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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a great time to be a Warhawk and a great time to be at ULM.

As you discover all the great things about ULM in this edition of the *Discover ULM* magazine, one theme occurs over and over again—family.

In 1987, a devoted coach and his staff led a group of young men to the pinnacle of college football—a national championship. Twenty-five years later, these men are the latest inductees into ULM's Athletic Hall of Fame. Our feature story on Page 8 — “Team of Destiny” — tells the story of their season and the love they still have today for their coach, their university and each other.

In 2012, the Warhawks football team shocked the nation with an upset of #8 Arkansas. A strong start to the season has made the Warhawks a household name in the college football world. The “Shock in Little Rock” story can be found on Page 7.

The ULM family reunites, Oct 22-27, for Homecoming. Alums return to rediscover ULM, whether it is catching up with old friends, remembering good times, or learning about our university's progress both inside and outside of the classroom. The week-long schedule of events caters to everyone—students, alumni and those growing up Warhawk. Read more about Homecoming on Page 2.

ULM is facing the challenging economic environment surrounding higher education while continuing to

make great academic strides. Our story “Beyond the Classroom” on Page 12 demonstrates how collaborations with LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and Pennington Biomedical Research Center ensure our students and faculty benefit from the shared knowledge and research these collaborations foster.

You may have noticed part of this issue is upside-down, albeit intentionally. My

“President's Report” encompasses the many ways your generosity and support allows ULM students and faculty to discover their full potential. Several incredible alums remind us why it is important to support our university. An expanded version of my “President's Report” is online at ulm.edu/presidentsreport

From my family to yours, I'm sure you'll enjoy this edition of the *Discover ULM* magazine as much as I do.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Bruno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Nick J. Bruno, Ph.D.
ULM President

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Homecoming has something for everyone

ULM celebrates Homecoming 2012 with a week of events Oct. 22 – 27

While the Warhawks football game against Sun Belt Conference foe South Alabama at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, in Malone Stadium is certainly a highlight of ULM's Homecoming, the community can find even more activities to enjoy.

Homecoming is the chance for alums to return and rediscover why they love ULM. Whether it's catching up with old friends, remembering good times, or just seeing all the changes on campus, Homecoming resonates with the one inherent instinct we all share — family.

Homecoming's week-long schedule of events caters to everyone in the ULM family — students, alums and future Warhawks.

Events range from the traditional University Mile, the Quarterback Luncheon, alumni golf outings, softball games, and newer student events such as the sidesplitting Miss(ter) U.S.A. competition, zip lining, a costume ball and a pumpkin carving contest.

The Homecoming parade — once a staple of Homecoming week — has been revived by ULM students. The parade starts on Friday evening, rolls through campus, and culminates with a pep rally and block party.

Retirees will be guests at the annual retiree luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the ULM Alumni Association will name the winners of the prestigious Golden Arrow Award, the George T. Walker Lifetime Achievement Award, and the ULM Alumni Chapter of the Year Award at the ULM Alumni Association Awards Brunch.

To attend the ULM Alumni Association Awards Brunch, please RSVP to Nancy Davis at 318-342-5420 or ndavis@ulm.edu. For a complete schedule of Homecoming events, visit ulm.edu/homecoming

2012 ULM Alumni Association Award Winners

The Golden Arrow Award recipient is **KAY SHIPP (B.A. '70, M.A. '73)**. This award recognizes alumni who serve the Alumni Association and the university with distinction.

Kay serves on the ULM Foundation Board of Trustees, ULM Agricultural Advisory Committee, ULM Alumni Association, and numerous community boards and organizations. She is the owner and operator of Shipp Farms.

FRANK HOFFMANN (B.A. '66, M.Ed. '69, Ed.D. '79) is the recipient of the George T. Walker Lifetime Achievement Award, given to those who distinguish themselves through professional and personal achievement and who serve the university and the alumni association well during the course of several years.

A member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, Hoffmann works with numerous local civic organizations and is well known as the radio voice of Warhawk football and basketball for over 35 years.

THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA ALUMNI CHAPTER is the recipient of the Alumni Chapter of the Year Award.

The chapter sponsors a Scholarship Golf Scramble, endowing two scholarships per year to students from northwest Louisiana.



Kay Shipp



Frank Hoffmann



ULM continues to build partnerships

Building a Winning Team

University of Louisiana at Monroe's construction management students scored major wins at the 17th Annual TEXO/Associated Schools of Construction Student Competitions, outscoring teams from Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University.

After receiving a set of specifications and drawings, ULM's Heavy-Civil team was required to schedule, estimate and complete bid documents in addition to supplying answers to more than 30 contract questions — all in a 16-hour time span.

The team placed second in their category and received a \$750 prize.

ULM's Design-Build team was given 16 hours to design, estimate and schedule an interpretive nature center in Dallas while competing with schools from Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas.

They placed third in their category and received a \$500 prize.

In April, School of Construction Management students competed in the first World Vision Disaster Shelter Design Competition at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., earning a \$1,500 second-place prize.

Student teams were asked to design and construct a rapidly deployable emergency shelter for use by aid organizations in response to natural disasters.

The ULM School of Construction Management, in the College of Business, was established in 1966 and was the first accredited construction program in the U.S.

GOHSEP invests \$3 Million in Doppler Radar

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness announced a \$3 million investment in hazard mitigation grant funding for a Doppler radar system at ULM.

"ULM's atmospheric sciences program will provide crucial weather data to Louisiana," said ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno. "One-third of National Weather Service forecasters in Louisiana are graduates of ULM's atmospheric sciences program. We are so proud to continue that tradition of excellence with this new technology."

Keith Stellman (B.S. '96) worked with GOHSEP and ULM to secure the project. Stellman, who was recently named the new Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service in Atlanta, praised the new Doppler radar system.

"This is beneficial to the state because it will help with rain estimates in north Louisiana, and it will provide an additional radar source to help detect severe weather," Stellman said.

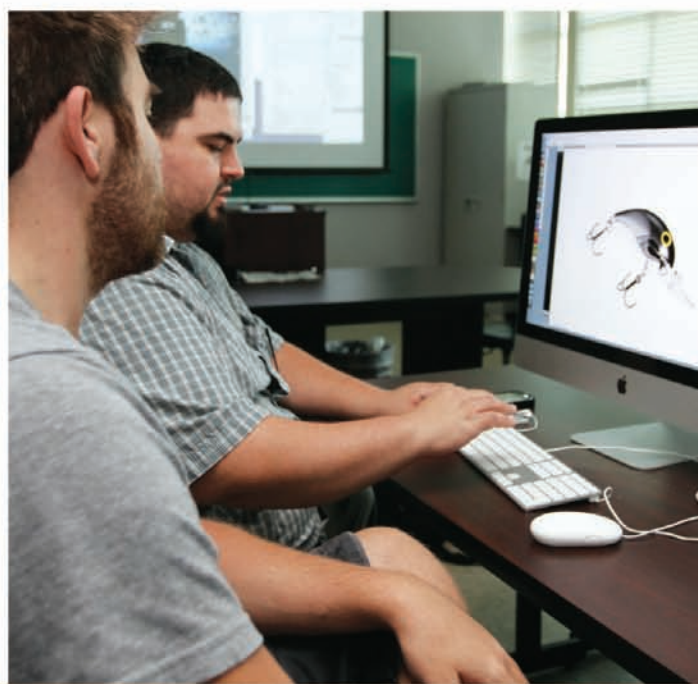
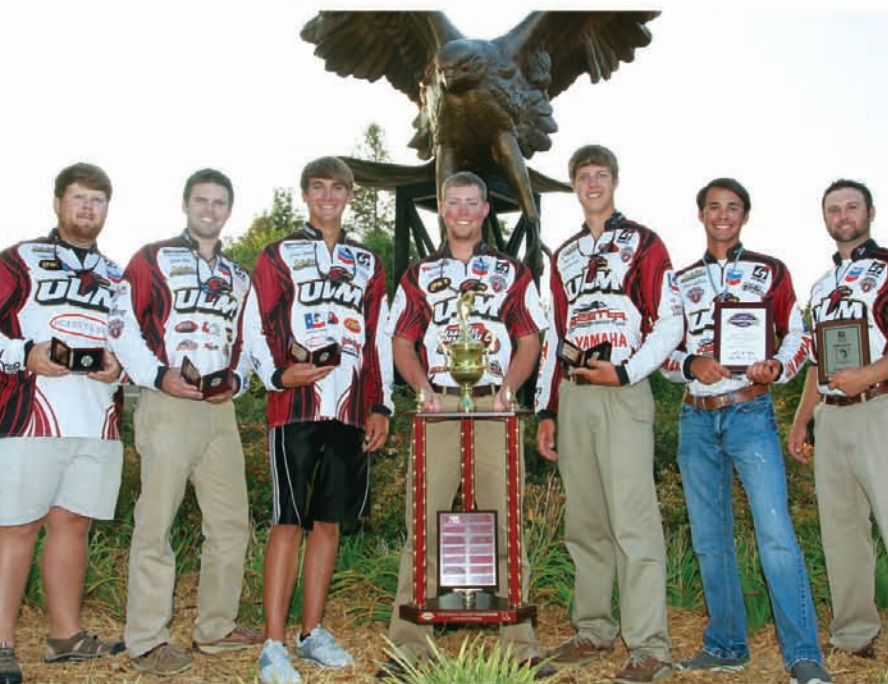
ULM atmospheric sciences majors, accompanied by faculty, will observe and analyze tropical cyclones—a great experience for ULM students, said ULM Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Eric Pani.

"As the only institution in the state that trains professional meteorologists, it will not only enhance the education of ULM students, but it will help GOHSEP and the NWS serve the community."



Keith Stellman

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Fishing Team Ranked #2 Nationally

Based on a #2 national ranking from the Association of Collegiate Anglers and continued outstanding performances at three bass tournaments in February and April 2012, the ULM Fishing Team participated in the National Guard FLW College Fishing Conference Championship, Oct. 4 - 6, on Lake Dardanelle in Russellville, Ark.

ULM students Jacob Slade of Bastrop, Jackson Blackett of Sterlington, Brett Preuett of Colfax, and Nick Ladart, Brian Eaton, and Paul Clark of Monroe competed at the tournament.

"This is a prestigious event and our guys were certainly excited to fish Lake Dardanelle," said Larry Ellerman, ULM Chief of Police and ULM Fishing Team Senior Advisor. "To have three 2-person teams qualify for this tournament is a feat in itself. Most universities have only one. Our guys were ready, and they represented ULM well."



