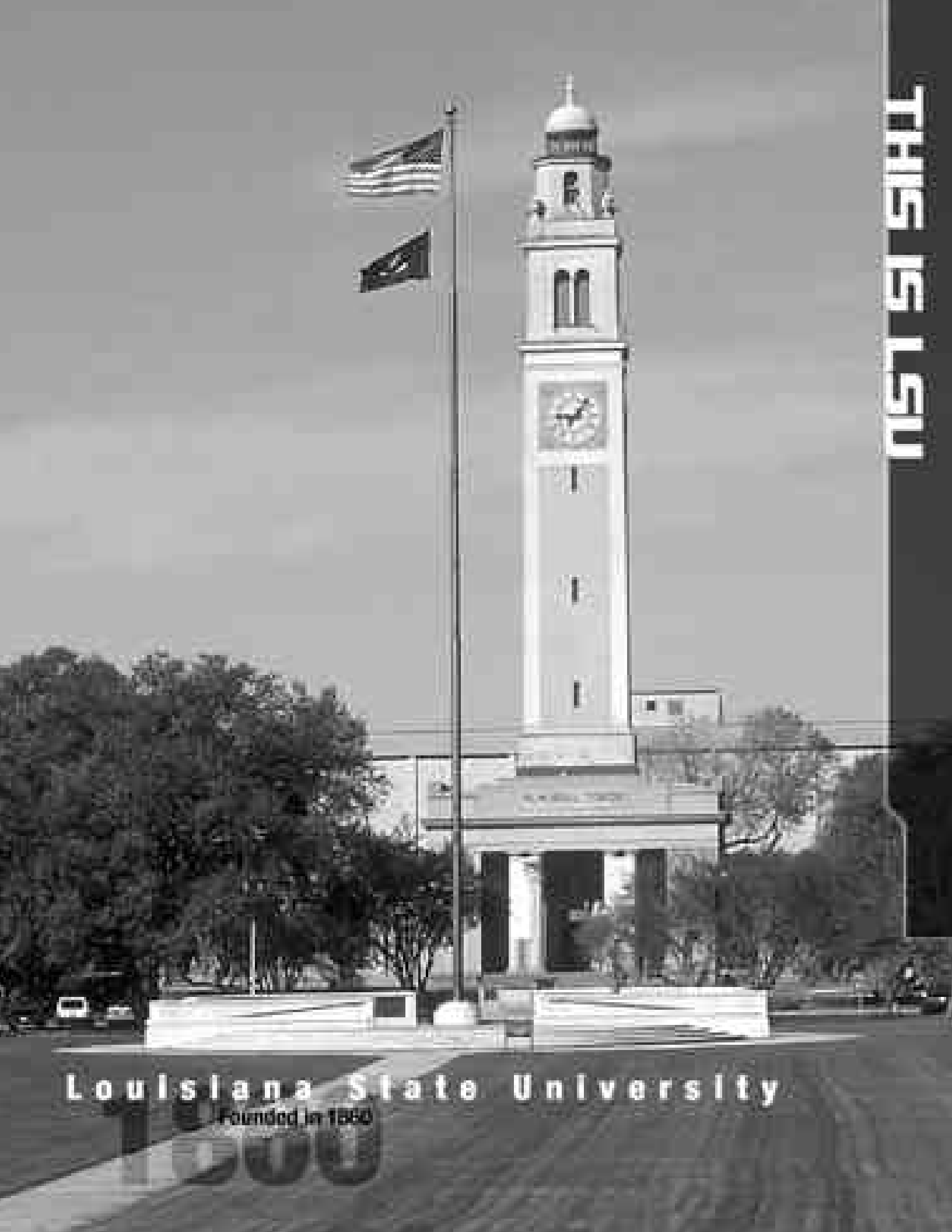


THIS IS LSU



Louisiana State University
Founded in 1860



Nick Saban Football

For years outsiders viewed the LSU football program as an unpolished gem, a potential giant in the college football world waiting to be reborn. With the wealth of resources at LSU, its tradition and the available talent within the state of Louisiana, all the program needed was the right leader to guide it.

Enter Nick Saban.

A man of vision and a leader for the future, Saban has restored LSU's proud tradition and brought the Tigers back to elite of college football in just two short years. After going in 8-4 and winning the Peach Bowl in his first season in 2000, Saban guided the Tigers to the SEC Championship and a victory in the Sugar Bowl in 2001.

With his ability to identify and develop talent, relate to his players and staff while managing an elite program, it is safe to say that Nick Saban has made this a great time to be a part of LSU football.

