downs in enrollments."

As students invest in a Tech education, they stand on the shoulders of those who've gone before. The shoulders are, and should get, bigger every year. Because of the strides it's made in new programs, facilities and national recognition during a season of economic crisis in Louisiana, Tech today finds itself in a position to grow faster and better than ever.

THE CHALLENGE

The goal for freshman class size this fall is 2,000; Tech's fall 2013 freshman class was about 1,550 (with total enrollment 11,014).

To help grow numbers, Tech ramped up its recruitment efforts and put additional recruitment counselors on the road. But an additional and more efficient way to grow is for the University's alums to help spread the word, to recruit and to support. A team wins one game at a time, and enrollment grows one student at a time. Every alumnus can help, and every student recruited helps, and is helped.

"Growing our student body to 15,000 is central to our vision for Tech. Our academics, our research, our culture are proven strategies that have sustained us through the past six years of constrained budgets," said vice president for academic affairs Terry McConathy. "We have chosen to move forward rather than retreat to a defensive stance, and growth is the key to attracting and retaining the best students, the best faculty and the best outcomes."

Alums know most of the things that make Tech an easy sell: the Lambright Sports & Wellness Center, the South End Zone Project, the Enterprise Campus, the Tier 1 and national research university designation, the new Tech Pointe and College of Business, the reality of a new College of Engineering and Science facility within


the next two years, the history of stability of leadership, and the variety of degrees, certificates and programs that reflect Tech's ability to respond to change and to the demands and diversities of the workplace.

But there is also the dollars-and-cents factor. When you talk about finding the best deal in higher education, Tech has been recognized nationally for the value it offers students and especially graduates. When comparing the total cost of a four-year education at Tech and the average median career salaries of our graduates, the return on investment Tech grads receive is certainly superior to that of any other Louisiana university and is among the top 20 or 25 in the entire country.

Even though Tech is in every way a "good deal," the University's need to increase scholarships is essential to attract and reward students whose test scores may not qualify them for top scholarships but who are outstanding academically and will succeed at Tech. The recently established University Scholars program (see inset), a combination endowment/scholarship fund, will provide these kinds of scholarship dollars to offset the expenditures from the University's operating budget and increase the number and amount of scholarships available for recruiting top students. The goal is to raise \$1 million for the 2014-2015 academic year through new and stronger partnerships with individuals and corporations.

"We know that for communities, regions and states to compete and thrive in the future, there needs to be a critical mass of knowledge workers and educational opportunities associated with research universities," Guice said. "We see this based upon what has happened across the country over the past decade. The larger alumni base resulting from an increased student body will provide more robust alumni and corporate contributions and endowments in the future."

One alum at a time and one student at a time, Tech can more quickly expand to a size and an influence Harry Howard could have only dreamed about for the two-building, six-member-faculty Industrial Institute he attended.

"Tech's vision has always and will continue to be forward-looking," McConathy said. "We are competitors who have a tradition of succeeding, and we will continue to provide a world-class education to ensure that our students fulfill their dreams and our employers prosper, with Tech graduates fueling their success. As we recruit and retain students and faculty, we will enhance all aspects of what it is to be part of the Tech Family, from academics to co-curricular life to research to economic development. As Tech grows, so grows Louisiana and our region." 

University Scholars Program – A Key to Tech's Dynamic Future!

Increasing tuition costs and escalating competition with other universities for the most qualified high school students have significantly increased the need for enhanced scholarship support. The Louisiana Tech University Foundation manages endowments from private gifts that have provided over \$1.2 million in scholarship support over the past two academic years from the earnings of those endowments. In addition, in 2013-14, almost \$7 million of the University's operating budget was utilized for scholarship aid to qualified students.

As the University increases its enrollment substantially, raising funds for scholarships is a top priority. The University Scholars Program provides opportunities to establish endowments through the University Foundation and to contribute in other meaningful ways to provide much-needed scholarship assistance. This is one of the best ways alumni and friends can assist the University and its students. In 2013-14, State support for the operating budget of Tech was only 29 percent; this level is not expected to change substantially in future years, so it's imperative that private support helps offset scholarship costs.

Your support of the University Scholars Program can make a huge difference as Tech expands both its enrollment and its impact. For information about opportunities to help, please contact Michele Robinson (Michele@LaTechAlumni.org), Corre Stegall (Corre@LaTechAlumni.org), or Jennifer Riley (Jennifer@LaTechAlumni.org) at (318)-255-7950.



LOUISIANA TECH ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

I WILL EVER *Loyal* BE...



It's Fun to be an Alum!

If we missed you on campus, on a road trip or at any of the 40-plus alumni events this year, we hope to see you soon. It's easy to get involved. Remember: it's YOUR Alumni Association.

1. These faithful Bulldogs and the good times rolled in the Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Parade in Shreveport-Bossier.
2. Michele Robinson, Tech's Director of Major Gifts, makes friends with Indiana Kilpatrick, son of Erin (Class of '07) and Jeremy Kilpatrick and the youngest attendee of an alumni event in Fort Worth in May.
3. Tech AD Tommy McClelland and coaches Tyler Summitt, Mike White and Skip Holtz during a Q&A at the Fort Worth gathering.
4. Hundreds of Tech fans had a cool time at the annual huge spring party in Shreveport-Bossier City.

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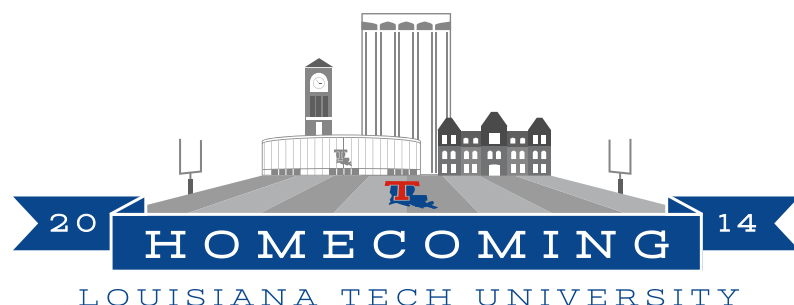
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- Alumni Awards Luncheon
- Class of 1964 Reunion
- Pep Rally and Presentation of Court

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Bookstore Open House
- Alumni and Friends Tailgate
Argent Pavilion
- Louisiana Tech Bulldogs vs. Western Kentucky Hilltoppers
Joe Aillet Stadium - Conference-USA game; televised on Fox Sports Network channel; due to TV/C-USA contract agreement, kickoff TBA by Oct. 20



Check the Homecoming website – LaTechAlumni.org/Homecoming2014 – for up-to-date information on Homecoming '14 as we finalize plans and release schedules for student and alumni events.

Forty faithful years: At least one Reggie retires



Silver Salute: Reggie was only the 25th recipient in University history of the Distinguished Service Award, given at the president's discretion for those who have contributed unselfish and dedicated service to Tech for many years.

There's only one Reggie Hanchey, both literally and figuratively.

But there often seemed to be eight or nine, either on a presidential errand, at the Ropp Center, on the road, planning the

details of a Louisiana Tech event or in a meeting.

Reggie came to Tech from DeRidder as a freshman in 1961 and graduated in May of 1965. After earning a degree in religious education from seminary in 1967 and serving in Ruston as a full-time minister from then until 1974, Reggie answered Tech's call and returned to his alma mater to serve here. A Reggie-less Tech campus for the past 40 years is hard to imagine.

If you think about it, the most often asked question on campus for the past 40 years, without exaggeration, has been "Have you asked Reggie?," or something close to that. Along the same lines, the most common statement has been, "Better ask Reggie." Because Reggie would either know or know how to find out. Quickly.

If you know anything about human nature and anything about Reggie's main job – first with the alumni relations staff in 1974 and then as coordinator of special programs and special assistant to the University presidents since 1980 – you know that very few people have the mix of organizational skill, temperament, intelligence and all-around nature to effectively serve as Reggie has. The job

calls for one to be part Martha Stewart, part Joe Aillet, part Billy Graham, part first-grade teacher and part – or at least some people expected – God Himself.

"Well, somebody better go get Reggie."

"Have you asked Reggie? Well, you'd better ask Reggie. Where's Reggie?" (And there he'd be.)

Remarkable that Reggie could be so dependable for his University family while still faithfully serving his First Baptist Church family as well as his wife, Mary Celia (Classes of '70 and '77), their four children (all Tech grads) and, now, the children's growing families.

Bossier businessman Doug Rogers was a student worker for Reggie from 1983 to 1987. At a mid-May Sunday afternoon reception for Reggie, organized by Reggie's family to celebrate his May 31 retirement, Rogers spoke of the steadiness of his friend: "The student Reggie was the same Reggie we know today: involved, funny, but serious about this endeavors, and surrounded by friends."

A Tech Family welcome to Wes

Interesting summer so far for Wes Cavin. In June alone, he and Lindsay, his wife since four months after they each graduated from Louisiana Tech, welcomed a newborn daughter to go with their toddler son.

Along the way, Wes turned 27; his son turned 2.

And Wes and Lindsay put their West Monroe home up for sale in hopes of moving to Ruston.

In July, he and Lindsay celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. Then things really got busy when he left his job of eight years to begin working for and with, of all people, you.

Wes jumped at the chance to become Tech's newest director of alumni relations. "I saw the opportunity to work with other alums as a great chance for me to help carry on the spirit and culture of Ruston and Tech," he said. "I'll work to keep each of you connected with our



WES CAVIN
Director of Alumni Relations

DEGREE: '10, B.S., business management and entrepreneurship

HOMETOWN: Vidalia

WIFE: '10, Lindsay Smith, B.S., family and child studies

CHILDREN: Cason Calhoun, born June 15, 2012; June Avery, born June 5, 2014

wonderful University by providing lots of opportunities for us to gather and engage and enjoy all the things that make Louisiana Tech great."

Since his Tech days he's worked at Med-Camps, an organization which provides children with chronic illnesses and disabilities the opportunity to participate in traditional summer camp activities in a residential camp setting. "The experience and the people I was privileged to work with and for taught me so much about the things that are really important in life, like helping others and the value of teamwork,"

he said.

Tech will find Wes to be a natural leader, loyal and devoted, a motivator and hard worker.

"Tech helped me to grow up and to become a responsible adult," he said. "This University provided me with the tools to become an effective leader in the community, and now I'm excited to use those tools to help Louisiana Tech."

Tech@Work

Meet a few of our younger alums who love both their jobs and their University.

X(BOX) MARKS THE SPOT

COREY GUNTER

DEGREE: '14, B.S., computer information systems

HOMETOWN: Natchitoches

NOW RESIDES IN: Charlotte

OCCUPATION: Ops consultant with Microsoft

He grew up playing Xbox. Now Corey Gunter might help with any of its games and designs.

Only 23, Gunter will move to North Carolina this summer to begin his job with Microsoft, one of the world's most valuable and recognizable companies.

He'll begin as a consultant, using his software development background to develop and architect solutions while working with clients. But five or 10 years from now?

"I plan on moving into the Windows team or the Xbox team," he said, "and becoming a project manager for either division."

Gunter followed the footsteps of both his dad and brother to Tech. "They were both successful with their careers," he said, "so I knew this was the place for me." Being a "huge fan" of Tech athletics helped him make his decision. Some of his favorite memories of student life are Tech ballgames. But it's his experiences inside the College of Business that are paying off now.



"Tech takes education seriously, so there is a level of expectation that they have on the students they take in," he said. "That level of expectation is enough to drive you to do your best."

Since his wintertime graduation, he's continued to work as an associate consultant at Tech Pointe for FenwayXperience, a company that develops applications for its clients depending on the client's specific need.

"FenwayXperience hires students while they're in college, so I applied while I was a junior," he said. "This gives the student real-world work experience, which gives them an advantage after graduation...I'm nervous about my new job being with such a big company like Microsoft, but my current job has given me plenty of experience to prepare me for my new career."

#WOW

KC IFEANYI

DEGREE: '08, B.A., journalism; '13, M.A., journalism, Columbia University School of Journalism

HOMETOWN: Ruston

NOW RESIDES IN: Brooklyn

OCCUPATION: Social Media Producer at GMA, "Good Morning America"

He grew up in Ruston. His parents and friends still live in Ruston. And he still visits Ruston.

"But I've always been a New York City kid at heart," said KC Ifeanyi, a young man

born for these fast times of fiber optics, social media and instant communication.

A social media freak? Maybe. But so are most 20-somethings. A difference is that Ifeanyi gets paid for it by ABC, the American Broadcasting Company.

"My main duty at GMA is updating all our social accounts, which we have a LOT of: Twitter, Facebook, Google+, Vine, Tumblr, Pinterest," he said. "God help me because I know I'm leaving something off here. I'm also responsible for thinking of larger ideas of how to integrate social media into the show and into ABC as a news division."

He couldn't pass up the TOPS money, so he chose his hometown university, dug in with the journalism department at Keeny Hall and learned confidence and self-reliance, an experience he's willing to share with today's students. "Don't settle with the hand that's dealt you," he said. "If you find



yourself in want of resources, get resourceful. I secured three amazing internships while attending Tech, and it was through what I did outside of what was the 'norm' of the department."

The three internships were at the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tech's marketing department, and Phoenix-based "Moving Pictures Magazine." He continued to look for opportunity in grad school and found it through a career expo for Columbia University students.

"I just walked up to the ABC News table and asked if they had any digital reporting positions available," Ifeanyi said. "The HR representative saw I had social media experience on my resume and told me I should consider this role at 'Good Morning America.'"

As they say in the social media world, #wow.

His hobbies include "playing bartender, desperately searching for the good music, forever playing catch-up on Netflix, reading in gross amounts, and rowing," he said. "I'm kind of addicted to the rowing machine at my gym."

ON FIRE UP NORTH

JENEE' JORDAN

DEGREE: '12, B.S., Biomedical engineering, concentration in mechanical engineering

HOMETOWN: Baton Rouge

NOW RESIDES IN: Warsaw, Ind.

OCCUPATION: Operations development program engineer for Zimmer Orthopedics

A Louisiana girl battled through an Indiana winter of 120-plus inches of snow and days when the wind chill was minus-30 degrees. But Warsaw, called the "Orthopedic Capital of the United States" because it's headquarters to America's top three orthopedic companies, is right where she wants to be.

"Basically this company is huge and I've always wanted to work for them but never in a trillion years thought it would be my first job," Jordan said of Zimmer Orthopedics, which designs, develops, manufactures and sells medical devices – and which just merged with Biomet, another of the Big Three companies in Warsaw. "I always thought I'd have to work for several smaller companies before I'd be experienced enough to be picked up by

any company here. So when I got the call, I was shocked and excited and it's been amazing."

Now in her second year at Zimmer, she's in Amish Country – "We have horse-



and-buggy parking at Wal-Mart," she said – and within driving distance of Indianapolis and Chicago and Notre Dame tailgating. And she found herself surrounded by others who, like her, are all about figuring out how to make artificial hips and knees

and elbows and ankles work, how to improve them, how to surgically implant them, and how to move them around the world.

"Tech did do a great job of focusing on skills I use every single day: being organized, independent, multi-tasking, communication with non-engineers and engineers and non-technical people and anyone else, focusing on budgets and cost saving, as well as being innovative where you can," she said.

Already, she's manufactured and launched the company's newest personalized knee instrument system and has worked on initiatives to save the company in raw materials procurement. Presently she's helping design, develop, validate and build a 3D printing cell that she says is key in "the future of medical devices."

She's paid off two student loans, bought a car and started a 401K. "And," she said, "I've introduced co-workers to the wonders of king cakes, crawfish etouffee, gumbo, Mardi Gras and what Southern hospitality actually means."

LIVING THE LIFE

ERIC GEIGER

DEGREE: '98, B.A., speech communications

HOMETOWN: Luling

NOW RESIDES IN: Nashville

OCCUPATION: Vice president at LifeWay Christian Resources

Both as a pastor and as a company vice president in charge of a division

that has more than 500 employees, Eric Geiger knows that success is all about relationships, something his time at Tech helped him learn how to build.

