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LCTCS and ULS Partner for Continuing Education Opportunities *Scholarships Available for Transferring Students*

****NOTE TO MEDIA: Detailed lists of 2+2 agreements and scholarships per campus are attached to this release.**

Universities

Grambling State University
Louisiana Tech University
McNeese State University
Nicholls State University
Northwestern State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Monroe

Dr. Sally Clausen President

The UL System:

- Ranks among the 20 largest public systems in the U.S.
- Enrolls approx 80,000 students
- Employs over 8,000 faculty/staff
- Awards more than half of the public college degrees in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE – Students completing two-year degree programs at schools in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System have a jump start on earning a Bachelor’s degree at the University of Louisiana System and may qualify for special scholarships.

There are currently 32 “2+2” agreements between the nine LCTCS community colleges and the eight UL System universities in programs for business, criminal justice, early childhood education, process plant technology, addiction studies, health information management, industrial technology, biology, construction, English, history, psychology, sociology, and toxicology.

A “2+2” agreement means that a student who completes an Associate’s degree program can transfer to a university for the equivalent Bachelor’s degree program classified as a Junior.

“Louisiana’s higher education community must continue to collaborate so that every citizen can have an opportunity to earn a college degree,” said UL System President Sally Clausen. “Our technical and community colleges are high quality alternatives for those who are not immediately prepared to enter a four-year program, and our universities are proud to forge partnerships and recruit their students.”

In addition to establishing 2+2 agreements, the eight universities in the UL System offer special scholarships for students transferring from two-year colleges. The scholarship award amounts range from \$700 to \$4,000 per year.

“These types of partnerships and opportunities are extremely significant for our community and technical college students,” said LCTCS President Dr. Joe D. May. “The agreements between the UL System and LCTCS will assist our students as they transition into high quality program areas at four-year universities and beyond. Agreements of this nature will make it one step easier for them to obtain their degree and ultimately join the state’s workforce.”

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System is the fastest-growing higher education system in the state with over 52,000 students and the University of Louisiana System is the largest system in the state with approximately 80,000 students.

This year, 63 percent of the 4,000 students who transferred from a two-year school to a four-year university chose a campus in the UL System.

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Scholarship Recipient Ryan Lejeune

A transfer scholarship recipient, Ryan Lejeune of Baton Rouge, enrolled at Nicholls State University after earning an Associate's degree in General Studies at Baton Rouge Community College. He was classified as a Junior when he transferred even though he lost a few class credits due to his shift in majors from General Studies to Allied Health.

Lejeune, who always planned to pursue a four-year degree but found community college to be a cheaper alternative, will have taken only 4.5 years to complete his Bachelor's degree next summer.

He would recommend other high school students to pursue degrees through the community college and transfer route but cautioned students to "decide what you want to go into and pursue it directly because I would've finished in four years if I hadn't switched paths."

2+2 Participant Cleo Norris

Louisiana Delta Community College's outgoing Student Government Association President Cleo Norris was cross-enrolled at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. A nontraditional student, Norris calls his path "unique."

He joined the military immediately after high school and learned "in order to progress in life, you need an education." He decided the "smart thing" would be to slowly get into the process.

"It was in my best interest to go to a community college, develop myself and knock out general education," said Norris. Little did he know that he would go on to earn two Associate's degrees (Business Management and Liberal Arts).

Norris was able to apply his degree in Business Management towards a Bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship at ULM thanks to the 2+2 agreement.

Other factors that contributed to his decision to transfer to ULM were "location, location, location!" He further explained that Delta being on ULM's campus allows for many students to cross-enroll and makes for an easy transition.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
EXISTING 2+2 AGREEMENTS WITH LOUISIANA TWO-YEAR PROGRAMS

Grambling State University

Arts – Louisiana Delta
Business – Louisiana Delta
Sciences – Louisiana Delta

Louisiana Tech University

Biology – Louisiana Delta
Business – Bossier Parish, Louisiana Delta
Early Childhood Education - Louisiana Delta

McNeese State University

Criminal Justice – LSU Eunice, SOWELA
Process Plant Technology – SOWELA

Nicholls State University

Business – Fletcher, River Parishes, Nunez, Delgado, South Louisiana, Baton Rouge

Northwestern State University

Addiction Studies – Southern University at Shreveport
Criminal Justice – Bossier Parish, LSU Eunice, SOWELA

Southeastern Louisiana University

Business – Baton Rouge, Delgado

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Business – South Louisiana
Criminal Justice – South Louisiana
Elementary Education – LSU Eunice
Health Information Management – South Louisiana
Industrial Technology – South Louisiana

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Biology – Louisiana Delta
Construction – Louisiana Delta
Criminal Justice – Louisiana Delta
English – Louisiana Delta
History – Louisiana Delta
Psychology – Louisiana Delta
Sociology – Louisiana Delta
Toxicology – Louisiana Delta

