THE LSU DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS ENGAGES, RETAINS, AND GRADUATES A DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION FOR SUCCESS AT LSU AND BEYOND. WE ENHANCE LEARNING BY FOSTERING CRITICAL THINKING, ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE CULTIVATION OF ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIVES TO CREATE A TRANSFORMATIVE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE.

WE ENVISION AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENHANCES THE MISSION OF LSU.

FRIENDS,

A solid foundation for student affairs drives excellence at every great university, and LSU is no exception. In fact, we often lead the way. The LSU Division of Student Affairs’ organizations, programs, services, and facilities have been nationally recognized for quality and innovation.

Philanthropic support makes such excellence possible, allowing us to invest in core initiatives and emerging opportunities that directly shape the LSU experience for every student.

Thank you for investing in us so we can both broaden and deepen our investment in students all over campus.

GEAUX, TIGERS!

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LSU Division of Student Affairs
Student Affairs’ daily work is rooted in values of character, collaboration, community, ethics, and stewardship. Our outstanding teams of dedicated, knowledgeable, highly trained professionals are positioned across campus and maintain a student-centered philosophy and developmental focus. In line with the university’s strategic plan, our goals center on discovery, diversity, engagement, excellence, and learning in guiding us to strengthen the scope of the success-oriented programs, services, and resources we offer students. Focused investments in five key areas will elevate our proven success in delivering industry-leading students affairs programming for all LSU students.
Any student with a documented learning, physical, psychological, or other disability that significantly impacts academic pursuits is potentially eligible to receive accommodations.

Since 2009, Disability Services has experienced a 201-percent increase in the number of students registered for its services, to 2,081.

In the same time period, the number of exams proctored by Disability Services has increased by 386 percent.

Interpreting and/or captioning services are provided to deaf and hard of hearing students for classroom and non-classroom university functions at no cost to students.
STUDENT SUCCESS

POWERS SUCCESS BY...
Leading retention-focused initiatives to empower our students with resources and services that support timely graduation and lifelong success.

STUDENT SUCCESS FUNDING GOALS

- $5 million endowment to fund academic support resources that increase retention rates beyond students’ critical first year and enhance their learning experience
- Supplemental Instruction and peer-led study support to assist in the university’s overall retention and graduation rates
- Funding to support STRIPES, student mentoring, and expanded initiatives for first-year students

The LSU Center for Academic Success is one of only three such centers with the National College Learning Center Association’s Learning Center of Excellence designation.

Students who attend in-class academic strategy presentations better their course grade by an entire letter and their overall GPA by half of a point, on average.

First Year Experience drives longstanding programs that help students engage in the campus community, including First Year Seminar, a proven retention tool that provides students an opportunity to engage in a small class cohort and get to know a faculty member.

The graduation rate for students who attend Supplemental Instruction is 86 percent, compared to 57 percent for students who do not use SI services.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- $750,000
- $500,000
- $200,000

WOULD FUND 100 STUDENT PEER EDUCATOR JOBS PER SEMESTER
POWERS SUCCESS BY ...

delivering to on-campus residents’ doorsteps world-class facilities, scholars, and programs that are a proven foundation for success at LSU and essential to a well-rounded college experience.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

FUNDING GOALS

• Endowed graduate housing stipends of $6,000-$9,000 annually for those demonstrating a financial need and desire to live in an affordable campus option as an alternative to off-campus housing

• $100,000-$200,000 in annual support of residential colleges to provide academic support and co-curricular programs at no additional cost to students demonstrating financial need

• $30-$40 million matching partnership, leveraging $15-$20 million in private support with revenue bonds to construct an LSU apartment complex for veterans and non-traditional students with a family

Residential Life currently serves nearly 6,000 students.

The opening of Nicholson Gateway Apartments in fall 2018 will offer graduate students the opportunity to live in modern, comfortable, accessible on-campus housing—a competitive advantage to attract the best and brightest candidates.

An LSU apartment complex for veterans and non-traditional students with families is another step toward providing a premier college experience for veterans, complementing the work of the new Brookshire Military and Student Veterans Center, home to Veteran and Military Student Services.

LSU’s eight academic discipline-based and two interest-based residential colleges create smaller communities based on common majors or interests and foster greater student-faculty interaction beyond the classroom.

LSU STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS EARN HIGHER GPAS AND HAVE HIGHER RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES THAN STUDENTS LIVING OFF CAMPUS.
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**POWERS SUCCESS BY ...**

Providing targeted scholarship and aid funding that is responsive to students’ individual financial needs, including emergency support, so that they can stay focused on earning the outstanding education that LSU offers.

**FUNDING GOALS**

- $50,000-$100,000 to increase the level of support provided by the Student Life Emergency Support Fund, providing immediate support to students experiencing emergencies
- $100,000-$200,000 in scholarships specifically to alleviate financial burdens for students with demonstrated need
- Each Student Affairs scholarship is established with specific criteria and can be awarded to both in-state and out-of-state students.

The Student Life Emergency Support Fund has helped students who have experienced total loss due to fires, tragic/unexpected deaths of a parent or other family member, and sudden loss of employment.

Members of the LSU Family Council serve on the Student Life Emergency Support Fund Committee, which reviews and responds to support requests within 24 hours.

Expanded funding for need-based scholarships will not only serve current students, but also keep LSU competitive among peers with similar scholarship and aid programs.
POWERS SUCCESS BY ...

Securing stable resources that allow us to create, tailor, and execute initiatives to meet students’ evolving needs. We eagerly serve as advocates and champions for students, supporting them in building a foundation for lifelong and personal success.

PROGRAMMING SUPPORT

Signature programs enhance retention, persistence, and graduation. Two examples are the Service Breaks and Speaker Series programs.

Student Affairs’ Campus Life team has offered summer international Service Break experiences since 2013 and domestic Service Breaks experiences since 2011. The Service Breaks program connects directly with the university’s priorities for supporting global leadership and citizenship.

The Student Affairs Speaker Series has quickly become a valued campus program through which speakers engage the audience in social change and how to lead in society today. Each visiting speaker presents an opportunity for cross-programming among Campus Life, academic programs, and support units, such as Student Government and the E. J. Ourso College of Business’ Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute. Past speakers have included Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS shoes; Ambassador Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G Komen for the Cure; Dr. Maya Angelou, author, poet, and speaker; and Mondo Guerra, reality TV actor and HIV activist.

FUNDING GOALS

- $1 million in unrestricted funding, allowing flexibility to direct funds where they can have the most significant impact
- $150,000 annually to support the Student Experience Fund, which leverages donors’ support to develop impactful and significant new programs, events, and activities, as well as to meet needs in unfunded or underfunded areas
- $200,000 in annual support to bring top-notch social change agents to campus, and allowing for expansion of the current program to support at least two speakers per semester
- Shift Speaker Series funding base for program from student fee dollars to private support, enabling student fees to support other important initiatives
IN STUDENT AFFAIRS, WE MEASURE OUR SUCCESS WITH ONE QUESTION EVER IN MIND: HOW ARE WE IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS?

YOUR GENEROSITY DOES MORE THAN SIMPLY MOVE FORWARD OUR DIVISION’S PRIORITIES.

YOU FUND EXPERIENCES THAT LSU STUDENTS WILL CARRY WITH THEM FOR A LIFETIME.