What's Hot 2018-2019

Baton Rouge Community College

WHAT'S HOT @ BRCC?

- Technical Studies (Associate of Applied Science), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration concentration.
- Technical Studies (Associate of Applied Science), Drafting and Design Technology Concentration
- Technical Studies (Associate of Applied Science), Electrical Concentration
- Technical Studies (Associate of Applied Science), Instrumentation Concentration
- Technical Studies (Associate of Applied Science), Pipefitting Concentration
- Technical Studies (Associate of Applied Science), Welding Concentration

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- The Division of Transportation Technology offers degrees and certificates in the following areas:
- Aviation Maintenance Technology – Airframe & Power plant Certificate of Technical Studies
- Aviation Maintenance Technology – Associates of Applied Science
- Automotive Technology
- Diesel Heavy Truck Technology

Bossier Parish Community College

Important Dates/Deadlines:
Cavalier Preview Night 2018-19 (Open House)
October 18 / November 15 / February 21 / March 28 / April 25 / May 16
Visit bpcc.edu for more info and to RSVP for the event.

WHAT'S HOT @ BPCC?

- BPCC NURSING PROGRAM IS A LEADER IN NWLA, U.S.

BPCC announced recently that its Nursing Program is second in the United States for 2017 in NCLEX-RN education programs with a score of 92.93%, which is 5.08% above the national average of 87.85%. The program had a 100% employment rate for fall 2017 graduates and a National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)-RN pass rate of 95.89% for fall 2017 graduates.

- BPCC AND UT Tyler ANNOUNCE first ever 2+2 AGREEMENT

BPCC and The University of Texas at Tyler signed the first-ever 2+2 articulation agreement between the two schools, as well as the first-ever articulation agreement to cross state lines!
The agreement allows BPCC students who have completed an associate degree in Industrial Technology in the Automation and Controls or Advanced Manufacturing and Mechatronics concentrations to apply their two years of study to UT Tyler's Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology.

- BPCC HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM IS GROWING

Bossier Parish Community College's Dual Enrollment program is proud to announce the graduation of eight area high school students, who earned a postsecondary credential while simultaneously earning their high school diploma, during BPCC's spring graduation ceremonies in May.
The dual enrollment students earned a total of five associate degrees, five certificates, and two technical diplomas.

Centenary College

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Fall Open House – October 20 – preview day for juniors & seniors
- Early Action Deadline – December 15
- Regular Decision Deadline – February 15
- Spring Open House – February 23 – preview day for juniors & seniors
- Centenary Days – April 5 & 6 – admitted senior event

WHAT'S HOT @ Centenary?

- Addition of new majors and minors: Undergraduate Education Major, Legal Studies Minor (pre-law), & Engineering Sciences Minor.
- Addition of NCAA Men's Lacrosse team.
- Going into our 5th year of the Centenary In Paris Program for all incoming first year students.

Delgado Community College

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Spring 2019 class registration opens – November 12th
- Spring 2019 classes begin – January 19th
- Spring 2019 Second Start registration opens – February 6th
- Spring 2019 Second Start classes begin – Mar 18th
- Discover Delgado Day – March 28th
- Summer 2019/Fall 2019 class registration opens – April 15th

WHAT'S HOT @ Delgado?

- New campus location: River City Site and Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence in Avondale, Louisiana
- Prospective students can sit in on classes prior to applying
- New articulation agreements signed with Southern New Hampshire University and LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing

Louisiana Delta Community College

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- October 24, 2018 – Educator's Breakfast - All counselors and Principals
- February 19, 2019 – Scholarship Deadline
- March 15 – Students Applying for Summer must have FAFSA completed and submitted to the College
- May 15 – Students Applying for the Fall must have FAFSA completed and submitted to the College
- November 15 – Students Appling for the Spring must have FAFSA completed and submitted to the College

WHAT'S HOT @ LDCC?

- Now offering a Computer Science Associate Degree
- Now offering a Criminal Justice Associates Degree
- Getting ready to add on to the Monroe campus!

Fletcher Technical Community College

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Priority FAFSA deadline for Fall 2018 is July 13, 2018
- The Fall 2018 semester begins August 20, 2018
- Final application deadline for Fall 2018 is August 23, 2018

WHAT'S HOT @ Fletcher?

