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Together

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In this campaign debrief, you'll discover how thousands of donors made a difference by supporting *Together: The Campaign for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette*.





From the Campaign Co-Champions

“When we launched the *Together Campaign*, we believed in what the University of Louisiana at Lafayette means to Acadiana. And the response we received from more than 33,000 donors proved we weren’t alone. What moved me most was seeing who gave: alumni from every decade, first-time donors, loyal supporters who have stood by the University for years, and friends from 28 countries around the world. This campaign was never really about a dollar amount. It was about our community choosing to invest in each other, in the next generation of Ragin’ Cajuns, and in the future of this region. Thank you to every single person who made it possible.”

- Wayne Elmore, class of 1972

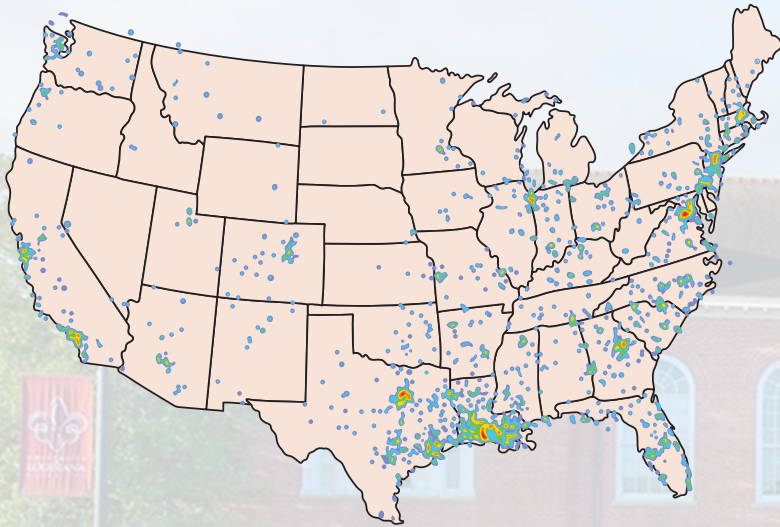
“The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has shaped this region for generations; producing the doctors, engineers, teachers, creators, artists, entrepreneurs, and public servants who help make Louisiana the place where we all want to live, work, and raise our families. This campaign showed us that people across the state and around the world feel tremendous pride in belonging to this family. From scholarships that open doors for first-generation students to research that puts UL Lafayette on the national stage, your generosity has left a mark that will be felt for generations. Thank you for believing in this University as much as we do.”

