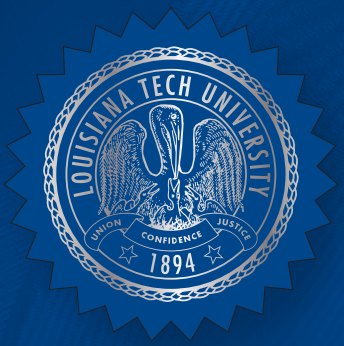


Commencement

Fall 2026

The Tenets of Tech

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

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

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

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

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



To Our Guests

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

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

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

Louisiana Tech University

Three Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Commencement
Saturday, November 21, 2026

Processional "*Pomp and Circumstance*" ..... **Sir Edward Elgar**
Mary Steele Moegle, Pianist/Organist
Associate Professor of Music

Marshals: Ms. Stacey Black, Mr. Reggie Jeter, Dr. Michael Swanbom, Dr. Heath Tims, and Mr. Andy Yepson

National Anthem *"The Star-Spangled Banner"* ..... **Francis Scott Key**
Music by John Stafford Smith
Kylie Elizabeth Langford, Senior Music Major

Invocation ..... Mr. Scott Byrd, Executive Pastor
The Bridge Community Church, Ruston

Greetings and Commencement Introduction ..... Dr. Donna B. Thomas
Provost

Commencement ..... Dr. Richard A. Crawford
Acting President

Commencement Address ..... Mr. Lucius D. McGehee, Jr.
Class of 1985

Presentation of Candidates for Academic Degrees
College of Applied and Natural Sciences ..... Dr. Jamie J. Newman
College of Business ..... Dr. Christopher L. Martin
College of Education and Human Sciences ..... Dr. Tina L. Allen
College of Engineering and Science ..... Dr. Collin D. Wick
College of Liberal Arts ..... Mr. Karl S. Puljak
Graduate School ..... Dr. Leland W. Weiss

Conferring of Degrees and Awarding Diplomas ..... Dr. Richard A. Crawford
Assisted by: Ms. Ashley Johnson, Interim University Registrar
Announcer: Mr. Elton Taylor, Director of First Year Programs

Presentation of Commemorative Medallions ..... Academic Deans

Alma Mater ..... **John P. Graham**
Kylie Elizabeth Langford

Recessional *"Trumpet Voluntary"* ..... **Jeremiah Clarke, Arr. Shin**
Mary Steele Moegle

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Mr. Lucius D. McGehee, Jr

Class of 1985

Lucius McGehee is the University's Alumnus of the Year, longtime financial services executive, community leader, president – Institutional Services Group at Argent Trust Company — and a diehard Bulldog fan.

A Tech Class of 1985 graduate in Finance, McGehee has long been deeply engaged in the community, serving organizations including the Health Hut, Boys and Girls Club of North Louisiana, and the Industrial Development Board of Lincoln Parish.

Both North Louisiana and Tech in his blood. His parents, Lucius and Mildred, were honored in 1997 with the Russ Award, the highest honor given by the Ruston/Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for outstanding community service.

"My earliest memories are going to football games hearing 'Fred Dean on the tackle' and the number of times the fight song was played because of all the touchdowns scored by Pat Tilley, Roger Carr, and Roland Harper," McGehee said in testament to his young fanhood for the Tech football championship teams of the early 1970s.

McGehee will share his thoughts about "what a college degree really is; it's an accomplishment," he said. "The graduates set a long-term goal and achieved it. They learned time management. They learned how to get along with people that they might not agree with on everything. They learned *how* to think.

"Now," he said, "it's their turn to learn *what* to think."