- Fletcher now has a campus in Thibodaux, LA at 1425 Tiger Drive
- The associate degrees in Business Administration and Criminal Justice are offered completely online
- Beginning Fall 2018 advanced Electrical and Welding courses will be offered in the evening

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FranU)

WHAT'S HOT @ FranU?

Important Dates/Deadlines:

Fall Open House – November 18th

WHAT'S HOT @ FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES of OUR LADY UNIVERSITY?

- We proudly introduce our new name: Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University!
- We offer a hands-on, technology driven academic experience through the Anatomage Table technology and our Simulated Environment Teaching Hospital across all curriculums.
- We are expanding our academic program offerings! Check out our website to see what's coming to campus!
- Fall 2018 marks big changes on our campus with the addition of the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Theology, the Bachelor of Psychology, and the Doctoral of Physical Therapy to our academic program offerings. Bringing us to a total of 19 academic programs across our 3 schools of study.
- In May of 2018, we welcomed Christy Sevier as our new Director of Admissions.
- FranU houses 2 anatomage tables, for student use across all programs. We also await the delivery of our first plasticized cadaver.

Grambling State University

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Bring It Home Campaign kicks off in July Last year raised 1.2M in four months
- Priority Scholarship Deadline: December 1st
- Fall High School Day: September 16, 2017
- September 15th – High School (Preview) Day

WHAT'S HOT @ GSU?

- Nursing program returns Fall 2018
- Degree Works implemented by December 2018
- Five major construction and renovation projects in progress
    - Natatorium
    - Intramural Health & Wellness Center
    - Library
    - Woodson Hall
    - McCall Dining Hall

Louisiana College

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Preview Day/Preview in the Pines: Saturday, October 27th at 1:00 PM
- Smith Scholarship Application Deadline: December 15th
- Smith Scholarship Competition: January 2019
- Preview Day/Preview in the Pines: March 2019
- Front of the Line – Pre-registration: April 2019

WHAT'S HOT @ LC?

- Louisiana College offers dual enrollment courses for high school sophomores - seniors; both online and on campus. LC has an average student to faculty ratio of 14:1.
- Louisiana College offers over 70 programs of study; its newest additions are Bachelors of Computer Science, Bachelors of Web Design, Masters of Social Work, Masters of Nursing, and a 3+2 Pre-Engineering Program.
- 95% of LC students receive scholarships or financial aid, making LC the 4th most affordable Christian college in the U.S.
- Louisiana College to offer Master in Social Work and Master of Science in Nursing.
- Louisiana College rolls fees and tuition into $8000 flat fee for anyone taking 12-18 hours.
- Louisiana College approved to offer online degrees.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

WHAT'S HOT @ LSU?

- Best Value in Louisiana

LSU was recently ranked again as the best value in Louisiana among all public universities in Forbes magazine. LSU is consistently ranked as a best value by Kiplinger, Forbes, and Payscale. LSU students receive instruction from faculty who have proven Einstein's Theory of Relativity, won MacArthur Genuis Awards, are members of the National Academies, won Pulitzer Prizes, discovered new species, and sit at the very top of their respective fields. Because of this, our graduates earn starting- and mid-career salaries that are higher than the national average, and secure careers at major companies ranging from Google and Twitter to Goldman Sacs, Exxon, Coca-Cola, The New York Times, and more.

- New Entrepreneurship Major

As a top 12 most entrepreneurial school in the country, we are proud to announce our new paired degree in entrepreneurship within the E.J. Ourso College of Business. The bachelor of entrepreneurship is a 120-hour program and must be paired with another bachelor's degree from any program on campus. Entrepreneurship students will study how to operate, grow, and manage his or her own business; learn how to be creative, innovative, and entrepreneurial in an existing organization; and learn how to generate new wealth and create social change that results in improved quality-of-life, greater morale, and economic freedom in the development of his or her community.

- UREC Expansion

Our University Recreation Center (UREC) recently finished expansion and is now one of the most impressive recreation facilities in the country. The UREC is a 250,000-square-foot, innovative and comprehensive recreational facility featuring state of the art equipment, high-level programming, and modern amenities. Highlights include a leisure pool in the shape

of LSU, a one-third mile indoor track, a boxing studio, functional training, multipurpose activity courts, an outdoor field complex, an adventure center, and three levels of cardio and weight lifting equipment.