The event was televised nationwide on the NBC Sports Network, and the top five teams in the conference championship advanced to the 2013 national championship.

According to their website, National Guard FLW College Fishing is a

nationwide competitive bass-fishing program open to all full-time students at four-year colleges and universities. It consists of 20 qualifying events, five conference championships and the national championship.

For more information, visit collegefishing.com

Digital and mobile media focus of new Mass Comm course

University of Louisiana at Monroe's Mass Communication Program now offers digital media, which addresses many new media components; one is mobile media and mobile app/website design.

MCOM 4055, Mobile Media Design, is a new course that introduces mass communication students to rich media content creation.

"We are really focusing on what's important in today's standards for mass media communication," said John Rodriguez, assistant professor of communication (above at keyboard). "It's imperative to keep up with the fast pace in which new media and convergent cultures collide."

Students must demonstrate proficiency in mobile app development, mobile video formatting and mobile website design — both experimental and conventional.

"This is a very unique course that sets ULM's mass communication program apart from a lot of the others in the area," continued Rodriguez. "One of our main goals is to prepare students to be critical thinkers in content manipulation and creation, especially in digital media."

Other courses in the digital media concentration include: video production (digital cinema), web media design, electronic media design, and digital photography.



Dr. Eric Pani

Dr. Stephen Richters

Dr. William Graves

ULM Dental Hygiene program expands to Wisconsin

Since 1972, more than 800 dental hygiene professionals have been expertly trained at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Now, thanks to a new articulation agreement with Northcentral Technical College in Wisconsin, ULM's dental hygiene program will expand its reach.

The new partnership allows students to complete an online bachelor of science degree in two years at ULM after completing an associate degree in dental hygiene at Northcentral Technical College in Wisconsin.

Dr. Beverly Jarrell recognized the need for more dental hygienists to provide improved oral health care in rural communities in northeast Louisiana.

She developed and implemented ULM's dental hygiene program 40 years ago. She still heads the department today.

Of this new initiative Jarrell said, "We are very pleased to offer this program to hygienists who are interested in furthering their education and pursuing this curriculum without moving from their present locations."

In addition to this articulation agreement, ULM has established agreements with Louisiana Delta Community College; Dallas Community College District; Bossier Parish Community College; South Arkansas Community College; Hinds Community College; and an online nursing articulation agreement with LDCC.



Dr. Beverly Jarrell

ULM leadership evolves

President Nick J. Bruno reorganized ULM's senior administration, appointing three experienced professionals.

Dr. Eric Pani is ULM's new vice president of academic affairs. Pani has served as interim vice president of academic affairs since the university reorganized its administrative and departmental structure last year. Pani has served ULM since 1987. He has held various administrative positions and has also served as a professor of atmospheric sciences. He earned a bachelor's degree in meteorology from Pennsylvania State University; a master's degree in atmospheric sciences from Texas Tech University; and a doctor of philosophy in Geosciences from Texas Tech University.

Pani replaced Dr. Stephen Richters, who was named ULM's executive vice president in the reorganization. Prior to that, Richters was ULM's provost and vice president for academic affairs, a position he held since 2002. His tenure with the university began in 1994 as chair of the mathematics department. Richters received an associate's degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College; a bachelor's degree from Vassar College; and a master's degree and a doctor of philosophy from Brown University — all in mathematics.

Dr. William Graves, the former vice chancellor of finance and administration at Louisiana Delta Community College, was appointed ULM's chief business officer. Graves earned his bachelor's degree in general business from Mississippi State University; a master's in business administration from Mississippi College; and a doctor of philosophy in educational leadership from the University of Mississippi. He is a certified public accountant and a member of Mississippi's Society of CPAs.

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Warhawks win 2012 Sun Belt Conference Baseball Championship with late heroics

University of Louisiana at Monroe pitcher Wil Browning worked a scoreless bottom of the ninth inning for a 4-2 win over Arkansas State, giving the Warhawks their first Sun Belt Baseball Tournament Championship.

As champions, the Warhawks moved on to the NCAA Regional Tournament in Baton Rouge. ULM last clinched a bid to the NCAA Tournament in 2000.

After losing to LSU in the opening round, the Warhawks soundly defeated Belmont, but the Warhawks' stellar season ended with a loss to Oregon State.

ULM head baseball coach Jeff Schexnaider put the Sun Belt championship — and

making the NCAA tournament — into perspective.

"We're happy to bring that excitement to ULM, and our Monroe community has been behind us so long. They are really excited. They (the fan base) also appreciate the opportunity to continue to support us," Schexnaider said.

The Warhawks received their Sun Belt Championship rings in a ceremony held Sept. 13 at ULM.



Water Ski Team World Domination

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Water Ski Team decided to up the ante from their 23rd national championship and proceeded to dominate at the World University Championships held in Los Morros, Chile, Jan. 12-15, 2012.

ULM had the most competitors and the greatest number of medal winners of any university in the world, according to Treina Landrum, ULM Water Ski Team coach and director of recreational services.

"Overall, ULM skiers brought home 13 medals: four gold, five silver and four bronze," Landrum said. "These competitors are deeply committed to their sport and have brought great honor to ULM."

ULM's Water Ski Team won their 23rd national championship title at the 33rd Collegiate Water Ski National Championships Oct. 13-15, 2011, at Tri-Lakes in Zachary. In recognition of their 23rd win, ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno awarded the team national championship rings during a special recognition ceremony held May 4 at ULM.



photo by Danny Johnston/AP

Shock in Little Rock!

2012-13 BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Warhawk basketball is just around the corner, and season tickets for men's and women's basketball are now on sale. Several season ticket packages are available:

Basketball Flex Pack — \$75

Offering 10 good-any-game general admission tickets, this package is up your alley if you love to cheer for the Warhawks, but can't attend every game. This package provides a savings of over 60 percent versus buying single-game tickets.

Frequent Flyer Pass — \$125

Still the best value you'll find, the frequent flyer pass provides access to general admission seating at ALL home athletic events at ULM. * ULM Faculty/Staff price — \$100

Lower Level Reserved — \$150

Feel like you're in the game by sitting in the lower level of Fant-Ewing Coliseum! Reserve your spot in the reserved seats located in the "100s" section. Take advantage of this season package to SAVE MONEY versus buying single-game tickets!

* ULM Faculty/Staff price — \$120

Men's Games

Lower Level Reserved — \$12 Adult General Admission — \$10

Women's Games

Lower Level Reserved — \$8 Adult General Admission — \$6

Doubleheaders

Lower Level Reserved — \$12 Adult General Admission — \$10

Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to call the Warhawk Ticket Office at 318-342-3ULM for group discounts.

Upset of #8 Arkansas shines national spotlight on Warhawks

On fourth-and-1 against #8 Arkansas, ULM quarterback Kolton Browning rolled left, then right, and found an open field, diving into the end zone to shock the Razorbacks and the nation with a 34-31 overtime victory in Little Rock on Sept. 8.

What followed was pandemonium.

Considered by many the biggest victory since the 1987 National Championship win, the Warhawks instantly became the talk of the college football nation. It was certainly the biggest upset in Warhawk history.

Approximately 1,500 wildly cheering fans greeted the team's return at 2 a.m. As the busses rolled in, several players saw the crowd and shouted, "They showed up! Yo! They showed up!"

The fans responded with a rousing chorus of "ULM! ULM! ULM!"

During the next several days, a bevy of media honors went to QB Kolton Browning and the team. Head football coach Todd Berry had a phone glued to his ears, fielding national and local media interviews.

The university basked in the upset with "The Shock in Little Rock" T-shirts. Sales were so brisk, shirts sold out minutes after they hit the shelves.

While Berry certainly wanted his team to enjoy their moment in the sun, he made sure his Warhawks stayed focused. At the first practice after the win, each Warhawk had to jump on a sheet with "Cloud 9" painted on it and then jump off.

One thing is for sure. On an unforgettable night in September, football fans across the country caught a glimpse inside the Warhawk nation!



A quarter of a century has passed since the "Team of Destiny" set northeast Louisiana abuzz with its thrill ride to the 1987 National Championship



The former Northeast Louisiana University football team finished 13-2 overall and capped that memorable season with a 43-42 win over Marshall in the I-AA title game. The campaign featured last-second victories, high-scoring shootouts and legendary figures like Coach Pat Collins and quarterback Stan Humphries, who remains a major part of school lore.

Collins, now a consultant with the Longview (Texas) Independent School District, said, "It was just a great season and so unifying, not only for our football team and our school, but also for the whole community. It was unbelievable how people rallied around that football team. It just made you so proud. It's a once-in-a-lifetime deal."

Members of that team will reunite this fall on the ULM campus to celebrate battles won, reminisce, and catch up on the years since their time together. ULM will commemorate the occasion by inducting the entire team into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame during the football game scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, at Malone Stadium.

"We've kept all these guys together over the years," said former offensive lineman Blair Michel, who owns and runs his own businesses

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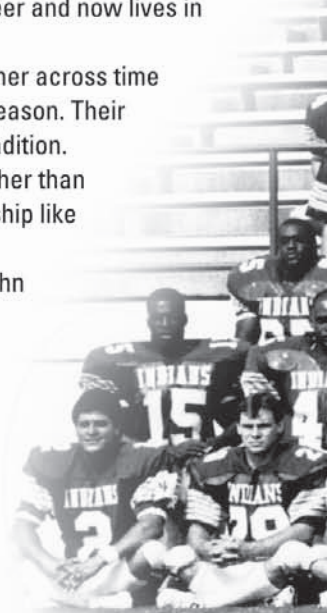
in south Louisiana. "They are like, 'I can't wait to bring my kids back to show them. This is what we talk about all of the time. This is what I tell them.'"

"We were a team that did a lot together away from the field," said Humphries, who enjoyed a solid NFL career and now lives in Monroe. "Everybody played for each other."

These former players are still bound together across time by the memories and lessons of their heroic season. Their accomplishments are a huge part of ULM's tradition.

"I've yet to come across anything in life other than immediate family that had that family relationship like we had in that locker room," Michel said.

