

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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## Announcements

Morrison Hall will be open to students on weekends. The schedule is currently TBA.

LSC 30th Anniversary t-shirts will be sold by Forum Council representatives starting early September. Pre-order yours in time for October!

## Demon Scholars' Shoutout

Each month we will give a shout out to students and supporters of the Louisiana Scholars' College.

This month's shoutout goes to Dr. Rondo Keele for receiving the Teaching Excellence Award from NSU!

## Photograph Request

Demon Scholars', we need your photographs! We are looking for photos of LSC students to feature on our website, social media, and other materials.

Please email any pictures to [scholars@nsula.edu](mailto:scholars@nsula.edu).

## Welcome and Welcome Back!

This will be among the most exciting years for the Louisiana Scholars' College as we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be events and activities throughout the year – from an alumni speaker series to a 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration at Homecoming. We will keep you updated.

In addition to our incoming students, we have two new members of our Scholars' family: Dr. Dean Kostantaras is joining us as our Assistant Professor of History, and Mrs. Kerri Christopher is our new Administrative Assistant. Please make a point of introducing yourself to these amazing individuals.

Summer passed quickly in Morrison Hall but we did take some time to do some interesting things. Check out some of those stories in the Scholars' Summer Adventures Section of this newsletter.

As for me, my son, Jake, will be joining the Demon family this fall. My youngest, Zeta, is a senior at LSMSA, so is around to say hello to when you see them. I took a trip to South Carolina with my youngest and spent way too much time watching "American Ninja Warrior" (Drew Drechsel, Nicholas Coolridge, and Jessie Graf are my favourites).

Looking forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Best,

Kirsten  
Director  
Louisiana Scholars' College



# LSC Alumni 30 Year Reunion

*October 20-21, 2017*

If you have not registered for the LSC Alumni Reunion already, PLEASE DO IT SOON!

The Reunion Planning Committee has been working for over a year, and the weekend is going to be exciting with lots of events just for you.

## Calendar of Events

Each month, the Scholars' College Forum Council will host a number of events. Events will be displayed in the newsletter and on social media, as well as advertised in Morrison Hall.

Requests and ideas for events can be sent to [forum.council.lsc@gmail.com](mailto:forum.council.lsc@gmail.com).

August:

16-20 - Freshman Orientation

19 - Campus Move In

### Welcome Food Fair

21 - First Day of Classes

September:

1 - Harry Potter Event

4 - Labor Day Holiday

15 - Investiture of Dr. Maggio

16 - Purple Palooza

Be sure to check out the Demon Days 2017 events held by SAB!

<https://www.nsula.edu/fye/demondays/>

- Friday afternoon Alumni Art Exhibit, Homecoming Parade, and Pep Rally
- Friday night Rocking on the Green followed by Reunions-by-Decade at bars and pubs downtown.
- Saturday morning visits to Morrison Hall, meetings with faculty and current students, and for those of you who never got enough – T&T Discussions and Science Seminars
- Saturday picnic lunch for families
- Saturday afternoon tailgating before the NSU Homecoming Game
- Saturday night dinner and dance at the beautiful Natchitoches Events Center

More information and a registration link are at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scholars-college-30th-anniversary-reunion-tickets-36318580853>

Please contact Curt Phifer at [phifer@nsula.edu](mailto:phifer@nsula.edu) or 318-357-4588 for more information or questions.

See you in October!



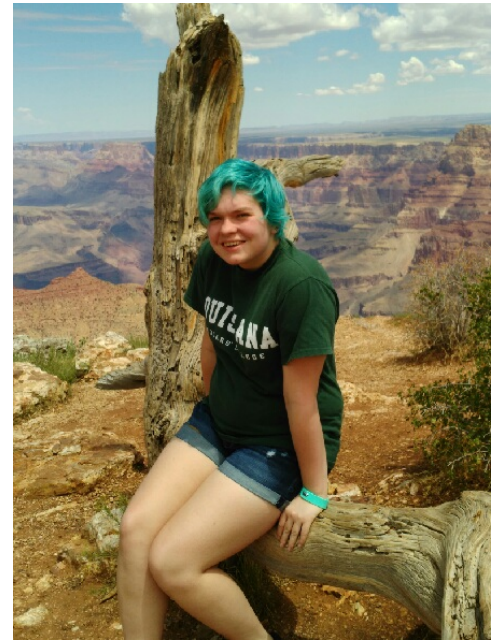
# Scholars' Summer Adventures

What did our Demon Scholars' do over the summer? We wanted to know, and you shared your stories with us!

## Haleigh Gates

### Class of 2021

“Our road trip was from Lake Charles, LA, to Anaheim, CA, to San Diego, CA, and on our way back we stopped in Roswell, NM, and Arizona. I really loved San Diego. While we were in Anaheim we went to D23, which is like Disney Comic Con - it was just so amazing.”