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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

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Nolan Isaac Bruce, Shreveport
Jackson Paul Catron, Belle Chasse
Paige Delainy Corn, Warren, TX
Sophia Marie Esposito, Denham Springs
Matthew Hoss Garrett, Ruston
Sabrina Marie Griggs, Folsom
Alayna Jade Hunt, Covington
Jordan Lynn Jones, Ruston
Melanie S Jones, Prairieville
Colton Daniel Kent, Simsboro
Parker Dreaux Lowrie, Haughton
Ashton Caroline Oswalt, Monroe
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Lainey Kaitlyn Ray, Sheridan, AR
Morgan Andrew Reeves, Grayson
Abigail Mae Serice, Sulphur
Leslee Kathleen Smith, Haughton
Mallory Grace Speakman, Lafayette
Riley Marie Walden, Bossier City
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Nathan G Shell, Jonesboro
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Ty Cash Sinclair, Pineville
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Emily Rhodes Smith, Calhoun
Oscar Smith, Nassau, Bahamas
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Jaxon Gaberial Swanson, Baton Rouge
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Peter Williams III, Shreveport
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GRADUATE SCHOOL
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Zachary Haley, Haughton
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Parker Thomas Fontenot, Baton Rouge
Amber Michelle Ford, Baton Rouge
Summer Nicole Fortenberry, Tallulah
Nicholas Christian King, Shreveport
Nicholas Kitchens, Columbia, SC
Nayma Akter Meem, Richmond, VA
Sean Walker Morrow, Alexandria
Abisola Opeyemi-Ajayi, Union, NJ
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Jake William Kopecky, Covington
Jordan Andrew Mazzeno, Albany
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Asmita Neupane, Bharatpur, Nepal
Toochukwu Chukwuebuka Ogbonna, Umuanuma, Nigeria
Manoj Pandit, Bajhang, Nepal
Kaleigh Brianne Powell, Amite
Dakota Paul Suire, Vinton
Saurav Timilsina, Banepa, Nepal
Humaira Urmee, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Afeez Oluwatobi Yusuff, Ogbomosho, Nigeria

MASTER OF ARTS
College of Liberal Arts

Pierre Bida, Shreveport

DOCTORAL HOODINGS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
College of Education and Human Sciences

Brandon Cespiva, Pineville
BA (2021) Louisiana State University-Alexandria
MA (2023) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: The Impact of Facet-Level Analysis and Contextualization on the Structure Representative of Conscientiousness
Major Advisor: Dr. Steven Toaddy
Hooded By: Dr. Shelby Curtis

Mallory Wright, Mobile, AL
BA (2017) Louisiana Tech University
MA (2020) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: Under Pressure! The Relationship Between Workplace Telepressure, Managerial Status, Education Level, and Work-Life Balance
Major Advisor: Dr. Steven Toaddy
Hooded By: Dr. Shelby Curtis

DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT
College of Engineering and Science

Charlotte Estelle Wade Henry, Lake Charles
BS (2018) Louisiana Tech University
MS (2022) Louisiana Tech University
MBA (2023) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: Feasibility and Reproducibility of Patient-Generated, Clinician-Guided Anatomical Maps of Paresthesia Using Prototype Software to Support Machine Learning-Ready Datasets to Inform Spinal Cord Stimulation Programming
Major Advisor: Dr. Mary Fendley

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
College of Engineering and Science

Rohit Boddu, Hyperbad, India
BT (2016) Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
MS (2020) Rowan University
Dissertation: Development of Nanocomposite-Modified Ultra Sensitive Electrochemical Sensors for Selective Trace Detection of Heavy Metals and Pesticides in Real Water Samples
Major Advisor: Dr. Prabhu Arumugam
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Kofoworola Omotolani Fapohunda, Ise Ekiti, Nigeria
BE (2014) Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria
ME (2019) Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State, Nigeria
MS (2024) Louisiana Tech University
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Dissertation: Fabrication and Analysis of Carbon Dot Sensors for Heavy Metal Detection
Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Murray

Alexander Chukwuemeka Isiani, Enugu, Nigeria
BS (2018) University of Nigeria, Nsukka
MS (2024) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: A Comparative Study of Fault Detection and Real-Time In-Situ Monitoring for Material-Extrusion Additive Manufacturing
Major Advisor: Dr. Kelly Crittenden

Tobias Kennedy Misicko, Hinsdale, IL
BS (2022) Purdue University
MS (2026) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: Catalytic Conversion of Shale Gas into Value-Added Chemicals and Fuels
Major Advisor: Dr. Yang Xiao