- Dr. Shawn Wilson, class of 1993

Together,
**WE SHAPE
THE FUTURE.**

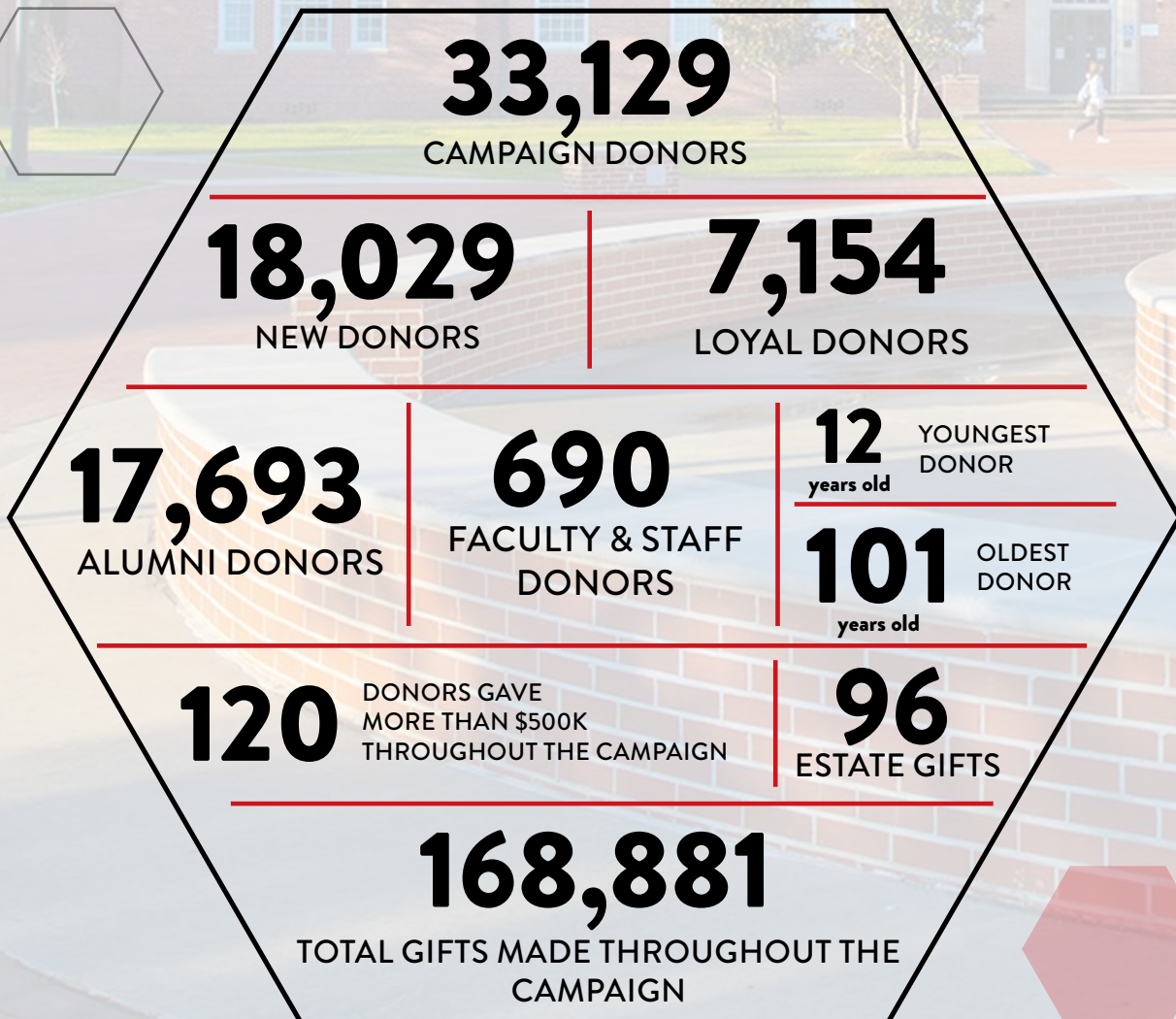


Together, we made an impact



DONORS WERE FROM **50 STATES**, **3 U.S. TERRITORIES** AND **WASHINGTON D.C.**

DONORS ALSO HAILED FROM **28 COUNTRIES** AROUND THE WORLD







Student

SUCCESS & TEACHING

Your generosity established hundreds of new scholarships, removing financial barriers for students to pursue their dreams. Your support also created new professorships to attract world-class faculty and advanced hands-on learning environments, ensuring every UL Lafayette graduate is prepared to lead and serve in Louisiana and around the globe.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2026</u>
Undergraduate	112	161
Graduate	37	39
Doctorate	10	16

Through a bold institutional vision supported by philanthropic investment, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has expanded the breadth of its degree programs, creating new opportunities for students across every college.



Where the Classroom Meets the Canyon: Geosciences Students Learn by Doing

There is no textbook substitute for standing at the rim of Bryce Canyon, reading millions of years of Earth's history in the rock formations below. For students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's School of Geosciences, that experience is not a dream – it's a graduation requirement.

Each summer, geology students trade lecture halls for national parks through GEOL 400, the School's Geology Field Camp class. Over six weeks, May through June, students apply classroom knowledge to real geologic settings across the American West, including Bryce Canyon, the Grand Tetons, and Yellowstone National Park. The course draws applicants from universities across the country, selected based on academic merit and a passion for understanding the Earth.

"Field Camp is where geology students become geologists," says Dr. Brian Schubert, Geosciences Director. "You can teach a student to read a geologic map in a classroom, but there is nothing like putting them in the field to see, touch, and interpret the real thing."

For students, the opportunity is often a turning point. "After spending years studying geology in the classroom, the opportunity to work in the field and directly observe geologic features, while applying the knowledge gained in coursework was extremely rewarding," says class of 2026 geology graduate, Caitlyn Mullis.

That kind of hands-on preparation does not happen without sustained support. And for UL Lafayette geology students, much of that support traces back to one family's enduring love for the University and for the science it taught them.