"My college experience really marked me," said Geiger. "I made life-long friends, mainly through relationships developed at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. And most importantly, I fell in love with and married my wife, Kaye. So she is, by far, the best thing about college for me."

Geiger leads the Church Resources Division at LifeWay, the division responsible for serving churches with Bible studies, leadership resources, events, consulting, kids' ministry, student ministry and worship resources. He is connected to churches in the Nashville area as a teaching pastor and layman and has served congregations as interim pastor.

"After graduating from Tech, I served on staff at several churches, most recently as the executive pastor at Christ Fellowship in Miami," he said. "Through my studies, speaking and writing, I came to know several members of the executive leadership team at LifeWay. They asked me to come serve alongside them."



He came to Tech because of its reputation of being "a great school with professors who are approachable and available," he said, something he practices as a leader and teacher now.

"I still benefit from the relationships I formed at Tech," he said. "I have friends who loved me when I was a skinny college kid living in Hutcheson dorm. Knowing that has been liberating, has given me freedom to take risks and to try big things, because I know there are folks who will be there for me, no matter what." 🐾

WHITE LIGHTNING



SPEED THRILLS: Recognized by ESPN as a top five returning point guard and passer of 2014-15, Smith was also named the C-USA Defensive Player of the Year and is a member of the Lefty Dreisell Defensive All-America team. "He's phenomenal," says White (*inset*), the former SEC point guard who happens to be his coach. "Speedy is the best passer in college basketball. He's probably the toughest kid I've ever coached."

During the past three winters, Bulldog basketball has mirrored the impact of a successful campus and community renewal project. Attendance and interest has quickly soared: wins, championships, a pedal-to-the-metal style of play and a White-hot coaching staff will do that for you. What remains is the unfinished business of an NCAA Tournament bid.

DURING THE BACK-AND-FORTH, FAST-PACED STRUGGLE that was Louisiana Tech's last-second victory over Iona in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in mid-March, Tech senior Shelby Maddox (*below*), near midcourt of Thomas Assembly Center, suffered a knee injury.

And he wasn't even suited up to play.

One of the fanatical Blue Crew, an expanding group of Bulldog basketball lovers, Maddox and friends were dancing around for the ESPN cameras, doing the Harlem Shake during a first-half timeout. His shoe caught on the mat behind the ESPN crew's bench.

"Twisted my kneecap right out of socket," said Maddox. "It's probably the only instance I know of where someone watching a sport got an actual sports injury."

Paramedics checked him. The team doctor popped the kneecap back into socket. He was done dancing for the night.

"It hurt," said Maddox, who earned his nanosystems engineering degree two months later. "It hurt a lot."

But as the Bulldogs did all season, Maddox battled.

"I wasn't leaving," he said. "Not that game. If I would have left, after the way it ended... I couldn't have lived with myself."

A Speedy Smith put-back at the buzzer won it for the Bulldogs, 89-88, another in a long list of season highlights that Maddox and thousands of revitalized Bulldog basketball fans enjoyed.

"This was my fourth season, so I remember when there were more people on the court than there were in the stands," Maddox said. "I didn't expect it to get turned around so fast. Last year was a big step, and this year...fantastic."

This year's Bulldogs trumped the 2012-13 team that won 27 games – including 18 in a row – and the Western Athletic Conference title. The 2013-14 'Dogs won a program-record-tying 29 games, a share of the Conference USA regular season title, and advanced to the NIT quarterfinals for just the second time in school history.

Tech beat BCS programs Oklahoma and Georgia on the road; each of those teams finished second in its conference. The Bulldogs broke or tied 11 single-season program records. Individual records were set by senior Kenyon McNeail for three-pointers made and attempted, by Smith for steals and assists, and by Michale Kyser for blocks. McNeail, Raheem Appleby (*right*) and Cordarius Johnson each reached 1,000 career points.

The loss to a hot Tulsa team in the finals of the C-USA Tournament in El Paso – Tech led by a point with 6:50 to go before losing, 69-60 – effectively ended Tech's hopes of reaching the NCAA Tournament. Still, the Bulldogs made an impressive NIT run before losing to Florida State in Tallahassee in the quarterfinals.



As expected, other programs came after Tech head coach Mike White, who in three seasons built a staff and team that rewarded Tech faithful with a couple of conference titles and NIT runs. White chose to remain at Tech: the obvious goal for him and the Tech Bulldogs, now a team completely built by White and his staff, will be to return Tech to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1991.

"We have garnered much interest from other universities, and that's just a part of this business," White said. "The job that my staff and players do will continue to draw attention to our wonderful institution and community. Tech has given us the opportunity to build something special here though, and we plan to continue to do so."

"The success we've had wouldn't have been possible without the support we've had from our administration, alumni, fans and student body," he said. "These collective Bulldogs have embraced our student athletes, encouraged them and supported them. Louisiana Tech is a special place, and our team and staff are very aware of that."

The 2014-15 Bulldogs must replace seniors Chris Anderson, Jaron Johnson, Cordarius Johnson and McNeail, a quartet whose contributions should be remembered for a long time. Next winter's team will be much younger and more inexperienced (outside of the starting five) than last year's, but will also be taller, longer and more athletic.

The backcourt will have something not too common in Smith, Alex Hamilton and Appleby: three all-league guards. One of the country's best shot blockers is back in Kyser.

Health and developed depth will be key. One of the new faces that could slide in as the fifth starter is forward Erik McCree, a 6-8 lefty transfer from Murray State who's practiced with the 'Dogs for a year.

The recruiting class resembles a starting lineup in itself with three guards, a forward and a center. Dayon Griffin (6-5 point guard) and Jacobi Boykins (6-5 shooting guard) are from Speedy Smith's hometown of St. Petersburg, Fla. Combo guard Xavian Stapleton (6-6) and center Joniah White (6-11) are from Mississippi. Branden Sheppard, a 6-8 forward, played at Shreveport's Huntington High.

Add all that up, and the Tech fan has plenty to look forward to. "I can't wait," said Maddox, who, with the help of a knee brace and a month's time, healed from the kneecap injury and now attends grad school in Ruston. "I have friends with no ties to Tech who've told me they'll drive over and watch these guys next year. If they're anything like last year's team, they should. This is a team that plays so hard, start to finish. They're easy to pull for."



'Dog Bytes

Last year: 4-8, 3-5 in Conference USA, 5th in C-USA West

Starters returning: 5 offense, 7 defense.

Key returnees: RBs Kenneth Dixon and Tevin King; DBs Adairius Barnes and Xavier Woods, Kicker Kyle Fischer.

'14 Schedule

8/30 @ Oklahoma
9/6 @ ULL
9/11 (Thur.) @ North Texas
9/20 NSU
9/27 @ Auburn
10/4 UTEP
10/18 UTSA
10/25 @ Southern Miss
11/1 (HC) Western Ky.
11/8 @ UAB
11/22 @ Old Dominion
11/29 Rice

(For ticket information, visit LaTechSports.com, call (318) 257-3631, or email TechTickets@LaTech.edu)



HEAD TURNER: A product of West Monroe and transfer from LSU, Paul Turner (pictured) is a speedster who can do a lot with a little; he had five catches for 114 yards and two TDs – one on this 70-yard catch-and-run – in the T-Day Spring Game.

Looking To Make A Run

LOUISIANA TECH WON'T HAVE TO wait long to see what its football team is made of this fall. The Bulldogs open the season in Norman against the University of Oklahoma, whose most recent game was a 45-31 blitz-flavored thumping of Alabama Jan. 2 in the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

The Bulldogs are not coming off the type of season-ending momentum or preseason hype enjoyed by the Sooners, ranked a Top-10 team by most publications and No. 1 by "The Sporting News." Bluntly, outside of a favorable schedule, few things went right last season for a Tech team in transition. Just about everything that could go wrong did go wrong, and at exactly the wrong time.

That combo did not mix well with last year's team, and for several reasons:

- Of all Division 1 teams, Tech had the second-least amount of starters returning;
- No Bulldog QB who played last year had taken a collegiate snap before;
- Sophomore Kenneth Dixon, the Western Athletic Conference's Freshman of the Year in the record-setting 9-3 season of 2012, and fellow second-year rushing star Tevin King each missed several games with injuries;
- Only two coaches from 2013 were at

ROAD TRIP! Want to go to the Bulldogs vs. Sooners season opener in Norman, Okla. with other Tech Alumni? Visit LaTechAlumni.org for details.

- Tech the season before; and,
- With little margin for error due to such inexperience, the Bulldogs turned the ball over – and over and over.

But that was last year. Now it's a different ballgame in that this year's season presents challenges starkly different than last year's. The Bulldogs have an idea now of who can and can't do what and a new staff has had a year to recruit and season its team. But the schedule, which includes trips to Oklahoma and Auburn and has the Bulldogs on the road in four of the season's first five games, is much more demanding.


Wondering who will quarterback? It's the season's biggest question. Ryan Higgins, who split time last fall with the departed Scotty Young, is back for his sophomore season. Two high school signees and Cody Sokol, who transferred from Iowa, enrolled at Tech in June and has one year of eligibility left, will be among his challengers.

The offensive line, inconsistent last year in contrast to 2012's four-seniors, one-

junior starting lineup, should be stronger and in better shape but loses three 2013 starters. Hopefully a go-to receiver or two will emerge: No receiver last year caught more than 36 passes or two touchdowns.

To the NFL draft, the defensive line lost Justin Ellis (Oakland) and All-Louisiana end I.K. Enemkpali (New York Jets), making more consistent play from the linebackers all the more important. With lots of depth and talent, the secondary should be the team's strongest unit.

Another bright spot: Kyle Fischer, a redshirt freshman kicker last fall, proved to be one of the season's highlights.

Coach Skip Holtz is nothing if not optimistic and upbeat. Excited about the Bulldogs' progress in the spring and now in his second season at Tech, Holtz and offensive coordinator Tony Petersen will have to figure out a way to get more points on the scoreboard than last year, when the Bulldogs averaged just under 20 points a game. Defensive coordinator Manny Diaz and defensive line coach Oscar Giles, each most recently at the University of Texas, and safeties coach Blake Baker, a Tulane graduate who helped coach Arkansas State to a co-championship in the Sun Belt last year, are the newest Bulldog assistants and complete the 100-percent makeover of 2012's full-time coaching staff. 

The Ty That Binds

Maybe everything old can be new again.

TYLER SUMMITT, ONLY 23 BUT TIED to the old Louisiana Tech-University of Tennessee women's basketball rivalry in a unique way, was hired as the Lady Techsters head coach in April to revive a program that was once the game's standard.

The son of legendary Lady Vols former head coach Pat Summitt, Tyler grew up as close as you can get to one of the premier athletic programs in NCAA athletics in the past 35 years. In the women's college game, the Lady Techsters program ranks second all time in wins with 1,043; Tennessee is No. 1 with 1,247.

The Lady Vols finished 29-6 last year and lost in the Sweet 16. Tech's 27 NCAA Tournament appearances rank fourth all-time, but the Lady Techsters have not been in the tournament since 2011.

Obviously, the two rivals were going in different directions.

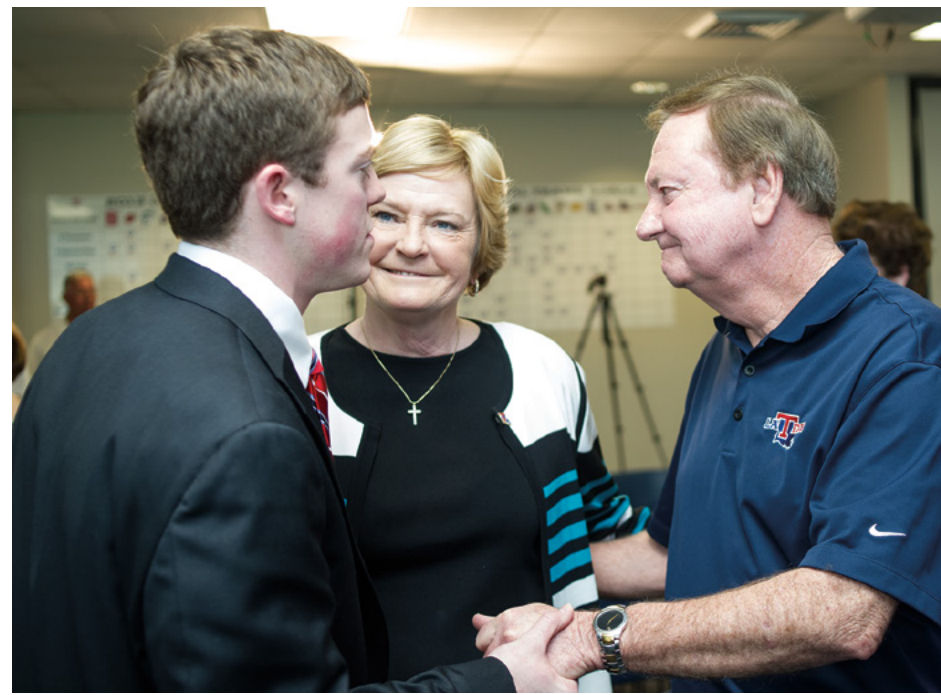
So why hire a Hatfield to coach the McCoys, besides the fact that the Hatfields were winning?

Tech athletics director Tommy McClelland decided Summitt was uniquely qualified, even though he was two years shy of being born when the Lady Techsters in 1988 won the most recent of the program's three national championships.

Summitt worked closely with his mom's program when the Lady Vols won two national titles between 2007 and 2009, and since birth through his early teens, Summitt had heard both at the gym and at home that Louisiana Tech was the early standard of excellence in the game. He's been in a championship culture since birth; Tennessee has won five national titles in his lifetime.

Two, his overall record as a walk-on guard for the Vols, as a volunteer assistant for his mom's teams in Knoxville, as a rookie assistant and recruiter at Marquette and as a coach of AAU championship teams showed a mature knowledge of the game.

And finally, McClelland is banking on his energy and expertise as he develops his philosophy of developing champions on the court, in the classroom and in life as being enough to make the Lady Techsters



MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY: Once fierce but friendly rivals and now Hall of Famers, Summitt (middle) and Barmore (right) each share a deep admiration for the Lady Techsters' new head coach. "I know he is 23-years-old," Barmore said, "but he has been coaching since he was 1. I really like the direction we have gone."


relevant again and, then, champions.

The sixth head coach in Tech women's basketball history inherits a program arguably slightly behind the one a Tech P.E. teacher was tossed in 1974: that's when Sonja Hogg, at the dawn of a Hall of Fame career, was handed some basketballs, towels, a few hundred bucks and keys to the gym to start the program.

She and Summitt have something in common besides a long history with Tyler's mom, and that's Mickie DeMoss, Tyler's

first hire and his associate head coach.

DeMoss is a 35-year veteran of college coaching, was Pat Summitt's assistant for 20 years at Tennessee and was the Lady Techsters' original point guard.

Summitt comes to Ruston from Marquette, where he was an assistant for the past two seasons. On June 1, 2013, he married his high school sweetheart, Anne Dennis "AnDe" Ragsdale Summitt (below). 



Shootaround with Summitt

Q: How often will you and AnDe be able to get back home?

A: To AnDe and me, Ruston is home. We're going to focus on making relationships here. To all the alums: we need your support. Each and every one of you can help make a difference for us, and we would truly appreciate your help in bringing this program back to where it belongs.

Q: With Hall of Famer Leon Barmore close by, do you expect to ask him for any occasional help or advice?

A: I've talked to Leon at least once a week since my hire. He will be a mentor for me and a resource that we will consistently draw on.

Q: What can fans expect to see on the floor?

A: The main difference is that we will be more up-tempo. I think fans will enjoy this exciting style and will also appreciate our players' effort.

Q: Can Lady Techster fans expect some 'new' traditions?

