# BRAID 2026

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| **[Karen]**<br>BRAID is Biomedical Research and Industry Day, | Blue & White sign with text: BRAID<br>Biomedical Research and Industry Day<br>Welcome |
| the idea is that we bring trainees | Variety of people at a registration desk picking up the registration packets |
| in from our own institute LSU Health | Large auditorium with rows of seats in a semi circle around the center podium. The chairs are full of attendees |
| and institutes across our region. So we have people here from ULM, Grambling, La Tech, | Woman with shoulder length dark hair, wearing a dark floral print blouse and black frame glasses standing beside a BRAID welcome sign<br>Text:<br>Karen Stokes, P H D<br>Assistant Director, Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences |
| Centenary and LSU-S, as well as some high schoolers. | Row of different students in the auditorium watching a presentation |
| **[Wayne]**<br>BRAID was created over ten years ago, bringing researchers, students, industry, and academic partners together | Bald man with medium length graying beard wearing a tan suit and wireframe glasses standing at a podium in the center of the auditorium<br>Text:<br>Wayne Nix, M B A<br>Executive Director for Innovation and Commercialization |
| to build stronger connections in North Louisiana. The first event had 65 posters. And I'm excited to announce that today we have over 111 abstracts for this year's BRAID. | Large open gymnasium with rows and rows of students standing in front of cork boards, presenting their research posters to curious onlookers |
| **[Karen]**<br>we have several speakers, and all of them are going to give different perspectives of the types of careers and pathways to how they | Woman at podium presenting to an audience seated around her in an auditorium |
| achieved what they have to the students, and that will kind of open their eyes a little bit on to pathways they may take in their careers, but they may not have thought about. | Different woman at the podium talking as the audience listens |

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| **[Chris]**<br>I want to remind you to take today as an opportunity for curiosity. There's going to be a lot of people here who we're doing a lot of different things in science, | Man with short, dark hair, wearing a blue sweater standing behind the podium.<br>Text:<br>Chris D Schmoutz, P H D<br>Assistant Professor Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience |
| and maybe some things you've never heard about before. We have people from all over North Louisiana here, so if you are looking for a particular collaboration, you may be able to find it within this room right now. And maybe today, as a point of connection, you can make for that next step in your career as well. | Wide variety of students from many different institutions from high school to post graduates, presenting their research to other students and mentors in a large open gym with rows of posters. |
| **[Wayne]**<br>The people that you will hear from today have very different paths through research, industry, and entrepreneurship. We hope today gives you a chance to see some of those possibilities, | Man with short cropped, receding hair with a tidy beard and mustache, seated in between the two other presenters addressing the audience who are seated around him |
| ask questions, and make connections that influence you on your own path you will be taking. | Students talking about their research posters to their fellow students and faculty |