LSU – Alexandria

Important Date/Deadlines:

- Campus Tours are held Monday – Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as well as 10:00 a.m. every Saturday. Group tours available upon request.
- Fall Spend the Day @ A: November 17, 2018
- Spring Spend the Day @ A: February 16, 2019

WHAT'S HOT @ LSUA?

- New degree program: BA World Religion
- Fastest Growing University in Louisiana
- Since 2016 LSUA has earned 16 conference and regional championships, made 9 national tournament appearances with 5 national quarter final finishes, 3 national semi-finalist finishes and 1 national runner-up honor.

LSU – Eunice

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline – February 1, 2019
- Fall Preview Day (Bengal Day) – Tuesday, November 20, 2018
- LSU Eunice is an open-admission university; therefore, there is no specific admission deadline. LSUE recommends that applications for admission be completed as early as possible so that students can secure their class schedules early.

WHAT'S HOT @ LSUE?

- LSU Eunice has two new degree programs in the high demand fields of surgical technology and sonography. Surgical Technology is a newly created associate degree program, and the university upgraded the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program to an associate degree starting in the fall of 2018. LSUE now offers a nursing clinical classroom site at Lafayette General Hospital Southwest, allowing acceptance of up to 90 additional students into the clinical phase of the program.
- LSU Eunice has expanded its athletics programs to include men's basketball and soccer for men and women. Bengal Baseball won its 6th NJCAA National Championship this year, which set an NJCAA Division II record for the most titles by a university. LSUE's softball and baseball teams have won a national championship for nine consecutive years and have won 11 out of the last 13 national titles.
- LSUE is in the final stage of renovations to Bengal Village apartments and has just completed a total renovation of the student union cafeteria that includes a Starbucks coffee shop.
- A brand new "one stop shop" addition to the Acadian Center called the Geaux Center. Incorporates admission, recruitment and registrar in one easy, navigable area. Renovation of our cafeteria to provide more excellent meals and nutritional options and complete renovation of Bengal Village our 200 plus space apartment complex.
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Certificate program, newly created nursing clinical site based on the Lafayette General Hospital Campus in Lafayette, LA which allows 90 students to be accepted into the clinical phas3e and increase of 30 from previous years

LSU – Shreveport

WHAT'S HOT @ LSUS?

- First of its kind- LSUS Cyber Collaboratory. This collaboratory is specifically designed for student interaction, group activities, and classroom projects in the fields of cybersecurity, robotics, artificial intelligence, app development, and haptics.
- Student Success Center- completely renovated and now offering online tutoring and supplemental instruction for all students for free. Students can utilize academic coaching, group tutoring and personal tutoring, workshops, and Career Services all in one location.
- First Generation College Student Scholarships- LSUS is offering first-generation college students the chance to receive a privately funded scholarship to aid in paying their college tuition or college costs. All students can find privately funded LSUS scholarships at https://lsus.academicworks.com/.

LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing application Deadlines
- August 1, 2018 for spring 2019 applications
- January 15th for fall 2019 applications

Louisiana Tech University

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Time Out for Tech Fall: October 6, 2018
- Campus Visits: offered daily and 1 Saturday a month September – May
- Scholarship deadline: January 5, 2019

WHAT'S HOT @ LA TECH?

- Elementary Education – Louisiana Tech's Elementary Education program was rated #2 in the nation and #1 in the state of Louisiana according to *com*. The ranking is derived from data collected from *U.S. News &World Report, Pay Scale*, and *Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)*. A large part of the College of Education's success has been the implementation of year-long, clinical residencies to replace traditional student teaching methods, which gives students an immersive classroom experience and simulates their first year of teaching.
- New Housing Options – New housing will provide 604 beds on campus. These suites offer semi-private rooms (two students per room) and gathering areas with family amenities for each group of 8 students. The common area includes a kitchen, lounge area and an exterior patio. The idea is for this community-based structure to provide unique options to integrate freshman into campus culture, support healthy relationship development with peers, and allow individual engagement between housing staff and each student.

- UTeach*Tech* – The UTeach*Tech* program is designed to nurture and train a new teaching force of highly qualified instructors in STEM subjects — Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Sponsored by the College of Education, the College of Arts and Natural Sciences, and the College of Engineering and Sciences, UTeach*Tech*provides an opportunity for undergraduate students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, or Engineering to receive both their subject matter degree and full teaching certification in four years at no extra cost.