Paul Cameron McWilliams ('79) and his twin brother Patrick McWilliams ('80) both graduated from what was then the University of Southwestern Louisiana with degrees in Geology. They went on to build successful careers as independent oil and gas producers; their entrepreneurial spirit shaped in no small part by the foundation built here. When Paul passed away in 2020, he left a \$1 million estate gift to the University's School of Geosciences, one of the most generous legacy gifts in the program's history.

The Paul C. McWilliams and Patrick T. McWilliams Endowment for the Study of Geology now provides annual support for Field Camp, weekend field trip expenses, and student scholarships, ensuring that future generations of Ragin' Cajun geologists have the same opportunities that shaped Paul and Pat's lives and careers.

The next student who stands at the rim of Bryce Canyon, notebook in hand, horizon stretching before them, will get there with a little help from two brothers who stood somewhere similar decades ago and never forgot what it meant.

The Mosing Student-Athlete Performance Center: Where Champions Are Made

When Donald Mosing competed as a football and track & field athlete for the former SLI Bulldogs, he learned firsthand what it took to excel as both an athlete and a student. Decades later, he and his wife, Janice, made sure every Ragin' Cajun who followed would have the resources to succeed, both on and off the field.

Unveiled in 2017, the 100,000 square foot *Donald and Janice Mosing Student-Athlete Performance Center* features a 12,000 square foot weight room, a 150-seat auditorium, a nutrition station, and cutting-edge sports medicine and hydrotherapy areas – serving student-athletes across all sports.

For today's student-athletes who are managing the demands of competition and academics, access to this state-of-the-art facility makes all the difference in their health and well-being. "The contributions of the Mosing family make it possible for us to provide the best support and resources for our athletes, allowing them to perform at the highest level," noted Travis Soileau, Associate Director of Athletics for Sports Medicine.

D'Wayne' "Lunch" Winfield, student and starting quarterback for Ragin' Cajuns football added, "the sports medicine and hydrotherapy areas have been game-changers for my recovery. I wouldn't be where I am today without this facility."

Reimagining Nursing Education Through Philanthropy

When Lafayette-based LHC Group committed \$20 million to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's nursing program in 2022, it was (and still is) the largest private philanthropic investment in the University's history. It set in motion a transformation that would reshape the future of healthcare education in Acadiana.

The investment, spearheaded by LHC Group Chairman and CEO, Keith Myers and his wife Ginger Myers, established what is now the LHC Group • Myers School of Nursing. It also endowed the College's internationally accredited simulation lab program, established the University's first endowed deanship, created new faculty research and development funds, expanded scholarship opportunities for students, and supported new endowed professorships – all of which have built a stronger, more sustainable foundation for nursing education.

The partnership has also made the College's long-awaited physical expansion viable, bringing a new Health Sciences Campus closer to reality and unlocking the capacity to enroll more of the qualified students that Louisiana's healthcare workforce desperately needs.

For the Myers family and LHC Group, the motivation was simple: a shared belief that investing in our healthcare providers means investing in everyone. "The presence of UL Lafayette – and the well-educated, highly skilled healthcare professionals it produces – enables companies like [LHC] to grow within the region and expand well beyond," Myers said at the time.





\$44M+

RAISED FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$27.7M+

AWARDED FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

12,812

STUDENTS
RECEIVED
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$17M+

RAISED FOR
PROFESSORSHIPS & CHAIRS

\$7.5M+

AWARDED FOR
PROFESSORSHIPS & CHAIRS

55

FACULTY
RECEIVED
FUNDING

650

VOLUNTEERS

136

BOARD
VOLUNTEERS

1M+ SQUARE FEET OF NEW
OR RENOVATED SPACES

\$27M+

FOR FACULTY SUPPORT

\$103M+

FOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS

\$47M+

FOR SCHOLARSHIP &
STUDENT SUPPORT

\$325M+

FOR DEPARTMENT &
PROGRAM SUPPORT
INCLUDING RESEARCH



Research & DISCOVERY

Your support provided critical seed funding for promising new ideas, empowered faculty and students to pursue bold interdisciplinary research, and expanded opportunities for hands-on inquiry across all academic disciplines. Through these investments, you helped increase knowledge, strengthen research, and advance transformative work that will improve lives far beyond campus.