A: With one of the richest histories in women's basketball, we don't need to reinvent the wheel. My staff and I will embrace the tradition that we have and use it to benefit our future.



'Touchdown' in the south end zone

It's landscape changing, both literally and figuratively, for Tech Athletics.

Construction of the 70,000-square-foot south end zone facility, which will enclose that end of Joe Aillet Stadium, began shortly after the T-Day game in April. The centerpiece of the University's ongoing "Quest for Excellence" campaign is inching toward reality; the projected operational date is August, 2015.

The capital campaign began in June of 2010 and has since become a visible reality. More than \$3 million has been invested in numerous facility renovations, additions and improvements, including the baseball locker room and ticket office, the softball stands, press box and fence, the soccer lights, the Scotty Robertson Memorial Gym court, video display board and sound system in the Thomas Assembly Center. Another major fan-friendly improvement to the Lady Techster Soccer Complex will be evident this fall.

The \$18-million-plus, three-story athletic facility will include a new state-of-the-art strength and conditioning complex utilized by all 16 of the University's athletic programs. It will also house football coaches' offices, football locker room, team and position meeting rooms, club seating and a multi-functional dining space that can be utilized for athletic and campus events.



The club level will include luxury premium seating options with 302 chair back seats, multi-functional dining space seating up to 360, a private dining room with field view, and a full-service commercial kitchen. In addition to generating additional revenue streams for the University and athletic department, this area will be utilized for campus, student and community events.

In addition to several key initial leadership gifts from loyal supporters, the Louisiana Tech student body self-assessed a student fee that will help generate millions more towards the construction of the facility.

There are naming recognition opportunities available in the new facility; for details, contact Nate Warren at the Louisiana Tech Foundation, (318) 255-7950.

Get your tickets – and your slogan signs

Pick up your complimentary "Bulldog Country" and "Lady Techster Territory" signs for your home or place of business during ticket office hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays) at the LA Tech Ticket Office inside the Thomas Assembly Center.

Season tickets for Louisiana Tech Football remain on sale and are the same price as last year with packages as low as \$90 for East Side General Admission. Reserved bench seats are on sale for \$160 while Family 5-Packs include five season tickets in sections B and BB for only \$350, a savings of \$450.

Young Alumni can still take advantage of a great deal in Section OO with \$80 tickets with a minimum \$50 donation to LTAC. The Young Alumni package also includes a parking pass and will save you over \$350.

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Mills named 2013 Piccolo Award rookie winner

Rookie tackle Jordan Mills was a big reason – a 6-5, 315-pound reason – the Chicago Bears set a franchise record for total net yards last fall. He had a similar impact as a senior for LA Tech as the Bulldogs led the nation in scoring offense in 2012.

But there's more to the Napoleonville native than football, something his teammates quickly understood, and acknowledged. Bears

players voted Mills the rookie winner of the 2013 Brian Piccolo Award, an honor given since 1970 to the Bears rookie who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and sense of humor of the late Brian Piccolo.

Quarterback Josh McCown, brother of former Tech star Luke McCown, won the veteran award, given each year since 1992.

Mills, along with teammate Kyle Long, started all 16 games in 2013; he was part of an offensive line that allowed just 30 sacks, tied for fourth fewest in the NFL.

Mills gave an emotional speech which showed his appreciation for Piccolo, the former Bears running back who died of cancer in 1970 at the age of 26 and was the subject of the movie "Brian's Song." His number is retired by the Bears organization.

"He is an unbelievable person," Bears media relations coordinator Mike Corbo said of the former Bulldog. "His speech was the best one I have ever heard, and many others said that. We are excited to have him, both as a person and as a player."



PAW PRINTS



"Figler: My Imaginary Friend." Published by Parkhurst Brothers Inc., the 24-page paperback is geared for children ages 4 to 8...

James R. Boyett ('57, education) of Minden was part of the most recent Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Hall of Fame class. Boyett started his 38-year officiating career while he was a Tech student and has called thousands of basketball and baseball contests, including more than 100 basketball playoff games and 200-plus baseball tournament and playoff games...



Caitlin Updyke, who owns Lady Techster soccer career records for most saves, wins and shutouts, is playing professionally this summer in Iceland for the IA Akranes in The Pepsi League. This year Updyke and two other Lady Techsters – senior basketball guard **Jelena Vucinic** and junior outfielder **Janine Godwin** – each earned a Conference-USA Spirit of Service Award, given by the league in recognition of the community service efforts of its deserving student-athletes...

Nominations continue to be accepted for **Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame**. Forms are available from the Athletics Department by emailing Malcolm Butler at MButler@LaTech.edu or by logging on to LATechSports.com and clicking on Fan Zone, then on the LA Tech Hall of Fame link. The most recent class was inducted in 2013; the next class will be inducted in 2015 in the every-other-year process...

The second annual **Billy Jack Talton Invitational Power Meet** was held in late winter at Episcopal High in Baton Rouge. The high school meet is named in honor of Tech alum and former powerlifting coach Talton, a member of the Louisiana High School Powerlifting Association's Hall of Fame and 10-time Collegiate Powerlifting Coach of the Year...



No surprise here: Former Tech offensive tackle **Willie Roaf** is in the 16-member College Football Hall of Fame 2014 Induction Class; he will be enshrined in a New York City ceremony Dec. 9. A four-year letterman at Tech from 1989 to 1992, Roaf is already a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2012), Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame (2003), Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame (2007) and Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame (2009)...

Tech's communications team earned two national honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). LA Tech's football game programs, organized by associate athletic communications director **Patrick Walsh**, were ranked fourth in the nation; the cover of the women's soccer media guide, under direction of assistant athletic communications director **Kane McGuire**, was voted best in the nation.



GOFF NAMED BASEBALL COACH

Greg Goff, a 21-year coaching veteran who this season led Campbell University of Buies Creek, N.C., to its third straight 40-win season, was hired June 6 as Bulldog baseball's head coach.

He replaces Wade Simoneaux, who put together a 297-370-1 record over the course of his 12-year tenure with the Bulldogs.

In seven years at Campbell, Goff amassed an impressive record of 224-174 and three straight 40-win seasons. This spring Goff and the Camels won the Big South Tournament Championship, which led to Campbell's first NCAA Regional appearance in 24 years.

"I know the State of Louisiana has a wealth of talent, and it is a great place to start our recruiting base out of because of the amount of talented players in the state and the surrounding areas," Goff said.

During his playing days, Goff pitched for Jackson State Community College, where he earned his associate's degree in 1991. He then spent time on the mound at Delta State, where he earned both his bachelor and master's degrees in 1994 and 1996, respectively.

Goff is married to the former Tina Newbill of Jackson, Tenn. They have four daughters – Kara (15), Kiley (12), Kolby (8) and Kenzie (4).

Program record for up-and-coming Tech tennis

An 11-match winning streak speaks loudly.

Powered by the streak and all-conference selections Alexandra Starkova and Jazmin Britos, Tech's tennis team battled to its second consecutive 15-win season and is starting to make itself heard after a few seasons netting little success.

"This is a great ending to the year with both Alexandra and Jazmin getting these awards," said head coach Chad Camper, named the state's Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. "I think it puts us on the map as a strong up-and-coming program in one of the top mid-major conferences in the country."

This marked the second consecutive year Starkova has been a member of the all-conference team. The sophomore from Madrid, Spain, finished the spring dual season with a 15-6 overall record in singles and a 3-1 mark in C-USA play, playing all but three matches at the No. 1 spot. The 15 singles wins was a team-high; four of those were clinchers.

Britos, from Villarrica, Paraguay, finished with a team-best 14-3 record in singles, 3-0 in C-USA. She spent most of the season at No. 3 but also saw action at No. 2 and No. 4.

Hadnot goes out golden

At the 2014 Conference USA Outdoor Championships, Tech's women's team finished fifth, the men finished fourth, and senior speedster Trey Hadnot finished with three gold medals.

In doing so, Hadnot continued an impressive streak for Bulldog track and field. Hadnot held Tulsa's Bryce Robinson for Louisiana Tech's ninth consecutive conference championship in the 200 meters. Tech hasn't failed to win a 200 meters conference title since Hurricane Katrina hit, since Pope Paul II died and since YouTube launched. Nine straight.

A Ruston native, Hadnot also finished first in both the 100 meters (10.45) and as a member of the 4x100 relay team; he ran the second leg as the Bulldogs ran a season best of 39.53.

Kim Francis claimed silver in both the 100 meter hurdles (13.23) and as a member of the 4x100 relay team; Francis, Aminah Blount, Brittany Walker and Charla Craddock ran a season-best 44.68.

Joshua Cox was another medalist for the Bulldogs, finishing third in the javelin at 221-3.



Lange fashions historic season

Sophomore Victor Lange finished 25th in the NCAA Regionals, the first Tech golfer to ever represent the program at an NCAA Regional.

Lange finished the 54-hole event at Briggs Ranch Golf Course in San Antonio with a 220 total, including a 68 in the second round. He finished 14 strokes out of first, and five teams advanced from the regional to the NCAA Championships.

From Johannesburg, South Africa, Lange finished the year with a 72.80 average, setting a new school record for the best season stroke average; the old record was 73.34 set by Matthew Harvey in 2007-08.

Lange was All-Louisiana and All-Western Athletic Conference as a freshman and earned second-team all-conference honors this year. He was a Conference USA Golfer of the Week in February.

Coach Jeff Parks resigned to accept a private business opportunity, but made certain the Bulldogs' new head coach, Jeff Jenkins, will inherit some strong talent, including Lange. Jenkins, a former Arkansas Tech University All-American (2001) and for the past four seasons the assistant men's golf coach at Texas Tech, was hired June 16.

"It was an awesome season for Victor," Parks said. "I think he finished outside the top 25 only twice all year. To be the first player to ever represent our school at regionals, it was a great honor for him. He is a talented player, and he is looking forward to next year already."



DOUBLE GOOD: With the twin spires as a backdrop, Ride On Curlin, one of two horses with strong Tech connections in this year's Derby, stretches out under the watchful eye of the popular Gowan (below). "When I left Hot Springs, (Ark.), back at Christmastime, I rode through Tech on the way to my dad's in Winnsboro," Gowan said. "I took my daughters back to the old barn and showed them where this all started for me. A lot of things have changed...but I'll never forget where I started training." As a Tech student and for a Texas owner named Joe Hoot, he trained his first winner. "Won at Louisiana Downs; horse's name was Account Overdrawn," Gowan said, "which fit me perfectly."



Bulldog and Pony Show Two Tech grads earn Kentucky Derby posts

In the near-record crowd of 164,906 fans at Churchill Downs May 3, two Louisiana Tech graduates had a special stake in the 140th running of the Kentucky Derby. Each Bulldog had a dog in the fight, so to speak.

Billy Gowan ('89, *animal science*), reared in Winnsboro and now of Shepherdsville, Ky., trained Ride On Curlin, one of only three horses who competed in each leg of the 2014 Triple Crown.

Ruston's Steve Davison ('89, *management, pre-law*), the University's current Alumnus of the Year, owns Kentucky-based Twin Creeks Farm and Vinceremos, a last-minute Derby entry who went off at 49-1 and finished 17th in the field of 19 thoroughbreds. Involved in the thoroughbred industry for more than 20 years now, Davison is also co-owner of Mission Impazible, who ran in the Derby in 2010.

While the 2014 Run for the Roses wasn't exactly a Class of '89 reunion – Gowan and Davison have yet to meet, though they tried to during a crowded and busy Derby weekend – it is still an interesting piece of trivia: a pair of Tech graduates earn a chance to compete simultaneously for thoroughbred racing's most prestigious prize.

"You rarely get to race for that kind of money in front of those kinds of crowds in just five weekends," said Gowan, a favorite in the industry and now saddled with the playful nickname of "Bronco Billy." Gowan has a three-horse stable; trainer Todd Pelcher had four horses run in the Derby, including Vinceremos.


"Billy Gowan was my favorite story of Derby week," said New Orleans Times-Picayune columnist Jeff Duncan. "He might come across as the classic good ol' boy from Louisiana, but don't be fooled by his aw-shucks demeanor. He's a skilled horseman... You

could make an argument that Ride On Curlin was the third best horse in the (Derby) race that day."

Gowan was not enamored with jockey Calvin Borel's ride as Ride On Curlin, at odds of 17-1, finished seventh. With Joel Rosario in the stirrups, Ride On Curlin finished second in the Preakness in the Triple Crown's second leg. In the Belmont, Rosario rode Tonalist to victory, spoiling California Chrome's Triple Crown bid. Ride On Curlin, guided by a different jockey for the third straight race, suffered a slight injury and finished far back when "he was clearly worn out," Duncan said.

"The Triple Crown's the biggest stage in racing and, along with winning the Breeders' Cup, is the reason people get into racing," Gowan said. "The money and the chance to win the Crown – it's good incentive to run. But it's a grueling five weeks. Other than the Belmont, (Ride On Curlin) was rock-solid all year, and that includes a hard campaign to get him into the Derby. He performed excellent. It's been a fun ride, I'll tell you that."

Constitution, another horse from Davison's stable, was 3-for-3 on the year, had beaten Tonalist and was one of the Derby favorites until an injury in late April sidelined him. Vinceremos had a strenuous spring campaign and wasn't expected to do much in the Derby but, as Davison said, "You can't win if you don't run." Both horses are now on two-month breaks, and Constitution is expected to recover fully.

Any chance at a win in the Derby, a race for 3-year-olds, is over for Ride On Curlin, Constitution and Vinceremos. But odds are good that fans of both Tech and thoroughbred racing will see Bronco Billy and Davison at Churchill Downs on Derby Day again. 



James Liberatos, Dean

Ag Department presents the \$64,000 answer

A combination of 50 continuing students and incoming freshmen were presented \$64,000 in scholarships at the Department of Agriculture's annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet.

"We're proud of the help we are able to give to our students through scholarships; it's things like the poinsettia sale each Christmas and the livestock sales we hold that allow us to do so," said department head Gary Kennedy. "We have 62 incoming freshman, and those kinds of scholarships help in attracting students to the department."

Nine graduating students headed to veterinary school were presented with stethoscopes during the banquet; 15 Agriculture Ambassadors and 10 Mascot Care Team members were also recognized.

"Our Agriculture Ambassadors help with all the events we hold, like the poinsettia and livestock sales, and they also serve as our student recruiters and other things like that," Kennedy said.

James "Mic" Baxter, the department's Alumnus of the Year, was recognized during the banquet, as were the four department members honored earlier in the spring during Tech's College of Applied and Natural Sciences Day. Award winners were:

Paul Jackson, Outstanding Instruction for 100/200 level courses;
Maureen Hilliard, Outstanding Instruction 300 level courses and above;
Elizabeth Carraway, Debra L. Martin Service Award;
Julie Rutledge, John D. Griffin Award for Outstanding Professional Service.

Student Spotlight

ONALISE HILL, Senior

Hometown: Pineville

Major: Forestry, concentration in wildlife habitat management

"I want to be a wildlife biologist with a government association. Such a job would entail hands-on work with a variety of different animals such as songbirds, white-tailed deer, Louisiana black bear, red-cockaded woodpecker, a variety of waterfowl, and more..."

"A degree from Tech means something to employers. Every degree is not created equal..."

"Wildlife biology is a delicate mixture between blue-collar work and white-collar science. Not only do you have to do the hands-on, in-the-weather data collection and land management, but you also have to draw conclusions and make treatment plans. There is also a strong economic side to forestry. Timber is Louisiana's number one crop, so measurements and finance cannot be overlooked in pursuing such a degree..."

"The Forestry Club and Wildlife Society are assets to Louisiana Tech, without a doubt. South Campus students and professors treat you like family, making the college experience more rewarding and even more educational. I have never sought help and been treated like a number."



