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Handel named Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Greg Handel has been named provost and vice president of academic affairs at Northwestern State University. The appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

“During his career at Northwestern State, Dr. Handel has demonstrated that he has all of the professional capabilities and personal characteristics to excel in the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs,” said Northwestern State President **Dr. Chris**

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Northwestern State University has been named StormReady by the National Weather Service and the Health and Environmental Safety Officer an Ambassador with the Weather Ready Nation. From left are Marcus Jones, executive vice president for University and Business Affairs; Chelsea Eddington, assistant to the EHS officer; Jason Hansford, senior meteorologist, and EHS Officer Julie Powell.

NSU designated a StormReady campus

The National Weather Service (NWS) recognized Northwestern State University as StormReady® Tuesday and named Health and Environmental Safety Officer **Julie Powell** an Ambassador with the Weather Ready Nation through the NWS.

“NSU is concerned with the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors. One way we assist in promoting safety is by becoming a StormReady University,” said **Marcus Jones**, executive vice president for University and Business Affairs. “In the event of severe weather, EHS Officer Julie Powell will work with the National Weather Service for early detection and early notification.”

Earlier this year, 15 faculty/staff members toured the National Weather Service facility to get an idea of how

severe weather is identified and broadcast. NSU personnel participate in a weekly weather briefing performed by the NWS.

“When conditions warrant, we share information via Facebook/NSU Student Concerns and Purple Alert,” Jones said. “Additionally, we will host a National Weather Service Skywarn class this summer for the Natchitoches community and surrounding areas. Everyone is invited to attend, including students.”

“Northcentral Louisiana experiences very active severe weather episodes throughout the year,” said Charlie Woodrum, Warning Coordination Meteorologist of the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Shreveport. “Due to our geo-

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Northwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, age, pregnancy or parenting status, and veteran or retirement status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies (i.e., Title IX): Employees/Potential Employees - Veronica M. Biscoe, EEO Officer (318-357-6359) or Students - Frances Conine, Dean of Students (318-357-5286).

For Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns, contact the Disability Support and Tutoring Director, Catherine Fauchaux, at 318-357-4460.

*Inquiries regarding employment applications should call Business Affairs (318-357-5446).

Writing Camp will be June 17-21

Northwestern State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Cultural Studies will host a Summer Writing Camp for children ages 10-18 June 17-21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day.

The cost is \$100, which includes supplies and snacks.

The camp will include a reading and visit to the home of NSU President **Dr. Chris Maggio**.

For more information or to register, contact **Dr. Rebecca Macijeski** at macijeskir@nsula.edu.

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graphic location, potentially deadly weather could impact Northwestern State University and Natchitoches Parish on any given day. In order to prepare for severe weather and keep its citizens safe, university staff members partnered with the NWS to meet the criteria required by the StormReady® program.”

Woodrum and Senior Meteorologist Jason Hansford presented the university with a recognition letter and a special StormReady® sign during a ceremony Tuesday

The nationwide StormReady® community preparedness program uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle local severe weather and flooding threats. The program is voluntary and provides communities with clear-cut advice from their local NWS forecast office as well as state and local emergency managers. StormReady® communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through better planning, education, and awareness. No community is

storm proof, but StormReady® can help communities save lives.

To be recognized as StormReady®, a community or university must establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and to alert the public; create a system that monitors local weather conditions; promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars; and develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

“Today, there are more than 3,000 StormReady® communities,” Hansford said. “Northwestern State University joins the ranks of over 250 universities across the nation that have achieved StormReady® status, and only the third university in the state of Louisiana.”

Hansford added “The program is designed to help StormReady® communities improve communication and

safety skills needed to save lives — before, during and after a severe weather event. The establishment of StormReady® universities are vital given the recent EF-3 tornado which tore through Louisiana Tech University in Ruston during the early morning hours of April 25.”

The StormReady® recognition will expire in three years, before which the university will go through a renewal process.

The NWS is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. It operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. Visit us online at weather.gov and on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NWS>.

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Comedy/mystery ‘Who Killed the King?’ sets showtimes

Northwestern Summer Dinner Theatre will perform the comedic murder mystery “Who Killed the King” on June 12-15 and 19-22 on the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium stage. Tickets are \$30, which includes a meal and the show. **Robert Richoux** is the director. Reservations are required. To make reservations or get more information, call (318) 357-4483.

The play is set at the coronation of King Ronald, Lord of the Ville. You will be joined at tonight’s long-awaited ceremony by the most prestigious of our kingdom’s court. Prince Ronald, our King In Waiting, will be escorted by his lovely wife, the Princess, and Her Majesty, the Queen,

shall be accompanied by none other than the Royal Tax Collector. And a full program of diversions have been rehearsed by Morrie, the Court Jester. So Lords and Ladies of the court, wash down your fowl with some ale... but be forewarned!...there’s a cold wind blowing in the Ville tonight and not all will be saying “Long live the King!”