Mahdi Roodbari, Tehran, Iran
BS (2015) Khajeh Nasir Toosi University
MS (2021) Khajeh Nasir Toosi University
Dissertation: Investigation of Microscale Thermal and Fluid Phenomena in Evaporating Droplets and Pool Boiling Using Custom Microdevices
Major Advisor: Dr. Arden Moore

Shahjalal Selim, Cumilla, Bangladesh
BS (2012) Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
MS (2026) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: Thermodynamic Compatibility and Rheological Performance of Polyolefin-on Modified Asphalt Binders
Major Advisor: Dr. Nazimuddin Wasiuddin
Hooded By: Dr. Collin Wick

Roshan Prasad Yadav, Parwanipur, Nepal
BS (2014) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences
MS (2019) University of Delhi
MS (2025) Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: Clay Nanotube Patches for the Sustained Delivery of Proteins Through Skin
Major Advisor: Dr. Yuri Lvov
Hooded By: Dr. Collin Wick

ACADEMIC HONOR DISTINCTIONS

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
LATIN HONORS

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

Ella Claire Amy
Mackenzie Brooke Coats
Lydia Ann Daniels
Kaden Zachary David
Camila Nicole Derosa
Jackson Harrison Greer
William Edward Herbert
Melanie S Jones
Nicholas N Kliebert
Caleb Daniel Livingston
Madison Taylor Malone
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Middleton
Alizabeth Claire Mitchell
Elizabeth Walker Parnell
Samantha Anne Phillips
Mia Claire Rabb
Susan Elise Rodgers
Alec Nicole Williams

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

Nolan Isaac Bruce
Jose R Carmona
Jeff R Chirinos
Jolee Amber Dillard
Kale Webber Dugal
Sophia Marie Esposito
Grace Marie Eubanks
Sophia L Griffith
Emma Catherine Istre
Jordan Lynn Jones
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Elizabeth J Lipe
Cole G Murphrey
Madison E Murphy
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Peter Troy Owen
Saphal Pant
Madison Paige Price
Makenzie Lynn Puckett
Lainey Kaitlyn Ray
Christian Cameron Rogers
Olivia Catherine Roussel
Abigail Mae Serice
Riley Elizabeth Steubing
Riley Marie Walden

cum laude

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

David James Andres
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Peyton R Deblieux
Billy John Deroche
Jalynn Brooke Gateley
Carter Gay
Ashton Harrell
Samuel Dwight Jenkins
Madecyn Elizabeth Johnson
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Parker Dreaux Lowrie
Macie Kate May
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Justin Brent Stokes
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Madilyn Diane Tanner
Sidney Tiblier
Reese Elizabeth Torres
Gift B Umoeka
Mia Abigail Usey
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HONOR SCHOLARS' DISTINCTION
Completion of the University Honors College Program

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Elora Annelyse Houston
Jordan Lynn Jones
Caleb Daniel Livingston
Saphal Pant
Elizabeth Walker Parnell

Academic Honors Regalia

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

- Gold honor cords with blue and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Psi Chi** National Psychology Honor Society. Membership is open to all psychology students who successfully complete a minimum of 9 semester hours of psychology courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA, rank in the top 35% of their class in general scholarship and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

- White pointed collars embroidered with the Bent symbol and the Greek letters ΧΕ, worn by selected engineering degree candidates, identify members of **Chi Epsilon** National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to civil engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior civil engineering class, and the top 33% of the senior civil engineering class.

- Bright red and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students identify members of **Beta Alpha Psi** National Honors Fraternity for Financial Information Professionals. Membership in the local Alpha Chi Chapter is limited to accounting majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a 3.25 GPA in the most recently completed 30 semester hours; Finance and Computer Information Systems majors with minors in Accounting require a cumulative GPA of 3.25.

- Cream and burgundy cords worn by selected degree candidates identify members of **Kappa Omicron Nu** National Honor Society for Human Ecology majors. Membership is open to students enrolled in the Human Ecology disciplines with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and ranked in the top 25 % of their class.

- White satin stoles worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Alpha Pi Mu** Industrial Engineering Honor Society. Members achieved a cumulative GPA placing them in the upper one-fifth of their junior class and upper one-third of their senior class.

