



Freshman Connection dates below

2022 Freshman Connection dates have been added to the First Year Experience website. Registration is live.

- Session 3: June 2-3
- Session 4: July 7
- FC CENLA: June 21
- FC Leesville: June 22
- FC Shreveport: June 23

For more information, please visit <https://firstyearexperience.nsula.edu/freshmanconnection/>.

In-person Folk Festival returns July 23

The 42nd annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will be held on Saturday July 23 in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum, 220 South Jefferson Street on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. The family-oriented Festival, which is wheelchair accessible, will take place from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

The 2022 Festival theme is “Stronger Together: The Power of Traditional Culture.”

“We are so grateful to once again be able to hold a face-to-face event,” said **Dr. Shane Rasmussen**, director of the festival and NSU’s Louisiana Folklife Center. “This year’s theme will celebrate the ways in which folk traditions bring people together in positive ways, providing solace, hope, cheer and inspiration. We are truly stronger together than apart.”

Fiddler extraordinaire Amanda Shaw will be honorary chair and headline performer with her band, Amanda Shaw and the Cute Guys. Shaw will be also inducted in the Louisiana Folklife Center Hall of Master Folk Artists.



Said Rasmussen, “It is our honor to recognize Amanda Shaw as an incredibly exciting musician, whose distinctive sound captures the vibrancy of Louisiana’s traditional culture. Louisiana music is alive and well because of artists like Ms. Shaw who inspire others to follow in her steps.”

The festival will offer three stages of music, with free Cajun and zydeco

dance lessons taught by the Cajun French Music Association Dance Troupe, Cajun by Amanda Shaw and the Cute Guys, zydeco by The LaCour Trio and Geno Delafosse and French Rockin’ Boogie, French Creole la la music by Goldman Thibodeaux and the Lawtell Playboys and dancing to Golden Oldies from the 50’s and 60’s with the popular

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band Flashback. There will also be traditional Native American songs and dances by the Caddo Culture Club, lion dance performances by the Rising Dragon Lion Dance Team, gospel by Joyful Sounds, a musical tribute to the late blues artist Hardrick Rivers, Celtic music by the Haggis Rampant Celtic Band and the Thistle Dancers and Pipers and a special performance by the Winnsboro Easter Rock Ensemble.

The Festival will also include numerous food vendors offering traditional Louisiana cuisine. Outdoor activities include demonstrations of traditional blacksmithing and black pot cooking. A child friendly hands-on demonstration of a 19th century wash day will also be presented.

The Annual Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will be held at 1 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. There will be a non-championship class and a championship class. A twin fiddle category will also be held. Registration will begin at noon in the first-floor foyer outside Magale Recital Hall. The Fiddle Championship winner will perform on the main stage in Prather Coliseum at 4:30 p.m.

The Festival includes several opportunities for patrons to engage directly with Louisiana folk culture. Blues artist Ed Huey will conduct beginning and advanced harmonica workshop. Participants in this interactive workshop will learn and trade tricks, techniques and theories with these master artists. A free Hohner harmonica will be given to the first 50 participants in the workshops. Participation in the harmonica workshops will be free for members of the Festival audience.

“The Festival attempts to bridge the distance between artists and the Festival patrons, thus breaking the artificial barriers between artists and audience,” said Rasmussen. “Rather than watching from the sidelines, everyone who takes part in these activities will share and engage in Louisiana’s rich culture.”

Narrative sessions include a presentation on Acadian brown cotton, an introduction to Native American Caddo tradition, and music informances by Amanda Shaw, Geno Delafosse and Goldman Thibodeaux.

More than 75 crafts vendors have been invited to display and discuss their traditional work with Festival patrons. Craftspeople are expected to display beadwork, baskets, cowhide chair covers, alligator jewelry, Pysanky eggs,

JULY 23, 2022

IN AIR-CONDITIONED
PRATHER COLISEUM

CRAFTS SAT. 9-5!