"LSU has a great product. In any successful

organization, you have to have a great product, you have to know what the competition is and you have to have togetherness," says Saban. "Everybody has to have a common goal and we all have to work towards that common goal. That's the way I've been successful in other endeavors."

Saban came to LSU from Michigan State where he rebuilt the Spartans into a top-10 power. Prior to his days at Michigan State, Saban spent four seasons as defensive coordinator of the Cleveland Browns. He turned the Browns' defense from the worst in the NFL in points allowed the year before his arrival into a defense that allowed the fewest points in the league in his final year with the organization in 1994.

Now entering his third year at LSU, Saban will continue to build upon his early success with the Tiger football and continue to design his program around the fundamentals that have made him a success at every level of the sport.





Speaking of Coach Nick Saban

"He's a first-rate person and he's a marvelous football coach. He brings all the right values to the position and to the job. He believes in an exciting and up-tempo offense and yet his teams are always terrifically sound and very physical."

Bill Polian

PRESIDENT, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

"There are a lot of guys who can draw up defenses in the dirt and draw X's and O's. The question is what little things can you find to help each player play his position? That's one thing Nick is good at."

Dean Pees

HEAD COACH, KENT STATE

THE SABAN MISSION

1. To help make you a better person for having been a part of the LSU football program.
2. To help you become a successful student-athlete and earn your degree.
3. To help you reach your full athletic potential and to have the opportunity to win a championship.
4. To help launch your career so that when you leave LSU you can have the best opportunities in life.

EDUCATION FIRST

Saban is a communicator who gets the best out of his players, a coach who can guarantee that a player willing to dedicate himself to the program will maximize his talents.

"I'm a player's coach. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the players in college football and the game. We care about the players first of all as people and I want them to be better people for having been a part of this program. They're here to get an education first. I want every player to work to reach his full potential as a player and as a competitor. I expect our players to commit to a standard of excellence that is very high."

THE TOTAL PROGRAM

Saban built his reputation on defense as an assistant coach. As a head coach he has shown the ability to put together a total program. Being competitive on the field and stressing discipline and responsibility off the field, Saban's teams have proven to be consistent winners, while graduating student-athletes at the same time.



Nick Saban at commencement exercises with graduates Kareem Mitchell (left) and Louis Williams (right).

TEAM OWNERSHIP

The keys to Saban's success are founded on aggressive and disciplined leadership and a philosophy of personal responsibility both on the football field and in the classroom.

"One thing that I expect our players to do is to take ownership of their team. This is the players' team. I'm the coach. I want the players to take some responsibility and ownership for all the areas that are important in building this program."



Academic Center for Student-Athletes



Dr. Roger Grooters
Executive Director



Jim Rost
Associate Director



Tommy Karam
Director/Communications Lab



Gwendolyn Clark
Learning Specialist

ACADEMIC STAFF

Critical to the development of an athlete as a student is an adequate academic facility and capable staff to further the athlete's progress. The **Academic Center for Student-Athletes** is responsible for overseeing the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes. The staff acts as a liaison between the athlete and the academic communities and insures that student-athletes comply with academic rules established by the University, NCAA and SEC. The staff also coordinates academic programs designed to assist student-athletes in acquiring a quality education.

"My dream was to earn my degree and play in the NFL. The support and guidance I received from the Academic Center for Student-Athletes assisted me in achieving these goals and more. With hard work and assistance from the staff of the Academic Center, I earned my degree in management. I hope many, many others have the same opportunities I received."

-- Anthony McFarland, LSU football player 1995-98, current member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL and 1999 LSU graduate

THE SERVICES

- **Tutoring**
- **Career Counseling and Development**
- **Time Management**
- **Study Skills**
- **Insure that student-athletes comply with academic rules established by the University, NCAA and SEC**

The Goal

For each student-athlete to reach and receive the highest-quality education and degree.

The Responsibility

To oversee the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes.



NBA star Shaquille O'Neal graduated from LSU in the fall of 2000.

“The Academic Center for Student-Athletes is a tremendous asset to all athletes. It provides those tangibles that are necessary to achieve success in a collegiate environment. The Center provides tutors to help you understand your course material, academic coaches who teach you organizational skills, and time management seminars to enhance the skills needed in this society.

“In one word, the Center is GREAT!”

-- Shaquille O'Neal, LSU basketball player, 1989-92, the 2000 and 2002 NBA MVP for the Los Angeles Lakers and a 2000 graduate of LSU

LSU FOOTBALL GRADUATES UNDER NICK SABAN



Former LSU quarterback Melvin Hill returned to LSU to receive his master's degree in education in May of 2002.

