

LSUS history professor introduces rare illuminated manuscript to the world

A globe-trotting scholar who calls LSUS home has uncovered a lost literary treasure from his native country.

Last year, Dr. Alex Mikaberidze stumbled across an illuminated manuscript while doing research at the Lilly Library at Indiana University. That led to his newly published book, "The Living Alphabet: Sulkhan Saba Orbeliani's 'Dictionary of the Georgian Language'", which introduces the manuscript to the public for the first time. Georgia is a country in the Caucasus region of Eurasia. Dr. Mikaberidze calls the country home but moved to the United States in 2000 to pursue research on Napoleon.

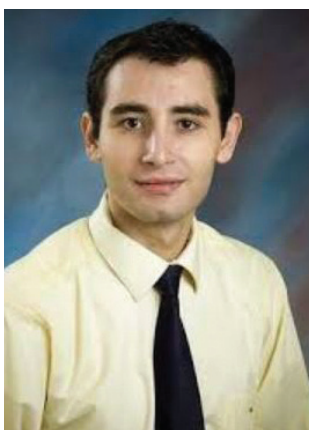
"I still remember that sense of joy, serendipity and disbelief when I discovered what was inside the manuscript - a whimsical illuminated alphabet. These illuminated letters represent a unique attempt to create an anthropomorphic version of the Georgian alphabet, one that combines Western and Eastern, Christian and Islamic influences in one form," he recalled.

Dr. Mikaberidze joined the LSUS faculty in 2007. He is a professor of history and the Ruth Herring Noel Endowed Chair for the Curatorship of the James Smith Noel Collection at LSUS.

The illuminated manuscript is the dictionary of the Georgian language written by Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani in the early 18th century. The manuscript was long considered to have been lost but will now be available to the researchers. The book was presented at the Royal Asiatic Society, one of the preeminent British learned societies in the field of Asian studies, in London on June 11.



"The Living Alphabet: Sulkhan Saba Orbeliani's 'Dictionary of the Georgian Language'" showcases an illuminated manuscript Dr. Alex Mikaberidze uncovered while researching 18th century diplomatic dispatches.



Dr. Alex Mikaberidze is a history professor and the Ruth Herring Noel Endowed Chair for the Curatorship of the James Smith Noel Collection at LSUS.

Dr. Mikaberidze also continues chasing information about his favorite historical figure, French Emperor Napoleon. An international expert on Napoleon, he enjoys bringing the French general to life with character studies and anecdotes. His new book, "The Napoleonic Wars: A Global History", will be published by Oxford University Press.

"Starting in the summer of 1789, the revolutionary turmoil spread across France, then Europe and beyond, questioning existing institutions and traditions, and championing new ideas about government, liberty and citizenship....this pivotal historical moment continues to serve as an inspiration of the finest principles of modern democracy as well as a warning of what can happen when idealism goes wrong," he said.

Go to page 10 to find out how you can join us in Washington, D.C., this fall for Dr. Alex Mikaberidze's seminar on the French Revolution.

New LSUS scholarship honors Shreveport advertising executive

Jack Lamb got a priceless birthday present when he turned 80 this spring—an endowed scholarship honoring his legacy in the advertising business and his commitment to education.

Lamb's four children, Ann Lamb Tolleson, Walter Lamb, Richard Lamb and Patrick Lamb, hatched the scholarship scheme. All four are first-generation college graduates and built their careers around their degrees. Their dad and their mother, Georgiann Lamb, never graduated from college.

"I have two big regrets in my whole life, first, my wife did not have what I consider a proper honeymoon, and two, I do not have what I consider a proper degree," he said.

Lamb was a Marine Corps reservist. He worked in local radio and television in Shreveport-Bossier City and was an advertising and marketing salesman for decades.

He learned the advertising business from the ground up—literally.

"I ended up going to work at a billboard company, digging holes in the ground and putting creosote poles in them and putting signs on them," he said.

He worked his way up at ad agencies before operating his own ad agency, sales promotion company, and, ultimately, Lamb Outdoor Advertising.