Former All-American offensive lineman John Clement, now living in the Memphis area and working in the banking industry, said, "It became a point where we just didn't give up when games looked out of reach. We worked that much harder, and we actually knew we were going to win a lot of those games. You look back and there were probably seven games where we



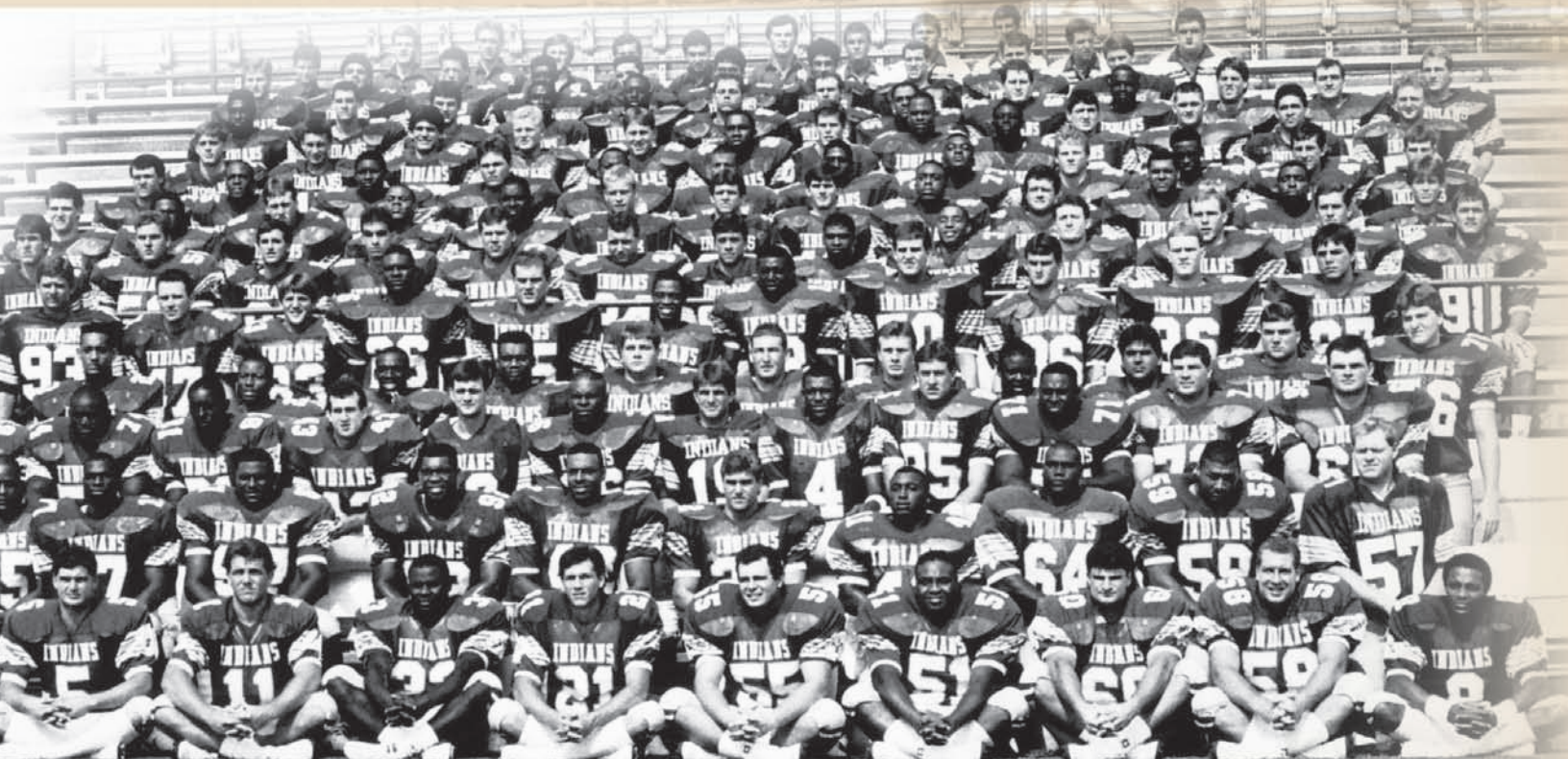


**"IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE HOW
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THAT FOOTBALL TEAM."**

— COACH PAT COLLINS

m of Destiny

By Paul Letlow and Bob Anderson





Pat Collins

could have quit, but we knew we were going to win and we did it. The further I get away from it and look back, the less I believe what we did. It's just amazing."

Collins, who is already a member of the ULM Hall of Fame, was the dynamic coach who assembled all the ingredients.

"He knew what kind of players he needed to recruit," Humphries said. "He was a guy you loved to play for. He could motivate you to play. He wasn't afraid to have a good time together, but when it came time to practice we had to get it right."

"We believed in our coach," said Richard Green, the defensive back who now serves in law enforcement in Cincinnati. "Pat Collins had that heart. He was that type of person. He kept everybody thinking the same way that he did."

Humphries was the triggerman in an offense that was nearly unstoppable. NLU averaged 414.9 yards and 30.4 points per game that season. Humphries threw for 2,622 yards and 22 touchdowns during the regular season and added another 1,397 yards and 11 touchdowns in NLU's four playoff victories.

"He had some monster games in the playoffs," Collins said. "It was unreal."

NLU's defense was the best in the Southland Conference during the regular season allowing 303.8 yards and 19.9 points per game. Games were higher scoring in the playoffs, but the defense made plenty of timely plays when needed.

"We always liked to say that we bent but didn't break," said former linebacker

Duke Marcus, now a business owner in northeastern Louisiana. "Yeah, we gave up some points, but we came up with some plays when we needed to."

A FAST START, A LULL, AND THEN DRAMA TO THE END

The 1987 regular season began with a 4-0 start, including 44-7 routs in each of the first two games, first over Louisiana Tech before the biggest crowd in Tech history (24,975), and then Southwest Texas.

Northeast lost only two games the rest of the way and finished with a total of nine wins in the regular season. Big wins included a 26-17 triumph over 1986 national champion Georgia

Southern, a 37-10 beating of McNeese, and a 34-24 upset on the road over a good Southern Mississippi team led by future NFL quarterback Brett Favre.

After a relatively easy first round playoff win at Malone, drama crept in with edge-of-your-seat wins for the next two playoff games in Malone Stadium with a winning scoring drive with 14 seconds left, and then a double-overtime win to send NLU to snowy Pocatello, Idaho for the Championship game.

The surprise opponent was Marshall, sweeping through the playoffs to reach the title game. NLU scored first and led at halftime but Marshall scored 29 points in the third period to take a 42-28 lead.

The final quarter belonged to NLU, however. After two quick scores and with 7:19 left in what had been an offensive extravaganza, the NLU defense rose up to nail down the victory. First, defensive back Richard



John Clement



Stan Humphries

"THE '87 SEASON TAUGHT ME THROUGHOUT LIFE NOT TO QUIT ANYTHING."

— OFFENSIVE TACKLE JOHN CLEMENT





Richard Green

Green recovered a Marshall fumble, and defensive end Troy Brown made the next big play with a 14-yard sack. Defensive back Perry Harper intercepted a pass with 56 seconds left and NLU was the king of 1-AA football, 43-42.

NOT THE FIRST TIME?

The 1987 1-AA national championship may not have been the first national football crown for what is now the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

The 1935 junior college team, coached by the legendary Jim Malone, claimed to be the best in the land and had solid credentials to back up that claim. Then known as Northeast



Duke Marcus

Center of Louisiana State University, its football squad was undefeated and gave up only a single touchdown against a schedule that included four senior college teams.

Junior college football was then in its infancy, and there were no national polls or ratings. The Associated Press would not even begin its national major college poll until the following year, but Northeast asserted its perfect record and 180-6 point margin made it the best JC team in the country.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Fast forward to the present, when these men still take great pride in all that they accomplished in 1987. ULM and the community that celebrated in their season is proud to welcome them home.

"All of us were kids back then," Michel said. "I went to Northeast as a 17-year-old freshman in college. The biggest thing that stuck out to us after years of thinking about it was, what a great way to learn to grow up with a leader like Pat Collins and the rest of his coaching staff. We all think that what molded us into the people we are today are the lessons that we learned there."



Blair Michel

Since banding together in 1987, players and coaches have enjoyed continued successes in life too. A few like Humphries and tight end Jackie Harris played pro football, but they also own businesses, work in law enforcement, farming, sales, banking, coaching and other professions.

"I'm proud to have been associated with those guys," Collins said. "It was a special group. We emphasized the academic part of it so much to get it right. I'm not surprised at all at the successes these guys have had in whatever fields they chose to go into."

Sure, they won the title at the end. Yet they also learned lessons for a lifetime while giving NLU and its fans an unforgettable journey along the way.

Said Marcus: "We learned things like teamwork, coming together for a common goal, hard work and working through adversity. All of that is so true in what I do every day."

"It taught me throughout life not to quit anything," Clement said. "You can go forth, and there's no limit."

"What we did then," said Michel, "reflects on what a lot of us are now." ■

"WE BELIEVED IN OUR COACH."

— DEFENSIVE BACK RICHARD GREEN

To the victor goes the spoils . . .

In addition to the 1987 NCAA championship trophy, NLU also won the Kennedy Cup, awarded annually by the National Football Foundation, and the Timmie, the championship trophy presented by the Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club. Each player also won his personal championship trophy—a \$285

10-karat gold ring crested by a garnet stone and big "1" in synthetic diamonds.



BEYOND THE CLASSR

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"THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS WE ARE ENGAGING IN FOSTER A LEVEL OF SYNERGY."

— ULM PRESIDENT NICK J. BRUNO

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By Keli Jacobi

There is an old proverb about two heads being better than one. It stands to reason more heads might be even better, especially when alliances that can change the world are formed.

Perhaps that is why the partnerships forged between the University of Louisiana at Monroe and other institutions have proven so effective — they involve the right amount of people at the right time.

Proactive partnerships between the university and outside entities are nothing new, but in today's economic climate the challenge to navigate "win-win" solutions are more vital than ever, according to ULM President Nick J. Bruno.

"The collective efforts we are engaging in foster a level of synergy that is in accordance with the university's role, scope and mission," he said. "It just makes economic and academic sense."

PARTNERING TO DETECT AND PREVENT DEMENTIA

Earlier this year, ULM and Pennington Biomedical Research Center created one such mutually beneficial alliance when Bruno and Pennington Biomedical Research Center Executive Director Dr. Steven B. Heymsfield signed a memorandum of understanding outlining plans for collaborative research.

Bruno and Heymsfield agreed that ULM's academic and research strengths dovetailed nicely with Pennington's work on basic, clinical, and population research.

"To have the opportunity to partner with a nationally recognized entity like Pennington is quite an honor," said Bruno. "Because of the unique capabilities of each of our institutions, it seemed a perfect fit."

The first joint project involves the Center's Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention in one of the largest longitudinal studies of its kind.

About 2,000 patients across Louisiana are participating in researchers' efforts at early detection and the prevention of age-related dementia. These patients include nearly 100 in northeast Louisiana who have received free initial screenings at ULM, and whose cognitive function will be tracked to detect significant changes in the years ahead. The goal is to eventually enroll about 400 patients at the ULM site.