Disaster drill tests response elements

Tech's Division of Nursing, Counseling Center and Police Department, along with the Ruston Fire Department, Ruston Police Department, Northern Louisiana Medical Center and Green Clinic Surgical Hospital, teamed in April to conduct a disaster drill at Hutcheson residential hall.

The drill was used to test several key response elements for each organization and department. For students, the drill provided a real-life experience of how emergency responders handle certain situations.

Tech's administration had an opportunity to deal with specific issues that would be presented during a campus crisis. Community law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics were also tested and challenged, and medical personnel practiced handling the potential aftermath of "injured" patients.



DAVISON



POST

Davison and Glen Post were inducted into Tech's College of Business Hall of Fame. Davison earned a business administration degree from Tech; Post received both his accounting and master's of business administration degrees from Tech.

Both alums remain very active in business, in growing north Louisiana's educational and economic health, and in their support of the University.

The Community Trust Bank Dean's Excellence Award was presented to Tech faculty members Selwyn Ellis and Jason Hur, and the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to retiring Tech professor Joe Pullis.

Two inducted into HOF

A new tradition began for the college May 8 when, in collaboration with the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, the College held the first annual Hall of Fame Banquet at Squire Creek Country Club.

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Bisping named interim dean

Associate dean of graduate programs and research and associate professor of economics Tim Bisping became the College's interim dean in June. A committee led by Terry McConathy, vice president for academic affairs, is conducting a national search for a permanent replacement for former dean James Lumpkin, who accepted a position with the University of Texas at Tyler.

"The College of Business at Louisiana Tech is a special place, and I am honored to be a part of building upon its rich history of academic excellence," said Bisping.

Bisping, a native of Kansas, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wichita State University, and his Ph.D. in economics from Oklahoma State University. He has served as associate dean of graduate programs and research in the College of Business since 2011, and holds the Jack and Peggy Byrd Endowed Professorship.

Online MBA options available

The 100-percent online MBA program has been launched, designed for students who live out of the region or cannot come to the Ruston campus. The course work is not tied to a particular class time; all it takes to complete the program is will and an internet connection.

"The College of Business began offering online MBA courses several years ago, and we have taken our time to fully develop the program to ensure that it meets the high standards we set for all of our programs," said interim dean Tim Bisping. "This spring we decided that the program was ready for a full launch, and we are accepting applications for the Fall 2014 quarter. We have already admitted a number of students."

"It has been great to hear from Tech alums around the state and country who have expressed interest in our online MBA program," Bisping said. "I hope they will continue to call us and help spread the word about our online MBA program."

More information is available at the College's website or by calling (318) 257-4526.



Tim Bisping, Interim Dean

Student Spotlight

SAM HUSSEIN, Junior

Hometown: Shreveport / **Major:** Finance

"I want to become an investment banker or financial analyst. I'd like to work for a major company such as J.P. Morgan, Wells Fargo or Merrill Lynch..."

"I would tell a high school senior thinking about Tech that Tech is like one big happy family, and there is something for everyone to do here. There are so many different organizations here that you would have to try to not be involved..."

"I am involved in a number of organizations on campus. I was over Spring Fling for Union Board, over sports promotion on the Student Government Association, was president of the Peer Leadership Council, on the executive council of the Business Student Association and was the fundraising chair on the National Society of Leadership and Success. Being so involved on campus has taught me discipline and time management to balance my extracurricular activities and my studies at the same time. Also being involved has helped me to fit in and meet some of my best friends through these organizations."





Lawrence Leonard, Dean

‘Team Leonard’ retires to the road

Sometimes you hear the open road calling and realize it's time to listen.

That's the case for Lawrence Leonard and his wife Pauline, head of Tech's Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership. Dean Leonard and his wife will retire on Aug. 31, 18 years after he first joined the Tech faculty in 1996. The Leonards plan to hit the road upon retirement in a recently purchased motorhome they've named "Open Road."

"It has been such a wonderful experience to get to know so many wonderful individuals here in north Louisiana – especially the faculty, staff and students here in the College of Education and all across the Tech campus," Leonard said. "I also have to acknowledge the great opportunities afforded to Pauline and me over the years. I tell all our new faculty – and anyone else who cares to listen – that if you do a good job at Tech, that is, if you assume responsibility and deliver on it, you will be recognized."

Grad students actively recruited

The College conducted a Graduate Program Information Session in April at Tech's Shreveport Center, 8028 Shrevepark Drive, and remains actively recruiting students interested in ongoing education.

Tech is targeting a five-parish area in northwest Louisiana to attract more graduate students and better serve the needs of the region. The College offers a number of outstanding master's-level and doctoral-level programs in such disciplines as Educational Leadership, Kinesiology, Counseling and Guidance, Counseling Psychology, Curriculum and Instruction, Higher Education Administration, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Alternative Path Teacher Certification, Organizational Leadership, and Orientation and Mobility/Teaching Blind Students.

Student Spotlight

MEREDITH NELSON, *Sophomore*

Hometown: Bossier City / **Major:** Elementary education

When I think of what kind of work I would like to do, all I can imagine is wanting to do something much larger than myself...

I want to be more than just a teacher. I want to be a mentor, a friend, and a positive role model to all those around me...

"Tech is a great university in general, but I am positive I would not have experienced such a warm, welcoming environment inside and outside of the classroom anywhere else. I found my second home in Ruston..."

"I am not only learning how to be a teacher, but I am also learning how to fulfill an important role in society..."

"Tech is the perfect size – not too big or too small. I love being able to see friends throughout campus daily, but I also love getting to meet other students and make new friends..."

"No matter what someone's interests may be, there is literally something for everyone. "I am a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, I attend the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and I am a member of academic societies such as the Golden Key International Honor Society and National Society of Leadership and Success."

Kinesiology gets physical – and mental

The Department of Kinesiology played host to an Adaptive Sports Seminar and National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in the Scotty Robertson Memorial Gymnasium and the Lambright Sports and Wellness Center.

Tech and Grambling State students joined other college student in intramural wheelchair basketball games. Teams from Alabama, Mississippi and Texas also competed in the day-long round-robin tournament.

"The adaptive sports seminar and wheelchair basketball tournament provide an opportunity for both the Tech and Ruston communities to experience and become familiar with physical activity opportunities for individuals with disabilities," said Braden Romer, assistant professor of kinesiology at Tech. "A secondary goal is the hope that the tournament sparked interest within the Tech community for someone or some group to begin an organized adaptive sports program for individuals in north Louisiana."



Hegab, Class of '89, Tech's newest dean

He does more than just play shirts-and-skins basketball in the Lambright Sports & Wellness Center during his lunch breaks. Hisham Hegab is also Tech's newest dean.

Hegab, professor of mechanical, nanosystems and cyber engineering, had been the College's interim dean since July '13 when Stan Napper became vice president for research and development.

Hegab joined Louisiana Tech's faculty in 1995 and has served as an academic director for the computer science, electrical engineering, electrical engineering technology and nanosystems engineering programs. He also served as associate dean of undergraduate studies before being named interim dean for the 2013-2014 academic year.

During his tenure as interim dean, Hegab was credited with successfully concluding the College's campaign for a new Integrated Engineering and Science Education building. The new facility will double the College's classroom space, provide new faculty office spaces and provide a new 250-seat auditorium.

Originally from New Orleans, Hegab and his wife, Beth, have three children and reside in Ruston.



Hisham Hegab, Dean

COES selects 2014 Distinguished Alumni

The College annually honors alumni from each academic department who have distinguished themselves both during their careers and in service to the University by selecting them as Distinguished Alumni. The degree program, name, year of graduation, current position and city-state for each of this year's honorees follows.

Biomedical Engineering: Mohammad F. Kiani, '87, Chair of Mechanical Engineering, Temple University in Philadelphia.

Chemistry: Brandon Lane Phillips, '00, Driscoll Children's Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Computer Science: James E. Wingate, '78, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Civil Engineering: John William "Billy" Moore, '72, Project Engineer with Cardno TBE Group, Shreveport.

Computer Science: William Wayne "Bill" Seaman, '70, Owner of W.W. Seaman & Associates, Huntington, Conn.

Construction Engineering Technology: Kenneth Lynn "Ken" Ward, '95, Project Manager for Caddo Parish Public Works, Shreveport.

Electrical Engineering: Robert Howard "Bob" Newell, '54, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering,

Louisiana Tech, Ruston.

Electrical Engineering Technology: Timothy Mark "Tim" Lazaroe, '90, Manager and Owner of RV Cams, Baton Rouge.

Industrial Engineering: Elizabeth M. Taylor, '01, Group Leader for NASA's International Space Station Environmental & Thermal Operating Systems, Houston.

Mathematics: Jenna Carpenter, '83, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, COES, Louisiana Tech, Ruston.

Mechanical Engineering: Oscar Kemper "Jack" Pickels, Jr., '57, Professor of Graduate Courses for SMU's Engineering Management Program, Dallas.

Petroleum Engineering: Danny James Rea, '81, Manager for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Houston.

Physics: Elam Charles "Bud" Frye, Jr., '59, Owner of Frye International, Longview, Texas.

Science Education: Ronald Hobart "Ron" Thompson, Sr., '61, Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering, Louisiana Tech, Ruston.

COES offers 14 degree programs, including nanosystems engineering and cyber engineering.

Student Spotlight

T.J. SPENCE, *Senior*

Hometown: Farmerville / **Major:** Electrical engineering and mathematics

"I want to work with microelectronics. More than that though, I want to build things that no one else has built..."

A degree in engineering from Louisiana Tech means that I have the training to create new things and solve problems that few others are really prepared to handle...

"My major is electrical engineering. We do a lot of project-based work. I didn't realize how much work we would be expected to put in outside of class. It was definitely a surprise, and it took adjusting from the typical 'high school' workload. Students put in a lot of work, but it's exciting and very fulfilling to see a robot that you built and programmed on your own moving around on an obstacle course..."

"Tech is unique. We have some professors who really do care about you and your future and take an interest, and we're small enough that you can actually be given attention as an individual. Everyone is so willing to help, not just the teachers. Upperclassmen are encouraging, and they even will help you with your schoolwork or with just adapting to college life."





NEWS AROUND CAMPUS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Donald Kaczvinsky, Dean

Debate team recognized worldwide

The Louisiana Tech Debate Team has accomplished what teams from colleges around the world have been attempting for years: win tournaments, participate in elite competitions and host a tournament.

Last year the team competed in tournaments at Yale, United States Air Force Academy and La Verne University, also taking second place at Purdue. This year the team competed in Canada and India.

Two Tech debaters made history as the first team from Louisiana to have been accepted to compete in the World Universities Debate Championship (WUDC), recognized as the largest and most prestigious debate tournament in the world.

The team was invited to participate as one of four teams competing in the Westminster Debates in January as a part of the Southern Political Science Association's (SPSA) national conference in New Orleans. To be invited is to be considered one of the top debate programs in the nation.

Also in January, they competed in the Pan American Debate Championship, making it to quarterfinals and securing a title as one of the top 16 debate programs in North and South America.

The team hosted the Hot 'N' Spicy Debate Tournament in March on Tech's campus, bringing in teams from Clemson University and University of Mississippi.

The style of debate Tech competes in is an international style of debate called "Worlds." In this style, a two-person team receives a topic and position 15 minutes before the debate starts. Topics range from geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East to the Grammys—and everything in between.

By Hannah Schilling, a journalism and political science double major and president of Tech's debate team

Singh, students focus on Friendship

Kevin Singh, an associate professor of architecture, was named one of "Building Design + Construction" magazine's 40 under 40 this spring for his career achievement, service to architecture and his service-learning projects.

Singh is currently working with volunteers from the city of Ruston and from Louisiana Tech to revitalize the area of Ruston south of California Avenue. This allows architecture students to work with Ruston residents and give back to their community. The next project Singh, the volunteers and the students are focusing on is to build a Friendship House in the neighborhood.

Hilburn legacy lives in award winners

The legacy of journalism professor emeritus Wiley Hilburn lives on as students on The Tech Talk staff added up award after award this spring.

From the Society of Professional Journalists, six students received a winner classification, and two students received honors for being in the finalist category.

Also, after competing at the Southeast Journalism Conference, Tech's journalism department came home with 11 awards, including one first place in sports writing and five second place awards, with one for best magazine.



The Tower Medallion Award recognizes Louisiana Tech alumni who have distinguished themselves by exceptional achievement, community service and humanitarian activities.



Hall of Distinguished Alumni

Phil Robertson became the University's newest Tower Medallion recipient when he was inducted into the University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni during spring commencement exercises Saturday, May 24, in the Thomas Assembly Center.

HE GAVE UP COLLEGE FOOTBALL TO CALL DUCKS, BUT HE didn't give up on either his education or his dreams. History indicates that those were good decisions for Phil Robertson.

Robertson (*Classes of '69 and '74*), former Louisiana Tech quarterback, outdoor icon and star of "Duck Dynasty," cable television's most successful reality TV series ever, became the 74th inductee into Tech's Hall of Distinguished Alumni when he was awarded the University's Tower Medallion.

His wife, Kay, and one of his sons, Alan (*above right*), accepted the award in the Thomas Assembly Center on his behalf since "the Duck Commander" had a prior commitment.

The annual recipient is selected by a committee from the Louisiana Tech Alumni Association. It recognizes those alumni who have achieved greatly in their professions while remaining loyal to their university.

"Dad was very honored to be recognized by Tech, but I think

our family was even more so," Alan said. "Dad has always shied away from being recognized officially – you know how he lives – but it meant a lot last year to reconnect with Terry Bradshaw and 'go home' to Tech.

"He gets a lot of criticism these days as being backwoods... but his education from Tech validates his intelligence and understanding of how the world works," Alan said. "He is a very spiritual man, but he is also a learned and educated man, and we very much appreciate Louisiana Tech for providing that education and also a great small-town commitment to Godly values and our family's spiritual beginnings in nearby West Monroe."

Robertson returned to campus last fall for Tech's Tulane game. It marked the first time since 1968 that former teammates Robertson and Bradshaw, FOX-TV broadcaster and NFL Hall of Famer, were on the Aillet Stadium football field together. The famous pair was honored with name-plated jerseys at halftime. 🦆

Student Spotlight

MEIHAN GUO, Sophomore

Hometown: China, Lanzhou

Major: Theater

"I want to be a professional stage manager and actress. I love to be in theater; we work like a family..."

"At first I thought theater major would be too hard for me (as an international student), but once I started my study there, our theater department amazed me by how we work and study as a group. Our professors are very willing to help me with my problems and try their best to help me solve them. They've totally pulled me into a brilliant theater world. We have plays each quarter and cover all the areas of theater work: acting, stage managing, costume design, lighting design, scenic design, and we have stage combat! It is a very comprehensive major..."

"Tech is a pretty comprehensive university with diversified choices for all kind of students."



1500 BULLDOG DRIVE



Covering 5,000 square feet, 1500 Bulldog Drive was completed in 1973 at a cost of \$137,000, the fifth in a line of seven homes built during that time for Louisiana university presidents. Funds from oil wells discovered on the properties of the Nicholls State and McNeese State campuses covered the cost.

Following the 1987 retirement of F. Jay Taylor, the first Tech president to live in the new home, the residence was updated when Dan and Linda Reneau and their family moved in. More than a quarter-century later, the home was recently updated again –

through a true group effort – for Tech's newest President and First Lady, Les and Kathy Guice.

Connie Howard, noted designer and Tech graduate, also Privileged Director of the Tech Foundation, graciously donated her design services and supervised the entire project. The beautiful walnut floor was donated by James Davison who, like Howard, is a former Tech Alumnus of the Year. The floors were expertly finished and installed, as was the ceramic tile in the master bathroom and guest bathrooms, by Lincoln Flooring of Ruston, the firm of Tech alum Stanley Dupuy. Tech's Building and Grounds crews did much of the necessary demolition and landscaping that enhanced the grounds: the result is a beautiful view of the lake from the patio.