"I came up with a program, a special

way of acquiring property, and also tied it in to billboards, and it was very successful," he said.

Walter Lamb admires his dad's work ethic and the foundation his parents provided for the family.

"He had three kids out of the gate, so he had to work. He worked several jobs at once. He's such a gifted salesperson and marketer, but he knew if you had an education, it would be easier," Walter Lamb said. "He and our mother were always very supportive of us going to school."

The Jack Lamb Outdoor Advertising Endowed Scholarship will award a scholarship to at least one student each semester, with preference given to active-duty and retired military members attending or planning to attend LSUS. However, a selection committee will consider any students, who meet somewhat minimal criteria, because of Lamb's firm belief that everyone needs higher education to succeed in work and life, said LSUS Foundation Executive Director Laura Perdue.

Jack Lamb says he's still grateful to the businessmen who mentored him as he built his career and the scholarship is a new way to mentor others.

"When I was in business, kids who really put forth the effort, especially the ones who made exceptionally good grades, I made a job for them. I paid it forward," he said. "The scholarship is wonderful. "You've got to give back. You can't just take, take, take."



A new endowed scholarship honors Shreveport businessman Jack Lamb



Jack Lamb at his advertising agency in the early 1960s



Jack Lamb's children—from left, Patrick Lamb, Walter Lamb, Ann Tolleson and Richard Lamb—created the scholarship to honor their dad, Jack Lamb (seated in front). Their mother, the late Georgiann Lamb, worked alongside Jack Lamb in the family businesses.

In Memoriam: Dr. Michael V. Doran

Dr. Michael V. Doran passed away March 24, 2019. He joined the LSU-Shreveport faculty in 2018 as chair of the Computer Science Department and helped create the university's Cyber Collaboratory.

He enjoyed teaching students of all ages. Dr. Doran earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science in 1982, a master's in engineering in 1984 and a doctorate in computer science in 1989, all from Tulane University. Before joining the LSUS faculty, Dr. Doran was a faculty member at the University of Southern Alabama for 20 years. He served the University of Southern Alabama as a computer science coordinator, tenured professor, tenured associate professor,

assistant professor, and instructor. His work was published in journals, presented at conferences, and written in grants. He guided numerous students to Goldwater Awards and NSF funding. He is survived by his wife, Laura Carlson, and two children, Eilis Lucille and Matthew Joseph; his sister, Teresa Doran Billings, and her husband, Robert; and a niece and nephew.



Dr. Michael Doran (right) shares his vision for LSU-Shreveport's Cyber Collaboratory with LSUS supporter Emma Shepard during an open house in March. Dr. Doran, who joined the LSUS faculty in 2018, passed away on March 24.

Donors establish Dr. Michael V. Doran Memorial Scholarship in computer science

Two anonymous donors have created a \$1,500 scholarship in memory of Dr. Michael V. Doran.

The scholarship supports an outstanding computer science graduate who plans to enroll in the LSUS MSCST program in the upcoming year. Dr. Doran was a champion of the program and computer science students of all ages.

LSUS Chancellor Larry Clark awarded the scholarship to James M. Thomas. In addition to his classroom work, Thomas has been an intern at Praeses, a software and technology company based in Shreveport.

"Dr. Doran provided important visionary work with the development of our forthcoming Cyber Collaboratory, the future home for his planned K-12 summer robotic camp students," Clark said. "I encourage you to be driven by Dr. Doran's legacy of commitment and respect to others and his focus upon excellence for all he strove to do in life."



LSUS computer science major James Thomas (center) recently received the Dr. Michael V. Doran Memorial Scholarship. Presenting the scholarship were, from left, LSUS Chancellor Larry Clark; Dr. Peter Siska, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Eilis Doran, Dr. Doran's daughter; Laura Doran, Dr. Doran's wife; and Dr. Al McKinney, chair of the Department of Computer Science.

Louisiana teachers of the year eligible for new scholarship

The LSUS Foundation has created the LSU Shreveport Scholarship for Teaching Excellence to help Louisiana's outstanding educators refresh and expand their classroom skills.