Lifestyle, cognitive, and mobility studies form a prominent feature of the research, since there is a significant correlation between the development of cognitive disorders and risk factors for other serious diseases, according to Dr. Jeffrey Keller, director of the IDR. Falls are an especially high risk factor among patients with Alzheimer's disease, he said.

"The two are very closely related," said Keller. "So, interventions which decrease falls will decrease Alzheimer's."

About 100,000 Louisiana residents have Alzheimer's, an age-related and irreversible impairment significant enough to affect a person's social life. The collaboration between ULM and Pennington researchers could be influential in advancing additional studies into the possible causes and cures for the disease.

"In tracking a person's progress, we find some whose cognitive function remains stable, some whose function will decline but who will not develop dementia, and those who will develop dementia," said Keller.

By tracking patients enrolled in the project, researchers hope to discover what exactly causes this mental decline and what interventions are most beneficial, said Keller. Finding ways to increase prescription drug adherence in the elderly is another component specific to the ULM site.

"Once we have that worked out at the ULM site, we will roll it out throughout the rest of the state," Keller said. "Ultimately it increases the quality of our research as well as the participant's visit."

According to Keller, one in seven people over 65 will develop Alzheimer's. Although it is the sixth leading cause of death, Alzheimer's



President Nick J. Bruno



Dr. Amal Khalil Kaddoumi

is the only one in the top 10 for which there is no treatment and in which current medications can slow symptoms in only about 25 percent of the population.

One of the ULM pharmacy professors involved in the new partnership is Dr. Amal Khalil Kaddoumi, an assistant professor of pharmaceuticals with expertise in Alzheimer's disease. Her research

is focused on why certain naturally occurring drugs, such as caffeine, provide a protective barrier against Alzheimer's.

"With the aging of society it will be more critical than ever. Dr. Keller is an excellent resource; he advises us and helps make needed connections," Kaddoumi said. "And we have experts in pharmacology who are a nice complement to Dr. Keller's work."

Because ULM and the Monroe area serve a large and diverse geographic region, the university provides a "funnel" for the most underserved and underrepresented populations in Alzheimer's research, according to Heymsfield.

"It is a global problem, but northeast Louisiana provides a laboratory, of sorts, for studying that problem in even greater detail," Heymsfield said. "This partnership will go a long way in understanding a pervasive and growing disease."

PREPPING GIFTED STUDENTS OF TOMORROW AT THE PRESIDENT'S ACADEMY

Another unique alliance was formed with the inaugural ULM President's Academy this past summer.

Dr. Lynn Clark said the college preparatory program was made possible through the generosity of local businesses, as well as President Bruno, who first conceived of the idea after his daughter attended a similar program at Duke University. Clark helped coordinate the camp and serves as director of the Developing Rigorous Experiential Academic Models (DREAM) program.

"I joke that the Academy was one part my inspiration and several parts the perspiration of faculty and business leaders who



Dr. Lynn Clark

helped lead it," said Bruno, with a chuckle.

"The great thing about it is that it not only kept our gifted students here and connected them to the university, but it also connected the students with area businesses."

Forty-eight high school juniors and seniors from five states attended the week-long Academy, shadowing professionals at either CenturyLink,

ANGUS Chemical Co., or LSU Health Sciences Center-Monroe, depending on a students' particular "career path."

The Academy began with a simulated pandemic in which students had to develop a comprehensive and interdisciplinary response based on one of three possible careers in either the computer, physical, or medical sciences.

Feedback from parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Clark, and many are now strongly considering ULM for their undergraduate education. Bruno agreed that area businesses realize such campus-related opportunities are essential to recruiting highly skilled people who want to stay in the Monroe area.

Clark said one of the reasons the Academy was such a win-win proposition was the rich assortment of players involved, not only through outside affiliations, but through partnerships within

the university. Inter-departmental collaborations helped students make the connection between different subject areas and how knowledge can be pooled to solve a common problem, according to Clark.

For example, the Office of Career Connections presented business soft skills during "working" dinners; the School of Visual and Performing Arts

presented performances every evening for cultural awareness; the Department of World Languages provided Latin to assist with science terminology and Curriculum and Instruction provided reading-intensive material.

In addition, the Kitty DeGree School of Nursing contributed to staging the simulated pandemic. Partnerships with the Colleges

"THE PRESIDENT'S ACADEMY KEEPS OUR GIFTED STUDENTS HERE AND CONNECTS THEM TO THE UNIVERSITY AND AREA BUSINESSES."

— DR. NICK J. BRUNO



of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Pharmacy, as well as team-building sessions with college-age AmeriCorps volunteers, meant students enjoyed a thoroughly well-rounded experience.

"The students learned how important it is to be part of something bigger," said Clark. "It's a perfect example of what happens when we all work together."

In a similar way, ULM professors have mentored the research of young participants at ULM's Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) for many years. This year, 53 high school seniors participated in the four-week summer session and gained experience in all aspects of scientific research.

ULM also partners with regional science teachers and provides them with modules for use at their home schools through HHMI. As with the President's Academy, the project has encouraged a number of budding scientists to strongly consider ULM for their undergraduate education.

"ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES"

Hanbat National University President Dr. Won-Mook Lee considers ULM "one of the most advanced universities in the United States."

In May, Lee signed a memorandum of understanding offering Hanbat, a national university in Daejeon, South Korea, and ULM students a master's concentration in mobile and wireless communication during a two-month internship program.

"This is an example of picking partners who will complement and expand student opportunities, especially in a global economy," said Bruno.

Closer to home, agriculture is still a driving force in Louisiana's economy, and cooperative efforts between ULM and the LSU AgCenter are promising to produce benefits for both institutions.

Faculty from both campuses — including the state's only toxicology program, housed at ULM — will collaborate to provide unique experiences for ULM students, bringing potential long-term health and economic benefits to the region.

"The partnership brings together some of the state's best researchers to discover how natural products can benefit our

health," said Pani, vice president for academic affairs at ULM.

Dr. John Russin, LSU AgCenter vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, said research teams from both institutions submitted numerous proposals for funding, narrowing their proposals down to five over the summer.



Dr. Eric Pani

"We can no longer afford to do everything, nor can ULM," Russin concluded. "The strengths of each campus make for a much stronger overall team research effort."

Perhaps that is why the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality entered into its own research partnership — valued at more than half a million dollars — with ULM.

LDEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch and State Senator Mike Walsworth (R-Monroe) presented ULM with \$564,496 in grant funding last February.

The grant is for two projects at Bayou Lafourche and Turkey Creek in which ULM toxicology students and faculty take weekly samples and provide water quality data to the LDEQ. The data could demonstrate the effectiveness of nutrient best management practices in priority watersheds.

ULM's toxicology program awards the only bachelor's degree of its kind in the southeastern U.S. Outside agencies rely on its experts to help test water quality and contribute to a safer community environment, according to Hatch.

From on-campus, student-centered areas of excellence to enhancing ULM's town and gown relationship with Monroe and

beyond, the university is poised now, more than ever, to produce 21st-century leaders and expand "the intellectual capital of the region," according to Bruno.

"We have to produce our own leaders, in order to begin to raise the standard of living in the region," he said. "The ultimate goal is to increase high quality graduates, despite declining resources." ■

"THE PARTNERSHIP WITH ULM WILL GO A LONG WAY IN UNDERSTANDING A PERVERSIVE AND GROWING DISEASE."

— DR. STEVEN B. HEYMSFIELD

Discover **ULM** ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



DISCOVER the family of Jeanette (Bartley) Rolan

CLASSES OF
'65, '80, '84, '92, '93,
'96, '00, '07, '09

In 1960, when Melba Jeanette (Bartley) Rolan — a self-proclaimed “farmer’s daughter” — first stepped off a city bus and walked into Brown Hall, she could not imagine how that decision would impact generations of her family.

In 1965 she became the first person in her family to graduate from college. Including Jeanette, eight members of Jeanette’s family earned degrees from ULM. Recently her family visited the ULM campus to take a photograph in front of the Warhawk statue.

Jeanette notes, “The choices we make in life always affect others around us.” She’s proud the choices her family members made resulted in ULM becoming a family tradition.

From left to right:

- Granddaughter **Janna Elyse Arrant Wilkerson (BS '09)** earned her degree in Elementary Education and is currently employed with the Ouachita Parish School System.
- Grandson **Andrew Emmett Arrant (BS '07)** is working toward a Ph.D. at Duke University in Durham, N.C.
- Son **Shane Howell Rolan (BS '00)** received his Ph.D. from LSU and is employed at the University of Colorado Medical and Science Division in Aurora, Colo.
- Daughter **Elaine Margaret Rolan Standley (BSN '96)** worked in the emergency rooms of many hospitals from Rhode Island to California as a travel nurse. She is currently employed with MediStar Home Health Care.
- Son **Gregory Eugene Rolan (BBA '93)** is a financial planner with Ameriprise Financial in Richmond, Va.
- Daughter **Tamara Jeanette Rolan DeMar (BBA, '92)** is an account manager with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana.
- Daughter **Karen Denise Rolan Arrant (BSN, '84)** is an instructor in ULM’s Kitty DeGree School of Nursing and is working toward a Ph.D. in Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.
- Son-in-law **Travis Lane Arrant (BBA, '80)** was a partner in his own insurance business, Premier Claims. He is a Church of Christ minister.
- **Melba Jeanette Bartley Rolan (BA '65 and MEd '84)** retired after working for both the Monroe City School System and Ouachita Parish School System for a total of 33 years.

Not pictured: grandson-in-law **Kevin Avery Wilkerson (BS '07)** is presently employed with the Louisiana Department of Transportation.

Do you have family members who has graduated from ULM? If so, let us know!

Email us the names of those in your family who are ULM alums, their relationship in the family (brother, grandson, aunt, etc.) and a sentence or two about what they are doing now. A group picture would be great, but not required. Email your family tradition to ulmmagazine@ulm.edu.



DISCOVER Melvin DeLacerda

CLASS OF '01

Melvin DeLacerda’s path up the corporate ladder may have followed a somewhat traditional route, but his path through college has been anything but.

Thirty-one years ago, DeLacerda started as a part-timer working for “the world’s smallest pizza chain” while still enrolled in West Monroe High School, eventually getting promoted to restaurant manager for a tiny DeSiard Street store located near what was then known as Northeast Louisiana University.

