Welcome, Dr. Miller!

LSUS Announces New Dean of the College of Business, Education, and Human Development

LSU Shreveport is pleased to announce Dr. Nancy Albers-Miller as the new Dean of the College of Business, Education, and Human Development. The faculty and staff are excited to welcome Dr. Miller to campus and look forward to the passion and expertise she brings to the university.

Dr. Miller earned her MBA at Texas State University in 1989. Five years later she earned her Ph.D. at the University of Houston in the field of marketing and international business.

“I am honored to have joined the outstanding team at Louisiana State University Shreveport in the College of Business, Education and Human Development. We have a rare opportunity to build synergy between the highly demanded disciplines of Business, Education, Kinesiology and Psychology. Each of these programs has a strong reputation and external validation for excellence,” said Dr. Miller. “Our students and their future employers benefit from the common ground and diverse perspectives afforded by unity of these disciplines in a single college. I look forward to a dynamic future of continuous innovation and growth.”

Dr. Miller's successful track record in fund raising, developing local and global contacts, and working with alumni and advisory boards will enhance LSUS in the institution’s outreach to prospective and current students, and alumni. She has a diverse background in both public and private academic, as well as corporate experiences that will allow her to develop an innovative, entrepreneurial perspective.

Her knowledge of addressing competitive pressures and changing demographics has resulted in the development of partnerships with the military, business leaders, community colleges and the creation of several international agreements at her previous institutions, which will prepare the College of Business, Education, and Human Development to reach out locally, nationally, and internationally to bring recognition to the excellence of LSUS.
“We are thrilled to have someone with Dr. Miller's expertise in such a critical leadership role for LSU Shreveport,” said Dr. John S. Vassar, Provost at LSUS. “Her experience in a major metropolitan university setting will greatly benefit not just the campus, but the entire Northwest Louisiana region.”

Dr. Nancy Albers-Miller will officially join LSU Shreveport on July 5, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE:
LSUS 2016 Service Awards Ceremony

University Center Ballroom
Monday, April 18, 2016
11:15 a.m.

Sponsored by: The LSUS Foundation

Dr. Shaughnessy to offer a seminar on effective teaching strategies
YouTube in the Classroom: Beyond Cat Videos
Dr. Tim Shaughnessy will offer a seminar on effective teaching strategies April 8, 2016 at 11 A.M. in BE 104. YouTube offers a lot of functionality that can be useful for teachers in the classroom. This seminar will showcase some of the "tricks" that can make your videos more engaging. A good video will not only be instructive, but will also save you time and effort in and out of class. Especially useful for professors in online or face-to-face classes!

‘Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History’: The Feats and Exploits of Women as featured in the Noel Collection
Open now through May 31st
3rd floor Noel Memorial Library, LSUS

Women's History Month is over, but our exhibit has just begun! The materials on display include vintage postcards, suffragist ephemera, and books on women and their historical impact, from Queen Zenobia to Agatha Christie. Some featured books from the 17th and 18th centuries concern feminine morality and education, whereas other volumes explore 19th and 20th century women's movements.

Come visit us in the Noel Collection to learn more! We’re open Sundays from 2-6 p.m., Mondays from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and Tuesdays-Fridays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information or to arrange a tour contact Martha Lawler at 318-798-4163 or Martha.Lawler@lsus.edu, or visit us online at jsnoelcollection.org.
LSUS Ranked in Top 50 Most Affordable Small Colleges for a Master’s in Education Degree

LSU Shreveport has been recognized as one of the 50 most affordable small colleges for a master’s in education degree in the Top Education Degrees’ recent ranking.

The university was rated at #11 out of the 50 schools offering a master’s in education degree with an undergraduate enrollment of less than 5,000 students and accredited programs with minimal tuition costs.

LSU Shreveport offers master’s in education programs in Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership. The Curriculum and Instruction is an online program that includes concentrations in Educational Technology, Reading and Literacy, and English as a Second Language. The Educational Leadership program focuses on using hands-on activities, internships, and similar experiential learning opportunities to produce excellent school principals and other educational supervisors. Students receive personalized academic support from faculty to advance their overall experience and success in the program.