In 2021, the University proudly achieved the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's prestigious R1 designation – maintaining and renewing it again in 2025 and placing the University among the nation's top tier of public and private research institutions.



Planted with Purpose: How One Family’s Legacy is Growing Research at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Vernon Langlinais once said of his garden: “To see a little plant coming up from the seed – what a great personal feeling.”

He was describing his vegetable patch. But, that same spirit is still alive today in the Ray P. Authement College of Sciences, where two funds – established by a family member in honor of Vernon and Ruby Langlinais – are helping to shape the next generation of students. Vernon and Ruby were both 1949 graduates of the University when it was named SLII, majoring in Chemistry and Education, respectively.

The *Vernon and Ruby Langlinais Endowed and Non-Endowed Research Funds in Sciences* were created to do exactly what Vernon’s garden did: take something small and full of potential, nourish it with care, and watch it grow. The gift provides early-stage funding for research projects that are driving new discoveries and stimulating a strong pipeline of R1 related exploration – with a focus on championing interdisciplinary and collaborative work that has the potential to attract additional funding from the National Science Foundation and other federal and state resources.

These intentions are already bearing fruit across disciplines, institutions, and borders.

For instance, Ph.D. student Niloofar Heidarikohol is using virtual reality and biofeedback to study how to build emotional resilience, exploring how different audio, visual, and haptic modes affect a person’s ability to manage stress. Her work has drawn collaborators from three countries, including one of the world’s leading labs in empathic computing at the University of Auckland. What began as two foundational survey papers has now grown into a full experimental study, with stress-response testing on the horizon.

In another lab, Dr. Ritwiji Kulkarni is undertaking research with direct clinical implications. He is investigating the roles of obesity, diabetes, and sex in the development of urinary tract infections. This work has supported three graduate student researchers and provided critical supplies and equipment that would otherwise be out of reach. One of his research advisees, Derrick Petry, successfully defended his master’s thesis in August 2025 and has since joined the University of Arkansas as a laboratory technician.

In the School of Geosciences, two undergraduate students developed research hypotheses and presented original findings on stable isotopes – work not typically attempted until graduate school. That kind of early, hands-on research experience shapes academic and career trajectories, and was made possible by donor support.

A New Vision for Engineering Education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

The engineering workforce of today demands more than technical knowledge. It demands leaders who can communicate, collaborate, and navigate a rapidly changing global economy. Once finalized, the Engineering Center of Excellence (ECoE) will rise to that challenge.

Soon to be housed in the nearly 65,000 square foot Engineering Student-Centered Collaborative Building currently under construction, ECoE is designed to cultivate the professional skills that set the University's engineering students apart, with an emphasis on critical thinking, communication, teamwork, community engagement, and global awareness.

Through a robust portfolio of programs and initiatives spearheaded by Dean Ahmed Khattab, including the Engineering Innovation Program, Dean's Certificate for Leadership and Innovation, Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarships, Industry Partnership Program, and enhanced career-readiness programs, ECoE prepares students for the demands of the field.

"We are disrupting the traditional engineering education model to address the skills gap between those acquired in classical engineering education and those needed in the workforce," says Greg Guidry, a mechanical engineering graduate and retired senior executive at Shell, who along with his wife, Alexis, is among a group of early champions of ECoE.



Music Education is in a Good Place Now, Thanks to Bobby Charles' Lasting Gift to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Born Robert Charles Guidry in Abbeville, LA, Bobby Charles helped shape the sound of American music. The swamp pop pioneer penned some of the most beloved songs in rock 'n' roll history, including "See You Later, Alligator," "Walking to New Orleans," and "It Keeps Rainin'."

But behind the music was a hard-won lesson: the music industry is as much a business as it is a craft. And without a firm understanding of contracts, royalties, and the commercial side of the art form, even the most talented artists can find themselves taken advantage of, a reality Bobby learned personally.

This lesson became the foundation of his legacy. Through a trust managed by his lifelong friend and longtime University of Louisiana at Lafayette alumnus and Foundation emeritus board member Charles Sonnier, the *Bobby Charles/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Music Business* was established in Bobby's name posthumously at the College of the Arts. The professorship supports faculty who are training student musicians in both the artistry and the industry knowledge to thrive in their trade through talent and business acumen alike.