Today, the 50-year-old serves as president and CEO of Johnny’s Pizza, which boasts 29 stores and a total of 600 employees across Louisiana and Texas. Reflecting on DeLacerda’s long journey through college as a non-traditional student, it is easy to see the parallels between the growth of Johnny’s Pizza and his own intellectual growth.

Just as NLU grew and eventually became the University of Louisiana at Monroe, so too has Johnny’s, entering a new phase of franchising under the watchful business eye of DeLacerda and others. Along the way, the two entities became inextricably linked as Johnny’s evolved into one of the university’s biggest and long-time sponsors.

One example: Johnny’s was among the first sponsors of the annual Wine over Water alumni event, which raises thousands in scholarship funding for ULM students. Johnny’s also offers an endowed scholarship and has a tuition-assistance program for employees wanting to earn a degree.

DeLacerda, a father of two who has been married over 30 years to wife, Teresa, knew he fit the mold of successful businessman well before choosing to return to school. He says he was fortunate to work

Melvin DeLacerda and a tried and true tradition:



for corporate leaders who valued education and encouraged DeLacerda's academic pursuits, chief among them, Chairman of the Board and ULM Alum Bernie Lear (MBA '93).

"He was big on education," said DeLacerda. "And, in my position as human resources director at the time, it was just logical to take whatever HR courses I could take."

Mentors such as retired ULM Professor Art Bethke took DeLacerda under his wing. But DeLacerda also learned from other "real-world" business giants including ULM alum David D. Cole, a senior vice president at CenturyLink, and West Monroe Mayor Dave Norris, also a ULM alum. Eventually DeLacerda graduated cum laude in 2001, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree while serving as executive vice president of Johnny's.

Even with all his professional successes, DeLacerda decided to pursue his graduate education.

"I don't claim to know everything," DeLacerda said. "Pursuing the Executive MBA has actually already benefitted my job ... I like the personal challenge, too."

And, as a businessman, DeLacerda also acknowledges the benefits of a university that extend far beyond the classroom or the students taught.

"ULM's economic impact cannot be overlooked. I don't know if that is mentioned enough," said DeLacerda. "There are students, as well as businesses, that would not be here ... ULM is an engine."

"Until the Executive MBA option came along, I really didn't think I could do it," he said. "It helps when you have a boss like Johnny Huntsman, also an alum, who is encouraging you."

Huntsman quickly points to employees like DeLacerda as the backbone of his company, just as businessmen like DeLacerda are proving themselves to be the backbone of ULM's non-traditional students.



Max Williams never figured himself to be much of a collector.

DISCOVER
Max
Williams

CLASS OF '61, '63, '71

As he gingerly lifts an antique ceremonial mask from its crate and gives it a once over, it is clear that Williams, a collector of intriguing pieces of African art, is also someone who enjoys sharing his collection with others.

Surrounded by numerous wooden containers, many of them stamped with messages such as "Fragile," "This Side Up" and "Nigeria," Williams smiles as he looks at one of the masks he has entrusted to the ULM Foundation.

Designed to resemble an elephant head and embedded with French coins, the antique is one of 40 African ceremonial artifacts from Cameroon, Gabon and Nigeria that Williams has donated to ULM. The artifacts were revealed during the ULM Black Arts Festival as part of Black History Month celebrations, and are on permanent display on the 3rd floor of Hanna Hall.

He acquired the objects during his service in the U.S. Foreign Service, whose diplomats seek to advance American interests abroad while promoting peace and supporting prosperity in foreign territories. Following his Ph.D. in Latin American Studies from LSU, Williams eventually landed in West Africa, where he would live for nearly six years and become personally acquainted with the many traders who supplied him with a treasure trove of unusual artifacts.

"You can't help observing how beautiful they are — they are kind of addictive," he said. "I think the traders soon learned my tastes and knew which pieces I couldn't resist."

Williams — who insists on not being referred to as "Dr." — is the kind of man who collects college degrees almost as much as he once collected artifacts. He first graduated from ULM, or what was then called North Louisiana State College, in 1961 with a degree in history; two years later he earned his bachelor of arts in social studies education and ultimately earned his master of arts in history at then-NLU in 1971. He immediately went to work for the federal government after that, where he travelled the globe until his retirement in the early 1990s.

Williams remains curious about the world around him and is always eager to learn. He went back to college to earn a bachelor of arts in Spanish "because Spanish is interesting," and is currently enrolled in English classes at ULM with the hope he might some day return to Mexico a few months out of the year to teach it as a second language.

Williams is proud the public can now enjoy many of the pieces he brought back from Africa, now seen for the first time since they were crated. In addition to the early 20th-century elephant masks from Cameroon, the collection includes chief's thrones and tables, intricate ceremonial bowls and benches, and odd fetishes used by the Fang tribe of Gabon for warding off evil.

"I hope everyone will appreciate the art itself. The carvings are exquisite," Williams said. "Some are very elaborate and show much use. That lends a very human aspect to it."



Discover **ULM** ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Discover student-athletes achieving the highest single-year graduation rate

of any Louisiana university, according to the NCAA

Discover ULM's graduation rate increasing 5 percent during the past two years

1944

Albert H. Cloud, Jr. '44 is a retired KPMG partner. He was married to the late Emily Anne Royce Cloud.

1958

William "B.J." Robison '58 is retired from Pfizer Inc.

Dr. Vincent Marsala '58 retired from LSU-Shreveport after 45 years, the last 17 as Chancellor.

1959

Mary Danna '59, '78 works as a registered pharmacist for St. Francis Pharmacy in Monroe.

Marguerite "Peggy" Wingate Salley '59 is a clinical social worker at Co-Owner International Services in Shreveport.

1961

Peter Wolfe '61 is the owner of Wolfe's Pharmacy Inc. in Chauvin.

1962

Gay Demmary Boeneke '62 is a retired teacher.

1964

Larry Ramin '64 retired from LSU-S where he served as an instructor and athletic director.

1968

Dolores Harveston Spindler '68 works as a pharmacist for BC Family Care Pharmacy in Florissant, Mo.

1969

Anthony Fava '69 is the owner of Anthony J. Fava MD PC in Anniston, Ala.

Karen Morris '69 is employed as a part-time instructor at Columbus (Ga.) State University.

Fred Reid '69 has served in the emergency medicine field since 1976. He has been married to Donna Boothe Reid '69 for 43 years. They have two children and a grandchild.

Billy Webster Thompson '69 serves as Chief, Force Development Flight for the U.S. Air Force at Lackland, Texas AFB.

1970

Frederick Henry '70 is the owner of Henry Surveys, LLC in Port Matilda, Penn.

Ellen Drew Ellis Hungate '70 retired from CVS Pharmacy as a pharmacist. She is married to Grady Hungate '70.

James "Buzzy" Landry '70 is a pharmacist and owner of Landry's Pharmacy in Gonzales.

Richard Witherington '70 works as a pharmacist for Tom Thumb, a Division of Safeway.

1971

Marvin Dearman '71 serves as the general manager for Kilpatrick's Serenity Gardens in Monroe.

Michael Wainwright '71 practices as an attorney in Shreveport.

1972

Sandy Burton Batten '72 serves as the East Gulf sales manager for Biehl Liner Services in Houston, Texas.

Ira Brainerd '72 is retired from his position as construction superintendent.

Joe Foote '72 is the owner of Jade Super Foods in Hamburg, Ark.

Joy Hathorn Watson '72 works for CVS Pharmacy as a pharmacist.

1973

Jimmy Brantley '73 recently retired from CVS Pharmacy after 37 years and is now a staff pharmacist for Professional Arts Pharmacy in Lafayette. He is married to Marlene F. Brantley '74.

Michael L. McCain '73 is the senior pastor for Salem Covenant Church in Pennock, Minn. He was ordained on June 24, 2012 after 30 years in the financial service industry.

Kenneth Spear '73 is a director of pharmacy for Dallas (Texas) Regional Medical Center. He is married to Gail Coates Spear '72.

1974

Cherwyn Breaux '74 retired from Siemens Diagnostics.

Robert Cisneros '74 is an associate professor at Campbell University College of Pharmacy in Buies Creek, N.C. He completed the 2011-2012 Academic Leadership Fellowship program of American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in July 2012.

Sarah Nations Ellingburg '74 teaches for the Morehouse Parish School Board.

Bill Lauler '74 serves as a principal broker for Lauler Realtors in McLean, Va.

Paul Jones '74 has worked as a police officer for the city of Denham Springs for over 32 years. He was promoted to chief of police in Dec. 2009.

James May '74, '78 retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He is married to Julia Defee May '74, '75. Julia is the associate director of communications at Sam Houston State University.

James Reese McKay '74 serves as a professional land surveyor for Fransen Pittman in Englewood, Colo.

Jerry Silmon '74 is an industrial development advisor for Saudi Aramco Oil Company. He currently works as a facilitator in the Saudi Aramco Operations Services Talent Development Program. He is married to Mary Lay Silmon '77.

1975

Vicki McEachern Alison '75, '76 works for AEP-SWEPCO as a senior chemist in Mooringsport and has a daughter attending ULM.

Ralph Cross '75 is a business development manager for Akzo Nobel LLC in Strongsville, Ohio. He is married to Barbara T. Cross '77.

Georgia Manning Lewis '75 retired from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing in 2004 and is currently working as a self-employed pattern designer and fiber artist.

1976

Danny Collins '76 serves as a pharmacist for Walmart Pharmacy in Galliano.

Donna Joy Key Guidry '76 is a pharmacist for Bayou State Pharmacy in Lake Charles.

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Robin Heard '76 works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as deputy assistant secretary for administration. She was recently awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Federal Career Executive Service. She has worked for USDA for 35 years and has served in her current position since May 2009.

Debra Nance '76, '78 retired from the Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services as SNAP Director after 33 years.

Brenda Savage Porch '76 teaches for Cherokee County Schools in Woodstock, Ga. Her daughter Amy attends ULM, pursuing a master's degree in elementary education.

John Lee Sanders '76 has received several music awards, including an Emmy nomination, for his works as a music composer, producer and performer.

Janet Hiller Shackelford '76 teaches at United Methodist Temple in Port Arthur, Texas.

Woody M. Tyson '76 serves as principal for the West Carroll Parish School Board.

Martha Ann Wood '76 is an investigator for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

1977

Lucille McCasland Babb '77 is a pharmacist and owner of Live Oak Pharmacy in Watson.

Willie Clavier '77 is employed through Teche Drugs and Gifts in Lafayette as a part-time pharmacist.

Jim Cochran '77 was named a top insurance agent in Houston by Texas Monthly Magazine and earned the State Farm "Crystal of Excellence" award in 2011. He is married to Wanda King Cochran '76.