Spencer Kiper, the 2019 Louisiana Teacher of the Year and an LSUS alumnus, is the first recipient. Kiper is a STEM teacher at Elm Grove Middle School in Bossier Parish.

In May, Kiper joined other teachers of the year from around the United States at a week-long conference in Washington, D.C. Highlights of the visit included meeting President

Donald Trump, Vice-President Mike Pence, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and key members of Congress.

"We were able to advocate for the needs of our schools and communities," Kiper said.

He plans to take a one-year sabbatical from the classroom to continue his education and coach other teachers. He'll use his scholarship to learn more about cyberspace and computer programming so he can create a cyber curriculum for his students.

"I'm just very fortunate to have the support of LSUS and the community as a whole. I'm a product of the Shreveport-Bossier area. I plan on staying and continuing to create a life here. I'm invested," Kiper said. "I want LSUS to be known as the school for top-notch, top quality educators."



Louisiana Teacher of the Year Spencer Kiper, an LSUS alumnus, met President Donald Trump during a conference in Washington, D.C. in May.

Pioneer Heritage Center director honored with preservation award

Marty Young, director of the LSUS Pioneer Heritage Center, has been named winner of the 2019 Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation Education Award.

Young holds the Bobbie Hicks Endowed Professorship for the Pioneer Heritage Center Authors in April Program.

The statewide preservation award recognizes an individual or organization that, through educational efforts, helped broaden appreciation for the importance of value of historic preservation in Louisiana.

Young received the award during the

Louisiana Trust Soirée May 2 in Baton Rouge.

"I was truly honored," Young said. "And it was gratifying for someone outside the system to recognize the work we've been doing."

Young, an LSUS alumnus, has been with the Pioneer Heritage Center 20 years. He manages the complex of historic buildings on the LSUS campus; organizes Pioneer Day celebrations; and helps bring internationally known writers to Shreveport each year through the Authors in April program.

Young shares his love of local and regional history with thousands of students and countless adults each year – and not just with tours and lectures. Young demonstrates the art and science of blacksmithing, a skill he shares with preservationists and history buffs around the country.

"Without entities like the Pioneer Heritage Center, your regional history and regional identity is lost," he said. "For us, it's being able to pass on the traditions and for our visitors to see how these homes were built, the craftsmanship that went into them."



Marty Young, center, has received the 2019 Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation Education Award. Mary Anne Selber, left, and Jean Sayres, right, joined Young in Baton Rouge for the award presentation in May.

Students, donors celebrate success and support at LSUS Foundation annual scholarship luncheon

Scholarships are helping first-generation LSUS students Jasmine Hill and Harper McKnight vault the walls that once barred them from a college degree.

Hill and McKnight shared their stories during the LSUS Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon April 10. The unique event gives students a chance to thank donors and lets donors see first-hand the impact of their gifts. This year the LSUS Foundation awarded more than 200 scholarships totaling more than \$380,000.

Hill, 21, of Shreveport, is a senior majoring in financial analysis. McKnight, of McLeod, Texas, is a senior majoring in mass communications.

“None of my family had ever set foot on a college campus,” Hill said. “I had a higher chance of running into a bullet in my neighborhood than someone with a college degree.”

Her example is encouraging others to pursue higher education.

“Today my little sister is a sophomore



Harper McKnight, left, and Jasmine Hill come from vastly different backgrounds, but they have determination in common. Scholarships and community support are helping these young women and other first-generation college students thrive at LSUS.

here, my brother is a freshman, and over one-third of my community is enrolled in some form of higher education,” she said.

McKnight said LSUS gave her the courage to look beyond her tiny East Texas community after she graduated from Texarkana College with a two-year degree.

“I’m a first-generation college student and first-generation college graduate,” she said. “LSUS was really the only university I found in Northwest Louisiana that offered transfer student scholarships, so it wasn’t going to put me so far in debt.”

LSUS Foundation President Steve Yancey praised donors for investing in the university and community.

“Your gifts will make a difference for generations,” Yancey said.