2000-2002

Kareem Mitchell, Louis Williams, Muskingum Barnes, John Compton, Joe Domingeaux, Jason Green, Kyle Kipps, Michael Lillie, Robert Royal, Oliver Smith, Charles Thomas, Roger Williams, Trev Faulk, Jarvis Green, Kris Kessler, Ryan Miles, Walter Moreham, Tony Vastola, Wendell York, John Young, Bob Wynne

2001 SEC Academic Honor Roll

Trev Faulk (LB), Jr.	Marketing	3.25
Bradie James (LB), Jr.	Sociology	3.00
Donnie Jones (P), So.	General Business	3.22
Kris Kessler (PK), Sr.	Zoology	3.28
Chad Lewis (PK), Jr.	Marketing	4.00
Rodney Reed (OT), So.	Accounting	4.00
Charles Thomas (DL), Sr.	Kinesiology	3.17
Roger Williams (WR), Sr.	Electrical Engineering	3.14
Bob Wynne (OL), Jr.	History	4.00
Wendell York (SNP), Jr.	Accounting	3.41

LSU Football Recognized for High Graduation Rates

The LSU football program received honorable mention from the American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award for having a **graduation rate of better than 70 percent.**

The graduation rate reflects the 1995-96 football recruiting class. Last year, LSU was among 28 schools that received recognition for its high graduation rate.

The Academic Achievement Award has been presented annually by the AFCA since its inception in 1981.



Computer Lab

Academic Center for Student-Athletes Renovations

- expand the facility from 10,000 square feet to 54,000 square feet
- raise the total number of computers to 75
- include 14 private computer rooms in a state-of-the-art computer lab
- add additional study rooms and classrooms for private or group study
- provide additional study areas for specialized learning
- add a 1,000-seat auditorium

Planned improvements to the Gym Armory will not only benefit the Academic Center for Student-Athletes, but the entire University as well. The old gymnasium will be transformed into a 1,000-seat auditorium the University will use for daily classes, presentations, lectures by distinguished University guests and other special academic events.



Reading Room

open its doors in September of 2002 to a \$15 million renovation that will not only keep it among the nation's premier centers, but put it at the forefront. Improvements to the existing center will give LSU student-athletes the best opportunity for success by providing access to the latest technology, as well as an array of expanded services.

“The project to renovate the Gym Armory illustrates how vision and careful planning can produce a product that benefits the entire University community. The project will improve the academic support program for our student-athletes, provide a critically needed auditorium for academic lectures, classes and special events, as well as renovate and preserve a historic and much-loved building.”

-- Chancellor Mark Emmert



Campus Life

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has, throughout its 142-year history, served the people of Louisiana, the region, the nation, and the world through extensive multipurpose programs encompassing instruction, research and public service. The University continuously develops programs of breadth and quality that make it one of the nation's outstanding educational institutions.

The University influences the educational, economic, social and cultural lives of its citizens throughout the state – indeed, in some way, it touches the life of every person in Louisiana.

Because of its designation as a Research I University – the top

category of the Carnegie Foundation's ranking of research institutions – LSU ranks in the top 2 percent of the nation's colleges and universities. The Research I designation is shared by only 59 public and 29

private universities across the nation. One of only 25 universities nationwide designated as both a land-grant and sea-grant college, LSU is also actively pursuing space-grant status.

History and tradition began with LSU's founding in 1853 by the General Assembly of Louisiana as the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy near Pineville, Louisiana. The institution opened January 2, 1860. When the Civil War began, the school's

first superintendent, William Tecumseh Sherman, resigned to assume a command in the Union Army. Fire demolished the Seminary in 1869 and the school moved to Baton Rouge.



CAMPUS FACTS

- LOCATION:** Baton Rouge, La.
- FOUNDED:** January 2, 1860
- ENROLLMENT:** 29,022
- PRESIDENT:** Dr. William Jenkins
- CHANCELLOR:** Dr. Mark Emmert
- MAJOR FIELDS OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES:** 73
- MAJOR FIELDS OF MASTER'S DEGREES:** 75
- MAJOR FIELDS OF DOCTORAL DEGREES:** 55



- Dining Halls
- Weekly Housekeeping
- Cable Television
- High-Speed Internet
- Mail Service
- Card Access
- Facility Repairs
- Security
- Telephone Services
- Furnished
- Washer/Dryer
- Microwave



THE TIGERS' HOME AWAY FROM HOME

LSU has 18 residence halls with architectural styles ranging from a Renaissance style typical of the older core of the campus to modern high-rise buildings. Above is the newest addition, the highly popular East Campus Apartments, a co-ed dormitory that includes furnished rooms with connecting suites and e-mail workstations in the lobby, all within a short walk from the dining hall.