UNIVERSITY	SCHOLARSHIP	VALUE PER SEMESTER	CRITERIA	REQUIRED GPA/TIME
Grambling State University CONTACT: Office of Financial Aid Phone: 1-800-761-8077	Phi Theta Kappa	\$350-\$1,000 per semester	Students who graduate from a community college and are members of Phi Theta Kappa	Not Specified
Louisiana Tech University CONTACT: Admissions Office P.O. Box 3178 Ruston, LA 71272 Email: Bulldog@latech.edu Phone: (318) 257-3036 Fax: (318) 257-2628	Transfer Scholarship	\$1,000 - per year for a maximum of three years	Students transferring with 30-59 credit hours earned and a 3.3 or higher college GPA	See <i>Criteria</i>
		\$1,000 - per year for a maximum of two years	Students transferring with 60 or more credit hours earned and a 3.3 or higher college GPA	See <i>Criteria</i>
McNeese State University CONTACT: Office of Scholarships and Testing, Room 156, Kaufman Hall Phone: (337) 475-5140 or 1-800-622-3352 extension 5140 Email: scholarships@mcneese.edu	McNeese Transfer Scholarship	\$350-\$700 per semester depending upon qualifications	Students transferring from other higher education institutions; 65 scholarships available	Not Specified
	Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship	\$350-\$1,000 per semester depending upon qualifications	Students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa at a community college and are transferring to McNeese State University; 25 scholarships available	Not Specified
	Non-Traditional Student Scholarship	\$400-\$800 per semester depending upon qualifications	Students entering outside the traditional route (typically out of high school for at least 3 yrs or over the age of 24); 15 scholarships available	Not Specified
	H. C. Drew-Sowela Transfer Scholarship	\$350-\$1,000 per semester	Students transferring from Sowela to McNeese, seeking degrees in Engineering, Nursing, Education, Sciences, or Agriculture; 10 scholarships available	Not Specified
	COM-STEM Transfer Scholarship	\$500 per semester	Students seeking a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics transferring from LSUE and Lamar State College-Orange); number of scholarships available varies.	Not Specified

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Nicholls State University CONTACT: Office of Financial Aid, Otto Candies Hall, P.O. Box 2005, Thibodaux, LA 70310 Phone: (985) 448-4048 E-mail: finaid@nicholls.edu	Transfer Student Scholarship	\$400 per semester - for two semesters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Twelve hours of college level courses •Submit an essay electronically to transfers@nicholls.edu of one hundred words or less indicating career goals 	Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
Northwestern State University CONTACT: Office of Financial Aid, 103 Roy Hall, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497 Phone: 318.357.5961	All-Academic Team Scholarship	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eligible for admission to NSU •Named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team for Current Year 	Maintain 3.0 semester GPA; Full-time enrollment
	Transfer Excellence Award	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eligible for admission to NSU •Must have completed 30 transfer semester hours •3.25 minimum GPA on 4.0 scale 	Maintain 3.0 semester GPA; Full-time enrollment
	LCTCS Excellence Award	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eligible for admission to NSU •Must have completed and been awarded an Associate Degree from an LCTCS School "Excellence" as defined by LCTCS 	Maintain 3.0 semester GPA; Full-time enrollment

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<p>Southeastern Louisiana University</p> <p>CONTACT: Scholarship Office Phone: (985) 549-5116</p>	<p>Transfer Student Scholarship</p>	<p><u>GPA/Award Amount:</u> \$2,000 - 4.00 \$1,800 - 3.99 -3.80 \$1,600 - 3.79 -3.60 \$1,400 - 3.59 -3.40 \$1,200 - 3.39 -3.20 \$1,000 - 3.19 -3.00</p> <p><u>Semesters of Eligibility:</u> 12-15 - Seven semesters 16-30 - Six semesters 31-45 - Five semesters 46-60 - Four semesters 61-75 - Three semesters 76-90 - Two semesters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Student must have minimum of 3.0 transfer GPA and be in good standing •Housing supplement available to students with a 3.60 or higher GPA and living on campus •All scholarships awarded for up to seven years and are based on the total number of hours the students has attempted 	<p>See "Value Per Semester"</p>
<p>University of Louisiana at Lafayette</p> <p>CONTACT: UL Lafayette Scholarship Office, P.O. Box 44050, Lafayette, LA 70504 Phone: (337) 482-6515 Scholarship Office or (337) 482-2059 Transfer Coordinator</p>	<p>Academic Transfer Scholarship</p>	<p>\$350-\$500 per semester based on credits earned and cumulative GPA.</p> <p>Eligibility does not guarantee an award; this scholarship is competitive</p>	<p><u>Application Process:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Apply for admission to UL Lafayette •Apply for the scholarship <p><u>Requirements for the Award:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •At least 15 hrs. earned transfer credits; not including developmental courses or advanced placement •Admitted to UL Lafayette as a transfer student the same semester as the scholarship applications •Transfer re-entry students are NOT eligible •Enrolled as a full-time student (12 hours) upon entering UL Lafayette •Must be a U.S. citizen 	<p>Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2</p>
<p>University of Louisiana at Monroe</p> <p>CONTACT: Scholarship Office Sandel Hall, Northeast Dr. Monroe, LA 71209 Phone: (318) 342-5321 or (800) 372-5127</p>	<p>Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship</p>	<p>\$3,000 per year</p>	<p>Students transferring who are community college graduates</p>	<p>Not Specified</p>