The Shreveport Second Line Brass Band, led by Grand Marshal Robert Trudeau (left), transformed the LSUS spring 2019 graduation into a parade, prompting Chancellor Larry Clark to join the celebration. Dr. Cynthia Ramkelawan hired the band to play for her daughter CyVanie Ramkelawan, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree.

LSUS Foundation Navigators setting sail for new opportunities after graduation

Four of our Navigators are launching the next chapter in their adventures after graduating in May.



HUNTER GOSNEY graduated with a degree in community health. He focused on preparation to pursue master's and doctoral degrees, with a goal of becoming a physical therapist or a college professor who teaches community health or kinesiology classes.

"LSUS gave me an affordable, great education," he said. "It was scholarships that drove me to choose LSUS. It was the professors and students that made me want to stay."

Gosney grew up all over the United States as his family answered the call of the Air Force. He says some of his best memories from LSUS involve making friends as he became involved in campus organizations. He was an officer in Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, former president of the KHSS Club and an Intern at LSUS Student Activity Center and Food Pantry in addition to his role as a Navigator.

"I was part of the original group of students to be a part of the (Navigator) program when it first started. As a Navigator I got to assist with many events through the years, from campus tours to hosting important politicians."

WISE WORDS: "Get involved. Not only will it make college more fun, but you're likely to set yourself up for an easier path for success."



DESTINY JONES, of Mansfield, graduated with a degree in community health/health behavior science in May. She will pursue a master's degree in health care administration at LSUS and plans to apply for medical school in August. She's working as an emergency room scribe with the Willis-Knighton Health System to get real-world experience.

Destiny never planned to attend college so close to home, but she says God had other plans for her.

"I wanted to attend school in another state, but choosing LSUS was a good decision because of the class size and the student to teacher ratio," she said.

Besides serving as a Navigator, she was active in the Black Students Association, Kinesiology Club and the Tau Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She said she values her time she spent on campus in classes and service projects.

"Being able to network and create memories with a distinguished group of students is amazing," she said. "Having each other's support benefits both the students and the organizations."

WISE WORDS: "Just because it took you longer than others doesn't mean you failed. Trust God's timing and trust your process."



SHANDREA LYONS, of Monroe, earned a degree in criminal justice in May. She's exploring careers with police agencies in Louisiana and Texas and plans to enroll in a master's degree psychology program at LSUS in the next year.

Family ties led Lyons to LSU-Shreveport after high school. She quickly found an extended family on campus.

"My sister was living in Shreveport at the time...so making the choice to come here was an easy one to make," she said. "Being involved really helped to shape my college experience and really taught me a lot about myself. From professors to fellow students, everyone is willing to help you reach your goals, no matter how large or small."

Besides promoting and supporting LSUS as a Navigator, she was president of the Student Activities Board, a member of the Golden Illusion Dance Line and the 2019 Homecoming queen. She plans to maintain those ties as an active alumna.

WISE WORDS: "Nothing can dim the light that shines from within."
—Maya Angelou



AUSTIN TERRY, of Vivian, earned a degree in computer science in May. He plans to become a systems analyst and work his way up in the computer industry until he lands a job with a top-tier company like Microsoft. This summer, he's working as a legal runner with the law firm of Wilkinson, Carmody and Gilliam while searching for a computer science job. He's also considering graduate school in the fall.

Austin wanted to stay close to home for his undergraduate degree. He enjoyed supporting LSUS and fellow students as a Navigator. He encourages everyone to become involved in campus organizations and plans to stay in touch with his classmates and professors through alumni events.

"I assisted in each Preview Day. This allowed me to talk to possible future students and help set aside any worries they may have about college," he said. "While at LSUS, you should join at least one organization, as it can change your life for the better."

WISE WORDS: "It gets easier. Every day it gets a little easier. But you gotta do it every day. That's the hard part. But it does get easier."

Each year, the LSUS Foundation selects 10 undergraduate student Navigators who give tours, help host special events, talk with prospective students and represent the university on campus and in the community. For more information about the Navigator program, contact Executive Director Laura Perdue at 318-797-5257.