Students gather for annual Fall Fest in the LSU quadrangle.

In 1870, the Seminary was renamed Louisiana State University. In 1874, under the United States Morrill Act, the Louisiana State Agricultural & Mechanical College was established in New Orleans. The two institutions were merged by the Legislature in 1877 to become Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical

College.

Construction on the present campus began in 1922 and the first classes were held in 1926. LSU experienced major growth in the 1930s and 1940s, expanding its student body, curricula and services. During the 1960s, the University began to place increasing emphasis on research.

Recognizing the importance and extent of statewide agricultural activities of unites in the LSU System, the LSU Board of Supervisors in 1972 established the Center for Agricultural Sciences & Rural Development. This unit was renamed the LSU Agricultural Center in 1982. Components of the LSU Agricultural Center include the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, International Programs and Administrative Services.

The primary mission of the LSU Agricultural Center is to conduct research in agricultural and natural resource development and to provide off-campus extension education that disseminates technological, economic, and management information to Louisiana residents.

In 1977, the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, established as the LSU Law School in 1906, was made an autonomous division of the LSU System. The Law Center provides legal education characterized by an unyielding demand for academic excellence. Its unique curriculum, based on civil law as well as substantial elements of



More Info:
www.lsu.edu/fallfest

Want to see more on LSU's annual kickoff celebration? See more on the from the event including a video at the University's website.

LINK

Fall Fest, is the university's official "Welcome" for new students, staff, and faculty. More than 25,000 students, faculty, and staff come together in the LSU Quadrangle making it one of the newest and most anticipated traditions.

Campus Life

common law, provides law graduates with qualifications and training for not one, but two legal systems.

LSU, located on more than 2,000 acres in the southern part of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River. The University's more than 250 principal buildings are grouped on a 650-acre plateau that constitutes the main part of the campus.

LSU and A&M College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Hebert Law Center holds membership in the Association of Law Schools and is on the approved list of the American Bar Association.



More Info:
www.lsu.edu/panoramas/memorialtower_lsu.htm

Want to see more of the LSU Campus? See the IPIX 360° view of campus at the University's website.

LINK

WHY LSU?

"As far back as I can remember (riding bicycles, playing little league baseball), I have literally bled purple & gold. It never crossed my mind that there was anywhere else to go other than LSU. The experiences and relationships that I developed at LSU have been an integral part of my life. No other colleges existed in my mind. I am fortunate to have attended a place that I considered a dream and look forward to my association with the university until the day I die."

- David Toms, 2001 PGA Champion and LSU graduate

"It was really quite an honor to be able to play for LSU. Being from Lockport, everybody down there is a big LSU fan. Once I graduated from high school and had to make the decision where I was going to play, LSU was the obvious choice because I had grown up an LSU fan and it was a place where my family could watch me play. LSU really helped me grow both as a player and a person. I have nothing but fond memories of the place."

- Tommy Hodson, Former All-SEC Quarterback (1986-89)

"It was about family for me. My dad, my brother and I all played for LSU. It was a family tradition. Playing in a community where it's basically all LSU was probably the most rewarding experience to me. The fact that I was from the area, went to school in the area and now live in the area, it allows me to attend all the events and keep in touch with so many friends."

- Todd Kinchen, Former LSU Wide Receiver (1989-91)



The African-American Cultural Center

The African-American Cultural Center provides a multifaceted approach to working with all students at LSU. It offers opportunities for people to learn about the contributions of African-American men and women in the areas of literature, science and the humanities. In addition, opportunities for the University community to have greater exposure to art exhibits, dance troupes, theatre, poetry readings and educational programs are provided.

PROGRAM GOALS

Educational programs for the African-American Cultural Center are the heart of the center. The scope of these programs fall into the following four categories:

- historical/political
- artistic
- informal student advising
- community outreach

BENEFITS

By creating and funding the African-American Cultural Center, the University community benefits in the following areas:

- retention of African-American LSU students
- attract qualified African-American student applicants to LSU
- educate the student body and the community about African-American culture
- increase racial and cultural awareness of students, faculty and staff
- assist with the recruitment and retention of African-American faculty and staff

"It was a tremendous experience. Even though I was there during a tough period it made me a better person. When you go through adversity you develop great friendships that last forever. Recently I got together with some former teammates to watch videos from when we played.