Nancy Eloi Creech '77 serves as a nurse recruiter for Overton Brooks VAMC in Shreveport. She is married to Michael J. Creech '74, '80. Nancy and Michael's daughter Meredith Creech McLain '06 recently had her first child.

Kim Wascom McCullough '77 is a senior administrative assistant for Community Health Systems in Franklin, Tenn. Her husband is Rick McCullough, '76.

Jonathon Nagem '77 is a nuclear pharmacist and owner of Nagem Medical Specialties in Lake Charles. Jonathon is married to Carmen Firmin Nagem '74.

John Norris '77 is the Director of Retail Pharmacy for Baptist Health, the largest healthcare organization in Arkansas.

Alok Ranjan '77 lives in India and is employed at Bharti Airtel Ltd. as Vice President of Global Business.

1978

Susan Johnson Jacks '78 works at Reliant Healthcare in Monroe as the pharmacist-in-charge.

Mary "Mim" Moore Kiesewetter '78 is the chemistry department head for Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria.

Deborah Holtzclaw Massey '78 is the founder and president of Journey2Wholeness Ministries in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Giselle Gauthier Richards '78 has received several certifications and works as the housing manager for the Colfax (La.) Housing Authority.

1979

Theresa Gregorio-Torres '79 is an occupational therapist for TIRR/Memorial Hermann Hospital and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Melanie Gimber Petchak '79 works at Bossier Parish Community College as a nursing professor.

Karen Hillhouse '79 served as a captain in the Monroe Police Department, retiring after 28.5 years of service.

Jane Bernhardt Raese '79 is a clinical therapist for Riverside (Calif.) County Department of Mental Health.

1980

Lance Haase '80 works as a medical technologist for BCCET in Tyler, Texas. He is married to Karen Haase '04.

Suzanne Dickerson Hall '80 serves as RN-MDS coordinator for St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe. She is married to James Hall '92, '98.

Becky Beatty Holomon '80 is a dental hygienist for Richard Campbell, D.D.S. in Minden.

Hal Lancon '80 is employed at Ambemarle in Baton Rouge as a corporate industrial hygienist. He is married to Carolyn Lancon '80.

Pamela Badiali Moore '80 works for ProPath in Dallas, Texas as a medical technologist.

Julie Harlan O'Brien '80 serves as a systems analyst for Telesoft in Phoenix, Ariz.

Nelson Shepherd '80 is employed through Farm Bureau Insurance in Gretna as an insurance agent.

Maribeth Weisel Sherman '80 teaches for the Ouachita Parish School Board.

Sharon Jefferson Slacks '80 serves as an instructional facilitator/A.T. coordinator for Special Services for Desoto Parish School Board.

1981

Tamee Dark '81, '82 is a compliance coordinator for State Farm in Shreveport.

LaShan Brothers Davis '81 is a manager with Baylor University Medical Center.

Jeff Garner '81 is a vice president for EMJ Corporation in Irving, Texas.

David Johnson '81 works as an insurance agent for Donnaway Insurance in Metairie.

Mike Mankowski '81 is a team leader for Meijer in Lowell, Mich.

Dennis Norman '81 is an LPN for Care Center of DeQuincy. He is married to Albion Hebert Norman '80, '83.

John Steven Roberts '81 is an Operations Officer for the U.S. Army.

1982

David Blitch '82 is the vice president for L'auberge Casino and Hotel in Baton Rouge.

John Broussard '82 works for Lafayette General Medical Center as a pharmacist.

Chris Cox '82 is the principal at Sterlington Middle School and is married to Rebecca L. Adams Cox '83, '86.

Gwendolyn Elliot '82 and '97 retired from the United States Air Force in 2003 and currently serves as a network administrator for the city of Monroe.

Janna McKoin Jenkins '82 is a self-employed Registered Dental Hygienist in Mason, Ohio.

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up 10
percent
over 2011 -
with the
strongest academic
credentials in the
institution's history,
possessing an
average GPA of 3.38
and ACT score
of 22.3

Rebecca Blunsch McMath '82 works for the Tarrant (Texas) County Public Health Department as the Bioterrorism Laboratory Response Coordinator. She and Dean McMath '85 recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have a 3-year-old granddaughter.

M. Bret Rip '82 works at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington, Ky. as a history professor.

Connie Winnon Rowe '82 serves as the Instructional Specialist for the Klein (Texas) Independent School District.

Carol Jordan Weiland '82 is the owner/pharmacist of Economy Drugs in Helena, Ark.

1983

Bronson Alexander '83 is the president and owner of Hennessy Construction Services in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Robin Foster '83 serves as an Area HSE manager for Jacobs Engineering, located in Baton Rouge.

1984

Elise Griffin Bach '84 is employed by the Cumberland (N.C) County Schools as a certified teacher of the visually impaired.

Cynthia Ford Cockerham '84, '89 is an area agent for Community Rural Development at LSU AgCenter in Columbia.

Debra Wheeler DeHart '84 serves as chief occupational therapist for Warrior Transition Battalion in the U.S. Army.

Tina Amin Patel '84 is a medical technologist for Winter Haven (Fla.) Hospital.

Ashley Bennett Perkins '84 works at Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tenn., as an associate administrator for nursing. She is married to Richard Perkins '86.

Rev. Michael Stuart Sherman '84 is a minister for the United Methodist Church in West Monroe and is married to Maribeth Weisel Sherman '80.

Karla Smith Williams '84 works as a sales representative for Teva Pharmaceuticals.

1985

Kim Moreau Hurley '85 teaches 2nd grade at L.S Rugg Elementary in Alexandria.

John Vineyard '85 was recently appointed as a judge for the Riverside (Calif.) Superior Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

1986

Sandy Rolen Johnston '86 is a billing clerk for the city of Lewisville, Texas.

Florastine Mack '86 is the community health promotion division manager for Tarrant (Texas) County Public Health.

Jill Hill Minnis '86 teaches for the Spring Branch (Texas) Independent School District.

1987

Kelley Lawrence Adams '87 serves as the disaster volunteer system and state medical reserve corps coordinator for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Phil Dixon '87, '89 is a fire claims team manager for State Farm. He is married to Holli Turner Dixon '92.

Michael Gough '87 is owner and managing member of Gough and Son Construction LLC in Alexandria.

Kevin Jackson '87 works for API-ProAssurance of Austin, Texas as an underwriting supervisor.

Michael McMullen '87 was named the 2011 ABC Committee Member of the year for the Pelican Chapter in Baton Rouge. He is an account manager for CLP Resources.

Dorothy Webb Minor '87 works as a family and pediatric nurse practitioner for St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe.

Debra Thomas Smith '87 is a tax professional for H&R Block in Camden, Ark.

Ron St. John '87 is an insurance and real estate agent for Merchants & Planters Agency in Warren, Ark.

Michael Williams '87 is a National Key Account Manager for Reckitt Benckiser, LLC.

1988

Marcel Bourgeois '88 serves as a process operator for Motive Enterprises/Shell in Convent.

Shelley Smith Gage '88, '90 is a self-employed licensed mental health counselor in Pensacola, Fla. She is married to Tony Gage '90.

Stacy Greene Guice '88 is an attorney for the Office of the Chapter XIII Trustee in Monroe. She is married to Jon Guice '88.

Vaurice "Reese" Johnson '88 is the owner of Evans Garment Restoration in Sharpsburg, Ga.

Yolanda Jones '88 serves as a creative coach and owner for Heart & Sole Fitness and Lifestyle Coaching in Aurora, Colo.

Russell Mangum '88 is an instructor/developer at Sureskills in Austin, Texas.

Blair Michel '88 serves as an adjuster for Coastal Risk Services in Lafayette.

Lela Ware '88 is employed at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston as an occupational therapist.

1989

Sharon Michelle Aldridge '89 works as an RNFA for Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

Cherie Tharpe Anyan '89, '08 teaches for the Ouachita Parish School Board. She is married to Gary Mark Anyan '85.

Rebecca Berry '89 works for the Louisiana Department of Revenue in Baton Rouge as a revenue tax auditor specialist.

Steven Choate '89 is a supervisor for Schlumberger in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Laura Smith Kaul '89 is an English teacher at West Ouachita High School.

Thomas Minvielle '89 works for Kinder Morgan in Houston, Texas and is married to Carrie Anna Ross Minvielle '87.

Michele Griffin Seiler '89 teaches at Mandeville High School.

1990

Michael "Wayne" Allen '90 serves as a Deputy U.S. Marshal for the U.S. Marshals Service.

Shane Desselle '90, '95 is a dean and professor at California Northstate University in Cordova, Calif.

Richard Dews '90 is a SWAT police officer for the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is married to Pamela Dews '90.

Kim Marley Doerge '90 is the managed care director for Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc., in Town and Country, Mo.

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Elizabeth Maley Douglas '90 teaches English for Calcasieu Parish Schools. She is married to Dowd Douglas '90.

Claes Jetzel '90 is an operations supervisor for State Farm Insurance in Town and Country, Mo. He is married to Catherine Green Jetzel '91.

1991

Norman Amos '91 is a school principal for the Jackson Parish School Board.

Viola Benjamin Callier '91 was appointed principal of Harahan Elementary by the Jefferson Parish School Board in July 2011.

Scott Ferguson '91 is a police officer for the city of Monroe and is married to Erin Ferguson '06.

Marcus Martin '91 is the CEO of 2M Research Services in Cedar Hill, Texas.

1992

Stephanie LeBlanc Bourgeois '92 works as an insurance account representative for Adam McCarthy State Farm in Gonzales. She is married to Paul Bourgeois '92.

Dieadra Pickney Cains '92 is employed by Walgreens in Opelousas as a pharmacy manager.

1993

Scott Carroway '93 works at Benton High School in Bossier City as a coach. He is married to Sally Forrest Carroway '93.

Veronica Henry Hashieder '93 is a medical technologist for Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport.

Mark Neal '93 is an attorney at Neal Law Firm in Monroe. He is married to Rhonda Wray Neal '94.

Latarsha Smith Theard '93 is the business manager for Charter Schools USA.

1994

Julie Cruse Breithaupt '94 recently married and works as a pharmacist at Sam's Club in Alexandria.

Brian Coyne '94 is a clinical operations supervisor at Duke University Health Systems.

Fuhua Gui '94 is an associate at Page Southerland Page in Austin, Texas and is married to Weilian Lang '94.

Ellis Lewis '94 serves as agency director for St. Francis Insurance Agency in Monroe.

Colby Petch '94 is employed as a Resource Manager for Six Sigma Construction and Engineering by AT&T in West Monroe.