Top Education Degrees’ mission is to provide high-quality, well-researched education and career resources for individuals in the education field.

To view the complete list, CLICK HERE.

LSUS DEBATE TAKES 4th AND BRINGS HOME 2 TITLES AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Baytown, TX) The LSUS Debate Team finished their season by taking 4th at the 2016 IPDA National Championship Tournament out of 30 teams from coast to coast and nearly 250 total entries through 5 divisions of debate. Altogether, LSUS earned 14 awards including 2 individual national titles.

1st Place – University of Arkansas at Monticello (AR)
2nd Place – Union University (TN)
3rd Place – Lee College (TX)
4th Place – LSU Shreveport (LA)
5th Place – US Military Academy at West Point (NY)

Junior Psychology major John Brown earned his first national title by earning the top speaker award for the Team Division. He and his partner Lance Rich, a junior Computer Science major, made it to the quarterfinals in the event. Kamaya Jiles, a junior Digital Arts major, and Erika Hill, a junior Criminal Justice major, advanced to the octafinals in the Team Division.

Trey Gibson, Director of Debate and a second year student in the LSUS Leadership Studies Doctorate program, won the top speaking title in the Professional Division before losing in the octafinal round.

Students James Bohn, a sophomore Biology major, and Elizabeth Kemp, a graduating Political Science major, also advanced in the individual portion of the tournament. Kemp made it to the double-octafinal round in the Varsity Division before losing on a close 2-1 decision. Bohn advanced all the way to the quarterfinals in the Junior Varsity Division.
This is the final tournament of the 2015-2016 season for the team. The team now begins preparations for the 2016-2017 season.

For more information contact Trey Gibson, The Bradley S. Kemp Professor of Debate at LSUS.

**LSUS to hold 2016 Academic Award Convocation**

This year’s Academic Award Convocation is set for 11:00am on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. At the convocation, we recognize a single outstanding student in each of our majors and in many concentrations for excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and commitment. All are invited and welcome to attend this academic celebration in support of our fantastic students as they have worked numerous hours for their accomplishments.

Awards:
The Chancellor’s List award is given to those who made the list both Spring 2015 & Fall 2015 semesters. The following students will receive this award:

- Oluwatoyin Adegboyega
- Alessa Ash
- Adriane Paolo Aytona
- John Paul Bacud
- Rebekah Bennett
- Samuel Crooks
- Joshua Dewey
- Kelsey Ellender
- Ecotry Fuller
- Aubrey Garcia
- Christian Gaude
- Angela Gideons
- Sarah Guidry
- Virginia Hannon
- Ola Harris
- Shelby Heidleberg
- Theresa Hernandez
- Karla Hernandez Leon
- Natalie Hirsch
- Rachel Hoffnung
- Hannah Hough
- Sheila Humphries
- Lauren Kain
- Ghazaleh Keyvan
- Melissa Leblanc
- Michael Leon
- Cody Lewis
- Christian Lococo
- Olivia Magill
- Eliza Malinova, Jr
- Ciara Mathis
- Charles McDowell
- Jacob McDowell
- Sarah Mcgee
- Josep Michels
- Justine Moreau
- Karissa Morgan
- Macie Mosley
- Niccolo Mundell
- Jessica Myers
- Ashton Nance
- Nicholas O’connor
- Elizabeth O’Neal
- Annalysse Orchard
- Aastha Parikh
- Shelbi Parker
- Kimberly Pederson
- Ethan Puckett
- Autumn Razey
- Lance Rich
- Quintin Richardson
- James Robinson
- Elles Rock
- Mason Shaw
- Rebecca Slocum
- Fatimah Smith
- Emily Sojourner
- Abigail Sorrell
- Elisabeth Sorrell
- Michael Stevenson
- Austin Stone
- Julia Taylor
- Christopher Thompson
- Trinh Tran
- Katherine Umling
- Richard Wardlaw
- Laura Waren
- Aaron Wheeler
- Sarah Whorton
- Ashley Woods
- Emily Wright
- Lucian Xenos

The following students are recipients of the Academic Award, which goes to one student from each program. These students were nominated by faculty for excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and commitment:

**Humanities and Social Sciences:**
- Lauren Llewellyn, History & Social Sciences
- Rachel Hoffnung, English & Foreign Languages
- Autumn Cuddy, History & Social Sciences
- Elizabeth Kemp, History & Social Sciences
- Peter O’Neil, Arts & Media
- Elles Rock, Arts & Media
- Blair Burlison, Arts & Media
- Emily Wright, Arts & Media
- Brandy Ollhoff, History & Social Sciences
- Karissa Morgan, Arts & Media
- Hannah Hough, General Studies
- Mindy Hinderberger, Arts & Sciences
- Rachel Patterson, Human Services & Public Policy

**Mathematics and Sciences:**
- Brittini Hood, Biological Sciences
- Sarah Whorton, Biological Sciences
The following student is being recognized for academic achievement in completing the LSUS Honors Program Curriculum: Samuel Crooks.

We are undoubtedly proud of those who have worked diligently to achieve these awards. All students and staff are encouraged to attend as we salute the loyal, hard-working students at LSUS.

Now taking nominations for The Sue Ann Kemp Award
Professor and Chair Emeritus of the Department of Psychology, Dr. George Kemp, has established the Sue Ann Kemp Award for Staff. Dr. Kemp and his wife, Rita, are passionate supporters of LSUS. Most of you will know him as the professor responsible for planting our beautiful trees around campus. He would single-handedly water each of them from gallon milk containers loaded into the bed of his pickup truck.
Dr. Kemp was hired as an Associate Professor in 1970 and retired as Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology in 1996 with a long list of state and national accomplishments. Whenever Dr. Kemp speaks to those recognitions he always gives tremendous credit to the staff members who assisted him during those times. This award is to recognize those committed employees of LSUS who strive to make this University the best it can be. The honor is named after his sister who served for over 25 years as the Executive Assistant to the Vice-President of Exxon.

The Sue Ann Kemp Award is an endowed fund established by Dr. George and Rita Kemp for the specific goal of honoring classified and unclassified staff employees who have gone above the call of duty to serve LSUS students and/or advance the university in some fashion. Due to the Kemps’ generosity, one award of $1,000 and a plaque will be given to a deserving recipient at the Annual LSUS Service Awards Ceremony.

This year’s recipient will be announced at the LSUS Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Staff Senate. Nominations may be submitted from now until April 20th. Details concerning eligibility, criteria, and nomination procedures are as follows:

The Sue Kemp Richardson Award is given to a deserving current or retired staff member. The award consists of a $1000 cash award and an engraved plaque. Letters of Nomination will be made to an Advisory Committee who will assess each nomination and select a winner.

1. **Eligibility:** The following employees are eligible for the award:

   Any active or retired staff member who will have a minimum of five years’ of full time service (as staff) as of April 1, 2016. The five years of service must be at LSUS.

2. **Selection Criteria:** The intent of this award is to recognize classified and unclassified staff members whose contributions to students and/or the university are truly noteworthy and stand out among their peers. The following general criteria should be considered when nominating an employee or retiree for this award:

   1. What specific accomplishments was the nominee responsible for?
   2. To what degree was the superior service sustained over time?
   3. How did accomplishments of the nominee contribute to serving students and/or advance the university?

3. **Format for Letter of Nomination:** The Letter of Nomination should be typed and no longer than one page in length. Nomination letters should be sent in a sealed envelope to Human Resource Management (Attention: Chairman, Sue Ann Kemp Richardson Advisory Committee).

   The nomination letter must be received in the Office of Human Resource Management no later than April 20, 2016

The letter should address the merits of the nominee as well as the significance of their contribution to LSUS. In addition to addressing the criteria in paragraph 2 above, the Nomination Letter should address the relationship of the nominator to the nominee. The narrative should be as specific as possible when citing accomplishments of the nominee. As a minimum, it is recommended that the letter provide a statement of the specific accomplishments of the nominee, an explanation of how the superior service was sustained over time, and an explanation of how the nominee’s exemplary performance contributed to serving students and/or advanced the university.
Laura Lyons McLemore, Archivist at LSU Shreveport, and the William B. Wiener Jr., Professor Of Archives and Historic Preservation recently published a biography, Adele Briscoe Looscan: Daughter of the Republic (TCU Press, 2016). Looscan was the first woman president of the Texas State Historical Association (TSHA), now one of the largest state historical associations in the United States. Through her voluntary work with the TSHA, patriotic societies such as Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Daughters of the American Revolution, and federated women’s clubs, she encouraged public education and the preservation of historic landmarks, and actively advocated for a state library, archives and museums. Her story is valuable and compelling for what it reveals about women and culture in the nineteenth- and early twentieth-centuries.