He took a few videos of some road trips we had and it was really great to bring back so many memories. There is a real fellowship that makes this program so special."

- David Walkup, Linebacker (1989-92)

"It was a childhood dream. I always wanted to be a Tiger. I had one focus in my life, and that was to be an LSU Football player. I had been in the stadium. I sold peanuts in the stadium and all I ever wanted to do was walk through the tunnel. It definitely lived up to the billing. It was a wonderful experience."

- Brian Kinchen, Tight End (1984-87)

"There's nothing greater than playing at LSU. I tell people all the time I've had to make a lot of decisions in my life but there's nothing like having to make a decision with 65,000 Cajuns yelling at you. It's a great opportunity that prepares you for life and it's something that you will never forget."

- Billy Ezell, Quarterback (1963-65)

"For me playing at LSU was a childhood dream. Ever since I was little I went out in the yard and pretended I was playing in Tiger Stadium. There's nothing like the real thing (Playing in Tiger Stadium) I met some of my closest friends here

and it's something I look back on and think about all the time and I just enjoyed the whole experience."

- David Lafleur, Tight End (1993-1996)

"To play at LSU was a dream come true for not only me, but my family as well. You grow up loving LSU and to me there was never an option to go anywhere else. It's always great to get together with old teammates and you see all the great players that you grew up admiring. My decision to come here was never regretted. My senior season here is something that I'll never forget."

- Ben Bordelon, Offensive Tackle (1993-96)

"I didn't realize until I got the NFL, what LSU really meant to me. Back then, there were about 80,000 people in the stadium and it was incredible. I have never been able to duplicate that special atmosphere after 13 years in the NFL. I met my three best friends here and I met my wife here. Baton Rouge is always going to be a part of my life. If I had to do it all over again I would definitely make the same choice."

- Eric Hill, Linebacker (1985-88)

"Playing for LSU is a great experience. Just running through the goalpost and experiencing the crowd is really special. The relationships you make at LSU are what it's all about. We have some lasting friendships from those days. Playing for LSU really helped me in many ways throughout life."

- Nacho Albergamo, Center (1984-87)



The LSU mounds stand on the northwest corner of the campus. The two mounds, created by Native Americans, functioned as territorial markers or symbols of group identity. Radiocarbon dating determined that they were built about 5,000 years ago. In 1999, the mounds, which are among the oldest preserved Indian mounds in the Western Hemisphere, were placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Kenderick Allen volunteers his time by visiting local elementary school students.

Giving Back

What is CHAMPS?

The CHAMPS/Life Skills program was developed by the NCAA to help **prepare student-athletes** for the challenges of life **beyond the playing field**. Through workshops, service projects, and social events, CHAMPS, an acronym for Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success, brings LSU student-athletes information that will prepare them for the biggest game of all - the game of life!



development, the CHAMPS Program not only assists the student-athletes with meeting daily challenges, but also enhances student-athlete's growth in their college years and beyond.

CHAMPS at LSU

The CHAMPS/Life Skills program at LSU is operated out of the Academic Center for Athletes, and the focus of the program is on five commitments viewed as critical to personal growth:

- I. Academic Excellence**
- II. Athletic Excellence**
- III. Career Development**
- IV. Personal Development**
- V. Community Service**

How can CHAMPS help?

By focusing on "real life" skills and personal



LSU football players frequently visit hospitals as part of their commitment to community outreach.



Jarvis Green, a fourth round pick by the New England Patriots in 2002, majored in construction management. He spent the summer before his senior season gaining valuable experience working for Shaw Construction in Baton Rouge.



Career Development

Being a part of the LSU football program involves more than simply playing in front of more than 90,000 crazed Tiger fans on Saturday nights. It is an opportunity to achieve athletic success while also getting a head

start on the most important game of all - the game of life.

The LSU football program has a longstanding internal summer jobs program that aggressively seeks opportunities to help place its players in career-developing



(Left) Junior Jack Hunt took the first step in ensuring a successful life after football by clerking at the McKernan Law Firm in Baton Rouge in 2001.



A trio of Tigers got their first glimpse of the medical profession last summer, as Rob Sale (left), John Young (center) and Eric Edwards worked at the Southern Medical Corporation in Baton Rouge.

positions within the community. The goal is to help players earn valuable experience, while getting a head start on the rest of their lives. LSU football players are expected to be extremely active in utilizing the career development resources readily available to them.