Ticket Booth will accept CASH ONLY!
Admission Prices include sales tax:
FREE for children 12 and under
Saturday, all day, \$10.00 per person
Saturday, after 5pm only, \$5.00 per person

Louisiana
State Fiddle
Championship
Sat. July 23rd



1-4pm Magale Recital Hall

NATCHITOCHEES
WHERE HISTORY LIVES



Supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, as administered by the RAC. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment of the Arts.



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Native American crafts and pottery. Other expected craftspeople will display needlework, wood carvings, handmade toys and dolls, paintings, sculpture, homemade soap, spinning and weaving, handcrafted knives, handmade brooms, walking sticks, folk art quilts and more.

KidFest will once again be available from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Kidfest is an area dedicated to child-friendly activities and is a fun way for children to examine their own cultural and family traditions as well as those from around the state.

Children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets are \$10 at the door for all events, or \$6 for an evening pass to all events after 5 p.m. For more information, call (318) 357-4332, email folklife@nsula.edu or go to <https://www.nsula.edu/folklife/>.

ASL interpretation, assistive listening devices and audio description will be made available upon prior request for the cultural discussions in the Festival N-Club Room from 10 a.m.- to 5 p.m. and for the interpretive music informances by the Winnsboro Easter Rock Ensemble from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Please make requests for ASL interpretation, assistive listening devices and audio description for these events by July 1 by contacting folklife@nsula.edu or (318) 357-4332.

Support for the Festival is provided by grants from the Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc., the Louisiana Division of the Arts, the Natchitoches Area Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and Foundation and the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

Earn comp time as a Folk Festival volunteer

The Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival will be July 23 and volunteers are needed for many components of the Festival.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact **Dr. Shane Rasmussen** at rasmussens@nsula.edu.



JULY 23, 2022 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival

The 2022 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival is seeking volunteers to join the fun and experience the festival from within. Every year the festival relies on volunteers to help with the various components such as providing Security and other positions as needed.

Volunteers will work inside air-conditioned Prather Coliseum and will be needed **Saturday, July 23 from 6:00 am until 10 pm.**



The Festival would not be a success without the valuable and deeply appreciated help of our Volunteer Corps. Thank you so much for being willing to help keep the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival Alive and Kickin'!

Volunteers will receive no financial remuneration for the hours they work.

Perks for Festival Volunteers include:

FREE admission to all events on the day you work!

Listening to awesome live music & meeting great people!

FREE commemorative Festival T-shirt for working 5 or more hours!

***You do NOT have to be an NSU employee or student, resident of Natchitoches or a resident of Louisiana to volunteer.**

Louisiana Folklife Center

For more information on job descriptions, shifts, and how you can be a Festival Volunteer,

send an email to: folklife@nsula.edu or call 318-357-4332.



IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE

A Sci-Fi Murder Mystery

JUNE 14-18 & JUNE 21-25

SPACE: THE FINAL FRONTIER!

THESE ARE THE VOYAGES OF THE STARSHIP NATCHITOCHEES. The mission: to explore new worlds, to search out new life, to blindly go where no man has gone before. Join our intrepid Captain, his trusty sidekick, Number Two, and a galaxy full of wacky characters for laughs, surprises, and dinner!
(High School Aged Appropriate)



SISTER AMNESIA'S
Country-Western
NUNSENSE

A Country-Western Musical Comedy Dinner Theatre

JULY 19-23 & JULY 26-30

Will a former country singer leave the convent for the Grand Ole Opry? You'll have to wait until the finale to get the answer.
(Appropriate for All Ages)

Summer Dinner Theatre will stage two productions

The NSU Summer Dinner Theatre will present the sci-fi murder mystery “It Came from Outer Space” on June 14-18 and 21-25 and the comedy “Sister Amnesia’s Country-Western Nunsense” on July 19-23 and 26-30 on the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium stage.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner service starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 which includes a meal (soup, salad, entrée, dessert, tea, coffee)

and the show.