Baseball (23-13, 13-7): The Pilots have a full slate of games this week which begins today (Tuesday) at Pilots Field at 5 p.m. against the Choctaws of Mississippi College (12-19). This weekend the Pilots will be on the road yet again for four non-conference games. The weekend will begin with a 4 p.m. first pitch against the Bobcats of the College of the Ozarks (21-15) in Texarkana, Texas, at the home of the Texas A&M–Texarkana Eagles (George Dobson Field).

Saturday the Pilots will face the Bobcats at 2 p.m. and then face the Texas A&M – Texarkana Eagles at 4 p.m. The weekend will conclude on Sunday as the Pilots face the Eagles at 3 p.m.

1. **LSUS Alumni Golf Day.** Yesterday was the LSUS Alumni Golf Day event at East Ridge Country Club. It was a great opportunity for LSUS alumni and friends to get together to focus on LSUS and enjoy a day of good banter and golf. Thank you to LSUS Alumni President Sarah Kirkpatrick, Dianne Howell and the many volunteers, both LSUS and others, for making the day a success.
2. **AD Search.** With Chad McDowell’s plans to leave LSUS, I have asked Julie Lessiter to chair our Athletics Director Search Committee. Julie has a great background for this leadership position from her years of collegiate competition and work at NSU in their AD offices. Given the practice in college sports, I expect this search process to move much more quickly than usual university searches. The AD salary is covered from LSUS student athletics fee revenue.

3. **Miscellaneous Matters:**
   a. **LSUS Career Fair.** Remember that the LSUS Career Fair is Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Besides encouraging your students to attend, I hope you will go by the Career Fair just to see what is being done for our students.
   
   b. **Campus Cleanup.** You can still sign up for the 4th Annual Campus Cleanup Day for this coming Friday. This is a great way to help us freshen our campus for visitors (and our own) enjoyment.
   
   c. **To Capitol.** Today (Tuesday) I will be back in Baton Rouge at the Capitol for the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Higher Education. We continue to be very concerned about higher education funding for this coming fiscal year. LSU President F. King Alexander is doing a great job of advocating for all of higher education at the Capitol.
   
   d. **UCA.** We have learned that our University Court Apartments 40-year lease is not capable by its terms of being extended to permit the $3.2M proposed renovation (in exchange for an extension of the lease). Mr. Tony Lombardo, LSU Assoc. Vice President for Facility & Property Oversight, will be on campus with us on Wednesday to help us explore other options for renovation.
   
   e. **Library Roof.** I will probably jinx the situation by saying this but still another temporary roof repair to the Noel Memorial Library appears for the moment to be curtailing the worst area of the roof leaking into the LSUS Archives and the Noel Collection. We desperately need the state’s capital projects emergency fund to be funded by the legislature so that possibly a new roof, the only long-term solution, can get scheduled to happen. Ditto for the HPE Building—also with a badly leaking roof situation.
   
   f. **LPC Meeting.** The LSUS Planning Council (LPC) will meet this Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Noel Memorial Library (third floor). Among items on the agenda, we will discuss the budget, the LSUS 50th Anniversary Celebration and a proposal from Angel Martin/Student Activities to put up 16 flag poles on the campus mall to recognize and promote student activities and Greek organizations.

4. **Barksdale.** Friday was the 2016 College Fair day at Barksdale Air Force Base. LSU Shreveport was represented by two of our very best ambassadors: Madeline Fechter and Kelly Wynn. We were warmly welcomed to BAFB by their Education Officers: Darlene Linton and Danielle Williams. No military base or fort has a more dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic duo serving their airmen/soldiers and family members. Missing from the picture is our terrific LSUS Liaison to BAFB: Mike Welch. We greatly value our relationship with BAFB.