

UL System News

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11 UL System Education Majors Receive Scholarships

HAMMOND, La. – Celebrating teaching's impact on all other professions, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System honored 11 education majors from its universities and awarded scholarships to help further their education.

UL System Board Chair Mike Woods presented the awards Friday at a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Board of Regents held on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University.

The \$500 competitive scholarships were awarded in honor of the late State Superintendent of Education Dr. Thomas G. Clausen through private donations to the University of Louisiana System Foundation.

Scholarship recipients include:

- Kevin Bradley Allen, Louisiana Tech, biology education
- Janean Anita Branch, UL Monroe, elementary education
- Amy Michele Darter, Lou-

isiana Tech, elementary education

- Toiya Latrice Gulley, Grambling, elementary education

- Kathy Lynn Hall, Louisiana Tech, elementary education

- Kristie Renee Matherne, Nicholls, elementary education

- Ashley Miller McGlothren, Southeastern, elementary education

- Andrea Beth Moore, Louisiana Tech, speech language pathology

- Marguerite Claire Ruiz, Louisiana Tech, elementary education

- Katie Marie Taylor, McNeese, elementary education

- Erin Leigh Willie, Louisiana Tech, elementary and special education

These 11 honorees were selected from 36 applicants. Eligible applicants had at least a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4-point scale) and an acquired minimum of 45 hours of college credit. They were judged based on their applications, letters of recommendation and essays on the importance of the teaching profession.

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-Sally Clausen
ULS President

UL System President Sally Clausen said the scholarship was established in her brother's name to recognize outstanding teacher candidates and encourage them in their careers.

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Tom Clausen was a career educator who became Superintendent of Education after serving as a teacher.

Joining Sally Clausen and Woods in presenting the scholarships were Board of Supervisors members Gordon Pugh and Walter Rhodes who also serve as board members of the UL System Foundation, as well Roland Toups, Chair of the Board of Regents, and E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education.



Grambling's Toiya Latrice (left) receives her award from (left to right) ULS Board and Foundation Member Gordon Pugh, Board of Regents Chair Roland Toups, ULS President Sally Clausen, ULS Board and Foundation Member Walter Rhodes, and Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie.

University Spotlight – Nicholls State University

WHAT A RELIEF!
NPENSACOLA, Fla. -- Family and consumer sciences students at Nicholls State University recently delivered to Florida an 18-wheeler with enough food to feed 1,800 hurricane victims.

After Florida was ravaged by Hurricane Ivan, the students collected 27,000 pounds of donated

food and supplies from donors on the Nicholls campus and across the region for "Operation Help Florida." The students set up drop boxes around campus and sent letters to local organizations asking for assistance.

Thirteen students and two faculty members then made the 5½-hour drive to the Bay Area Food Bank in Pace, Fla., to deliver and unload the supplies.



Nicholls students pose after delivering food and supplies to aid hurricane victims in Florida.

University Spotlight – UL Lafayette



DEVICE GETS FDA GREEN LIGHT THANKS TO UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS

Two UL Lafayette researchers were instrumental in winning FDA clearance for a device that combines several functions previously performed by ophthalmologists during LASIK surgery.

The LaFaci Surgical System was designed by Lafay-

ette surgeon and UL Lafayette graduate Dr. Leon C. LaHaye. It provides improved surgical results and safety during the LASIK procedure, which uses lasers to correct vision abnormalities.

LaHaye consulted UL Lafayette engineering professors Dr. Fred Farshad and Dr. Herman Reike after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration asked for additional data before it

would approve the hand-held device.

The professors and three graduate students in UL Lafayette's Chemical Engineering Department examined liquid flow, irrigation, aspiration and air delivery conditions in the LaFaci system.

Their findings were integrated into a final report presented to the FDA that resulted in clearance for the device.



The LaFaci system combines 11 surgical functions into one device.

Board Action

The Board of Supervisors for the UL System approved the following university requests:

Academic and Student Affairs

- Grambling: award honorary Doctor of Science degree to Dr. Julius H. Taylor, fall 2004
- Southeastern: 1) offer options within the undergraduate Kinesiology pro-

gram; 2) change the current degree in Kinesiology from a BA to a BS

- UL Lafayette: create The Center for Structural and Functional Materials
- UL Lafayette: award honorary Bachelor of Humanities degrees in fall 2004 to 1) Clara Dell Constantine, 2) Martha Jane Conway, 3) Charles Vincent Singleton and 4) Shirley Taylor

Joint Audit and Finance

- Louisiana Tech: Centralized Cash Management and Investment Policy
- UL System: Internal audit reports submitted for the period of August 15—Oct. 15, 2004

Facilities Planning

- Nicholls: name the Honors Student Center the R. E. "Bob" Miller Honors Student Center

- Northwestern: privatized housing proposal from Century Development and approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with a 501(c)3 corporation
- UL Monroe: construct replacement parking and improvements related to the DeSiard St. South Campus Project
- UL System: FY 2005-06 Capital Outlay Budget Request as amended