A cash bar will be available. The price does not include a suggested gratuity of \$8 per guest. Dress is casual. Tickets are available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching for NSU Summer Dinner Theatre. For more information, contact **Yolanda Britton** at (318) 357-4483 or email brittony@nsula.edu.

“It Came from Outer Space” details the voyage of the starship Natchitoches. The

ship’s mission is to explore new worlds, search out new life and boldly go where no man has gone before with the Captain, his sidekick, number two and a cast of characters. The show is appropriate for those in high school and up.

“Sister Amnesia’s Country-Western Nunsense” is the story of whether a former country singer leaves the convent for the Grand Ole Opry. The show is appropriate for all ages.

Pick Up Your Brush painting class June 9, June 23

Northwestern State University’s Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer a Pick Up Your Brush painting class on June 9 and 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of South Hall. The fee is \$45 per session. Each class is a separate session.

In the class, participants will learn the art of painting using step-by-step instructions to create a masterpiece. Students will take home a completed painting at the end of every class. On June 9, participants will create

a painting called “Beehive with flowers.” On June 23, they will paint “Americana Sparklers.” No special or prior skills are required. Children ages 7 – 12 years old are allowed to enroll, but a parent must accompany the child the entire class. The parent does not have to enroll unless they participate. All supplies are included.

For more information or to register for classes, go to checkout.nsula.edu or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.

Office of Sponsored Programs

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, Louisiana Folklife Center, College of Arts and Sciences, received notification of a \$3,500 award from the Cane River National Heritage Area for “42nd Annual Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival.”

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Child and Family Network, College of Education and Human Development, received an additional \$2,023,859 from the Louisiana Department of Education for “Statewide Early Learning and Child Care Scholarship Program.” **Ms. Jenny Cowan** is collaborator.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Christopher Gilson, School of Social Sciences and Applied Programs, College of Arts and Sciences, collaborated with Louisiana Delta Community College and Baton Rouge Community College to submit a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents entitled, “Learn with Podcasts! Creating Podcast Lectures to Enhance Dual Enrollment Students’ Engagement with History.”

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Child and Family Network, College of Education and Human Development, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Department of Education entitled, “Child Care Resource and Referral for Region 8 and Part of Region 7.” **Ms. Kim Duncan** is collaborator.

Ms. Kim Duncan, Child and Family

Network, College of Education and Human Development, submitted the following proposals to the Louisiana Department of Education: “Ready Start Cohort 4 for 2022,” and “Birth-to-Three Seats 2022 for Bossier Parish.”

Ms. Camile Holden is collaborator.

Ms. Anna Dugas, School of Biological and Physical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Space Grant Consortium (LaSPACE)/Louisiana Aerospace Catalysts Experiences for Students (LaACES) entitled, “DemonSats-4: Continued Student Payload Design Programs at NSULA.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to the Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative through the National Park Service entitled, “Celebrating Delta Cultures at the 2023 Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival.” **Ms. Bessie Jones** is collaborator.

Dr. Rebecca Riall and Dr. Hiram F. Gregory, School of Social Sciences and Applied Programs, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to the Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative through the National Park Service entitled, “The Old Ways Live: Cultural Sovereignty and the Arts in the 21st Century.” **Dr. Mark Melder** and **Ms. Meredith Morris** are collaborators.

If you should have any questions or interests in submitting a proposal, please contact either Carla Howell or Alysia Jones at orsp@nsula.edu or 318.357.5222 to discuss the proposal preparation process.

Resources and Assistance

For assistance in seeking information about funding opportunities, preparing proposals or administering projects, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs by phone, 357-5222; e-mail at orsp@nsula.edu, or visit the OSP website at <http://www.nsula.edu/orsp>.

OSP Staff

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Investiture for Dr. Marcus Jones will be Sept. 9

The investiture of **Dr. Marcus Jones** as NSU’s 20th president will take place with a formal ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9 in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium and will be followed by a community reception in the Sylvan Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

Other events that will take place surrounding the investiture of Dr. Jones include a day of service and an outdoor event for students and a breakfast for faculty and staff.