Dr. Lucy McGhee Simpkins '94 is the principal at Inspired Vision Middle/High School, a public charter in Dallas, Texas serving 500 students.

James Standley '94 serves as deputy disciplinary counsel for the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel in Baton Rouge.

Bobby E. Stewart '94 is owner and operator of the Richmond (Ky.) Athletic Club.

1995

Deborah Cody Bond '95 works for Standard Enterprises of Monroe as a financial analyst.

Antonio Manuel Diaz de las Casas '95 works for the West Indies Company as director of Planning and Control.

Paulette Edwards '95 is a Cota/l rehab director for Incite Rehab in Benton, Ark.

Mary Navarre Keiser '95 works for the National Weather Service in Calera, Ala., as a senior meteorologist. She is married to Shawn Keiser '96.

Reshema Kemps-Polanco '95 is brand director for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation in East Hanover, N.J.

Phillip Shaw '95 is an associate director of athletics for ULM.

Wendy Slade '95 works for Dowell & Dowell, P.C. as a patent agent in Alexandria, Va.

1996

Richard "Ben" Baldwin '96 serves as vice president for McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc. in Minden. He is married to Angela S. Baldwin '96.

Sherry Davis '96 is a rehabilitation counselor associate for Louisiana Rehabilitation Services in Monroe.

Mary Kathleen Redman Dupree '96 is the controller for the city of Ruston.

1997

Brady Cole '97 works as a pharmacist for Tom Thumb Pharmacy in Allen, Texas.

Ann Stafford Farrar '97, '10 teaches for Ouachita Parish School Board.

Kerri Bozman Pierce '97 is a 7th grade teacher at Life Science at Huntington Middle/High School in Caddo Parish. She married in 2003 and has two daughters.

Tim Rightsell '97 serves as assistant vice president for Chase Bank in Monroe.

1998

Courtney Abraham '98 serves as Joint Operations and Plans Officer for the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Michael Bozeman '98 is a corporal with the Monroe Police Department. He is married to Deanna McDuffie Bozeman '90.

Jennifer Hulin Crawford '98 is a certified occupational therapy assistant at Specialty Hospital in Rayville.

Shannon Anding Hardie '98 is the director of Knuckleheads in Calhoun. She is married to Matt Hardie '97.

Renee Hebert '98, '00 recently accepted a position at Clemson University as the director of the Office of Student Enrichment in the College of Business and Behavioral Science.

Keyontia Rogers Johnson '98 is a vice president with the San Antonio (Texas) Home for Children.

1999

Amy Smart Pecanty '99 is a senior manager for Axiom in Schertz, Texas.

2000

Jessica Everritt Gay '00 is a registered nurse at North Austin (Texas) Medical Center where she is the perinatal bereavement coordinator.

Jill Hummel '00 serves as a senior product analyst for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Phillip Luke LeBas '00 is an emergency medicine clinical faculty member at LSU Health Science Center in New Orleans.

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commencement
exercises, which was
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Jeremy Moore '00, '02 serves as the vice president of business banking for Capital One Bank in Shreveport. He is married to Miranda Waller Moore '94.

2001

Doris Wallace Whitty '01 is the CEO/Founder of Trinity Birthday Club in Monroe.

Emily Bass Wyatt '01 is a speech-language pathologist at Glenwood Regional Medical Center in West Monroe. She married Bo Wyatt '90 on January 14, 2012.

2002

Michelle Bethea '02 works for the Concordia Parish School Board as the supervisor of child nutrition after serving six years as school principal for Ferriday.

Larry Cook '02 serves as a company commander in the US Army, based out of Fort Riley, Kan.

Miranda Hasley Shriver '02 is the vice president of Guy Carpenter in Minneapolis, Minn.

2003

Kristal Gentry Anzalone '03, '08 serves as the associate registrar for records at ULM. She is married to Bradley Patrick Anzalone '00.

Dorothy Miller '03 is a security specialist for the Department of Homeland Security in Arlington, Va.

2004

William Dayton '04 is a producer for Moreman, Moore & Co., Inc. in Monroe.

Gordon Tolleson II '04 was recently promoted to managing the third largest branch at Stuart C. Irby Company in Mobile, Ala. He is married to Angela Diana Tolleson '10.

2005

Tom Brans '05 is a technology consultant for Connect One Security in Houston, Texas.

James Thomas '05 is a realtor with John Rea Realty in Monroe.

Doneil White '05 is a Union Pacific Railroad apprentice train dispatcher. His wife, Kimberly Garrett White '98, became an apprentice dispatcher for Union Pacific Railroad after the couple relocated to Omaha, Neb.

2006

Pankaj S. Bhandari '06 is a lead business analyst for Mphasis, an HP Company, in Pune, India.

Benjamin Bickham '06 has won a Sundance Film Festival Award for his work as an actor, produce, writer and director. He recently starred in the beginning of "Jeff, Who Lives at Home," a comedy starring Susan Sarandon, Jason Segel, and Ed Helms.

Alicia Griffin '06 serves as fitness director for Graham Regional Medical Center Fitness Center in Graham, Texas.

Adam Harrington '06 is a postdoctoral researcher for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Kathy Moore '06 is an administrative coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Kelli Straughn Stephens '06 serves as an x-ray/lab technologist for Mainline Health Systems in Monticello, Ark.

2007

Jamie Christy '07 is a practice manager for Hecht Veterinary Hospital in Tulsa, Okla.

Stephanie Masters '07 is employed at the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham where she serves as manager of Adult Services.

Tyler McGuffee '07 serves as a rate review business consultant for the Indiana Department of Insurance Health Care Reform Team.

Lauren Tucker Merrells '07 is a Medical Surgery Oncology RN for Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville, N.C.

Kate Wadsworth Seales '07 serves as a physical therapist for MedTravelers in Nashville, Tenn.

2008

Maurice Batiste '08, '09 works as a school psychologist for East Baton Rouge Parish School System. She recently graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University with Master's of Education in Educational Leadership.

Ashton Brown '08 serves as a personal banker for Chase Bank in Monroe.

Andrew Olinde, Jr. '08 is an account executive for Vantage Health Plan in Monroe.

Lindsey Ray Tyson '08 graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in August 2012 as a physical therapist.

2009

Morgan Jones '09 is employed through Methodist Healthcare - University Hospital in Germantown, Tenn., as a clinical pharmacy specialist in neurocritical care.

2010

Jennifer King Clark '10 is a self-employed speech-language pathologist.

Shannon Davis '10, '11 serves as administrative lead for DMC-Carter Chambers in Aledo, Texas.

Kristian Fruge '10 is a clinical pharmacist at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge. He is married to Tram Tran Fruge '09.

Andrew Hardee '10 teaches at Riverside Academy in Coushatta.

Russell Hollis '10 is employed as a counselor in the ULM Counseling Center. He and wife Deborah Gardener Hollis '83 have been married for 23 years and have 3 children.

2011

Landey Adams '11 is an insurance account representative for Barry Scott State Farm Insurance in Olla.

Ashley Downhour Hendrix '11 is currently interning at Allen, Green, & Williamson in Monroe.

Erin Jordan '11 serves as a case manager for the Caldwell Parish Council on Aging.

Bryan Netherland '11 is employed through Hercules Transport Inc. of Choudrant as assistant director of Safety & Compliance.

2012

Glenn Childress '12 returned to school after 23 years and graduated with his daughter, Lindsey Childress '12.

James Gary '12 is the assistant manager for American Eagle Outfitters in Monroe.

Amber Slacks '12 is currently interning at the Cardiac Rehab Center in Monroe.

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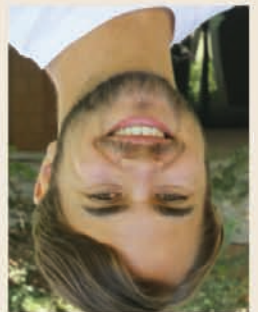


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FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Jordan Baugh

Private scholarships from the ULM Foundation are an integral part of funding a student's education. The ULM Foundation scholarships are funded by ULM alumni and friends.

With over 400 Foundation scholarships available, students can apply based on criteria that help them become more competitive within a larger pool of applicants.

Jordan Baugh, a freshman accounting major from West Monroe, reflects on his scholarship experience.

"I applied for many different scholarships," said Baugh. "Combined with TOPS, my scholarship provided me with an opportunity

that most students do not receive. I was blessed to single-handedly cover all the expenses of my first semester, with no money out-of-pocket."

Baugh continued, "The benefit in receiving this scholarship is that there are no worries or stresses in figuring out how I am going to pay for

school. In some cases, this burden is the deciding factor of whether a student ever receives their degree or not. I am able to spend more time concentrating and working on my studies and less time working to pay back loans."

Scholarships at ULM are pivotal in ensuring the continued success of students who are seeking the benefits of higher education at ULM.

"My scholarship also provides me with the opportunity to really become involved within my university. In my opinion, receiving a scholarship provides a student a better chance

at being successful in his or her school, occupation, and life," said Baugh. "I'm pleased to have been awarded the scholarship from my university because without it, my college experience could not be the same."

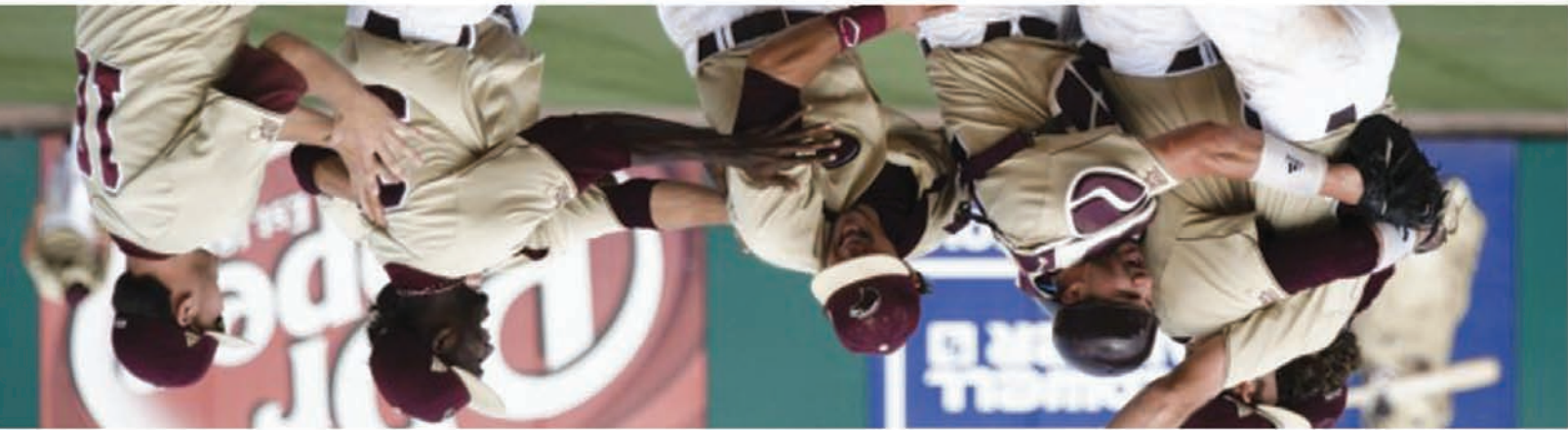
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WARHAWK ATHLETICS



Lou St. Amant

Lou St. Amant (B.S., '70; M.S., '71) is just one of the many donors whom the ULM Athletic Foundation relies on for support of its programs and student-athletes. As a donor and Warhawk booster, St. Amant shares in ULM's tradition of giving 110 percent. Being a donor signifies participation in something worthwhile and rewarding for St. Amant and ULM student-athletes.