The cast is Chase Crane of Livingston as Morrie the Jester, Maci Walgamotte of Slidell as a Wench, Gavin Bergeron of Houma as Brother Thelonius, Jordon Thomas of Baton Rouge as the Tax Collector, Derek Walle of Prairieville as Prince Ronald, Megan Hobgood of Lubbock, Texas, as the Princess and Lauren Holland of Minden

as the Queen.

Roshane Brown of Kingston, Jamaica, is the stage manager and Anna Gautreaux of Houma is assistant stage manager/fight captain.

“We want the audience to have a good time,” said Richoux. “Our students are working like crazy to develop these characters to be wacky, fun and over the top. This is my second opportunity to direct a Dinner Theatre production here and I get to have so much fun building this show for our audience.”

Richoux said serving as director for this show brings back a lot of memories from when he was an NSU student and in a summer show written by Daab.

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Maggio. “I know he will do an outstanding job as he undertakes new responsibilities that are vital to the future success and excellence of our university.”

Handel has been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 2017 and was interim dean in 2016-17. He has been director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts since 2014 after eight months as acting director. Handel joined NSU’s faculty in 2008.

“I am honored to be chosen as provost and vice president of academic affairs, and look forward to serving the university,” said Handel. “NSU has a dynamic, gifted, talented and passionate faculty and staff that work tirelessly to be responsive to students and to progressively grow the academic culture of the university.”

Handel taught courses in music, music education and fine arts and advised more than 80 music education majors each semester. He also served as rehearsal accompanist/organist for Northwestern State’s Chamber Choir and Concert Choir. Handel received the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research. He has been a public school teacher at all levels in South Dakota and Arizona.

“This is an exciting opportunity to engage and dialogue with those individuals and departments to create new ways to expand our academic quality and integrity, and to work with advisory councils in assisting us with being responsive to workforce and industry needs,” said Handel. “NSU is positioned to continue as a leader in our region, and I am honored to be part of that conversation.”

Handel and Director of Bands Dr. Jeff Mathews co-authored “The Best Sounding Band in the Land: A History of the Northwestern State University Band.” He has also contributed to The Grove Dictionary of American Music and the Music Educator’s Journal. He is completing a publication, “Celebrating 50 Years of Community Commitment and Collaboration: The History of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society.” Handel has been a regular presenter at state, regional and national professional conferences.

A graduate of Augustana College, Handel earned a master’s degree and doctorate at Arizona State University. He is a 2017 graduate of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education: Institute for Management and Leadership in Education.

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>.

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Portraits honor significant figures from NSU history

Northwestern State University's Student Government Association unveiled the first three of what will be a series of portraits that honor individuals who made significant contributions to the university.

"The purpose of the portrait program is two-fold," said SGA President Jacob Ellis. "The first is to ensure that buildings and prominent spaces which are named after individuals feature a portrait of that person. The other is to highlight the contributions of women and individuals of color who have contributed to the rich heritage of Northwestern State University."

Portraits of Joe Delaney, Scharlie Russell and Jimmy Long will be installed in the Student Union, Russell Hall and the Student Services Center.

"Another goal of the program is to highlight the talents of our students and alumni," Ellis said. "We wish to only include pieces that have a connection to the university by commissioning paintings and other art works that are created by those who are or who have attended NSU."

Artist Chris Brown, a former Chicago Cubs minor league pitcher and Northwestern State Demon who is also the artist for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, painted the portrait of Joe Delaney. Artist Osvaldo Ferrer Miranda, who created the paintings of Russell and Long, is a graduate student in the School of Creative and Performing Arts who was previously commissioned to paint the official portrait of former NSU President Dr.



Artist Osvaldo Ferrer Miranda, a graduate student in the Department of Fine and Graphic Art, created the portraits of Scharlie Russell and Jimmy Long that will hang in Russell Hall and the Student Services Center.



Artist Chris Brown, right, a former Chicago Cubs minor league pitcher and Northwestern State Demon who is also the artist for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, painted the portrait of Joe Delaney. He is pictured at the portrait unveiling with Delaney's teammate Jack Brittain Jr., left. The picture will hang in the NSU Student Union.

Randall J. Webb that hangs in the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center.

Delaney was a two-time All-American athlete for the NSU Demons as well as a track and field star. He played two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs and was chosen as AFC Rookie of the Year in 1981. Delaney died June 29, 1983,

while attempting to rescue three children from drowning in a pond in Monroe. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal from U.S. President Ronald Reagan and was inducted into NSU's alumni hall of

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Paper co-authored by ET professor wins award

A paper co-authored by **Md Shahriar Jahan Hossain**, an assistant professor of industrial engineering technology at Northwestern State University, won the Best Track Paper Award from the Third European International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management. The conference is organized by IEOM Society and will be held in July in Pilsen, Czech Republic.



Md Shahriar Jahan Hossain

The award will be presented on Thursday, July 25. Hossain co-authored the paper with Chelliah Aruun Vijayanathan and Bhaba R. Sarker of Louisiana State University.