- Blue satin stoles with the scholastic aviation symbol and the Greek letters ΗΜΣ, worn by aviation degree candidates, signify members of **Eta Mu Sigma**, the National Collegiate Aviation Honor Society. Membership is restricted to Professional Aviation and Aviation Management majors who achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA as a junior or a 3.3 cumulative GPA as a senior.

- White satin stoles with a multicolored crest and the Greek letters ΠΤΣ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Pi Tau Sigma** Honorary Mechanical Engineering Fraternity. Membership is limited to mechanical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior mechanical engineering class and the top 35% of the senior mechanical engineering class.

- White satin stoles with a maroon crest and the gold Greek letters ΩΧΕ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Omega Chi Epsilon** National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering. Membership is limited to chemical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or the top 25% of the junior chemical engineering class, and 3.00 or the top 33% of the senior chemical engineering class.

- Navy blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating liberal arts seniors and graduate students identify membership in the Cast of **Alpha Psi Omega** National Honorary Theatre Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic and on- and off-stage performance achievements in areas of dramatic production. The student achieved a 3.2 cumulative GPA and an accumulated over 100 job rating system points based on work in various productions at Louisiana Tech University.

- Spanish gold and red cords worn by graduates identify members of Alpha Omega chapter of **Sigma Delta Pi** National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. Eligibility for membership is restricted to those students who have demonstrated a genuine interest in Hispanic people, their civilization, and thought through the achievement of a minimum GPA of 3.0 in 21 or more semester hours of Spanish, with at least one course in Spanish literature or culture at the junior or senior level, and rank in the

upper 35% of the senior class.

- Black and gold honor cords worn by degree candidates in Kinesiology signify membership in **Phi Epsilon Kappa** Fraternity, Eta Chapter. Membership is open by invitation to undergraduate and graduate candidates in Kinesiology and requires a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

- Violet, gold, and lavender cords worn by graduating seniors and graduate students signify membership in the **Pi Mu Epsilon** National Mathematics Honor Society. Membership is open to students of all disciplines with completion of three or more college mathematics courses including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 4.0 and top 25% general class ranking) or two years of college mathematics including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 3.5 and top 33% general class ranking). Graduate students will have met the same criteria as undergraduate candidates with a 3.0 GPA on mathematics work completed during the last school year prior to membership.

- Gold cords with blue and red tassels worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Eta Kappa Nu** National Electrical Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to electrical engineering juniors ranked in the top 25%, and seniors ranked in the top third of the EE class. Along with outstanding scholastic achievement, students must have demonstrated exemplary character and involvement in campus activities.

- Green and ivory cords worn by degree candidates identify members of **Sigma Pi Sigma** National Honor Society for Physics. Membership is open to all students ranked in the top third of his/her class in general scholarship, with a minimum 3.2 GPA for all physics courses attempted, of which at least three or more are applicable to the undergraduate degree in physics.

- Green and white satin stoles with a green embroidered conifer tree and the gold Greek letters ΞΣΠ, worn by graduating Foresters, identify the Alpha Phi chapter members of **Xi Sigma Pi** National Forestry Honor Society. Membership is by invitation to junior and senior forestry majors achieving a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 25% of their class and who exhibit strong moral character, honesty, hard work, and faithfulness.

- An honor cord of deep blue with a hint of red worn by degree candidates identifies members of **Pi Delta Phi** French Honor Society. The society's goal is to promote French and to recognize scholarship in the various disciplines and future teachers of America. Membership is open to French majors, French Education majors, and French minors with a 3.0 average in French and a minimum 2.8 GPA.

- Maroon and black honor cords worn by degree candidates identify Rho Gamma chapter members of **Sigma Tau Delta** International English Honor Society. Members are English majors or minors who have completed a minimum of 12 hours in English language or literature beyond the level of freshman composition, with a minimum 3.0 GPA in all English coursework, and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in all coursework.

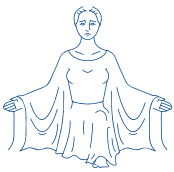
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Academic Regalia

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

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

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



ALMA MATER

By John P. Graham

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

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