Saints QB Drew Brees visits young fans at LSUS

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees visited LSUS in May to cheer on members of the Football N America flag football program he helped start.

The LSUS Foundation was the first supporter of the league, which offers co-ed play for children in kindergarten through 10th grade. In addition to that support, teams play at LSUS.

“The overwhelming support that we have experienced from our sponsors and partners has been amazing. From the beginning, the LSUS Foundation supported our vision and stepped up and invited us to play there,” said Brandon Beard, commissioner of FNA Shreveport.

“Having Drew Brees show up and

visit with our players and parents is a chance of a lifetime. It is not very often that one of the greatest Quarterbacks ever goes out of his way to come show support for our community.”

Brees spoke to a packed auditorium, then posed for photos with FNA team members and their families. Many of the children and teens sported Saints T-shirts, while a brave few showed up in the jerseys of other teams.

Brees is entering his 13th season with the Saints and 18th overall in the NFL—but he confided that he got his start in flag football while in middle school. Brees told the crowd he didn’t play regular football until his freshman year in high school.

“At the end of the day, it’s about creating the best family experience we can, the best experience for the kids, so that they develop a skill set to play football, so that they develop a love and a passion for it, so it will carry on to so many other things...life skills,” Brees said.



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees met young fans during a visit to LSUS to promote Football N America, a flag football league he co-founded. The LSUS Foundation and university support the co-ed program, which will resume play in the fall at LSUS. Photo courtesy Chuck Smith/Red River Radio

LSUS coach, player earn top honors

LSUS baseball coach Brent Lavallee and Pilots basketball player Jeff Garrett are bringing national attention to LSUS athletics.

For the second time in three years, Lavallee has been named the Red River Athletic Conference Baseball Coach of the Year. The Pilots baseball team has dominated the conference since Lavallee took over as head coach, and this year they ended the regular season as the conference champions with a 22-5 conference record.

Garrett, a senior, was named the 2019 NAIA Division I Player of the Year Award. Garrett also was named the Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year.

Garrett is the first-ever National Player of the Year in LSUS history, and he joins former LSU standouts Pete Maravich (1969, 1970) and Shaquille O’Neal (1991) as one of only three players from a Louisiana college to earn National Player of the Year honors.

“Jeff had arguably the best overall individual season of any player to ever put on the LSUS uniform,” said Head Coach Kyle Blakenship. “He came in here from day one and consistently put in the work that allowed him to have such an incredible season.”



Jeff Garrett

Brent Lavallee

LSUS Foundation offers VIP experience to visitors at fourth annual Red River Balloon Rally Festival

Colorful balloons will light up the summer sky once again when the Red River Balloon Rally Festival takes over the LSUS campus July 12 and 13.

The LSUS Foundation will be right in the middle of the action as the host of the VIP tent—and this is your chance to be there, too, with VIP tickets. A gift of \$250 or more to the foundation in May and June qualifies you for two VIP tickets, but supplies are limited, so don't wait!

This year's rally and festival includes even more fantastic balloons like Yoda, Darth Vader and a pirate ship. New offerings include live music and screenings of the Disney Pixar movie "Up", which follows the adventures of a man who takes flight by tying thousands of balloons to his home.

There will also be tethered balloon rides, children's rides and plenty of food and beverage vendors.

Balloonists will compete in the U.S. South East Regional Hot Air Balloon Championships, attempting to hit a target on the LSUS campus without ever touching the ground. They'll also fly in daily competitions around the community from July 9-15.

And if that's not enough, the finale each evening is a glow, where you can see 30 balloons glowing as darkness steals across the evening sky, and a phenomenal fireworks show.

Your LSUS Foundation contribution of \$250 or more through June 30 entitles you to all of this fun, plus parking and access to an air-conditioned VIP tent with food, beer, wine and a specialty cocktail on July 13.

To donate, contact LSUS Foundation Executive Director Laura Perdue at 318-797-5257.



Colorful hot air balloons will light up the evening sky during the Red River Balloon Rally Festival in July.