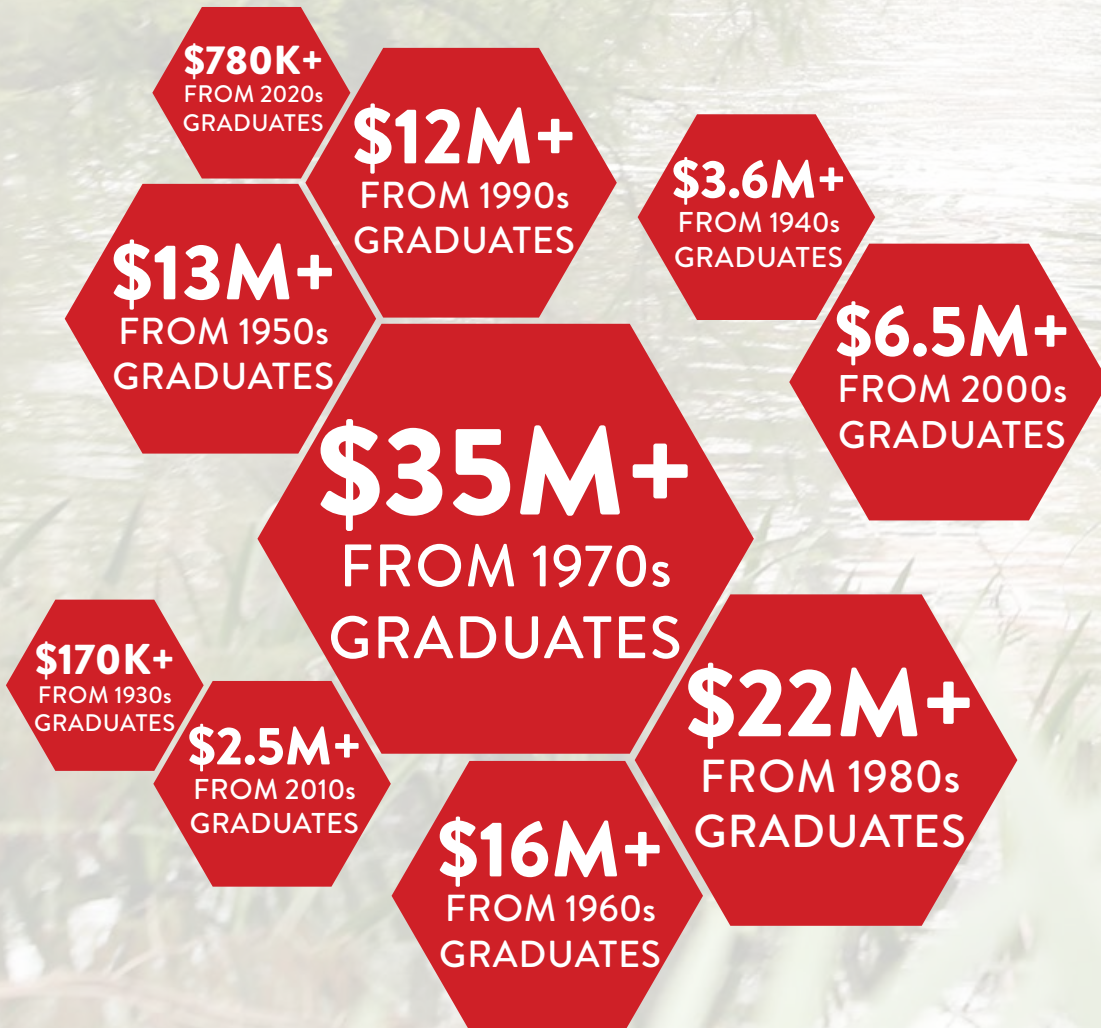
The new professorship was announced at the world premiere of the Bobby Charles Documentary, "In a Good Place Now, The Life and Music of Bobby Charles," in 2024, for two sold-out screenings at the University's LITE Center, and carries forward Bobby's determination to empower Louisiana's next generation of musicians.



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DECADES OF GENEROSITY







Service TO THE COMMUNITY

Your support expanded access to arts, culture, education, and shared community spaces, creating opportunities for people of all ages to learn, connect, and thrive. Through these investments, you helped the University serve beyond its campus borders and deepen its role as a vital partner across Acadiana.



