

Louisiana Scholars' College

Alumni Newsletter





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A message from the Director

Dear Alumni,

We are absolutely thrilled to share this inaugural edition of our newsletter with you! I hope that you will enjoy reading about all the great things that our students, faculty and staff are doing here at Scholars'. We would love to hear back from you and share your latest accomplishments and milestones with the Scholars' community. Please also consider joining us for the annual Thesis BBQ on April 26th and the Scholars' graduation ceremony on May 8th. You'll find more information about these special events below.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of the College and its mission. Please stay in touch!

Dean Kostantaras
Interim Director

"Once a Scholar, always a Scholar!"

What's New at LSC!



“Hello everyone! My name is Akilah Farris, and I am so excited to be joining the Scholars’ College family as the Administrative Assistant. I am a recent proud graduate of Northwestern. While I had so many fond memories of my time at NSU, the ones that I think will forever hold a special place in my heart-, are the ones I made on the rowing team. Being on the team was great for helping me learn so many new skills, go to wonderful places, and meet amazing people.

When I am not working, I love spending time with my family, especially my nephews, playing with my dog, attending my life groups, and hanging out with my friends. I had the opportunity to work with the Graduate School during my time at NSU, and it made me realize I enjoyed the prospect of working with students and administration. The Scholars’ College has so far been such a terrific experience and I am truly looking forward to my career and growth here.”

LSC is now offering an undergraduate certificate in Medical Humanities! This certification allows students to see different viewpoints on medicine and health drawn from the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

Junior Asia Martin is the first person to receive this certification. She is a Liberal Arts major, with a concentration in Scientific Inquiry and a minor in Psychology. When asked why she pursued the certificate,



she said, “Since I want to go into the medical field, this certificate would give a new set of skills and a different outlook on things that is not common. With the knowledge and skills that I have gained I will be able to provide the best care to my future patients”. Upon graduation next spring, Asia will go to medical school in hopes to become an oncologist.

If you are interesting in pursuing this certificate, please contact Dr. Keith Dromm at drommk@nsula.edu for more information.

Senior Thesis Topics

Makayla Dean

Thesis: "The Use and Misuse of Mental Illness in Entertainment"

"This thesis shows how the entertainment we engage with can affect our perceptions of the mentally ill, especially schizophrenia, when representation is done poorly."

Colby Grayson

Thesis: "The Viability of Belief: Theist and Atheist Presuppositions"

"This thesis explains the development of systems from John Gray and Albert Camus. It turns next to an identification of a set criteria for the adoption of beliefs from the works of William James, Blaise Pascal, and Immanuel Kant. This is followed by a viability assessment of the systems of Camus and Gray compared with these criteria."

Jackson Gregory

Thesis: "The Case for Unifying the Historically Fragmented State of Digital Currency Regulations"

"This thesis analysis federal digital currency regulation and shows how it has evolved into its current fragmented state in the past two decades. This is followed by an analysis of a proposed law to unify and clarify regulatory efforts."

Catherine Karam

Thesis: "Alzheimer's: A Background and Analysis of the Mental Health Impacts on Professional Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients vs Non-Alzheimer's Patients"

"This thesis explores the differences in mental health between professional caregivers of elderly patients with Alzheimer's and professional caregivers of elderly patients without Alzheimer's."

Dominic Ross

Thesis: "A Comparison of Two Louisiana Newspapers to Proponents of Realignment Theory in the Nineteen-Sixties"

"This thesis conducts a comparison of the issues relevant to realignment theorists to the issues important to two local Louisiana newspapers."

Angelo Schibetta

Thesis: "The Crawfish Boil: An Anthropological Lens on a Louisiana Tradition"

"This thesis looks into the history of Louisiana and how interactions between various ethnic groups (primarily European, African, and Indigenous) have created the modern Louisiana identity, and how the crawfish has come to represent the state and its people."

Scholars at Work!



Dr. Cochran's Ecology Lab studies the variety of trees and plants around campus.



Dr. Keele gives a lecture to T&T II students on the New Testament.

You're Invited!

LSC FACULTY INVITES
YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL

Thesis BBQ

APRIL 26TH 2024

CELEBRATING THE GRADUATING
SENIORS

MORRISON HALL COURTYARD	12:00 P.M.
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The Louisiana Scholars' College

AT NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

invites family, friends, and alumni of the College

to join in honoring the

Spring Graduates of 2024

Baccalaureate Ceremony

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Magale Recital Hall

Reception to Follow in the Orville Hanchey Gallery

Thank you so much for reading the first Alumni Newsletter! For future installments, we would love to showcase more from our wonderful alumni. If you would like to share any accomplishments or news with us, please send an email to farrisa@nsula.edu detailing your news and include any pictures if you would like. We look forward to hearing from you all!