More details will be available as plans are finalized. Updates will be posted at www.nsula.edu and at www.northwesternstatealumni.com.

Jones’ investiture was postponed earlier this year to allow for more student participation.

June Non-Credit Classes

Phlebotomy Technician Training via Online at NSU Natchitoches Campus

This course is designed to teach entry-level phlebotomy skills to students interested in pursuing a career in Phlebotomy. Students are required to complete classroom instruction and 50 venipunctures before they will be allowed to take the board exam. This nine (9) week course is broken down into three parts.

1. A **mandatory face-to-face orientation class meeting** at the **NSU Natchitoches Campus** on Monday, June 6, 2022.
2. Eight (8) weeks of online classroom instruction.
3. A face-to-face hands-on portion that will meet August 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (Monday through Friday) at the **NSU Natchitoches Campus** from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the National Board Certification Exam on-site through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). This course also includes Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification through the American Heart Association.

Requirements for the course:

- Must provide proof of high school diploma, GED, or official transcript.
- Must pay a **\$50** material fee to the instructor at the first face-to-face class meeting, Monday June 6. **(This fee is in addition to any registration fees.)**
- Must pay **\$117** to NHA for the National Board Certification Exam before Friday, July 22. **(This fee is in addition to any registration fees.)**
- Electronic Book is available at no cost to you and will be posted in your online class

Date: June 6, Mandatory Orientation (**Face-to-Face**)
Monday

6:00 pm-9:00 pm
June 6-July 17, Classroom Instruction (**Online via NHAnow**)
July 18-24, Job Prep & Resume Builder (**Online via NHAnow & Stick it Phlebotomy**)
July 25-31, Practice Exam (**Online via NHAnow**)
August 1-5, Skills/hands-on & National Board Exam (**Face-to-Face**)

Monday-Friday
6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Fee: \$950 + \$50 material fee + \$117 National Board Certification fee (The \$50 fee is paid directly to the instructor the first face-to-face class meeting - National Board Certification fee is due July 22). **A minimum payment of \$475 must be included with registration and does not include material fee or board fee. Remaining balance must be paid through [checkout.nsula.edu](https://www.nsula.edu) prior to Friday, July 8.**

Location: 444 Caspari Street (South Hall)
2nd Floor Classroom

Instructor: Sherry Hinton, CPI
Stick It Phlebotomy, LLC

Phlebotomy Technician Training via Online at NSU Cenla Campus

This course is designed to teach entry-level phlebotomy skills to students interested in pursuing a career in Phlebotomy. Students are required to complete classroom instruction and 50 venipunctures before they will be allowed to take the board exam. This nine (9) week course is broken down into three parts.

4. A **mandatory face-to-face orientation class meeting** at the **NSU Cenla Campus** on Monday, June 20, 2022.
5. Eight (8) weeks of online classroom instruction.
6. A face-to-face hands-on portion that will meet August 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 (Monday through Friday) at the **NSU Cenla Campus** from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Upon satisfactory completion of this course,

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students will be eligible to take the National Board Certification Exam on-site through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). This course also includes Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification through the American Heart Association.

Requirements for the course:

- Must provide proof of high school diploma, GED, or official transcript.
- Must pay a **\$50** material fee to the instructor at the first face-to-face class meeting, Monday, June 20. **(This fee is in addition to any registration fees.)**
- Must pay **\$117** to NHA for the National Board Certification Exam before Friday, August 5. **(This fee is in addition to any registration fees.)**
- Electronic Book is available at no cost to you and will be posted in your online class

Date: June 20, Mandatory Orientation **(Face-to-Face)**
Monday
6:00 pm-9:00 pm
June 20-July 31, Classroom Instruction **(Online via NHAnow)**
August 1-7, Job Prep & Resume Builder **(Online via NHAnow & Stick it Phlebotomy)**
August 8-14, Practice Exam **(Online via NHAnow)**
August 15-19, Skills/hands-on & National Board Exam **(Face-to-Face)**
Monday-Friday
6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Fee: \$950 + \$50 material fee + \$117 National Board Certification fee (The \$50 fee is paid directly to the instructor the first face-to-face class meeting - National Board Certification fee is due August 5.) **A minimum payment of \$475 must be included with registration and does not include material fee or board fee. Remaining balance must be paid through [checkout. nsula.edu](https://www.nsula.edu) prior to Friday, July 22.**