- Nursing Program – Because Tech's nursing program is so thorough, the NCLEX pass rate and RN job placement rate is consistently above the national average with 100% job placement the last 3 years in a row. Graduates who complete their associates degree in nursing will have the same title and responsibilities as those who complete a 4-year bachelor degree at another school.

- Engineering Building – The new Integrated Engineering and Science Building is set to be ready for students Fall of 2019. Not only does this 130,000 sq. ft., three-story building house engineering and science classrooms, it will also include rooms for "Living with the Lab" activities, a coffee shop, numerous labs, a student help desk/achievement center, and plenty of room for students to study and interact. According to Hisham Hegab, dean of the College of Engineering and Science, the IESE is designed to better accommodate project-based learning that traditional classrooms hinder due to lack of space and resources.

Loyola University New Orleans

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- November 15 - Early Action Deadline
- February 15 - Priority Deadline
- April 15 - Standard application deadline.

WHAT'S HOT @ Loyola?

- Loyola offers success coaching for all first-year students, located in the brand-new Pan-American Life Student Success Center.
- Loyola's Bachelor of Science in Urban & Electronic Music Production degree is the first if its kind in the United States. Students will be immersed in the world of modern hip-hop, R&B and EDM starting within the first semester.

- Loyola is now offering enhanced Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degrees, including a new Game Programming track

McNeese State University

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Fall Preview Day - Oct. 06, 2018
- Initial priority scholarship deadline - November 15, 2018
- Secondary priority scholarship deadline - February 15, 2019
- Spring Preview Day - February 23, 2019

WHAT'S HOT @ McNEESE?

- The College of Engineering and Computer Science is currently ranked first in the nation in terms of career return on investment and best value for its engineering majors, according to PayScale Inc.
- Our nursing graduates achieved a 97.2 percent first-time passage rate on the NCLEX-RN national licensure exam. This not only exceeded the state average of 89.16 percent, but also the national rate of 84.7 percent.
- S. News and World report named McNeese one of the best regional universities in the South for the seventh consecutive year.

Nicholls State University

WHAT'S HOT @ NICHOLLS?

- New concentrations under the bachelor of art degree. Concentrations now offered in digital animation, 3D animation, and digital art.
- Recent graduates of our biology pre-medicine program graduated at the top 1% of their class from LSU Medical School this past semester.
- Nursing graduates maintained 100% job placement before graduation for the second consecutive year. Students who graduated in 2017 also achieved a 95% pass rate on the NCLEX on their first try. Our clinical classes are also increasing from a capacity of 60 to a capacity of 80 students per semester.

Northwestern State University

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Fall Scholars' Day – October 28th
- Early bird Scholarship Deadline – October 31st
- Fall N-Side View Day (Juniors and Seniors) – November 4th
- 1st Priority Scholarship Deadline – December 1st
- 2nd Priority Scholarship Deadline – March 1st
- Spring N-Side View Day – March 3rd
- Spring Scholars' Day – March 10th

Nunez Community College

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Open House – Wednesday, July 11, 2018 / 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- New Student Orientation – July 16-19
- First Day of Class – Monday, August 20

WHAT'S HOT @ NUNEZ?

- New Program? Aerospace Technology
- New Chancellor – Dr. Tina Tinney
- New Building – Kane Building to house technical programs
- Nunez now has a Baseball Team!
- Nunez now offers a PTEC Fast Track program.

Southeastern Louisiana University

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- January 15, 2019 - Deadline to apply for Southeastern's Priority Scholarship.
    - The online application for admission must be submitted before this date in order to be considered for this merit-based scholarship

WHAT'S HOT @ SOUTHEASTERN?

- Two new residence halls will be open, starting during the Fall 2018 semester - Twelve Oaks Hall & Ascension Hall. There are double room and single-suite options available in each of these halls. Both halls will use a hybrid geothermal system for heating and cooling, which is projected to reduce energy costs. Community lounges and quiet study rooms will be located throughout each of these buildings. One of the halls will have a retail food venue for students, while the other will have a living/learning classroom for instructors to host classes. For more information regarding housing on campus, please visit southeastern.edu/housing.