LSUS associate professor Dr. Cheryl White, center, was commended by the Louisiana Senate for her work in bringing a replica of the Shroud of Turin to Shreveport. Dr. White and Father Peter Mangum of St. John Berchman's Cathedral worked together on the project. Dr. White is a member of the History and Social Sciences Department and holder of the Hubert Humphreys Endowed Professorship. The North Louisiana delegation presented the commendation on May 23.

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LSUS Foundation on the road



JOIN US IN ATLANTA ON AUGUST 1!

Be a part of the delegation to Atlanta for A meet and greet with our alumni in the area. The trip includes a cocktail reception at the office of DT Spade, overlooking the Braves stadium, courtesy of LSUS alumnus Bryant Cornett, who owns DT Spade; entry into the Atlanta Braves versus Cincinnati Reds game and into a private, catered suite at Below the Chop; and two nights at the Omni Battery, July 31 and August 1.

WE'RE HEADING TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR DR. ALEX MIKABERIDZE'S SECOND LECTURE AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IN OCTOBER.

The Embassy of Georgia has invited us to a cocktail reception the night before to honor Mikaberidze, one of Georgia's native sons who is an internationally known expert on the French Emperor Napoleon.

Join us Oct. 17-20 in Washington for a trip that will combine history, a unique look at another culture, a meet-and-greet with area alumni, and a chance to honor our own Dr. Mikaberidze!



WE ARE AT IT AGAIN! ON NOVEMBER 2 WE WILL MAKE OUR WAY OVER TO KIEPERSOL VINEYARDS IN TYLER, TEXAS. KIEPERSOL, FOUNDED 21 YEARS AGO, PRODUCES A RANGE OF RED AND WHITE WINES.

We take care of it all, including the driving, so you're free to taste Kiepersol's award-winning wine and spirits while enjoying a tour of the vineyards, tasty food and cooking demonstrations at SALT, their demonstration kitchen. And as a bonus, we have a special surprise this year that you won't want to miss!

**Don't be left out of these one-of-a-kind experiences.
Contact LSUS Foundation Executive Director Laura Perdue at 318-797-5257.**

LSUS Foundation taking part in system-wide capital campaign

This spring LSU officially launched a system-wide campaign. The \$1.5 billion campaign, *Fierce for the Future*, focuses on raising philanthropic support for all institutions within the system.

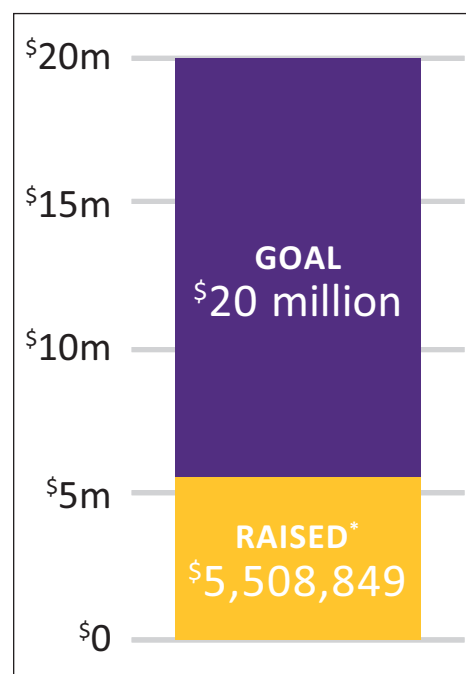
The LSUS Foundation is participating and focusing on securing gifts to support the six pillars of the university's strategic plan: Advancing Arts & Culture, Bridging Waterways, Energy and Environment, Fostering Applied Research and Economic Development, Improving Health & Well-Being, Transforming Education and Developing Leaders. As always the LSUS Foundation will continue to raise funds for scholarships and endowed professorships.

The campaign has been operating in the quiet phase since July of 2015, and it is slated to run until 2025. *Because of your generosity* historically and your commitment to LSUS, the university's leadership and the LSUS Foundation Board of Directors confidently submitted a goal of \$20 million.