Kathy (*left*) stands on the upper level of the reception rooms. In the background is the seating area of the upper level of the rooms, and in the foreground is a treasure of the University, the piano on which John Graham composed the Alma Mater.

The lower level of the reception rooms (*top right*) overlooks the beautiful patio and has a lake view. Large windows and French doors make it inviting and warm. The furnishings include the comfortable red leather chair and ottoman, several club chairs, a beautifully upholstered sofa and a grand entertainment center that also features Tech memorabilia collected by the Guice family.

The upper level fireplace (*middle*) is original to the home and is a unique, provincially inspired design; it was restored in the renovation. The brick used to build the fireplace was from the original A.E. Phillips school, first constructed on the Tech campus in 1917. Although the welcoming front door (*above right*) remains the same, the home's dining area (*bottom*), as well as the master bedroom and entry way (*next page*) were included in the fall updating. Some furnishings were purchased new, but many other pieces were reupholstered and restored, and the Guices also incorporated much of their own furniture and accessories into the home.


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The kitchen is a beautiful Tech blue with granite countertops and stainless appliances that can accommodate the large events at the President's home. The large island was new in the renovation, and the window coverings feature the Tech Bulldog mascot.

The view off the large covered patio has been enhanced by the clearing of underbrush and now offers a clearer view of the new lake below. For the Wells & Parker architecture firm in 1973, one of their employees and a then-recent Tech graduate designed that same patio. The architect's name? Les Guice. When the Guices were moving in, Kathy found in a file cabinet her husband's original drawing of the patio.

Although the home is clearly a University centerpiece where many functions take place, it is every day the home of Les and Kathy Guice and where their grown children and their families "come home." It was important that the home reflect the Guices' lifestyle and taste while being also appropriate for the hospitality that the Guices extend in their official role. The new design really does all that...and more. It's a masterpiece, the result of lots of considerable and expert thoughts and talented, accomplished hands. 

FACULTY AND STAFF WE LOVE

You were a student once, and someone's encouragement and dedication back then makes a difference in your life still. A Tech faculty or staff member inspired, instructed, directed or simply listened. Someone cared. Someone assured you that dreaming was not just OK, it was preferred, even necessary. Without their influence, where would we be?

Maybe it's time we said thank you. Email your 600-word submission to WeLove@LaTechAlumni.org or send to **Faculty and Staff We Love, Marbury Alumni Center, Louisiana Tech University, P.O. Box 3183, Ruston, LA 71272.**

H.J. "Tony" Sachs

Tony Sachs is arguably the greatest professor in Louisiana Tech's history...Most students simply recall his dynamic controversial classroom lectures.

But, in 1929, Dr. Sachs knew that his Jewish ancestry – he was born to East European immigrant parents in 1904 in Chicago – could be a liability in the Deep South.

In a remarkable conversation with the Tech president at the time, Dr. George Bond, Sachs said, "You know that I am a Jew and if my appointment would not be good for the school, or embarrass you in any way, I will go back to Chicago in the morning."

Bond had no such reservations and welcomed the 25-year-old to the campus. Years later Bond wrote, "There is no man I have admired or respected more than Dr. Sachs."

Sachs never hid his liberal views in his classrooms or in Ruston. He pushed integration, and is widely credited with playing a role in Lincoln Parish's relatively peaceful transition to desegregation.

He was against the Vietnam War from the start, in class and in frequent public speeches. "Nobody will ever win a war with Vietnam because of its historic tenacity," Sachs told his classes and public audiences.

It seems remarkable that Sachs, a Jew, could get away expressing such liberal views in conservative north Louisiana. But the region held him in almost reverent respect and admiration.

There was no synagogue in Ruston, but Dr. Sachs often attended Trinity Methodist Church and he even gave lectures – or sermons – there. The Trinity pastor at the time, Dr. Doug McGuire, liked and admired Sachs.

Though his opinions on politics were strictly liberal, Sachs always made the final point that, "We should strive for tolerance and get along with one another."

Maybe that's why he was at one with the community whatever his politics.


Or this quote from Wordsworth expressed why he was so valued: "The best portion of a good man's life is little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."

I just don't know why a proud Jewish liberal was embraced by conservatives in Ruston. But he was.

His constant chain-smoking amused students.

You could see him ambling across campus with his sloping gait, white dress shirts, suit and dress shoes, always with a cigarette dangling from his mouth. He smoked in class and sent students to get him cigarettes.

Dr. Sachs never learned to drive properly. He couldn't shift gears and he would come flying out of his campus parking slot, never looking back, letting the shriek of brakes and a shrill horn alert him to danger. Students and faculty gave his car a wide berth.

A power far beyond his department head status, Sachs was – naturally at Tech – on the Athletic Council. He was close to Joe Aillet, the legendary Tech coach. 

The Hyman J. Sachs Endowed Professorship in English was established to honor the influential educator; Dr. Pat Garrett is currently the Sachs Professor of English.



HYMAN J. "TONY" SACHS:

Taught at Louisiana Tech for 41 years, from 1921 until his retirement on May 31, 1972. His final two decades at Tech, he was head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages. He came to Ruston after graduate school in Chicago, where he was told that Bond, himself a graduate of the University of Chicago, was looking for someone who wanted to come to the Deep South "and make a difference," writes Sachs' son, John, in a brief biography of his father. "To a 25 year old Jewish man who had never been outside of the city limits of Chicago, that was entirely too romantic of a challenge to refuse."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Wiley Hilburn Jr. was professor emeritus and the former chair of the journalism department at Louisiana Tech; he was also a widely read newspaper columnist. He passed away Jan. 16. This story appeared in part in one of his columns, published June 16, 2013.

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Your Newest Teammates Nate Warren and Tyson Baldwin

NATE WARREN, Assistant A.D./Development

Hometown: Knoxville

Degree: Tennessee '08, sports management; Kansas State '11, M.S., education administration and leadership

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Nate came to Ruston soon after football season and immediately made himself part of a vibrant, energetic team leading the charge to grow Tech athletics in every way.

"I enjoy helping people understand the impact their philanthropy has directly on student-athletes," Nate said; "but it's just as rewarding for me when I can connect an alumnus, friend, or fan back with the school they love in a meaningful way for them."

"By being a part of Louisiana Tech Athletic Club (LTAC) or giving to a special project such as the Quest for Excellence, alumni can feel a tremendous sense of pride and ownership of all Louisiana Tech's success on the field, in the classroom, and in life," he said. "Every time a student-athlete earns a diploma, scores a touchdown or aces a job interview, supporters of our programs can take pride in knowing they were a direct and crucial part of that."

TYSON BALDWIN, Director of Louisiana Tech Athletic Club

Hometown: Monroe

Degree: Arkansas '10, communication; Mississippi State '11, M.A. sports administration

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ALWAYS GAME TIME: Seldom are Warren (left) and Baldwin not suited up since there's always something going on in Tech athletics.

After working for 18 months as the coordinator of athletic advancement with Adam McGuirt, now Tech's associate athletics director for internal operations, Tyson took over this crucial part of the University's mission.

"I can help the alumni and friends of Tech athletics by getting them set up with LTAC and with any questions they may have about their donations," Tyson said. "Also I handle the football and basketball parking and tailgating on game days, and I'm happy to answer any questions about that."

"My grandfather graduated from Tech in 1953, and I grew up a big Tech fan and came to a lot of athletic events with my family," he said. "I feel very fortunate to be where I am."

Michele Robinson: An invitation to invest in success

MICHELE STEWART ROBINSON, Director of Major Gifts

Hometown: West Monroe

Degree: Tech '85, English education; ULM '90, M.A., marriage and family therapy

Family: Husband David, daughter (and Tech student) Kaitlin

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More than two decades of working in nonprofit organization management, consulting and investment – plus a college education earned in Ruston – were among the things that brought Michele back to Louisiana Tech early this spring. Most recently of Baton Rouge as president of the Louisiana Association of United Ways, Michele now spends most of her days talking with donors and potential donors about Tech's vision, foundation and momentum.

"I work to cultivate and secure major gifts through the Louisiana Tech University Foundation in support of the University's mission and strategic initiatives," she said. "(Tech president) Dr. Guice is committed to ensuring that Louisiana Tech has the private support that is essential for growth, and I am working directly with him as well."

"In essence," she said, "I will be meeting and developing relationships with members of our extended Louisiana Tech family, telling the Tech story and inviting people to invest in its future and the success of its students."



MAJOR ADDITION: A crusader of the University president's call for Tech to increase its base of private support, Robinson will work to engage Tech alumni and friends to actively participate in the programs of the University and University Foundation.

Benefactors Dinner

"Because of You" was the theme of a dinner honoring major benefactors and loyal donors to the Foundation on April 25. Donors of endowments, planned gifts, professorships and eminent scholar chairs, along with remarkably loyal donors, were given some insight into the impact of their gifts by President Les Guice and panel discussions by professors and scholarship winners.



Grateful students welcomed the University's benefactors to an evening planned especially to honor them.



Dr. and Mrs. Guice visit with Bill (far right) and Kelly (far left) Hogan of Ruston.



Jennifer Riley, Executive Director of Advancement, quizzes the panel of professors about the impact of private donations on the faculty. (David Szymanski, College of Education; Mark Murphey, College of Applied and Natural Sciences; Tim Bispington, College of Business; Rick Simmons, College of Liberal Arts; Riley).



Michele Robinson, Director of Major Gifts, visits with a panel of students to discuss the difference that scholarship support has made in their educational opportunities at Tech and their future plans.



The more than 200 difference-makers in attendance enjoyed a dessert reception after dinner, providing time for discussions among donors, faculty, staff and students.



Bob (class of '62) and Lora Lee Duncan of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Pittsburgh, Pa., visit with Jerry Hudson (class of '61) of Ruston.

ROBBIN EVANS: A difference maker

Robbin Evans is a familiar figure to Tech students, faculty and staff. For more than 30 years, she's worked in Tech's Food Services. These days she's most often found in the faculty/staff dining facilities in the Ropp Center, the former home of the University president. Since she joined Tech in August of 1981, Robbin's been dedicated to her job.

For Robbin, Tech's not just a job – it's her family. She knows most of the regular diners by name, and she knows their titles and jobs, too. Robbin knows many of the campus cats by name, too, and her own menagerie of dogs and cats -- even goats -- that live on her family land south of Ruston.

With that same dedication and loyalty, Robbin believes in dedicating a portion of her financial resources to Tech each pay period, and she has done that for more than 30 years through Tech's payroll deduction program. Asked why she feels so strongly about her giving, Robbin says, "You invest in things that are important to you ... and it adds up. If everyone would consider giving just a little to Tech on a regular basis, think of what a difference it would make. This is a place I love. This is a place I want to help."



THREE'S GOOD COMPANY: (from left) Evans with friends and fellow benefactors Duddy and Pat Garrett, Sachs Professor of English at Tech.

WHAT’S NEW WITH YOU?

Do you have news to share in the News About You section? We want to share the stories of your accomplishments and milestones. Photos are always welcome, too. Submit your information for News About You at News@LaTechAlumni.org.

1964

Jerry O. Arledge, education, of West Monroe has been named head football coach and athletic director at West Monroe High School. Arledge has been at WMHS since 1992 and has served as defensive coordinator and most recently as interim head coach.

1965

Jerry G. Lazenby, civil engineering, of West Monroe received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Louisiana Engineering Society for his significant contributions to the advancement of engineering throughout his career. Mr. Lazenby is the president of Lazenby & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors, in West Monroe.

1969

Rick Sutton, business management and entrepreneurship, of Ruston was honored by the Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home and the city of Ruston for his 20 years of service to the Howard School on the LMCH campus and his role in the development of the school’s John H. Allen Vocational Training Career Center. Sutton retired as the school’s principal in 2011.

1970



James N. Butler Jr., agricultural business (master’s reading 1991), of Martin, Tenn., was recently named Outstanding

Teacher of the Year by the University of Tennessee Alumni Association. Martin has served as professor of agricultural education at UT since 1995.

1971

Larry M. Donner, journalism, of Shreveport has been selected to serve as administrator of University Health Conway in Monroe. Donner has worked as a hospital administrator for the past 25 years.



Doug R. Keller, business administration, of Lafayette has been named president of Knight Oil Tools International.

He will oversee their ongoing international business operations and will be responsible for the continued growth of new global markets. Keller has been with Knight Oil Tools since 1988, last serving as president and CEO.

1973

Albert Christman, English (history 1974, master’s English 1976), of Delhi has joined the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas board. He will serve a four-year term as director. Christman is president and chief executive of Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Delhi.

Bill Glasscock, chemical engineering, of Allen, Texas, has been promoted to vice president of consulting at Solomon Associates, the leading performance improvement company for the global energy industry.

1975

William L. “Bill” McNease, professional aviation, of Aurora, Colo., has joined Priester Aviation, LLC as vice president of flight operations and director of operations. McNease has more than 37 years of aviation management and flight operations experience.

1976



Barbara L. “Barb” Carothers, interior design, of Indianapolis has joined ProTrans International in marketing as

RFP manager and corporate writer. ProTrans is an Indianapolis-based logistics/supply chain provider. She is also currently working toward a master’s of executive development from Ball State University with an expected graduation date of 2016.

1977

Jim Wooldridge, education, of Riverside, Calif., has been named director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of California-Riverside. Wooldridge, a former Louisiana Tech men’s basketball coach, served as the men’s basketball head coach at UCR for six years.

1979

Peggy Fuller Newcomb, elementary education (master’s elementary education 1982), of Slidell was voted president-elect of the St. Tammany Chapter of the Women’s Council of

Realtors for 2014. She also earned the Gold Award for sales at the Gardner Realtors Golden Dome Awards in March. In addition, she was given the Spirit Award and was appointed to the Gardner Realtors Advisory Council.

1980

Katherine Deen Way, graphic design, of Jacksonville, Fla., and fellow Tech alumnus Joyce Craft Revoir have launched a new company, Katherine Way Collections. Katherine is an American fashion designer and was recently selected as the MODA spotlight designer in Manhattan, N.Y.

1981

David W. Feaster, math education, of Bossier City has been named the 2013 Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class 5A Coach of the Year. Feaster, head football coach at Parkway High School in Bossier City, led the Panthers to their first championship game.

1982

Nicholas K. “Nick” Akins, electrical engineering (master’s electrical engineering 1986), of Dublin, Ohio, has been elected chairman of the board of American Electric Power. Akins serves as AEP’s president and chief executive officer.

1983



Dennis W. Butler, computer science (master’s computer science 1984), of Oakland, Calif., was

appointed chief planning and development officer for AC Transit, the public transportation agency serving the East Bay region of San Francisco Bay. He is responsible for implementing more than \$300 million in capital projects, as well as planning the public transportation architecture of the future.

Kelle Williamson Messer, business administration, of Monroe, along with her husband Dan, was honored recently at the National Ice Cream Retailers Association Annual Convention in Greenville, S.C. The Messers’ innovative marketing idea, Sundaes to Go, was named Promotion of the Year. Dan and Kelle own four Eskamoe’s locations in north Louisiana.

Jan Rivet Nelson, human ecology, of Monroe has joined Booth Wealth Management as an administrative assistant.

Scott C. Snyder, political science (master’s history 1993), of Perryton, Texas, recently retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force after 28 years of service in active duty and the Air Force reserves. Additionally, he earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Lamar University, studying the impact of advanced placement coursework on first generation college students attending four-year universities. Dr. Snyder is currently the assistant principal at Perryton High School.

Geri Givens Taylor, business technology (general studies 1984, art education 1990), of Ruston was runner-up in an international Author of the Year competition. Authors from around the world competed in the Internet’s largest social media competition, MARSocial. Taylor submitted an excerpt from her debut novel, “The Kitchen Dance.”

1985



Dr. Detri McClellan Brech, master’s nutrition and dietetics, of Arkadelphia, Ark., was awarded the Outstanding

Nutrition Educator Award during the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics annual meeting. Dr. Brech is professor of dietetics at Ouachita Baptist University.