- Southeastern is partnering with Performance Contractors in Baton Rouge to add a new academic concentration in Welding Inspection & Supervision. This new concentration will fall under the Industrial Technology program. We are in need of well-prepared and trained industrial team members at the professional level in the state of Louisiana, and Southeastern is committed to providing opportunity to students to become job-ready in those areas. This partnership will produce supervisory and managerial industrial professionals with greater skill sets which should help the economic expansion continue.

- Southeastern's dance team, The Lionettes, earned the gold medal at the 2018 UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships in Orlando, Florida. Southeastern claimed the first gold medal in program history for the Division I Hip Hop.

Tulane University

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Application Deadlines
  - Early Decision – November 1 / Early Action – November 15
  - Regular Decision – January 15
- Scholarship Deadlines … Full-Tuition Deans' Honor Scholarship and Paul Tulane Award – December 5 / Community Service Fellowship – January 15
- Campus Preview Days … Saturday, September 15 / Sunday, October 7 /
  - Sunday, October 21 / November Date TBD

WHAT'S HOT @ TULANE?

- Construction = progress. The A. B. Freeman School of Business recently completed a $35 million, LEED Gold Certified renovation and expansion that will includes new incubator and start-up spaces, new flexible classrooms, a new financial analysis lab, an expansion of the Business Career Management Center, and more. Tulane also launched the Brain Institute to coordinate and support brain-related research and neuroscience endeavors from faculty and students in Medicine, Science & Engineering, Public Health, Liberal Arts & the Primate Center. Construction has also begun on Mussafer Hall which will be a LEED-silver certified, new combined home to the Academic Advising Center, Career, Services, and the Success Center. And finally, construction has also begun on The Commons, a three-story, $55 million, 77,000 square-foot new dining hall, multipurpose meeting space, and home for the Newcomb College Institute which supports leadership programs for women on campus.

- New Maker Space - To support students' hands-on learning in Architecture, Engineering, Business, Arts, and other disciplines, Tulane opened a new Maker Space which is equipped with 3-D printers, laser cutters, a 4-axis CNC milling machine, a full-equipped machine shop, wood shop, electronics laboratory, and more. Staff are on hand up to 50 hours per week and Tulane students have free use of the tools and equipment.

University of Louisiana – Monroe

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- NELA Night – August 28, 2018
- Browse on the Bayou – September 22, 2018 & November 3, 2018

WHAT'S HOT @ ULM?

- Opening of Bayou Pointe Event Center & Spirit Hall- Through the initiative of ULM Students and the Student Government Association (SGA), the Oxford Natatorium underwent renovated to become a Student Event Center with ballrooms, spirit group practice area, a small theater with reception area, and outdoor social deck overlooking the beautiful Bayou Desiard.

- Chemistry Reinstated – The University has reinstated the Bachelors of Science in Chemistry for the fall 2018. The degree will offer concentrations in biochemistry, forensics and medicinal chemistry.

- Growth in Health Sciences- ULM's Master of Science in Nursing Nurse Practitioner now offers two concentration in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner. In addition, the Doctoral Programs in both Physical and Occupational Therapy are in the final approval stages. The first expected class should begin in fall of 2020.

- ULM is the process of developing an agreement with the Via School of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). Pending an expected approval from the ULS Board of Supervisors, groundbreaking for the Medical school will occur in September. The first class expected to start fall 2020. This will be the first partnership of its kind in the state of Louisiana.

- ULM is the final process of developing an agreement with the Edward Via School of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). VCOM is a private, non-profit osteopathic medical school founded on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, with two branch campuses located in Spartanburg, South Carolina and Auburn University, in Auburn, Alabama. This partnership will be the first of its kind in the state of Louisiana. Pending final agreement, groundbreaking for the medical school on ULM's campus is to take place in September. The first class expected to start fall 2020.

University of New Orleans

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Get to Know UNO Preview Days:
  - Saturday, September 22 & Saturday, November 17
- Priority Deadline for Scholarship Consideration: December 15

WHAT'S HOT @ UNO?

- UNO continues to see large increases in freshmen applications and new student enrollment.

- Our Dual Enrollment program continues to expand throughout Louisiana, providing students with a head start on their UNO degree.

- We continue to expand undergraduate research opportunities for our students. Most recently, we were awarded a $195,000 grant to develop Louisiana's first "Cyber Range" to simulate real-time cybersecurity threat training and $129,000 to research ways to improve climate modeling and the effect of rising sea levels on Louisiana's coastline.