In 2023, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette celebrated its 125th anniversary with joyful commemoration of its history and humble recognition that philanthropy has always been its cornerstone. The combined support of our donors has made it possible for the University to keep educating the world's next generation of leaders.



Connecting Through Arts & Culture: The Hilliard Art Museum's Impact on Acadiana

For over two decades, the Hilliard Art Museum has served as a place where students, faculty, artists, families, and the community convene through art, culture, dialogue, and shared experience. It is a treasured community asset, holding pieces of Acadiana's cultural identity in public trust, while ensuring that diverse cultural perspectives and experiences from around the world are made accessible to all. At the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, it stands as a shining example of how steadfast philanthropic support makes community impact possible.

The Hilliard is instantly recognizable to anyone who has driven through campus. Before you even step inside, its signature modernist glass and steel building, designed by the acclaimed firm Eskew Dumez Ripple, lets you know that something significant happens there. It's the largest exhibition space between Houston and New Orleans, offering free admission for UL Lafayette students, faculty, staff, and children under five, as well as accessible pricing for the entire community.

At the heart of the Museum is its permanent collection of nearly 3,000 objects, spanning ancient Egyptian artifacts, 18th through 21st century European, Asian, and American art, and works by contemporary Louisiana-based artists that reflect our Gulf Coast regional history and culture. Year-round rotating exhibitions showcase local and international artists, fostering creative exchanges of ideas and cross-disciplinary collaboration. Together, these collections are more than an assemblage of objects; they are a living record of the human condition — who we are, where we come from, and what we value as a community.

The Hilliard's impact extends well beyond its walls through educational programs, workshops, and events that nurture community engagement. Programs like *Create & Play Café* provide monthly hands-on creative sessions for families and kids ages four and up, while *Family Fête* offers a biannual community celebration of art, music, and performance.

Additionally, *Arts Experiences for All* connects students in Acadiana's K-12 schools with age-appropriate art experiences that complement classroom learning, while the new *Petit Atelier* program gives students ages 9-14 the opportunity to use works from the Museum's permanent collection as inspiration for artistic imagination. For the broader community, the *Cross Currents* series uses visual art as a catalyst for interdisciplinary dialogue, while *Yoga in the Galleries* encourages mindfulness and movement in a calm, art-filled space.

These programs and collections do not sustain themselves. Membership and donor support keep the Hilliard's doors open, and its offerings accessible to all. For more than two decades, philanthropy and community investment have ensured that art remains a shared resource that belongs to everyone.

Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium: Championing the Community

In a landmark moment for UL Lafayette Athletics, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center made a \$15 million gift in 2021 to support the renovation of Cajun Field – the largest philanthropic donation in athletics history. Renamed Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium in honor of their investment, the gift made it possible to renovate the facility for the first time in its 50-year existence, building on the promise of what our community stadium can be now and in the future.

From the beginning, Our Lady of Lourdes made clear that their vision extended beyond football. Home to more than 200 community events each year, the stadium stands as a gathering place for all Acadiana – a space where people come together to celebrate, connect, and share in something larger than themselves.

That spirit is reflected in every corner of the renovated facility, including the McElligott Club – a premier hospitality destination made possible by a separate gift from the McElligott family, featuring exclusive indoor access and second-level chairback seating. Their investment, combined with the collective support of hundreds of other generous donors, has created something far greater than a game-day venue. They have created a home for our community.

Redefining Learning: How Visionary Donors Are Shaping the Future of Public Education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

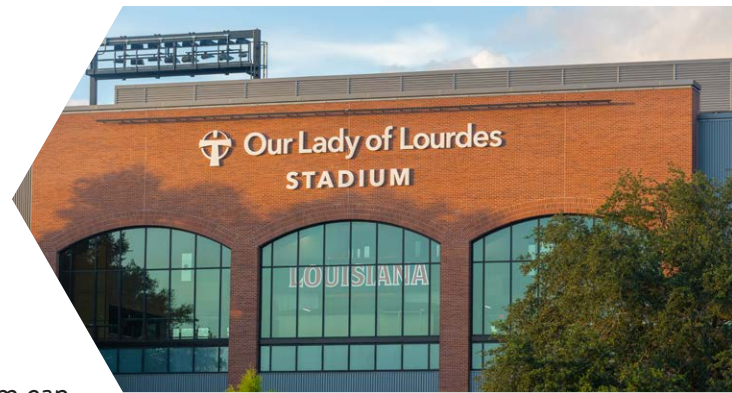
When visionary donors invested in the UL Lafayette Learning Lab, they did more than fund a building, they helped launch a movement to reimagine public education in Louisiana.