Location: NSU Cenla Campus, Rm. 164
1410 Neel Kearby Boulevard
Alexandria, LA 71303

Instructor: Sherry Hinton, CPI

Stick It Phlebotomy, LLC

Water Aerobics

Using the unique properties of the water, this class provides you with a fun and challenging workout designed to increase your heart rate, strengthen muscles, increase flexibility, and enhance endurance. Water Aerobics meets the demands of the most skilled movers and is gentle enough on the joints for those seeking a low impact alternative.

Date: June 7-30, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
July 5-28, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
August 2-11, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am

Fee: \$49-June Session
\$49-July Session
\$29-August Session

Location: Robert W. Wilson Recreation Complex
6604 Highway 1 Bypass

Instructor: Kaitlyn Hamm

Notary Public Exam Prep

In partnership with Louisiana State University-Shreveport, this 52-hour course is an introduction to notary public fundamentals. The instructor, attorney and notary, Jennifer Brown, distributes significant course study guides and materials to assist in your preparation for the exam. This course will be delivered via online video conferencing.

The instructor will provide you with a conferencing link to join the class on the first day of class, Tuesday, June 16.

Requirements for the course:

- Participants must have broadband access, a camera, and sound.
- The test is based on the Louisiana Secretary of State's newest edition of "The Fundamentals of Louisiana Notarial Law and Practice", only available at www.sos.la.gov or call (225) 922-0507 for further

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information. **You must have this book on the first day of class.**

NOTE: Please visit the Louisiana Secretary of State’s Website’s Notary and Certifications for qualifications at www.sos.la.gov or call (225) 922-0507.

Out of state residents: In order to take the Louisiana State Notary Exam, students must be Louisiana residents and registered to vote in Louisiana.

Register by 06/10/22 to get the early bird price of \$430. After that date, the cost will increase to \$450.

Date: June 16 – September 22, Tuesday and Thursday
(No class 06/21, 08/16, & 08/18)
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Fee: \$430 (Early Bird Fee)
\$450 (After June 10, 2022)
Location: Online
Instructor: Jennifer Brown

Pick Up your Brush-Painting Classes

In these classes, you will learn the art of painting using step-by-step instructions to create a masterpiece of your own. No special or prior skill required. Just relax and enjoy each class. Students will take home a completed painting at the end of every class.

Children ages 7 – 12 years old are allowed to enroll, but a parent **MUST** accompany the child the entire class. Parent does not have to enroll unless they participate. All supplies included.

Date:	June 9, Thursday	Bee-hive with flowers
	June 23, Thursday	Ameri-cana Sparklers
Time:	5:30 - 8:30 pm, Thursday	
Fee:	\$45 per session	
Location:	2 nd Floor South Hall	
Instructor:	Shanna Dees Gaspard	

Sam Sibley Drive improvement project underway

Northwestern State University has begun an overlay project of Sam Sibley Drive. Regional Construction began mobilization and placed barricades along the route that extends from in front of the Dr. Randall J. Webb Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center and Caspari Hall. The campus community can expect workers and construction equipment from the corner of Sam Sibley Drive and Caspari down the hill to the intersection with South Jefferson at Chaplin’s Lake.

The first stage of the project will include the removal of existing concrete

in front of the WRAC and Caspari Hall, which will be redesigned with drainage considerations that will dictate the rest of the project. Access to the Caspari Hall parking lot and the front of Roy Hall will not be blocked.

Individuals on campus should not relocate or remove barricades. The upgrades should be completed before the start of the fall semester.



For more information, contact **Jen Kelly**, executive director of University Affairs, at (318) 357-4300 or andersonje@nsula.edu.