"I am in a position to give back to the university for all the university did for me in my coaching and teaching experiences," said St. Amant. "I am extremely proud to be a member of the ULM donor family, and hopefully, it will help other students and athletes achieve their dreams."

"It's important for me to give back to the ULM Athletic Foundation and the university in appreciation for the many opportunities and help I received as a student, coach, and instructor. The university was instrumental in the development of my character and career," St. Amant said.

St. Amant was the winner of the 2012 Scogin Award, which is presented to a person who has demonstrated exemplary service to ULM Athletics and the ULM Athletic Foundation over a long period of time. St. Amant showed that "all in" measure of sacrifice and dedication



necessary to a successful fundraising organization and athletic program.

St. Amant was named head baseball coach in 1976 and guided the team for 18 seasons. During his tenure, he won a record 414 games. St. Amant is a member of the ULM Athletic Hall of Fame. After retiring from coaching, St. Amant handled color commentary duties for ULM football, basketball and baseball games for many years.

MORE ABOUT THE ULM ATHLETIC FOUNDATION:

- The ULM Athletic Foundation is comprised of individuals and businesses with a common mission: to raise awareness and financial support for the Warhawks athletic programs; positively promote all athletic events; grow the fan and donor base; and enhance the lives of over 350 student-athletes.

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



Marty McKay

As the needs of higher education continue to grow, donations of both time and money enable the ULM College of Pharmacy to produce and maintain excellent academic, research, and service programs.

Marty McKay, (B.S., '74) is one of the many supporters of the ULM College of Pharmacy who gives back to his alma mater in variable ways. As the Chair of the Dean's Advisory Committee for the College of Pharmacy, McKay has been given the opportunity to provide hands-on support for the college.

McKay helped facilitate the funding and expansion of programs and facilities for the ULM College of Pharmacy. He serves on the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and as the Central Regional Director of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association.

McKay finds offering time and expertise are important to the college's progress. McKay advises the dean, and a group of alumni and council members who ensure the college is producing the most knowledgeable and prepared students in the field.

The mission of the College of Pharmacy is to educate future health care professionals to meet the diverse pharmaceutical care needs

of Louisiana and to serve the professions of pharmacy and toxicology through a balanced program of education, research, service, and patient care. The College of Pharmacy is the only state-supported program, and its students average an excellent first time passage rate on state licensure exams.

MORE ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY:

- Through its collaborative partnerships with the Louisiana State University Health Science Centers and other health care centers, the college provides high-level pharmacy care for state residents. Via partnerships with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, the college provides prior authorization services, disease management programs, and evaluation of patient and program outcomes for the Louisiana Patient Assistance Program.
- The college's Drug Information Center provides Louisiana's health care professionals with assistance in obtaining drug information and providing evidence-based answers to patient care questions.



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Kitty Degree

Kitty Degree, honored donor and philanthropist, is ULM's greatest supporter. Her dedication has allowed ULM to invigorate campus facilities and programs.

"As a longtime supporter of ULM, I have directly seen the development and success the university is able to accomplish through community support," said Degree.

Degree, an Emeritus member of the ULM Foundation Board, and namesake of the Kitty Degree School of Nursing,

is committed to advancing higher education in northeast Louisiana. "It is an investment in our future," Degree continued. "We must agree and understand that educating our children is the solution to many of our state's social, cultural and economic challenges. Our children should have access to quality higher education here at home, and hopefully those children can remain in our state and contribute productively to our workforce."



ULM has steadily grown into a top university choice for students through the continued efforts of donors like Degree. "Community donations could well become the lifeline of our schools as they experience deeper and deeper reductions from state and federal funds. I donate because I care about the future of ULM in this community, and for these students today and tomorrow. I am very proud to be counted as a supporter of ULM."

ABOUT THE KITTY DEGREE SCHOOL OF NURSING:

- Founded in 1960 and graduating the first class of baccalaureate nurses in 1964, the Kitty Degree School of Nursing has a long history of excellence.
- Graduates receive education in all aspects of nursing care, preparing them to work in a variety of health care environments.
- The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education reaffirmed accreditation of the ULM baccalaureate degree nursing program through 2020.
- On five separate occasions since 2008, ULM nursing graduates have scored 100 percent on their NCLEX nursing exams.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Janet Hood-Hanchey

Dr. Janet Hood-Hanchey (B.A. '70), a member of the ULM Foundation Board of Trustees, is a supporter and advocate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Education and Human Development.

"Aside from the honor of being invited to participate on the Foundation Board, it means so much to have the opportunity to give back to the university that provided me an excellent education at a remarkably reasonable cost," said Hood-Hanchey.

She and her husband Keith (B.S. '70), now living in Highland Village, Texas, still provide ongoing support for CEHD and its grads. The Hancheys have agreed to establish an endowment fund for the students in CEHD that will benefit the college for generations to come. The Hancheys have also committed to matching funds for CEHD faculty gift donations. Hood-Hanchey still has strong ties and lasting memories of her alma mater. She asks current and future alumni to support their university. "I am fiercely passionate about what I see as the critical necessity of ULM to the economic viability of Monroe and the region. Our

ABOUT ULM'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

- The CEHD provides northeast Louisiana with 77 percent of its teachers, creating a community focused atmosphere inside the classroom. GetEducated.com recently awarded CEHD with four "best buy for online degree" recognitions.
- CEHD's online Master of Art in Teaching, Master in Curriculum & Instruction, Master in Educational Administration, and Master in Education were all given high overall program rankings as well as affordability rankings. Each program offers students the ability for professional growth, leading to becoming more effective educational professionals in their chosen fields.

institutions need their alumni as never before in our history. It is time for those of us who reaped the benefits from the years of affordable tuition and conveniently located universities to step up, defend, and give back to the institutions whose affordability and quality launched our career paths."



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



Bruce Bouliware

Bruce Bouliware (B.S., '69) was the first in his family to graduate from college—the foundation for his 25 years in senior leadership at some of the nation's leading law firms.

His accounting professors provided him with personalized guidance for his successful career. "The accounting faculty, who had both practical and classroom experience, were truly outstanding, and their mentoring was invaluable. Jim Dear, Will Smith, and John Luffey were particularly helpful to me," he said. "I was well prepared to be successful in first, public accounting and later, corporations and law firms," he said. Bruce, who has chaired ULM's Foundation Board of Trustees Development Committee, continues to support the institution where he earned an accounting degree and was named "Outstanding Business Graduate" of his class.

"Education is my principal philanthropic interest, as I believe it is the only path to individual and societal progress and success," he said. "ULM has strengths to reach new markets and distinguish itself among its peer and competing institutions with vision, leadership and academic program differentiation. Alumni can help by sharing their expertise, participating actively with ULM leadership, faculty, and students, and making financial contributions."

Bruce and his wife Elizabeth, utilizing their combined business expertise, provide significant

leadership to ULM. A few of their contributions include: the Bruce and Elizabeth Bouliware Professorship in Management; College of Business Internship Support Fund; College of Business Capital Fund; and the Berry Allen and Reta Meeks McKenzie Case Classroom. They also participate in the annual College of Business Symposium.

In addition to their support for the College of Business, Bruce and Liz have supported significant university projects, including the University Residence (Bon Aire) and the Clarke M. Williams Student Success Center. They also provided a significant leadership gift to aid the university and displaced students in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Bruce received the Golden Arrow Award in 2008.

Bruce's advice for young professionals looking to mirror his success is to "be curious, and find a successful mentor to help you develop."

ABOUT ULM'S ACCOUNTING PROGRAM:

- ULM's undergraduate accounting program is one of the nation's few programs to earn separate accreditation from AACSB-International, the premier business accreditation agency.
- ULM's College of Business is launching a new certificate program—Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting—that will provide a valuable academic credential in the job marketplace.



Mike Zambie, M.D.

Civic leader and local physician, **MIKE ZAMBIE (B.S., '71)**, is the current President of the Friends of the Natural History Museum, a group created to ensure the progress of the University of Louisiana at Monroe Museum of Natural History.

The Friends work to engage the public in their efforts to support one of the most respected and nationally known museum collections. The museum's importance is not lost on Zambie.

He said, "The most impressive thing about the museum is how the faculty has been able to assemble exhibits of amazing quality by investing their time and working many hours to provide a wide variety of displays, rock collections, archaeological specimens, and a big-game collection that rivals some of the largest museums in the country."

Zambie's contributions of time and volunteer work, along with grants, and donations from the general public, help to provide supplies, and to sponsor exhibits and lectures, receptions, and outside entities that use the museum's facilities. "In a technology-driven society, having a resource like the Museum of Natural History gives children and adults the opportunity to get back to nature," continued Zambie. "The museum is a great way for ULM to connect with the community and for children to experience ULM."

The museum promotes and advances the understanding and appreciation of natural history based on its collections, exhibits, education, and research. The museum emphasizes the natural history of north Louisiana including the biodiversity, paleontology, geology, and archeology of the area. Through grants and charitable donations from the people of northeast Louisiana, the museum has embarked on an extensive move and remodel project that is sure to impress visitors. The museum boasts numerous rocks, gems, and minerals, dinosaur fossils, ancient vertebrates, invertebrates, plants, and many others.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:

- "CyberFlora Louisiana" seeks to digitize the images and data of more than one million plant specimens in 15 Louisiana herbaria, of which 475,000 are housed at the museum.
- The museum houses the world's third largest university-based fish collection.
- In October 2011, Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler inducted the museum into The Heroes and Heritage Trail, which highlights 17 Louisiana museums.

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