



PRESS RELEASE

LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT GRADUATION DETAILS:

School of Medicine, School of Allied Health Professions, and School of Graduate Studies

Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

Gold Dome at Centenary College (3482 Dixie Drive)

193 Students Graduating from LSU Health Shreveport on May 25, Governor Edwards to Speak at Commencement Ceremony

SHREVEPORT, La. (May 22, 2019) – On Saturday, May 25, 193 LSU Health Shreveport students will celebrate a great accomplishment in their education and pursuit of a career in the medical field by graduating with a Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, or Doctorate degree. Twelve students will receive a PhD or Master's degree from the School of Graduate Studies; 62 students will receive a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate from the School of Allied Health Professions; and 119 students will graduate from the School of Medicine and become Doctors of Medicine.

Graduation for all three of LSU Health Shreveport's professional schools will take place in a combined ceremony held at Centenary College's Gold Dome. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards will give the keynote commencement address.

"We look forward to welcoming Governor Edwards to Shreveport to address our graduates," said LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor G. E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed). "Graduation is a momentous occasion for students, their families, our health sciences center and our community. The Governor has consistently shown a commitment to higher education and healthcare in our state, and we are grateful to have him join us and celebrate such a significant achievement with our students."

LSU President F. King Alexander and members of the LSU Board of Supervisors will also attend the graduation ceremony.

"I am looking forward to celebrating this incredible graduating class. These outstanding individuals will go on to improve the collective health and well-being of citizens in the Shreveport-Bossier area, the state of Louisiana, and the world beyond. We are proud to count them as part of the LSU family," said President Alexander.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) Occupational Outlook Handbook, the number of healthcare occupation employees is projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. About 2.4 million new healthcare jobs will be added over this ten-year time span, which is more than any other occupational group. This increase in demand for more healthcare professionals is due to a growing, aging population. Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, and Physicians and Surgeons are in the [top ten](#) most in demand healthcare jobs. The growing and aging population, along with increased rates of several chronic conditions and a growing reliance on pharmaceuticals, is also leading to the employment outlook for medical scientists to grow at a faster than average rate. There is a growing need for medical scientists and their contributions to the development of treatments that improve human health.

Healthcare remains one of central factors that drives economic growth in our community. LSU Health Shreveport has an economic impact of nearly \$6 million in the Shreveport region. Combined with the economic impact of its practicing alumni, LSUHS has a total economic impact of nearly \$3 billion on North Louisiana. More than 70 percent of the physicians and allied health professionals in our community received a portion or all of their training at LSU Health Shreveport. Many Class of 2019 School of Medicine graduates will be staying in the state of the Louisiana to complete their residency training, with 22 percent staying in Shreveport.

The LSU Health Shreveport graduation ceremony will stream live online at www.youtube.com/user/LSUHSCShreveport.

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