Because of you we can say we are well on our way!

"LSUS is graduating and enrolling more students than ever," said Laura Perdue, LSUS Foundation executive director. "Our alumni speak to the power of the LSUS degree, the opportunities and the financial stability it provides. It's the perfect time to rally behind our local purple and gold."

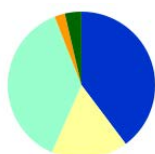
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS



*2015 through June 1, 2019

LSUS Foundation financials as of May 1, 2019

Asset Allocation



Asset Class	Current Value	Current Percent
Domestic Equity	\$10,626,212	39.77%
International Equity	\$4,505,804	16.86%
Fixed Income	\$10,010,399	37.46%
Global Real Estate	\$607,542	2.27%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$971,982	3.64%

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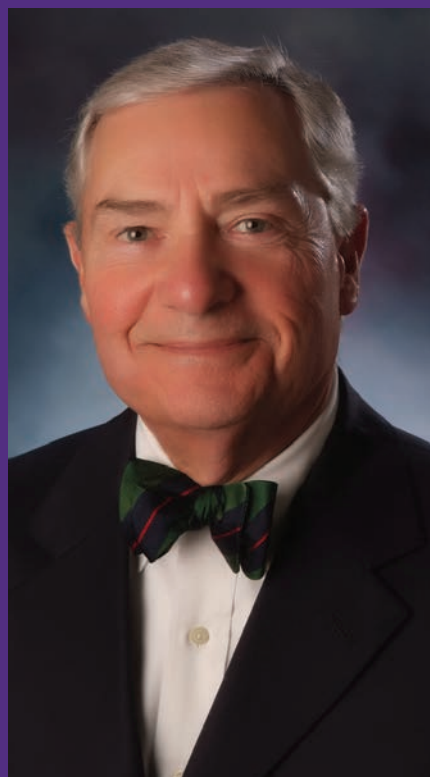
	Year to Date	1 Year To Date	Inception to Date (8/11/2017)
Beginning Value	\$24,352,716	\$26,418,262	\$2,313,648
Net Contribution	\$0	(\$260,000)	\$22,423,576
NET Investment Gain	\$2,369,222	\$563,676	\$1,984,714
Ending Value	\$26,721,938	\$26,721,938	\$26,721,938
Account Return (Net TWR)	9.73%	1.67%	4.65%
Account Return (Gross TWR) (Total)	9.82%	1.86%	4.85%
Consumer Price Index - Unadjusted	1.72%	2.74%	2.54%

Returns for periods exceeding 12 months are annualized

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Steve Yancey



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Mr. Yancey's practice involves real estate and commercial transactions, energy matters, and probate and estate planning. He received his undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University, his master's degree in Business Administration from Louisiana State University, and his law degree from Louisiana State University.

On behalf of the LSUS Foundation I am delighted to report that the wonderful, regional university which we serve continues to excel. This past May 10, LSUS graduated 926 students with 927 degrees. The reason the numbers don't match is that one student earned both a B.S. in Business in B.F.A. in Digital Arts. We are particularly proud of the number of first-generation students that attend LSUS and are exceedingly pleased that most of them graduate. At the graduation ceremony when the Chancellor asked all first-generation students to stand, nearly half of the students came to their feet and the audience erupted in applause.

As an example of the quality of students attending LSUS, the 2019 outstanding MBA student in Human Resources, Dr. Michele Manahan, has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Manahan received her MBA degree with a 4.0 grade point from LSUS. She speaks highly of the LSUS program.

Additionally, we have a local Shreveport fire department captain, Joey Presely, who is a current student in our MBA program. Mr. Presely is a 28-year veteran of the fire department. Also of note is Arnie Wesiter, an 80-year old-attorney, who is starting the MBA program this summer.

This is a great time to be a supporter of this fine university that has such a powerful and enduring impact on the lives of the citizens of the Ark-La-Tex.

The Million Dollar Secret is the \$1.1 million difference in lifetime earnings between someone who has a high school diploma and someone who has earned a college degree.

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