## Jared Price

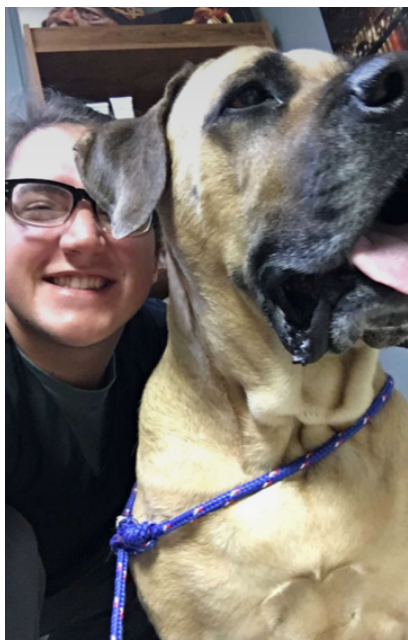
### Class of 2021

“I have actively been training for races this summer. These races include triathlons, road running, road cycling, mountain bike, and obstacle course races. This summer, I competed in one triathlon in New Roads, LA, where I placed first in my age group and finished in the top fifteen percent. My next race will be August 6th in Benton, LA.”

**Maddison Benge**

**Class of 2020**

“Our team of 20 banded together to impact the lives of over 3,000 children in Belize by providing hygiene instruction, ministry, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and, more essentially, fluoride treatments which will provide protection for a year.”



**Aron Stephens**

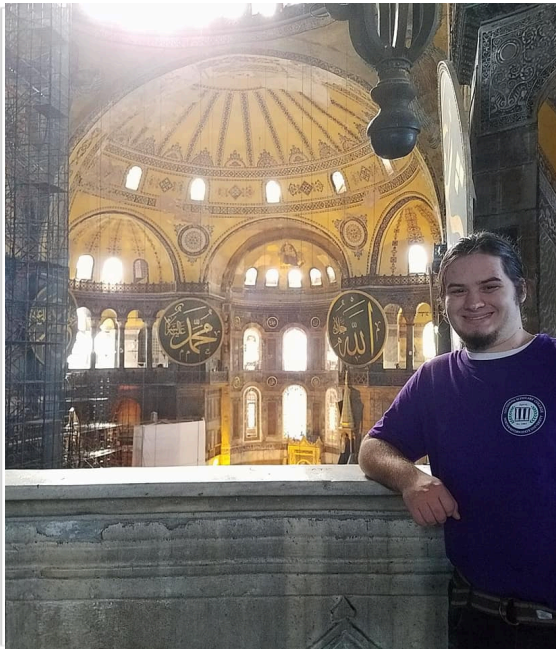
**Class of 2020**

“I spent this summer working at the Folsom Village Veterinary Hospital. My duties included upkeep for the animals and general caregiving. My favorite parts of the job were the hands-on training and being able to watch surgeries first hand.”

**Kelli Hickerson**

**Class of 2019**

“This summer I spent interning with my church, First Christian Church, in Longview, Texas. I helped organize and run our annual day camp. With over 200 people, it was crazy but super fun! My favorite part was being able to give back to my community and have a wonderful time with all of the campers.”



**Jacob Ware**

**Class of 2019**

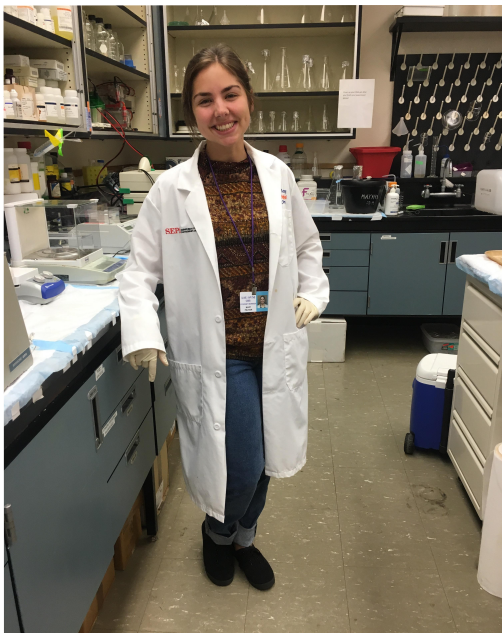
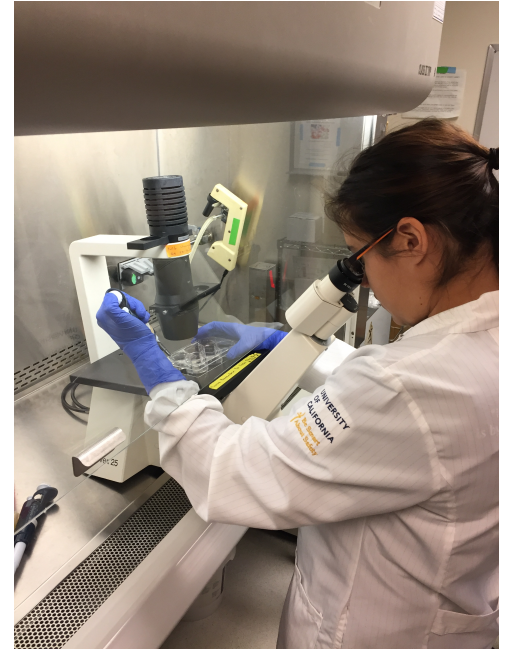
“I flew out to Istanbul, not Constantinople, on July 25. The thing I enjoyed most about the city was its people; the Turks are some of the kindest people I have met, and their city is full of history wherever you turn. The place I enjoyed most though was the Church of Holy Peace wherein I got access to Byzantine murals that won't be released to the public for years to come.”