Through the generosity of the Pugh Family Foundation, Love Our Schools, the family of Joan and Doc Williams, and the Estate of Joseph Farrell Comeaux, the Learning Lab has received meaningful investments to launch building renovations, program development, and critical community partnerships. Their collective commitment has also attracted substantial investments from state and federal government agencies and other donors, multiplying the impact of their support.

The result is a legislatively authorized laboratory school overseen by the College of Education & Human Development that is fundamentally reimagining K-12 education and teacher preparation. Drawing on best practices from across the globe, the Learning Lab models what high-quality teaching and learning can look like, with long-term goals to influence educational policy statewide.

“The UL Lafayette laboratory school is designed as a living laboratory where teaching and learning are continuously studied, refined, and improved,” said Dr. Aimee Barber, Learning Lab Committee Co-Chair and Assistant Professor of Education. “With embedded teacher preparation, real-time feedback loops, and a research-to-practice model at its core, the Lab creates a dynamic environment where innovation happens alongside instruction.”

Once renovated, the Lab’s 70,000-square-foot home in the University’s Research Park will stand as a collaborative hub for the next generation of Louisiana educators – a vision made real through the power of philanthropy.





Al Gonsoulin Scholarships

Al Gonsoulin (right) chats with student scholarship recipients during a special meet-and-greet event in Fall 2025. In 2024, Al generously established four non-endowed scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration. The *Alton & Evelyn Gonsoulin, Sr. Scholarships*, named for Gonsoulin's mother and father, support hard-working students who are at various levels of academic achievement.



Campus Closet and Campus Cupboard

Located in the old bookstore at the corner of Rex Street, Campus Cupboard and Campus Closet are two donor-supported resources serving UL Lafayette students, faculty, and staff. Launched in 2019, Campus Cupboard addresses food insecurity through short-term assistance, while Campus Closet provides free, gently used professional clothing for interviews, career fairs, and networking events.



KRVS

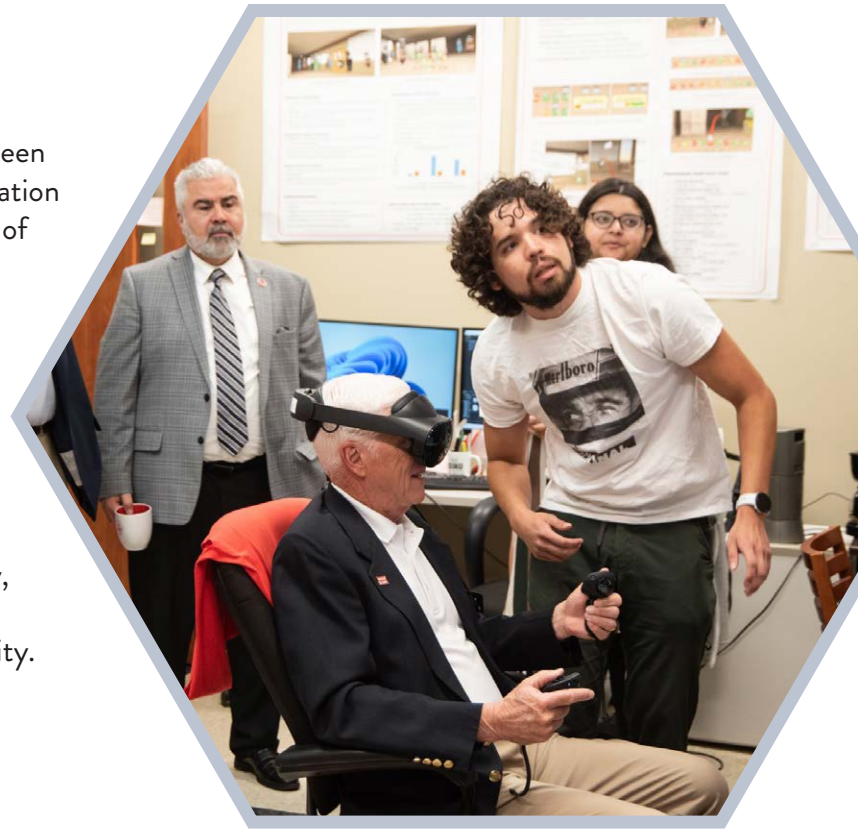
KRVS is a listener-supported public radio station, located on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The station broadcasts more than 70 hours a week of locally produced programs (including student-produced programming) highlighting music, culture, language, events, food, and personalities of our Gulf Coast region, in addition to broadcasting the news of National Public Radio.