Tony Patterson, business administration, of Woodworth has been named the executive director of the Louisiana Quarter Horse

Breeders’ Association. Patterson has been the assistant director since 2008.

1987

Joyce Craft Revoir, graphic design, of Newnan, Ga., and fellow Tech alumnus Katherine Deen Way have launched a new company, Katherine Way Collections. Joyce is in charge of marketing and public relations.

Joel T. Trammell, electrical engineering, of Austin, Texas, has founded and serves as CEO of



Khorus, a team of software entrepreneurs and technology professionals. Trammell currently serves as chairman of the

Austin Technology Council and is managing partner of the Lone Rock Technology Group. He blogs at TheAmericanCEO.com.

1988

Amerr Mahgoub, petroleum engineering, of West Monroe has been appointed vice president of Middle East business development by Flotek Industries Inc. Mahgoub, a 25-year oilfield veteran, will focus on new and existing markets for Flotek. He will be based in Saudi Arabia and will spend considerable time in Oman.

Jay E. Newcomb, math education, of Slidell was re-elected to a four-year term on the Slidell City Council District F. to begin July 1, 2014.

1989

Ken W. Mathis, industrial engineering, of Vicksburg has been appointed vice president of operations of Lumitec’s R&D/manufacturing headquarters in Delray Beach, Fla. Lumitec is a leading designer and manufacturer of extreme environment LED lighting solutions. Mathis has more than 25 years of manufacturing and supply chain experience in lighting and related industries.

1990



Mark E. Arant, chemistry, of Muldrow, Okla., has accepted the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at Northeastern

State University in Talhequah, Okla. He previously served as the dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and served as the interim dean of the College of Education since 2013.

Elizabeth Richmond Pratt, nursing, of El Dorado, Ark., has earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing. Elizabeth is an assistant professor at the SUNY Delhi School of Nursing.

Tammy Prejean Schales, history



JAN (’00, ’01) AND ETHAN (’99, ’00) SCHRADER

“You’ll burn out if you try to be good all on your own.” – Jan

“I’ve learned that my own plans are not the best, and I need to let God lead with the best plan.” – Ethan

JAN

DEGREES: Biology; education

HOMETOWN: Lake Charles

NOW RESIDE IN: Niš (rhymes with “fish”), Serbia

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO TECH: The National Merit Scholarship offer that included free Tech Rome (which I was able to attend the last year of its existence) was one reason. And my piano teacher and 12th-grade English teachers were both Tech alums, and some of my friends’ older siblings were currently at Tech. Each of them had only great things to say about the school and their experiences.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM SCHOOL HERE: Studying by the beautiful flowerbeds in the quad, having lunch with friends and playing ‘ultimate Frisbee’ on Friday afternoons freshman year, hanging out with my great roommates, learning to love God more alongside some truly encouraging friends and role models.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO FRESHMEN: Get out of your dorm as much as possible your first quarter and work hard at building friendships – but don’t forget to study!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOBS/CAREER NOW, WHY YOU CHOSE IT, WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH: My husband and I are both missionaries which, for me, usually means lots of visiting (and coffee drinking!) to encourage our friends here who want to learn more about the Bible. Now I’m a mom, so my role is changing a little, but I think it will be even better. I’ve always had a desire to help people know what’s in God’s Word, and I hope I can accomplish this by living a life that honors Jesus.

HOW CAN PEOPLE HELP YOU IN THIS MISSION? Pray! And spend time reading your Bible so you can know God better, too. Life is hard. Everyone needs help and encouragement, and the best source is from our loving Creator. You’ll burn out if you try to be good all on your own.

HOW CAN WE KEEP UP WITH YOU THREE? We’re both on Facebook, and we send out regular updates from our email, which is ethjan@yahoo.com.

ETHAN

DEGREES: Physics; education

HOMETOWN: Greenville, Texas

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO TECH: The personable head of the physics department and the research.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM SCHOOL: Hands-on learning, great times with friends, and learning to be a disciple of Christ.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO FRESHMEN: Early on you need to find the right balance of studying and fun.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOBS/CAREER NOW, WHY YOU CHOSE IT, WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH: I do bookkeeping for a non-profit organization and preach at a local church. It seems more like the job chose me. I hope to do less bookkeeping and more direct ministry, but I’ve learned that my own plans are not the best, and I need to let God lead with the best plan.

HOW CAN PEOPLE HELP YOU IN THIS MISSION? Visits and/or emails of encouragement are great. Prayer is awesome.

(master’s history 1991), of Ruston was named the Lincoln Parish Teacher of the Year for the elementary division. Schales teaches at Ruston Elementary School.

1991

Caroline Savage Cascio, child life, of Monroe has been promoted to president and chief executive of The Wellspring, an agency that provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness

and child abuse in northeastern Louisiana. Cascio has been with the agency for 20 years.



George B. Tennant Jr., general studies (master’s counseling 1995), of Houston was named to the board of

directors of Central Care Community Health Centers, the largest non-governmental Federally Qualified Health Center in Texas. He is a licensed attorney in Texas.

1992

Kelli Norris Hammock, accounting (master’s accounting 1993), of El Dorado, Ark., has been promoted by Murphy Oil Corporation to senior vice president, administration. Hammock joined Murphy in 1993.

1993



Monty L. Sullivan, pre-law (master's English education 1994, doctorate curriculum and instruction 2000), of Geismar was nominated to be the head of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System effective February 27. Sullivan previously served as Chancellor of Delgado Community College.



Andrea L. Wilkinson, pre-law, of Alexandria, Va., has been appointed Director of Government Affairs, Global

Brands, for AstraZeneca. Andrea has more than 20 years of government relations experience.

1995

Sandra Rogers Maddry, health and physical education (master's curriculum and instruction 2004), of Dubach has opened Go Ahead Ranch Equine Sports Massage, which will concentrate on offering sports massage therapy. Sandra is a Louisiana equissage certified equine sports massage therapist.

1997

Tom G. Russell, agricultural business, of Pineville has been promoted to area elevator manager of Bunge North America. In January, he was also elected a member of the Louisiana Agriculture Industries Association board.

1998

David C. Cassels, forestry, of Monticello, Ark. has been elected to the Board of Directors of Texas Forestry Association. He is the west region manager for Regions Timberland Group of Monticello and is responsible for managing all client properties in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oregon.

Eric T. Weis, photography (computer information systems 2003, communication systems 2012), of Monroe is co-founder of the Monroe-based think tank Idea Coterie, which recently launched WeShopAmerican.com, a website designed to promote American products.

1999

Joseph M. "Mike" Lyons, pre-law, of Omaha, Neb., recently joined Mosaic as senior vice president and general counsel. Mike worked in Washington,



D.C., for former U.S. Congressman John Cooksey, and later graduated from Creighton University School of Law in Omaha. He spent the previous 11 years as corporate counsel for BlueCross BlueShield.



JoAnne Franks Smith, accounting (master's business administration 2000), of Lexington, S.C., has been

promoted to assistant vice president of finance for PHT Services, Palmetto Hospital Trust, and Palmetto Healthcare Liability Insurance Program and its subsidiaries. Smith has more than a decade of experience in finance and accounting.

Chris L. Turner, business administration, of Ruston received the Rotary Club's Bill Best Humanitarian award for outstanding contributions to humanitarian interest, unselfish giving and service to others. Turner is store director at Super 1 Foods in Ruston.

2000

Holly Witt Payton, general studies, of Ruston received the Kiwanis Club's Outstanding Young Educator of the Year award at the 2014 Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

2001

Chris H. Durant, computer information systems, of West Monroe has opened Monroe's first Dickey's Barbecue franchise. The restaurant employs 16 workers, including two managers.

Joe Spatafora, health and physical education fitness/wellness (master's health and physical education 2002), of Ruston has been named the Big School Coach of the Year for The (Monroe) News-Star's 2013 All-Northeast Louisiana Team. Spatafora is head football coach for the Union Parish High School Farmers, who captured the 3A state championship in a double-overtime win.

2002



Amanda Blake deLeon, interior design, of New Orleans, debuted her fall 2014 collection at New York Fashion Week.

deLeon is a New Orleans designer known for her moody yet structured designs.



Jonathan D. Nichols, architecture, of Little Rock, Ark., has been named a principal at SCM Architects of Little Rock.

Nichols joined SCM in 2007 and was previously a firm associate.

2004

Chris T. Campbell, master's curriculum and instruction, of Ruston was named the Louisiana winner in the 2014 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. He won a minimum of \$20,000 in Samsung technology for Simsboro High School, where he teaches seventh and eighth grade science and also implemented an engineering design course for 11th graders in the spring.



Ben L. Erwin, electrical engineering, of Austin, Texas, along with fellow alumnus Joel Trammell, has co-founded Khorus, a

team of software entrepreneurs and technology professionals. Erwin is also the co-founder of Austin Specialty Foods, a specialized food and beverage distributor in the greater Austin area.

Charlie Hogan, computer information systems (master's industrial/organizational psychology), of Tallahassee, Fla., has been named assistant director of the Florida State University Student Athlete Academic Services program.

2005

Josh B. McDaniel, health and physical education, is the new director of marketing and promotions for Northwestern State University athletics. McDaniel was formerly with the Louisiana Tech Athletics Department.

Christie Lousteau Spohn, elementary education, of Prairieville was named Primary Teacher of the Year for 2013. She is a fourth-grade teacher at G. W. Carver Primary School in Gonzales.

2006

Brandon Manning, secondary education, of Franklinton was named the 2013 Corbett W. Penton Memorial Police Officer of the Year by the Franklinton Police Department, receiving the award for the second year in a row.

2008



Kevin G. Caballero, master's curriculum and instruction, of Monroe was named 2014 All-Northeast Louisiana Small

School Coach of the Year. Caballero is the boys' basketball coach at Sterlington High School.

2009



Jordan M. Pearson, civil engineering, of Bossier City has passed his professional engineering exam to become a

licensed professional civil engineer in Louisiana. Pearson is an engineer at Forte and Tablada, Inc.'s Shreveport office.

2010



Judith Hampton Kozik, business administration, of Farmerville received the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference

Award from Mississippi College School of Law during its annual Law Day ceremony. The award is presented to the student with the highest grade in Bankruptcy.

2011

Ross Mathews, accounting, of Alexandria recently passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountants Exam. Mathews is a staff accountant employed by Hebert, Carbo & Crutchfield, CPAs.

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1998

Kimberly Shannon Willis, social sciences (master's industrial/organizational psychology 2002, nursing 2006), and James Nicholas Goff II, Nov. 23, 2013, Ruston

2001

Allison Elizabeth Ford, medical technology, and Colton Aubrey Calloway, May 4, 2013, West Monroe

John Clinton Massey, health and physical education fitness/wellness, and Darci Lewis, Sept. 21, 2013, Enid, Okla.

2003

Gentry Camille Carroll, merchandising and consumer affairs, and Wesley James Martin, Jan. 11, 2014, Shreveport

Corrie Allison Phillips, interior design, and James Cody Ford, Oct. 16, 2013, Haughton

2004

Mitchell Gerlach Brown, political science, and Stephanie Sofia Svanfeldt, Oct. 12, 2013, Driggs, Idaho

Amy Elizabeth Mabou, accounting, and Rodney Mitch Hatch, forestry 2002 (master's business administration 2004), March 15, 2014, Deville

Amanda Claire Marchand, marketing, and William Randall Simpson Jr., March 1, 2014, Bossier City

2005

Christine Michelle Lauritsen, health information and information management, and Christopher Lee Bankson, March 29, 2014, Shreveport

Autumn Marie Newman, biomedical engineering (master's business administration 2006, nursing 2011), and Cody Joe Ibanez, Dec. 7, 2013, West Monroe

2006

Jason Paul Austin, psychology, and Ruoxi Chen, Jan. 10, 2014, Christiansburg, Va.

Brittani Dawn Ellis, psychology, and Chris White, May 18, 2013, Arcadia

Lesley-Anne Stafford Reed, history, and John Beadles, Nov. 16, 2013, Cedar Park, Texas

2007

Catie Marie Blunt, special education, and Jason Funk, March 22, 2014, Ruston

Erin K. Negron, speech pathology (master's speech pathology 2009), and Randall Paden Aaron, business administration 2009, Nov. 25, 2013, Ruston

Caleb Anderson Smith, marketing (master's engineering and technology management 2008), and Katherine Ruth Durham, Feb. 1, 2014, Austin, Texas

2008

Curley James Bordelon III, biology, and Lauren Nicole Davezac, Jan. 11, 2014, West Monroe

Julie R. Esswein, finance, and Michael Robert Miles, marketing 2004, March 8, 2014, Shreveport

Kristen Nicole James, accounting (master's business administration 2009), and David Larche Watters, accounting 2010 (master's accounting 2011), May 18, 2013, Bossier City

Logan James Lewis, speech, and Elizabeth Earl Moses, April 19, 2014, Calhoun

2009

Megan Rian Farrar, social studies, and David Edward Folse II, Jan. 4, 2014, Abita Springs

Jessica Jane Sisemore, marketing (master's business administration 2011), and William Riley Mabry, marketing 2008, Dec. 21, 2013, Houston, Texas

2010

Christine Elizabeth Crow, kinesiology and health promotion, and Hunter Owen White, Nov. 10, 2013, Tallulah

Riva Ann Griggs, merchandising and consumer studies (master's elementary education 2012), and Stephen Todd Zachary, kinesiology and health promotion 2011, Dec. 14, 2013, Shreveport

Jessica Leigh Hardin, psychology (master's counseling and guidance 2012, certificate dynamics of domestic and family violence 2012), and Sterling Williams, Nov. 30, 2013, Little Rock, Ark.

Briana Renee Hester, sociology, and Matthew Peet, Oct. 5, 2013, Shreveport

Abbie Mitchell, aviation management, and Ben Warren, Jan. 18, 2014, Ruston

Amanda Rae Sharp, speech, and David Anthony Williams, political science 2011, Dec. 21, 2013, Chesapeake, Va.

Justin Wayne Simpson, construction engineering technology, and Autumn Beth Cole, Nov. 30, 2013, Alexandria

2011

Mary Rebecca Baker, speech pathology, and Andrew Stuart Lassere, construction engineering technology 2008, Jan. 11, 2014, Shreveport

Kathryn Lee Bamburg, animal science, and Mark Anthony Moroni, Dec. 21, 2013, Shreveport

Jerrilyn G. Ferguson, psychology, and Nicholas Dailey, April 19, 2014, Grambling

Heather Galando, general studies, and Joshua Steven Becker, general studies 2014, Nov. 30, 2013, Shreveport

Daniel Ryan Myers, sustainable supply chain management, and Alyssa Nicole Tabor, April 12, 2014, Jonesboro

Emily Ann Perkins, kinesiology and health promotion, and Steven Chase Burns, business management and entrepreneurship 2011, April 19, 2014, Benton

Hannah Melissa Pixley, elementary education, and Brannon Hunter Alexander, April 12, 2014, Bossier City

Emily Melissa Wise, speech, and Christopher Scott Tucker, mechanical engineering 2012, April 12, 2014, Shreveport

2012

Jordan Danielle Clark, accounting (master's accounting 2012), and Matthew S. Laborde, computer information systems 2012, April 12, 2014, Springhill

Hope Krysta Howie, speech pathology, and Joseph Barron Odom, biology 2010, Dec. 14, 2013, Crowley

Molly K. Johnston, family and child studies, and Klay Koonce, April 26, 2014, Dubach

Rachel Ann Lilly, biology, and Thomas Paul Davison, business management and entrepreneurship 2014, April 5, 2014, Choudrant

Rachel Francis Marcus, kinesiology and health promotion, and Thomas Lindsey, Dec. 14, 2013, Shreveport

Andrea Michelle Ray, kinesiology and health promotion, and Andrew Jacob Jones, architectural studies 2012, March 29, 2014, Shreveport

Christy L. Reynolds, health and physical education, and Stephen Kent Lenard, mechanical engineering 2012, Jan. 18, 2014, Dubach

Lauren Elizabeth Ricard, marketing, and William Edgerton Davis, economics 2012, Nov. 2, 2013, Shreveport

Devin David Wagener, Spanish, and Skarleth Vargas, Jan. 25, 2014, Jacksonville, Ark.

