ATTENTION ALL FALL 2021 GRADUATES!!

We are excited to be having graduation in-person again and want you to know all the ins and outs of the celebration before you get there. *Save this email for quick reference later. You might need it!*

**The Basics**
- There will be 4 ceremonies, 2 per day on December 16th and December 17th.
- December 16th will be for summer graduates, and December 17th will be for fall graduates.
- All of the celebrations will take place at the Brookshire’s Grocery Arena in Bossier City.
- The ceremonies will be divided by last name.
  - Last names A – K will have their ceremony at 9 am.
  - Last names beginning with L – Z will have their ceremony at 2 pm.

At this time, we are unable to accommodate any request to change your assigned ceremony date or time.

**Before Graduation**
- **Fall graduates must let the Office of the Records and Registration know if you will be attending the ceremony in-person by November 5th via completion of your Graduation Application in myLSUS. Summer graduates have previously submitted this information.**
- There is no restriction on the number of guests you can invite.
  - If you or your family are from out of town, [here’s a listing of local hotels to make arrangements](#).
- To purchase LSUS regalia or commemorative items, [please visit the LSUS bookstore](#).

**What to Expect At Graduation**
- Doors open 2 hours prior to the listed start time.
- All attendees 5 years of age and over must provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test from no more than 72 hours in advance of the event prior to entry.
  - At the event, each person will be required to enter through tents in the parking lot, prior to entering the building.
  - You’ll be asked to show:
    - **ACCEPTED METHODS OF VACCINE VERIFICATION:**
      - L.A. Wallet App / SMART Health Card
      - An original, digital photo or photocopy of a C.D.C. Vaccination Card with a name matching your I.D. Full cards must be visible on digital or printed copies.
      - Another form of official vaccination record from another state, foreign nation, or the W.H.O.
    - **ACCEPTED METHODS OF COVID-19 TEST VERIFICATION:**
      - A physical or electronic COVID-19 test with a negative test result within 3 days of arrival at the event with name matching your I.D.
      - Once you’ve been verified, you will be given an armband to enter.
      - Graduates will enter from the north side of the building, separate from family and friends, but will be required to follow the same protocol as guests.
      - Masks must be worn at all times, per the LA Governor’s mask mandate.
      - Physical distancing will be enforced.
      - The event will be livestreamed on Facebook for those who are unable to attend in-person.
      - If you come to the event, you must stay for the entirety of graduation. Early exits cause disruptions for the other graduates, and if you exit early, you’ll miss the Second Line Brass Band, a Louisiana and LSUS tradition.

**After Graduation**
- The facility has asked that everyone exit the building as quickly as possible after the event is complete. You are welcome to take photos outside of the arena or in the concourse area.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Records Office at registrar@lsus.edu.