



PRESIDENT'S POSTSCRIPT



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Dear LSU Family,

I hope you and your extended family members have fared the recent storms well. As the nation watched Hurricane Harvey barrel into Texas on the 12th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, I know many of us felt a sense of the worst kind of déjà vu. I am proud to tell you, though, that just like during last year's flood, our Tigers rallied, coming to the aid of those in need in great number. They

raised funds, collected goods, and even traveled to affected areas to help families begin the long road to recovery.

I think what is most inspirational about their efforts is that they did not simply bring tools and talent. They brought hope, something we all know is in short supply after a natural disaster of this magnitude.

We stand prepared to do the same for our neighbors in Florida who are bracing for the impact of Hurricane Irma, as well.

What makes LSU the best place in the world for students to attend is that we don't just train through books and lectures -- we create leaders in the classroom and in the community. We build good global citizens capable of changing the world around them. And most of all, we instill a sense of giving back to those in need.

If you are interested in supporting our Texas Tigers or the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, visit www.lsu.edu/floodrelief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. King Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "A".

F. King Alexander
LSU President

New Semester, New Mike VII

While the first day of the fall semester is always an exciting time, Aug. 21, 2017 delivered more than the average kickoff for LSU students. The day started with the much-anticipated release of the university's newest tiger mascot into his massive habitat, officially making the Bengal-Siberian mix [Mike VII](#).





LSU Hosts Eclipse Extravaganza

The announcement of Mike VII wasn't the only historic event taking place on Aug. 21. North America experienced a partial solar eclipse that day, and LSU had the full breadth and depth of its astronomical expertise on display for the benefit of our student body. Complete with expert commentary from our faculty, students were able to witness the rare event safely while learning more about the scientific opportunities LSU has to offer.

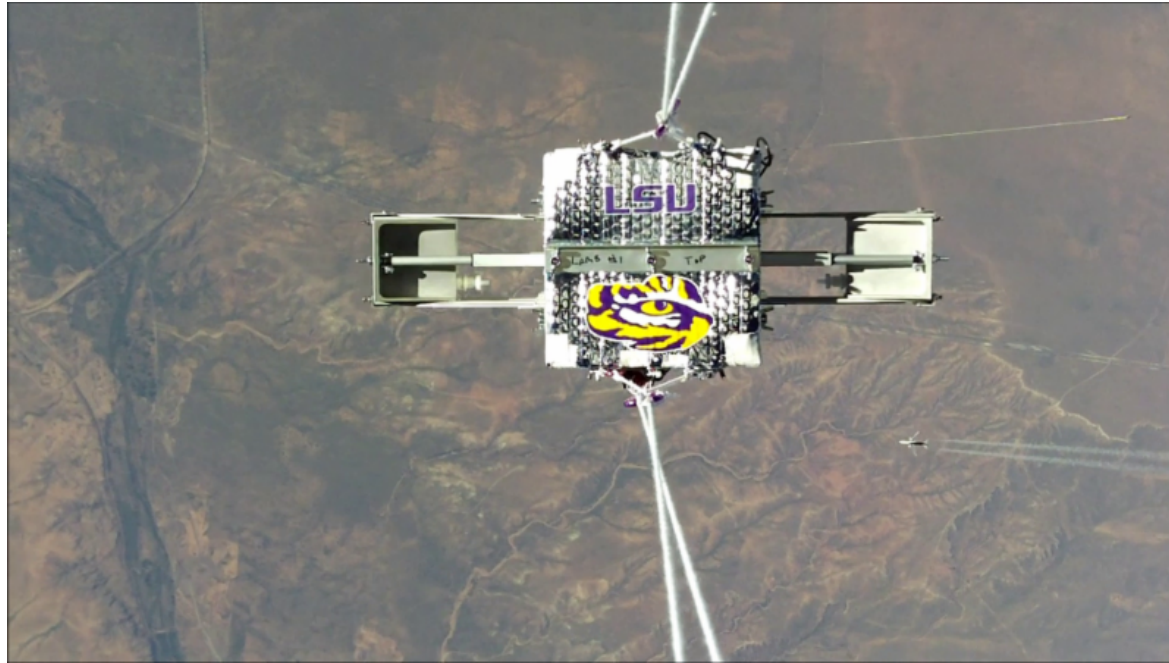


#1 Value in Louisiana Higher Education

Recently released [rankings](#) put LSU as best in Louisiana and a leader in the SEC in one of the most important outcomes to today's students: return on investment.

According to PayScale's 2017-18 College Salary Report, LSU alumni have the highest starting salaries of any public in-state university, as well as the third-highest in the SEC, behind only Texas A&M and Florida. Nationally, our graduates also fare well, ranking in the top half of public flagship universities.

Washington Monthly's rankings and Kiplinger's Personal Finance also support these findings, proving that LSU's exceptional academic offerings provide real results upon graduation.



Top 1% In the Nation

LSU is among the nation's **elite 1% of universities** holding the triple designation of land-, sea-, and space-grant institution. What does this mean? That LSU is dedicated to providing solutions to our state's and nation's most pressing challenges above, below, and beyond.



LSU Welcomes a Very Special Tiger - Kayne Finley

LSU Freshman Kayne Finley has dreamed of attending LSU since he was a very small child, and he wasn't about to let a cancer diagnosis stop him. Early last year, Kayne was diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), a cancer of the brain stem, and doctors said his tumor was inoperable.

"It's just really nice to know that the community at LSU specifically is very open, very nice. All the staff, I love them," Kayne said.

Read more about Kayne and his journey [here](#).



Forbes Ranks LSU Among Top 20 Universities Excelling in Academics & Athletics

Forbes recently ranked LSU among the **top 20 national universities** that dominate in both academics and athletics. This, in conjunction with our recent accolades on our universities value, paint a strong picture of LSU's continued success and excellence, both on and off of the field.

Did You Know?

With your help, LSU recently closed the books on one of its most successful fundraising years ever, showing a 31% increase in donors giving \$25,000 or more. Thank you for continuing to support your alma mater.

LSU also recently closed out its most successful research year ever, bringing in approximately \$500 million in grant funds.

The [New York Times](#) recently demonstrated LSU's place as #1 among the nation's flagship universities in terms of increasing African American enrollment.

In the News

A Sample of LSU Stories from Around the World

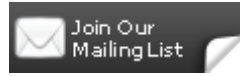
- [Short answers to hard questions about health hazards from Hurricane Harvey](#) (*New York Times*)
 - [You can eat to beat diabetes](#) (*Men's Health*)
 - [Penguin feathers record migration route](#) (*BBC*)
 - [Ripples In Spacetime: From Einstein To LIGO And Beyond](#) (*Forbes*)
 - [LSU Names Top 100 Tiger Businesses](#) (*The Advocate*)
 - [Former Senator John Breau begins new "How Washington Works" class](#) (*The Daily Reveille*)
 - [LSU Alumni Association Unveiling Renovated Cook Hotel](#) (*Baton Rouge Business Report*)
 - [Pregnant mom's diet can have lasting health impacts on baby](#) (*Louisiana Radio Network*)
 - [LSU Health New Orleans awarded \\$15 million in federal grants to support cancer education, detection programs](#) (*The Advocate*)
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Mark Your Calendars!

Join LSU Professor and world-renowned archaeologist Heather McKillop for Science Cafe on Sept. 26. Dr. McKillop will discuss the latest techniques in 3-D archaeology and her fieldwork searching for ancient Maya sites in Belize. [Science Cafe](#) is held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Varsity Theater in Baton Rouge. Doors open at 5 p.m. for free food, networking and drink specials, and the talk begins at 6 p.m.



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