2013

Corky C. Adams, computer information systems, and Michael Jefferson "Jed" Walpole, sustainable supply chain management 2013, April 26, 2014, Downsview

Emily Dean Barr, geographic information science, and Jared Paul Allement, forestry 2013, Nov. 30, 2013, Choudrant

Brittany Samantha Gladney, business administration, and Jerry Tyler Moody, March 15, 2014, West

Monroe

Andrew Colin Lewis, mechanical engineering, and Kayla Marie Riser, Nov. 23, 2013, Delhi

Katy McCalman, nursing, and Ryan C. Haight, marketing 2010 (nursing 2013), Nov. 9, 2013, Bradley, Ark.

Amy Adams O'Neal, merchandising and consumer studies, and Zach S. Walthall, construction engineering technology 2012, Nov. 30, 2013, Choudrant

Melanie Claire Scott, elementary education, and Clark Michael Craft, Nov. 23, 2013, Livingston, Texas

Mary Arthur Thompson, family and child studies, and Michael S. Plette, family and child studies 2009, Feb. 1, 2014, Ruston

2014

Savannah K. Shipman, nursing, and Patrick O'Neal Morris, aviation management 2014, April 4, 2014, Winnboro

Sheridon Williams, general studies, and Samuel David Ashley, mechanical engineering 2012, June 29, 2013, Oak Grove

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1996

Richard Allen Simmons, political science, and Jennifer Walters Simmons, son, Jacob Ryan, Jan. 10, 2014, Houston, Texas

1998

Elizabeth Minee Fletcher Kelly, speech pathology, and Brett Kelly, son, Fergus Fletcher, Jan. 7, 2014, Fairfax, Calif.

1999

George Koutezky Anding III, business management and entrepreneurship, and Erin Anding, son, Benjamin Adam, April 2, 2014, Baton Rouge

2000

Emily Claire Hanchey Hershey, English, and Bradley Lawrence Hershey, biomedical engineering 2000, daughter, Madeleine Claire, March 10, 2014, Valencia, Calif.

George Thomas Keys V, forestry, and Amy Keys, son, George Thomas VI, Jan. 17, 2014, Arcadia, Fla.

2001

Anna Lee Mitchell Cox, health and physical education fitness/wellness, and Christian Andrew Cox, daughter, Catherine Marie, Sept. 19, 2013, Ruston

Jeffrey Ryan Milstead, computer information systems, and Kayla R. Tuma Milstead, daughter, Madelyn Grace, April 15, 2014, Pineville

2002
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Melinda Ariel Johnson Anderson, secondary education, and **Stephen Matthew Anderson**, kinesiology and health promotion 2009 (master's education multiple levels 2012), daughter, Adeline Josie, March 27, 2014, Saline

Summer Rebecca Martin Langlois, biology, and Sean Langlois, son, Noah Albert, Nov. 2, 2013, Denham Springs

Amy Koskie McKaskle, psychology, and **Kyle Edward McKaskle**, computer information systems 2002,

daughter, Sadie Marie, Dec. 9, 2013, Dubach

2003
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John Christopher Allison, industrial engineering, and Candice Sue Lachowsky Allison, daughter, Ridley Claire, Jan. 17, 2014, Southlake, Texas

Brandon Owen Avance, finance, and Kaitlin Avance, daughter, Savannah Ryan, Jan. 3, 2014, Richardson, Texas

Allyson Bleich Foster, finance, and Robert C. Foster III, daughter, Tatum Elise, Jan. 15, 2014, Ruston

Jennifer Lynn Canterbury Fryer, merchandising and consumer affairs, and Joshua Vaughn Fryer, daughter, Evelyn Dee, Dec. 11, 2013, Ruston

Rachel Sara Martin Guy, kinesiology and health promotion, and **Darrell George Guy Jr.**, professional aviation 2004, son, Charles David, Feb. 21, 2014, Fort Mill, S.C.

Apryl Michelle Treece Knowles, English, and **Joshua Hugh Knowles**, business management and entrepreneurship 2000, daughter, MariTaylor, Feb. 3, 2014, Shreveport

Heather Rhea Harrel Patterson, business management and entrepreneurship, and **Robert Jarod Patterson**, forestry 2001 (master's business administration 2003), daughter, Savannah Rhea, Oct. 24, 2013, Ruston

Elizabeth Marye Adams Schirmer, English, and **Jeremy Allen Schirmer**,

biology 2003, daughter, Dorothy, May 29, 2013, Hallsville, Texas

Lori Elizabeth Lutes Seacrist, kinesiology and health promotion, and Philip Seacrist, daughter, Audrey Marie, Sept. 23, 2013, Dubach

2004
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Christopher Brian Garriga, construction engineering technology, and Jennifer Garriga, daughter, Charley Grace, April 10, 2014, Ruston

Lindsey Suzanne Jones Lewis, merchandising and consumer studies (master's secondary education 2011), and **Richard Neil Lewis**, general studies 2005, daughter, Sarah Kathryn, April 22, 2014, Shreveport

Gwen Caitlin Packman Swanbom, animal science, and **Michael Kenneth Swanbom**, master's engineering 2007 (doctorate engineering 2007), son, David Jeremiah, April 3, 2014, Dubach

2005
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Rusty Joseph Breaux, nursing, and Amy Michelle Davis Breaux, son, Callen James, July 24, 2013, Ruston

Leah Anne Key DeRouen, sociology, and **Lucien Christopher DeRouen**, journalism 2005, son, John Lucien, March 11, 2014, Dallas, Texas

Michael Benjamin Haddox, health and physical education, and Larkin Florence Haddox, son, Holt Graham, Jan. 25, 2014, Ruston

Joseph L. Haley, forestry, and Laura Martin Haley, daughter, Elizabeth Ann, Dec. 3, 2013, Doyline

Logan Joseph Hunt, forestry, and Megan Carlisle Bates Hunt, daughter, Carlisle Catherine, April 6, 2014, Ruston

James Everett Schram, architecture, and Jessica Schram, daughter, Josephine Elizabeth, March 24, 2014, Baltimore, Md.

2006
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Kristin Lea Allen Albee, biology, and **Travis Austin Albee**, electrical engineering 2007 (master's engineering and technology management 2013), daughter, Ainsley Jene, June 29, 2013, Beavercreek, Ohio

Andrew C. Hooker, environmental science, and Ariel Jackson Hooker, daughter, Remy, May 21, 2013, Shreveport

Lori Brooke Crumpler Lynch, health information and information management (master's counseling and guidance 2011, certificate dynamics of domestic and family violence 2011), and **Wesley Otis Lynch IV**, business management and entrepreneurship 2005 (master's business administration 2006), daughter, Brynn Grace, Feb. 6, 2014, Plano, Texas

2007
.....
Christopher J. Albritton, forestry, and Brittany Terry Albritton, daughter, Adeline Christine, April 16, 2014, Dubach

Carrifrances DiCarlo Alexander, biology (master's secondary education 2009), and Michael Jason Alexander, son, Reid Jason, March 10, 2014, Ruston

Briley Clare Brasher Cotton, merchandising and consumer studies, and **Matthew David Cotton**, business administration 2008, daughter, Ellis

Clare, April 10, 2014, Ruston

Lauren Diniz Liffmann Fournerat, merchandising and consumer studies, and **Christopher Kevin Fournerat**, civil engineering 2008, daughter, Blakely Diniz, Dec. 17, 2013, Baton Rouge

Billy Matthew Freeman, finance, and Kathryn Brooks Freeman, daughter, Sydney Kate, Feb. 24, 2014, Bossier City

Jacob Lewis Johnson, construction engineering technology, and Alison Elliott Johnson, son, Jude Elliott, March 7, 2014, Temple Terrace, Fla.

Laura Renee Franklin Taylor, merchandising and consumer studies, and **Daniel Roy Taylor**, accounting 2004 (master's business administration 2006), son, William Harper, Jan. 16, 2014, Ruston

2008
.....
Caysi Elizabeth Bellard Abshire, speech pathology (master's speech pathology 2010), and Mark Abshire, daughter, Emmalyn Piper, Dec. 17, 2013, Branch

Lindsey Ann Graham Avinger, sociology, and Patrick Spencer Avinger, daughter, Sally Jean, Feb. 5, 2014, McKinney, Texas

Melanie Lois Stone Binns, speech, and **Zachary Preston Binns**, accounting 2008 (master's business administration 2010), son, Zachary Preston Jr., Jan. 8, 2014, Frisco, Texas

Loran Marie Roberts Garner, sociology (master's counseling and guidance 2010), and **Jarad Wade Garner**, architecture 2006, son, Jaden Wade, April 16, 2014, McKinney, Texas

Kelly Ann Derveloy Hammett, speech, and **Joshua Matthew Hammett**, sociology 2002 (computer information systems 2003), son, Nathan Alexander, March 26, 2014, Ruston

Justus Runanu Murimi, finance, and Stephanie Murimi, son, Daniel Samuel, Dec. 28, 2013, Dallas, Texas

Adam Aubrey Rogers, business management and entrepreneurship, and Amanda Kay Richardson Rogers, son, Aubrey James, Jan. 30, 2014, Haughton

Christopher Ryan Taylor, master's curriculum and instruction, and Angie Colvin Taylor, sons, Jackson Henry and John Robert, Dec. 26, 2013, Ruston

2009
.....
Lindsay E. Beggs Bolton, speech (master's secondary education 2012), and **Jamie F. Bolton**, economics 2005, son, Jack Allen, Feb. 27, 2014, Ruston

Mistin Thorn McGuffee, family and child studies (master's elementary education 2012), and Clay McGuffee, son, Braylon Cort, and daughter, Briley Caytin, July 24, 2013, Harrisonburg

Chelsea Renae Chapman McPherson, nursing, and Brantley Chase McPherson, son, Tucker Reid, March 8, 2014, Marion

Caroline Ashlee Stamm Rockett, social studies, and **William Sidney Rockett**, kinesiology and health promotion 2009, daughter, Eleanor Aylin, Feb. 21, 2014, Simsboro

Krista Mechelle Johnson Shannon, family and child studies (nursing 2013), and Daniel Roger Shannon, daughter, Ellinor Grace, Jan. 6, 2014, Grafenwoehr, Germany

Maggie Lee Dowies Voorhees, health information and information management, and **Matthew Lawrence Voorhees**, construction engineering technology 2010, son, Collier Benjamin, March 14, 2014, Ruston

Kelsey Nicole East Whitlock, social studies, and **Dustin Shelby Whitlock**, psychology 2007 (master's counseling and guidance 2009), daughter, Shelby Elaine, Oct. 22, 2013, Ruston

2010
.....
Amy Kathryn Thibodeaux Greathouse, accounting, and **Gregory Mark Greathouse**, construction engineering technology 2010, daughter, Ava Kathryn, Jan. 2, 2014, Benton

Tina Ardoin Hendricks, speech, and **Nathan R. Hendricks**, marketing 2009, son, Jackson Graham, March 9, 2014, Ruston

2011
.....
Holly Bond Branch, merchandising and consumer studies, and Joshua Thomas Branch, daughter, Willow, Aug. 19, 2013, Ruston

2012
.....
Rachael Lauren Drella, animal science, and **Charles Perry Pernici Jr.**, music education 2010, daughter, Evelyn Isabella, Jan. 13, 2014, Buras

2013
.....
Casey Erron Jackson, general studies, and Brittany Jackson, son, Brennen Gabriel, March 4, 2014, Ruston

Colton Speights, finance, and Amanda Roth Speights, son, Collin Beaux, April 23, 2014, Ruston

IN MEMORIAM

1935
.....
Alverne Jane Hall Woodward, 98,

elementary education (master's elementary education 1942), Jan. 11, 2014, West Monroe

1937
.....
Henri Alice Wise, education, April 17, 2014, Ruston

1939
.....
Winifred McWhorter Kilpatrick, 96, education, April 8, 2014, Mesquite, Texas

1940
.....
Blanche Joiner Burkhalter, 91, arts and sciences, Feb. 13, 2014, Houston, Texas

Marjorie Malone DeSordi, 94, human ecology, Jan. 17, 2014, Homer

Flores Hillman Ottenhoff, 99, human ecology, Feb. 20, 2013, Saint Joseph, Minn.

1941
.....
Francis D. Bachman Jr., 93, business administration, March 31, 2014, San Angelo, Texas

Haynes L. Harkey Jr., 93, history, April 11, 2014, Monroe

1942
.....
Ida Raulins “Libby” Newland Jensen, 93, arts and sciences, Dec. 1, 2013, Baton Rouge

1943
.....
Clara Lodie Lee Arthur, 90, human ecology, Feb. 24, 2014, Austin, Texas

Alvin T. Gleason, 92, electrical engineering, March 22, 2014, Houston, Texas

Norton Tompkins, 92, mechanical engineering, April 8, 2014, Minden

1944
.....
Dorothy Pipes Cross, 89, business administration, Jan. 6, 2014, Baton Rouge

Cosette Carolyn Davis McGee, 90, human ecology, Jan. 13, 2014, Dallas, Texas

1945
.....
Louise Mathilde Bradford, 88, office administration, March 10, 2014, Alexandria

Eva Jean Cunningham, 87, business administration, March 20, 2014, Dubach

1946
.....
Gwendolyn Ball Vaughan, 89, human ecology, April 26, 2014, Monroe

1947
.....
Thelbert Eugene Holtzclaw, 91, education, Jan. 15, 2014, Rayville

2013-2014 Retirees

Janie Ainsworth (25 years) Administrative Coordinator 3, Mathematics and Statistics

Brenda Atkins (28 years) Human Resources Specialist, Human Resources

Theresa Cahill (34 years) Accounting Technician, Bookstore

John D. Calhoun (44 years) Assistant Professor, Library

Barbara Campbell (34 years) Food Service Specialist 2, Aramark

Mary Louise Carter (16 years) Associate Professor, School of Art

William Countryman (31 years) Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

Jonathan Donehoo (29 years) Director and Professor, School of Art

James Eads, Jr. (13 years) Lecturer, Electrical Engineering

Susan Elkins (37 years) Associate Registrar, Registrar’s Office

Mildred Vernette Farrar (25 years) Administrative Assistant 4, College of Business

Virginia Ginyard (25 years) Custodian 1, Residential Life

Andrea Green (30 years) Administrative Coordinator 3, School of Forestry

Janice Grigsby (23 years) Coordinator of Career Center, Counseling Center

Reginald Hanchey (40 years) Program Coordinator/Director of Ropp, President’s Office

Timothy Hayes (30 years) Associate Professor, School of Architecture

Sherry Jordan (16 years) Administrative Assistant 2, Computing Center

Anthony Jurkus (39 years) Professor, Management

Carrie Kelly (30 years) Budget Manager/Executive Administrative Coordinator, College of Engineering and Science

Charlotte Lee (10 years) Administrative Assistant 4, Library

Lawrence Leonard (16 years) Professor and Dean, College of Education

Pauline Leonard (16 years) Professor and Department Head, Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership

Debra White Moore (33 years) Police Lieutenant A, University Police

Karen Murphy (33 years) Procurement Director 2, Purchasing

Floyd Odom (10 years) Assistant Manager, Golf Course

Rosezell Peevy (30 years) Helper, Residential Life

Joyce Pesnell (15 years) Administrative Coordinator 2, Post Office

Joe M. Pullis (47 years) Professor/Chair of University Grievance Committee, Marketing and Analysis

Jolene Richardson (22 years) Associate Professor, Social Sciences

Marilynn Ringheim (35 years) Administrative Assistant 5, Academic Affairs

Ruby Ryles (10 years) Instructor, Institute on Blindness

Tommy Sisemore (35 years) Athletics, Director of North Campus Building Services

James Staples (20 years) Horticultural Attendant, Buildings and Grounds

Joseph R. Thomas (41 years) Vice President of Finance and Administration, Finance and Administration

Laura M. Thompson (19 years) Associate Professor, School of Performing Arts

Michael Doug Willis (39 years) Building Superintendent, Buildings and Grounds

Richard Matthew See, 92, mechanical engineering, Dec. 20, 2013, Lake Charles

Earle Makeig Smith, 92, mechanical engineering, March 7, 2014, Katy, Texas

1948
.....
JoAnn Simmons Cardwell, 85, journalism, March 3, 2014, Ruston

George Valentine Evanoff, 89, mechanical engineering, Dec. 18, 2013, Ruston

Courtney Alfred “Mike” Reed Jr., 88, zoology, Feb. 6, 2014, Dubach

1949
.....
Mary Frances Tinsley Brown, 86, elementary education, Midland, Texas

Burley DeVille, 89, civil engineering, Feb. 3, 2014, Sylacauga, Ala.