Pictured: interior of the Hagia Sophia

**Christina Arrechavala**

**Class of 2018**

“I went on the Belize mission trip with fellow students this summer. I also participated in the Summer Research Training Program Internship at UCSF in California studying regulation of pluripotency in stem cells.”



**Mary Peltier**

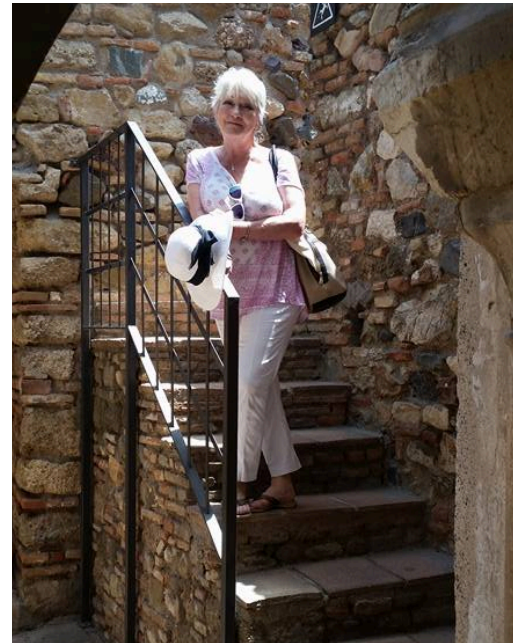
**Class of 2018**

“I've been working as an intern in the comparative biomedical sciences department at the LSU school of veterinary medicine. I've been doing a variety of lab work like cell culture, virus titers, and western blots. It's been a wonderful and enlightening time!”

**Dr. Holly Stave**

**Assistant Director, Professor of English**

“I went to Malaga, in Spain, to attend a conference of the Collegium for African-American Research, a mostly European group of African-Americanists. I presented in a panel on Toni Morrison (of course), but once the conference was over, Richard and I enjoyed another two weeks of holiday there, which included a night of at Teatro Cervantes to see a flamenco performance and exploring many ruins and sites.”



**Dr. Kirsten Bartels**

**Director, Associate Professor**

“This summer when I wasn’t in Morrison I took a few quick trips: to Chicago and Michigan (saw my parents), to Austin for RTX, and to the Carolinas with my youngest. The highlights: playing in the Ocean with Zeta, and laughing at Gavin and Bernie with Jake at RTX.”

**Dr. T. Davina McClain**  
**Professor of Classics**

“I spent most of my summer in Turkey. The trip began with ten days in Istanbul and Scholars' student Jacob Ware. This ten-day exploration of the city with one student will lay the groundwork for future trips with students and perhaps even with alums! From there, I went to Sinop, a small city on the Black Sea, to participate in an archaeological excavation, July 10-August 6th. After the excavation ended, I spent six days exploring the monuments in a town called Girne (Kyrenia) in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. In Girne I talked with people from Nigeria, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Turkey (both Kurds and Turks), Turkish Cypriots, and Greek Cypriots (the island of Cyprus is partly Greek and partly Turkish, with the only remaining divided capital - Nicosia/Lefkosa).”

Pictured: Our excavation area in Sinop; The Sphinx Gate at Hattuša, capitol of the Hittite empire



**Dr. Rondo Keele**  
**Associate Professor of Philosophy**

“Dr. Keele went to Belgium for a conference, then to Egypt for most of the summer, where he took a trip to the Sinai Peninsula. He also endured repeated attacks from jellyfish and his 4-year old nephew.”

Pictured: Resort in Sinai





**Drs. James Picht and Lisa Wolffe****Associate Professor of Economics; Professor of Romance Languages**

“Drs. Picht and Wolffe took their teenage children to Santa Fe, Durango, and Colorado Springs. They learned that the only people who like Santa Fe are old people, and there are no tourists with children there, because good parents take their children to the beach. So they set off to Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado to play in the sand, but fled just ahead of a deluge and lightning, and visited Colorado Springs, where they went to the top of Pike's Peak and again just missed getting hit by lightning.

They ate a lot of very good food and drove to Ouray on the ‘Million-dollar highway,’ one of the ten most dangerous highways in America. They were informed by their son, who's afraid of heights and as they drove near the edge of the abyss, that good parents don't take their kids on cliff-side roads that don't have guardrails.

A couple of days into the trip, Drs. Wolffe and Picht stopped listening to their children, and because of that they had a wonderful time.”

Pictured: Dr. Wolffe and Catherine panning for gold near Silverton, Colorado; Harlan at the Meow Wolf interactive art installation in Santa Fe