The paper, “Optimizing Production Overtime Period and Backorder Quantity in Joint Production and Maintenance Scheduling,” develops a mathematical model for integrated production and maintenance scheduling to optimize backorder quantity. It is assumed that at the end of each uptime, deterministic preventive maintenance is

scheduled to incur backlog to reduce inventory carrying cost. The overall incurred cost of the proposed mathematical model is derived and used as a basis for optimal determination of backorder quantity in joint production-inventory model. The proposed model is extended emphasis on increase in production rate accomplished through production overtime period. An optimal overtime production period (T_p') is determined to minimize backordering cost per unit time in the joint production-inventory model.

Hossain earned his doctorate in industrial engineering from Louisiana State University under a fellowship funded by Louisiana Economic Development Assistantship (EDA) Program and joined Northwestern State’s faculty in January. His current research interest includes manufacturing process optimization, operations research, lean production systems, supply chain management and inventory control. He is a member of POMS, IISE, INFORMS and IEOM society.

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distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2017.

Russell was the head librarian at Louisiana State Normal School and late Normal College, as NSU was then known, from 1910-1940. Russell Hall, formerly the school’s library and now home to the College of Business and Technology, was named in her honor after Louisiana Governor Richard Leche was sentenced to prison and his name stripped from the building.

Russell Hall remains as one of only two buildings on the

NSU campus to be named after a woman.

A member of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors from 2001-16, Long served eight consecutive terms in the House of Representatives from 1968 to 2000. Colleagues in the House and Senate adopted a resolution during his last term honoring Long as “Dean of the Legislature.” A recognized authority on education policy, he chaired the House Education Committee and was instrumental in the creation of

the Louisiana Scholars’ College at NSU as well as the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. Long died in a traffic accident on Aug. 9, 2016.

“We are tremendously grateful to our artists for sharing their talent with us and agreeing to be part of this project,” Ellis said. “We plan to continue the SGA Portrait Project and try to tell the full story of our beloved university through the narrative of the people who have helped shape it into the institution it is today.”

ECE Non-Credit Classes - June 2019

Basic Cake and Cupcake Decorating

Come join the fun! Learn the fundamentals of Basic Cake and Cupcake Decorating. This course is designed for students with an interest in baking, decorating, or learning a new craft. Students will also be encouraged to express themselves creatively.

Date: June 10-July 1, Mondays
 Time: 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
 Fee: \$75
 Location: Culinary Arts Building (behind the Student Union)
 Instructor: Mary Paige

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 may enroll, but a parent **MUST** accompany the child the entire class. Parent does not have to enroll unless they participate. **Each date is a separate session.** All supplies included.

Dates: June 13, Thursday Watermelon Stripes
 June 18, Tuesday Lemon Branch
 Times: 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
 Fee: \$45 per session
 Location: 2nd Floor South Hall
 Instructor: Shanna Dees Gaspard

Playing in the Mud: Beginning Ceramics

This course is an introduction to working with clay. The student will learn hand-building and sculptural techniques, as well as work on the potter's wheel. There will also be room for intermediate and advanced students to take the class who want to use the facilities during the class time.

Date: June 13-August 8, Thursdays
 Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
 Fee: \$125 plus \$20 material fee (mat. fee paid directly to instructor first night of class)
 Location: 113 Creative & Performing Arts Building (CAPA)/New Wing
 Instructor: Matt DeFord

Introduction to Keyboarding

(Seating is limited)

An introductory class to keyboarding. This course is designed for students enrolled in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades and will introduce all the keys on the keyboard with a focus on correct technique, speed, and accuracy.

Date: June 17-27, Monday - Thursday
 Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am

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Fee: \$150
Location: 106 South Hall
Instructor: Kristine Walker

TEAS Test Boot Camp

3 hours of intense MUST KNOW information! Receive study tips for test success!

Review material on each TEAS section:

- Reading
- Math
- Science
- English

Date: June 29, Saturday
Time: 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Fee: \$35 (pre-register)
\$45 (day of offering)
Location: 2nd Floor South Hall
Instructor: Amy M. Garcie, DNP, RN, CNML

***DISCLAIMER: Persons participating in one of the review courses listed above to help prepare for the ATI TEAS test must realize that there is no guarantee stated or implied that participation will assure a passing score on the test.

Security+ Intensive Boot Camp

Security+ Intensive Boot Camp- This intensive boot camp is designed with one thing in mind: Certification. In this course you will study, at your own pace, for the CompTIA Security+ (SYO-501) exam. You will be provided resources, lecture notes, and access to a live professor that will prepare you to take the certification exam.

This comprehensive package includes the software, recorded lectures, a test voucher (good for 1 year) and a free retake, and a weekly live session should you need it. These tools will help you succeed and become Security+ certified.

This course is self-paced so that you may begin any time and will have 9 months of live access.

Date: Online/Open Enrollment
Fee: \$1,899
Location: Online
Instructor: Eddie Horton

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