Claud Neal Fristoe Jr., 90, electrical engineering, Dec. 17, 2013, Mandeville

Roy Samuel Hurley, 89, accounting, Jan. 25, 2014, Shreveport

Carl B. Kendrick, 91, accounting, Dec. 27, 2013, Oklahoma City, Okla.

1950
.....
George C. Adams, 89, mechanical engineering, Feb. 15, 2014, Baton Rouge

John Charles Ford Sr., 84, art, April 8, 2014, Sibley

Rosemary McKellar Gray, 85, human ecology, Jan. 31, 2014, Springhill

Roy Walker Milford, 87, electrical engineering, March 16, 2014, Shreveport

Gordon de France Surguine Jr., 89, business administration, April 8, 2014, Vicksburg, Miss.

Robert Lynn “Bob” Tettleton, 84, art education, Dec. 29, 2013, Oxford, Miss.

1951
.....
George Weeks Hayes, 91, master’s business, Jan. 10, 2014, Monroe

Chester Forrest “Trees” Johnson Jr., 85, civil engineering, March 12, 2014, Bessemer, Ala.

1952
.....
Haydron H. “Buddy” Dukes, 85, civil engineering, Dec. 11, 2013, Tulsa, Okla.

Zelia Faye Dixon Evans, 82, human ecology, Jan. 27, 2014, Dubach

Geraldine Hathaway Gaines, 82, human ecology, April 17, 2014, Jonesboro

1953
.....
Joseph Curry Main, 86, accounting, March 18, 2014, Mineola, Texas

1954
.....
James Francis “Jimmie” Humphries, 82, business, Jan. 1, 2014, Jena

Jack Leland Ratley, 82, chemistry, Feb. 26, 2014, Shreveport

Paul Kimbrell “P.K.” Smith Jr., 85, petroleum engineering, April 26, 2014, The Woodlands, Texas

1955
.....
L. D. Allen Jr., 83, plant science, Dec. 9, 2013, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Vernon Colton “Buck” Shaffer, 80, accounting, Feb. 22, 2014, Minden

Alan Gray “Al” Trammell Sr., 80, business administration, Dec. 13, 2013, Dubach

1956
.....
Joseph William “Bubba” Cook Jr., 83, education, Dec. 30, 2013, Shreveport

1957
.....
Theta Smith King, 78, human ecology, Oct. 8, 2013, Hot Springs National Park, Ark.

1958
.....
Jack Morgan Adams, 79, geology, Feb. 2, 2014, Ozona, Texas

James “Jim” Appleby, 78, business administration, Feb. 23, 2014, White Bear Township, Minn.

James W. Ramsey, 78, mechanical engineering, Dec. 16, 2013, Haughton

Sandra McClung Webb, 77, education, March 28, 2014, Powder Springs, Ga.

1960
.....
Wally Howington Biggs, 94, master’s education, March 14, 2014, West Monroe

Edward E. “Bud” Hale Jr., 77, civil engineering, Jan. 10, 2014, Monroe

1961
.....
Leigh Manuel Cortes-Malaret, 79, history, April 6, 2014, Houston, Texas

Roddy Carl Martin, 75, geography, April 24, 2014, Fayetteville, N.C.

1962
.....
James Theo Drake, 76, agricultural engineering, Jan. 1, 2014, Bristow, Va.

Theron Dale Hinton Jr., 73, history, April 28, 2014, Hodge

Randall Hunt King Jr., 80, accounting, Feb. 21, 2014, El Dorado, Ark.

Elizabeth Tallulah Moss, 75, English, Feb. 5, 2014, Rohnert Park, Calif.

1963
.....
William G. “Bill” Willis, 77, geology, Feb. 10, 2014, Alamogordo, N.M.

1964
.....
Nancy Gray Mason McGee, 70, education (master’s education 1972), Jan. 3, 2014, Benton

1965
.....
Billy Wick Colvin, 76, education, March 14, 2014, Wagener, S.C.

Anthony Michael “Tony” Governanti, 74, geology, Dec. 12, 2013, Meredith, N.H.

Wade Hayden Lewis, 70, business, March 4, 2014, Redwater, Texas

Roxie Maxine Washam, 69, education (master’s education 1972), March 13, 2014, Ruston

1966
.....
Betty Bea Corley Furr, 68, education, July 3, 2013, Quitman

George M. Patterson, 73, business administration, April 9, 2014, Shreveport

Donald Harrison “Don” Shows, 74, education, March 3, 2014, West Monroe

Johnny Raymond Spears, 73, forestry, April 25, 2014, Minden

1967
.....
Catherine Canterbury Ballard, 96, education, Feb. 4, 2014, Farmerville

Raymond Carroll “Ray” Greer, 70, forestry, March 25, 2014, Scottsville, Texas

1968
.....
Robert Carter Boston, 67, electrical engineering, Feb. 25, 2014, Richardson, Texas

Barry Bedford Eiland, 67, mathematics, Jan. 7, 2014, La Porte, Texas

Terence Deane “Terry” Hemmings, 73, arts and sciences, Feb. 8, 2014, Lindale, Texas

Donald Ray Tyler, 69, business administration, Jan. 30, 2014, Bartlesville, Okla.

1969
.....
Mary Margaret Davis Green, 66, accounting, Feb. 12, 2014, Calhoun

Paul Stephen “Steve” Sims, 66, economics, Dec. 20, 2013, Shreveport

1970
.....
Jackie Ray Selman, 74, master’s

education, Feb. 20, 2014, El Dorado, Ark.

1971
.....
Harvey Edward Dennis Jr., 65, business administration, Dec. 27, 2013, Bossier City

Morris Leon Potter, 80, master’s mechanical engineering, Jan. 11, 2014, Keithville

1972
.....
Mickey Randel Walker, accounting, Dec. 13, 2013, Minden

1973
.....
William Owen “Bill” Coggin, 65, English (master’s English 1974), Feb. 9, 2014, Bowling Green, Ohio

Danny Wayne Manning, 63, business administration, March 28, 2014, Spearsville

George William “Bill” Reitzammer, 68, electrical engineering, Feb. 10, 2014, Pelham, Ala.

1974
.....
Robert Edwin “Bob” Dixon, 83, general studies (master’s counseling 1976), Jan. 19, 2014, Bossier City

Maurice Dagwald Regan Sr., 82, master’s counseling, April 2, 2014, Shreveport

Larry Eugene Sharrah, 62, health and physical education, Jan. 2, 2014, Bossier City

1975
.....
Jackie Dennis “Jack” Daniel, 66, nursing, Jan. 8, 2014, Bossier City

Michael D. “Mike” McConnell, 60, animal science, Dec. 14, 2013, Nashville, Tenn.

Billy Howard Ware, 61, business administration, Jan. 3, 2014, Rayville

1976
.....
Cynthia Ann Colon Gay, 59, interior design, April 23, 2014, Shreveport

Eric Lee Hurt, 69, master’s business administration, Dec. 20, 2013, Yorktown, Va.

1978
.....
Roger Glenn Hilburn, 56, accounting, Feb. 25, 2014, Ovilla, Texas

1979
.....
Walter Legier Prevost, 61, mathematics, Nov. 28, 2013, Gainesville, Fla.

1980
.....
Robert William Guthrie, 56, graphic design, March 1, 2014, New Orleans

Craig Norris Hardy, 57, music, Dec. 13, 2013, Bossier City

1981
.....
Pamela Jean Beck Toburen, 68, general studies, April 21, 2014, Ruston

1982
.....
Leslie Gene Jackson, 80, doctorate specialist’s counseling, Dec. 19, 2013, Ruston

Janice Elizabeth Thomas Scriber, 61, nursing, March 10, 2014, Ruston

1983
.....
John Caldwell Berlin, 53, mechanical engineering, Dec. 9, 2013, Ruston

1985
.....
Robert William Martin, 53, electrical engineering (master’s business administration 1987), Dec. 21, 2013, White Hall, Ark.

1986
.....
Gary Lee “GB” Barker, 52, history,

Dec. 28, 2013, Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Marolyn Tyler Lasuzzo, 65, human ecology, Dec. 23, 2013, Pottsboro, Texas

1988
.....
Martin Philip Bolin, 51, professional aviation, Feb. 14, 2014, Lucedale, Miss.

Robert Cottam Boudreau, 49, journalism, Feb. 2, 2014, Saint Joseph, Mo.

1990
.....
Jesse Claude Nolan Jr., 85, master’s counseling and guidance, April 13, 2014, Ruston

Mitchell Edwin “Ed” Walker, 49, history, Jan. 23, 2014, Ruston

1992
.....
Karol Yarbrough Birchfield, 79, master’s counseling and guidance, March 7, 2014, Shreveport

2001
.....
Jonathan Scott Pine, 34, marketing (master’s business administration 2002), Feb. 11, 2014, Winter Garden, Fla.

2004
.....
Theresa Kay Graham Richardson, 55, general studies (nursing 2009), Jan. 3, 2014, Calhoun

2007
.....
Patrick Paul Clerkin, 34, doctorate biomedical engineering, Dec. 29, 2013, Iowa City, Iowa

2008
.....
Barbara Lattier Salley, 78, general studies, Feb. 2, 2014, Shreveport

IN MEMORIAM
(FRIENDS OR RETIRED
FACULTY/STAFF)

William Marvin “Bill” Bradshaw, 86, Jan. 30, 2014, Shreveport

Sandra Jean Johnson Clayton, 73, Dec. 21, 2013, Cabot, Ark.

Leonard Green Jr., 96, April 5, 2014, Bossier City

Pauline Hagerman, 81, Jan. 4, 2014, Ruston

Thesta Ann Walker Hogan, 96, Dec. 30, 2013, Denton, Texas

Calvin A. Lemke, 92, Jan. 18, 2014, Ruston

Karen D. Lewis, 71, Aug. 25, 2013, Maplewood, N.J.

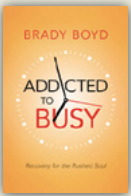
John J. “Mickey” McHale, 76, Jan. 6, 2014, Ruston

James R. “Snapp” Oakes, 84, Jan. 9, 2014, Homer

Lawrence C. Smith Jr., 80, Feb. 19, 2014, Ruston



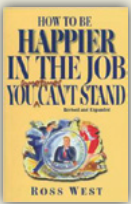
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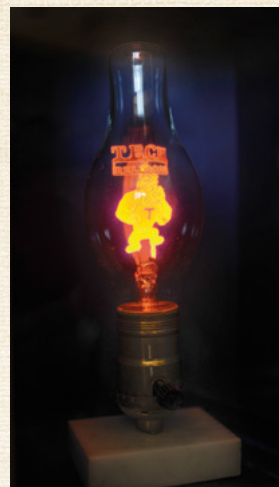
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Bulldog in a bulb

It's only a light bulb, but there's a Tech Bulldog inside it – like a ship model in a bottle – and the bulldog lights up golden when the bulb's plugged in (*left*). Don't see that every day. Actually, no one saw the light for 30 years, until it was brought out of storage for the University's centennial celebration in 1994.

"I cannot come close to telling you when it was actually made, but I've talked to a lot of people about it and some old timers say that they remembered there were two or three of these light bulbs in the Tech bookstore for sale back in the '20s," said Bill Cox ('59, geology) in a story written by Paul Harris in the February issue of *The Tech Talk*. "I've seen a lot of Tech stuff around, but I don't know if there are any

others like this around.

"My understanding is that maybe an electrical engineer from Tech created the bulbs and brought them back to the University," Cox said. "Thank goodness I saved it because it is a great piece of memorabilia that has represented this great University for a long time."

In the mid-'60s, the mom of one of Cox's friends gave Cox a lamp of her son's when her son died; the two men had been friends. Cox kept the lamp stored in his barn and never noticed the bulb under the lampshade until he was cleaning his barn out around 1980.

He gave the lamp away but kept the bulb, and during the winter he gave that away too. Housed in a shadow box Cox built for it, the bulb is in the 16th floor office of President Les Guice. The bronze plate Cox had made for the box's front reads this: "Louisiana Tech University, lighting the way since 1894."

An investment in our students

Elbie McDaniel Hall (*right*) is 94, lives in her Ringgold home surrounded by her flowers and frequent bird visitors, and has been retired from various jobs "for a lifetime. For decades."

But she hasn't forgotten what it's like to be a financially struggling student.

She grew up a Depression-era Ruston girl whose family "didn't have two nickels to rub together," she recalled on a spring visit to University Hall for the School of Human Ecology's (*more school information, left*) annual awards reception. "I graduated from Ruston High and stayed here for school because it was cheaper."

By donating money for scholarships, today she makes it easier for students who have financial needs. Although she's a 1942 human ecology honors graduate of Tech and supports that college, she also strongly supports the College of Engineering and Science. The spring reception honored her and other donors, incoming freshmen, graduate and honor students.

"The University has changed quite a bit," she said. "I was lost when I got here after not being on campus for years."

She and her late husband "prayed a lot about what to use our reserves (saved money) for; we knew we wanted to glorify God with it," she said. "I think this is a great way to build up children who are trying to get an education. We've helped several be able to go to school and get other training. Helping build them up and helping the University, that's a wonderful way to invest in these kids."



BUILDING TRADITION

Each issue, we look back at Louisiana Tech's history through its buildings and their namesakes.



Bogard Hall: Engineered to Last

PERHAPS NO BUILDING ON CAMPUS IN LOUISIANA TECH history has consistently gotten more value out of its every square foot than Bogard Hall.

Nearly three-quarters of a century after it opened, Bogard today houses administrative and faculty offices on its first floor, classrooms on the second, student organization offices and storage space on the third, and in the basement are more classrooms and project space and a machine shop.

Its long service of sheltering premier chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineers continues to be accomplished with no auditorium, small classrooms and labs, no lobby or display cases. This is 102,952 square feet of work area.

As a public works project for Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, the building was completed and the old Mechanical Arts Building torn down in 1940. Built and equipped at a cost of \$546,592.42, Bogard Hall is named after Frank Bogard (*pictured*), who passed

away in 1937. He was the University's dean of engineering for 25 years.

Bogard was renovated and air conditioning installed in 1982. A campaign was recently completed for a new building, one that will provide the College of Engineering and Science much-needed additional space for classrooms, labs and faculty offices.

Corporations and many alumni contributed financially in support of the new building, which will not only serve academic needs but also aid recruiting for the program, helping to further cement Tech's reputation as a national leader in engineering and science education. The site will be determined soon and the new building will allow the University to more than double the number of engineering graduates it annually produces. Construction could begin as early as 2015.

For more information, visit coes.latech.edu/building. Special thanks to Archives and Special Collections, Prescott Memorial Library, to Sam Wallace, and to Joshua Williams and Thomas Soto, authors, "Louisiana Tech University Building History."



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