Foundation Board of Trustees

The success of the *Together Campaign* would not have been possible without support from the UL Lafayette Foundation Board of Trustees, University leadership, and members of various boards who serve academic colleges and other university programs.

Seen to the Right: Board trustee Dr. Jim Lipstate explores the Virtual Reality Laboratory at the Center for Advanced Computer Studies in the Ray P. Authement College of Sciences. The Board Advocates program connects UL Lafayette Foundation trustees with college leadership and faculty, allowing them to become informed champions for the University and strengthen connections in the community.



Antoun Hall

The College of Engineering celebrated the dedication of Antoun Hall in 2025, a new campus landmark made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Georges and Martha Ward Antoun. Antoun Hall now houses four cutting-edge centers within the Energy Institute of Louisiana: the Louisiana Solar Energy Lab, the EDA Green Hydrogen Center of Excellence, the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Center, and the Department of Energy Regional Test Center.

Keys to the Future

With donor support, the School of Music launched the Keys to the Future Piano Replacement Initiative to modernize its piano fleet and ensure every music student has the tools to practice, perform, and thrive at the highest level.





Moncus Hall

In 2023, the University recognized the generosity of the James D. Moncus Family Foundation, by posthumously naming a building on its Health Sciences Campus in James' honor. James D. Moncus Hall houses classrooms and office space, enabling the College of Nursing & Health Sciences to continue offering the latest innovations in healthcare education.

Comeback Scholarship

With donor support, the University's Alumni Association launched the *Comeback Scholarship* in 2024 to assist students who left school before earning their degree. The initiative aligns with the Louisiana Board of Regents *Pathway to 2030* plan to have 60% of Louisiana's working-age adults hold a postsecondary credential by 2030.

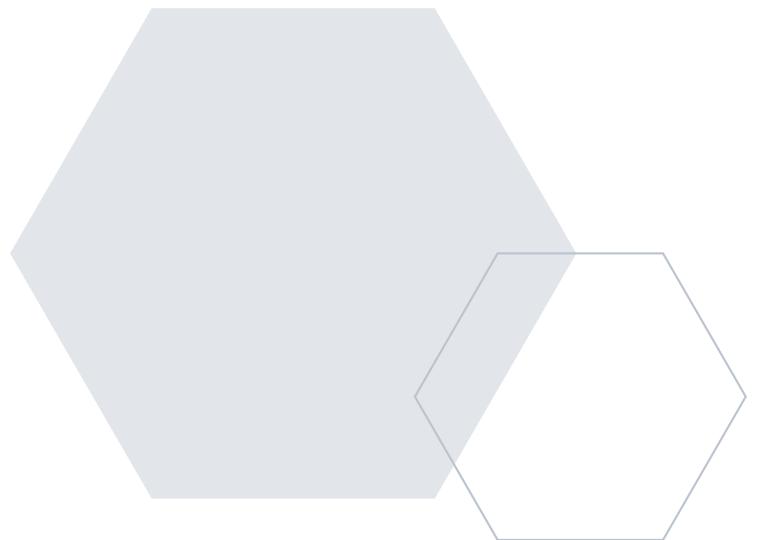


Maraist Lab

In 2018, the University unveiled the state-of-the-art Maraist Financial Services Lab, made possible by a transformational gift from the late Michael P. Maraist and his family. Students use the lab to gain hands-on, real-world experience, through access to cutting-edge technology and financial tracking tools.



Thank You.





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