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Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance

October is Louisiana College Application Month

BATON ROUGE – October has been proclaimed as “Louisiana College Application Month” by both Governor Bobby Jindal and the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Louisiana College Application Month is coordinated by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) and Louisiana GEAR UP in partnership with the University of Louisiana System, Louisiana Board of Regents, Louisiana Education Loan Authority (LELA), Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP), Louisiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (LACRAO), Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU), the Louisiana Technical College System (LCTCS), the Lafayette GEAR UP program, and Louisiana TRIO programs.

Louisiana College Application Month will be held at 56 high schools across the state throughout the month of October. As part of the American College Application Campaign (ACAC) initiative, Louisiana College Application Month seeks to increase the number of students who are applying to college early in their senior year with a focus on first-generation and low-income students as well as students who may not otherwise apply to college.

According to Louisiana State University Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management, Dr. David D. Kurpius, applying before November of the high school senior year:

- Increases your opportunity to get the on-campus housing you desire
- Increases your opportunities for high-performing student programs
- Increases your chances for admission to the Honors College
- Increases your opportunities to be considered for discipline (major) specific (institutional) scholarships
- Increases the assistance you will get from the university to help you enroll
- Increases your opportunities to participate in pre-college programs

LOSFA Executive Director, Dr. Sujuan Boutté, added, “Applying early also increases your chances of being accepted to your first choice school; increases your likelihood of being able to apply and be accepted to summer bridge programs that allow you to get a head start at the

institution; and increases your ability to plan in advance for any fees associated with enrollment-which occur before scholarships, grants and loans are disbursed.”

During Louisiana College Application Month, students at participating high schools will be assisted as they complete college applications during the school day with the goal of each participating student submitting at least one college application. During Louisiana College Application Month, students may apply to any of Louisiana’s 10 community colleges, 10 independent colleges, and 18 public universities.

“The University of Louisiana System is excited to partner with LOSFA and Louisiana GEAR UP on this initiative. All nine of our universities are participating in Louisiana College Application Month, and our goal is to have a representative at every single event this October. Our system is the largest in the state, enrolling almost 89,000 students and producing over 16,500 degrees every year. Yet, we are strategically ramping up efforts to enroll and graduate students to meet projected growths in middle and high skill jobs over the next several years,” said UL System President Dr. Sandra K. Woodley.

In part, the Governor’s Proclamation reads, “Whereas the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in collaboration with other state agencies, higher education institutions and college access programs are working together to connect learners with opportunities for greater access, persistence and demonstrable success across the state; and whereas, all Louisiana high school seniors may participate in this initiative, thereby receiving assistance from trained school staff and volunteers in completing a college application; now, therefore, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as LOUISIANA COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH in the State of Louisiana.” (The complete text of both proclamations is attached.)

According to the United States Department of Education, young adults with a postsecondary credential degree earn more than those with just a high school diploma or its equivalent. College is defined as any education beyond high school. “Thus, Dr. Boutté added, “there are many college paths ranging from certificates and credentials to four-year degrees; all of which can be paid for with various LOSFA awards. Whether you start with TOPS Tech Early Start in high school and earn up to 24 hours of college credit in a top-demand occupation; TOPS Tech to earn a two-year degree; or TOPS to enroll in and complete a four-year degree: It’s your choice, it’s your future, and you can count on LOSFA to help.”

In 2013, the LOSFA-administered Louisiana GEAR UP program, in conjunction with the Lafayette GEAR UP program, conducted a Louisiana College Application Week pilot program. The pilot program was conducted in 25 Louisiana GEAR UP and Lafayette GEAR UP high schools and helped 1,049 students complete at least one college application. Due to the success of the Louisiana College Application Week pilot, LOSFA has expanded this initiative from one week to the entire month of October and is inviting all interested Louisiana high schools to participate.

To join the discussion about Louisiana College Application Month on Twitter, follow #ApplyToCollege.

A list of participating high schools is attached. For more information go to www.osfa.la.gov or call 800-259-5626.

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Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** according to the United States Department of Education, young adults with a postsecondary credentials degree earn more than those without a high school diploma or its equivalent; and
- WHEREAS,** a high school education alone is no longer sufficient and will not guarantee a student will be on the path to being gainfully employed in a career track that will provide a livable wage and sustainable quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in collaboration with other state agencies, higher education institutions and college access programs are working together to connect learners with opportunities for greater access, persistence, and demonstrable success across the state; and
- WHEREAS,** all Louisiana high school seniors may participate in this initiative, thereby receiving assistance from trained school staff and volunteers in completing a college application.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

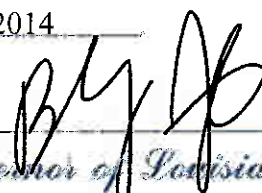
LOUISIANA COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of October
A.D. 2014


Governor of Louisiana

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Education, young adults with a postsecondary credential or degree earn more than those without a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Council on Education, college graduates are half as likely to be unemployed as those with only a high school diploma and are also more likely to vote and be leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, a high school education alone is no longer sufficient and will not guarantee a student will become gainfully employed in a career that will provide a livable wage and sustainable quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in collaboration with other state agencies, higher education institutions and college access programs are working together to connect students with opportunities for greater access to success by increasing the number of students completing the college admissions process; and

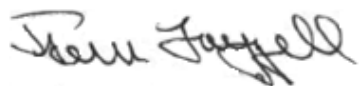
WHEREAS, all Louisiana high school seniors may participate in this initiative, thereby receiving assistance from trained educational staff, business and industry personnel and community volunteers in completing a college application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana hereby proclaim October 2014 as LOUISIANA COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH.

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I, W. Clinton "Bubba" Rasberry, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents of Louisiana, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Regents at a Board meeting, duly called and held on September 25, 2014 at which meeting more than a quorum was present and voted.

In witness thereof, I have signed my name and affixed the official seal of said Board of Regents at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 25th day of September, 2014.



Tom Layzell
Senior Advisor to the Board



W. Clinton "Bubba" Rasberry, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Board of Regents

High School/Address	Date(s)/Time	Location	Students	Parish
Crowley High School	Oct. 16	CHS Commons	132	Acadia
263 Hensgens Road	9:00 a.m.	Area		
Crowely, LA 70526				
Elizabeth High School	Oct. 6 (8:00 a.m.) or	Auditorium	25	Allen
440 Live Oak St.	Oct. 8 (9:00 a.m.)			
Elizabeth, LA 70638				
Oakdale High School	Oct. 8	Library	52	Allen
101 N. 13th St.	7:45 a.m.			
Oakdale, LA 71463				
Oberlin High School	Oct. 21	Library	40	Allen
1 Tiger Lane	9:00 a.m.			
Oberlin, LA 70655				
Avoyelles High School	Oct. 2	Library	141	Avoyelles
287 Main St.	7:45-3:00			
Moreauville, LA 71355				
Bunkie High School			63	Avoyelles
435 Evergreen St.				
Bunkie, LA 71322				
Marksville High School	Oct. 22 and 23	Lab	100	Avoyelles
407 W. Bon Temps St.	11:30-3:00 p.m.			
Marksville, LA 71351				
Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy	Oct. 23 or 28	Library	80	Caddo
	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.			
2550 Thomas E. Howard				
Shreveport, LA 71107				

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Broadmoor High School			267	East Baton Rouge
10100 Goodwood Blvd.				
Baton Rouge, LA 70815				
Glen Oaks High School	Oct. 21-23	Computer Tech Lab	108	East Baton Rouge
6650 Cedar Grove Dr.	4:00-6:00			
Baton Rouge, LA 70812				
Scotlandville Magnet HS	Oct. 21	Library	300	East Baton Rouge
9870 Scotland Ave.	6:00 p.m.			
Baton Rouge, LA 70807				
Tara High School			217	East Baton Rouge
9002 Whitehall Ave.				
Baton Rouge, LA 70806				
East Feliciana High	Oct. 10 & 21	2 computer labs	85	East Feliciana
3501 Hwy. 10	8:30A/6:00P			
Jackson, LA 70748				
Jeanerette High School	Oct. 22	Computer Lab	62	Iberia
8217 E. Old Spanish Trail	8:30 a.m.			
Jeanerette, LA 70544				
Westgate High School	Oct. 20-24	6 Computer Labs	239	Iberia
2305 Jefferson Island Rd.				
New Iberia, LA 70560				
East Iberville HS	Oct. 8	Mac Lab	7	Iberville
3285 Highway 75	6:00 p.m.			
St. Gabriel, LA 70776				

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Iberville Math Science Arts	Oct. 23	Mac Lab	10	Iberville
Hwy. 30	5:00 p.m.			
St. Gabriel, LA 70776				
IMSA East Campus	Oct. 23	Mac Lab	10	Iberville
	5:00 p.m.			
IMSA West Campus	Oct. 16	Classroom	50	Iberville
	9:30 a.m.			
Plaquemine High School	Oct. 27 & 28	Computer Lab	147	Iberville
59595 Belleview Dr.	9:00 a.m.			
Plaquemine, LA 70764				
White Castle HS	Oct. 9	Computer Lab	17	Iberville
32695 Graham St	8:00 a.m.			
White Castle, LA 70788				
Bonnabel High School	Oct. 13-17	Rm. 7-217 & 7-214	300	Jefferson
2801 Bruin Dr.	8:50 a.m.			
Kenner, LA 70065				
Fisher Middle/High School	Oct. 16	Computer Lab	40	Jefferson
2529 Jean Lafitte Blvd.	8:00-2:00 p.m.	Rm. 501		
Lafitte, LA 70067				
Acadiana High School	Oct. 16	Library	321	Lafayette
315 Rue Du Belier	7:05 AM -2:35 PM			
Lafayette, LA 70506				

High School/Address	Date(s)/Time	Location	Students	Parish
Carencro High School	Oct. 15	Computer Lab	205	Lafayette
721 W. Butcher Switch Rd.	7:05 AM -2:27 PM			
Carencro, LA 70520				
Comeaux High School	Oct. 17	Library	100	Lafayette
100 W. Bluebird Dr.	7:05 AM - 2:34 PM			
Lafayette, LA 70508				
David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy	Oct. 14	"Bulldog"	50	Lafayette
805 Teurlings Drive	6:50 AM -2:10 PM	Computer Lab		
Lafayette, LA 70501				
Early College Academy	Oct. 13 (2-3 p.m.)	Rm. 310	20	Lafayette
320 Devalcourt St.	Oct. 14 (9:30-10:30)	Rm. 217	13	
Lafayette, LA 70506	Oct. 15 (11-12)	Rm. 217	20	
Lafayette High School	Oct. 14	P5R Computer Lab	551	Lafayette
3000 W. Congress St.	7:05 AM - 2:35 PM			
Lafayette, LA 70506				
Northside High School	Oct. 13	Computer Lab	153	Lafayette
301 Dunand St.	7:04 AM - 2:34 PM			
Lafayette, LA 70501				
Doyle High School	Oct. 20-25	TBD	75	Livingston
P.O. Box 160	Time TBD			
Livingston, LA 70740				
Live Oak High School	Oct. 22	LOHS Classroom	275	Livingston
36079 LA Hwy. 16		Bldg.		
Denham Springs, LA 70706				

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Bastrop High School	Oct. 16 and 23	Media Center	216	Morehouse
402 Highland Ave.	7:25-10:23 a.m. &			
Bastrop, LA 71220	7:25 & 11:24 a.m.			
Natchitoches Central HS	Oct. 8	TBD	300	Natchitoches
6513 Hwy. 1 Bypass	10:50 a.m.			
Natchitoches, LA 71457				
Dr. MLK Charter HS	Oct.1	Library	40	Orleans
1617 Caffin Ave.	11:30 a.m.			
New Orleans, LA 70117				
Lake Area New Tech	Oct. 14	Atrium	100	Orleans
Early College HS	12:00-2:00 p.m.			
6026 Paris Ave.				
New Orleans, LA 70122				
Landry-Walker HS	Oct. 14-16		324	Orleans
1200 LB Landry Ave.				
New Orleans, LA 70114				
Warren Easton Sr. High	Oct. 7 and 8	Library	240	Orleans
3019 Canal St.				
New Orleans, LA 70119				
NO Accelerated HS #1 CP	Oct. 21 & 22	Conference Room	18	Orleans ReNew
	10:30 - 1:00 p.m.			
NO Accelerated HS #2 WB	Oct. 21 & 22	Conference Room	17	Orleans ReNew
	10:30 - 1:00 p.m.			

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Bolton High School	Oct. 14	Room 114	50	Rapides
2101 Vance Ave.	5:00-6:00 p.m.			
Alexandria, LA 71301				
Red River High	Oct. 14	Library	79	Red River
915 E. Carrol St.	8:00-3:00			
Coushatta, LA 71019				
Mangham High School			58	Richland
810 Main Street				
Mangham, LA 71259				
Rayville High School	Oct. 21	Library &	102	Richland
193 Louisiana 3048	6:00 p.m.	Computer Lab		
Rayville, LA 71269				
Converse High School	Oct. 20	Library	26	Sabine
400 Wildcat Dr.	6:00 p.m.			
Converse, LA 71419				
Florien High School	Oct. 7		38	Sabine
500 High School	6:00 p.m.			
Florien, LA 71429				
Many High School	Oct. 28	Cafeteria	71	Sabine
100 Tiger Dr.	5:00			
Many, LA 71449				
Negreet High School	Oct. 28		24	Sabine
4129 Louisiana 476	2:00 p.m.			
Many, LA 71449				

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Pleasant Hill High School	Oct. 7		20	Sabine
2601 W. 2nd St.	6:00 p.m.			
Pleasant Hill, LA 71065				
Hahnville High School	Oct. 14, 15, 16	High School	340	St. Charles
200 Tiger Dr.	7:00-2:30	Lab 1		
Boutte, LA 70039	9:30-2:30			
	2:00-6:00			
East St. John High School	Oct. 6 & 7	Computer Lab	279	St. John the Baptist
1880 Louisiana 44	7:30 - 2:00 p.m.			
Reserve, LA 70084				
West St. John High	Oct. 14	Computer Lab	30	St. John the Baptist
480 Louisiana 3127	9:00 a.m.			
Edgard, La 70049				
Magnet Academy of Cultural Arts (MACA)	Oct. 24	Computer Lab	20	St. Landry
1100 East Leo Street	8:41-9:32 a.m.			
Opelousas, LA 70570				
Breaux Bridge HS	Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Advisory Classes	185	St. Martin
1015 BBHS Road	1:00-1:30			
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517				
Ponchatoula HS	Oct. 6	Sr. English	379	Tangipahoa
19452 Hwy. 22	7:30 a.m.	Classrooms		
Ponchatoula, LA 70454				

High School/Address	Date(s)/Time	Location	Students	Parish
Terrebonne High School	Oct. 23	Computer Lab	200	Terrebonne
7318 Main Street	7:30 a.m.	Classroom		
Houma, LA 70360				
Union Parish High School	Oct. 22 & 23		123	Union
300 Anthony St.				
Farmerville, LA 71241				