

WELCOME TO GSBSLU!

The 2024 Session of the Graduate School of Banking at LSU will officially kick-off this evening with Introductory Sessions for first- and second-year students in the [STUDENT UNION BALLROOM](#) at 6:15.



The 152-member senior class arrived on campus yesterday to begin their Bank Management Simulation (BMSim) course, in which they will pull together all the bank-operational knowledge that they've gained over the past two years and compete to cross the finish line as the best overall bank in each of their communities.

Senior students were met by John Naughton and Mike Highfield, who welcomed them and let them know a few things to expect over the next two weeks. Then, they broke out into their respective simulated banking communities to meet their Bank Management Simulation (BMSim) instructors and the school's BMSim Director, [ANTHONY MCGILL](#), to learn about how the simulation operates.

THE RED STICK WHAT?

The Red Stick Times is your daily publication for all things "who-what-when-where" (and sometimes "why") regarding GSBSLU. It will be posted in Canvas each morning by lunchtime and can be accessed by clicking on that day's link. Some of the information may seem redundant and you're right... much of it can be found at the "2024 Student Session Information" Canvas link.

THE FACES BEHIND THE GSBSLU MAGIC

I'd like to take a moment to introduce the people who dot all the "I"s and cross all the "T"s to make each session run as smoothly as possible for you. From our Baton Rouge office, [CORINNE LONG](#), VP for Administration, runs the day-to-day along with [THERESA ROUSSEL](#), [JULIANNA VICKNAIR](#), and our newest addition [JULIANNE GOUNER](#). We know, what are

TODAY AT GSBSLU:	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH
5:00 – 6:15 PM	DINNER
6:15 PM	FR/JR INTRO SESSION
7:00 PM	FR/JR CASE PREP

the odds that we have a Julianna and a Julianne in the same office, but we figured

it would be fun to make everyone's lives *slightly* more complicated with this new hire.

Outside of Baton Rouge, [DR. MIKE HIGHFIELD](#), our VP for Curriculum (and EVP/Provost of Mississippi College), maintains the excellence of your curriculum and team of instructors. JRs and SRs can attest to his caliber.

Lastly, it's my pleasure to introduce GSBSLU's Executive Director, [JOHN NAUGHTON](#). In previous years, he has been the one to keep you informed on the daily happenings via The Red Stick Times, but it's in new hands this year... so take it easy on me. On the upside, since John is no longer writing The Times, he now has more time to assist you in any way he can! I'm sure he wouldn't mind me saying that.... If you see him around, make sure to stop him to say hi.

NAME TAGS

Your nametags are your tickets into pretty much everything while you're here in Baton Rouge. They should be worn at **all times** going to-and-from classes, while in class, and at any GSB-sponsored activity or event. Let's face it, how many times have we all been in the middle of a conversation with someone and realized "I have completely forgotten what this person's name is." Help us help you... wear your name tag!

WHERE DO WE EAT?

Now we're getting to the good stuff... In previous years, all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners were provided by LSU's 459 Commons dining hall. The 459 is undergoing renovations this year, so we will be dining at [The FACULTY CLUB](#) which is just a hop, skip and a jump away from the 459 at [3863 HIGHLAND ROAD](#).

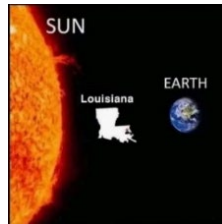
In addition to The Faculty Club, [PANERA BREAD](#) inside Patrick F. Taylor will be open from 7:00AM – 3:00PM Monday Through Friday during our session. It's right next door to the BEC, so this may be a closer option for those who don't want to hike across campus for breakfast or lunch. They accept online/pickup orders, which is great if you find yourself pressed for time or in need of a snack. They modified their hours to accommodate us, so take advantage!

LSU REC CENTER

LSU's campus has been the birthplace of the "freshman 15" for many students over the years (some of whom are still trying to get rid of them but that's neither here nor there). If you're hoping to avoid the "GSBLSU 15", you may want to take advantage of the [STUDENT RECREATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX](#) (located just east of the dorms on S. Campus Drive). The cost is \$35 for one week or \$50 for both and you can sign up at the complex. Please note that this is not administered by GSBLSU... we just got you the good deal on price!

AIRCONDITIONING, INTERNET, ETC.

During registration you received an information sheet which gave the run down on all things WiFi, cable TV, housekeeping, and, perhaps most importantly, *air conditioning* in your temporary homes. If you've already lost it, have no fear – there's a copy in Canvas as well.



A few important phone numbers:

- GSBLSU Office- **225 766-8595**
- Evangeline / Annie Boyd / Highland Halls- **225 578-0138**
- Camellia Hall – **225 578-8781**
- Azalea Hall- **225 578-7768**
- LSU Police (Emergency)- **225 578-3231**

SOME DOS AND DON'TS

We try to keep the rules to a minimum. However, the following are at the top of the list:

- Punctuality is KEY! We know you're feeling nostalgic about your college days, but let's leave skipping class in the past. We will knock on your door to get you up... you've been warned.

- Participation in all *school*-sponsored activities is expected. We have great things planned and you'll want to be there, we promise!
- Courtesy in the classroom is essential. Please keep your cell phones and other devices silenced.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Some first week event highlights include the leadership speaker on Tuesday evening (7 PM), class sponsored party on Thursday evening (7 PM), and crawfish boil on Friday evening (6:30 PM). Stay tuned for week two highlights and make sure you're following GSBLSU on all social media platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram) to stay up to date with all the fun things we have going on. Who knows, maybe you'll even be featured in some of our posts.

CLASS OF 2026 OFFICERS ELECTION

Candidates for Class of 2026 Officers will be nominated via a quiz in your Canvas account beginning tomorrow and closing at 1:00 pm this Friday. Candidates must be nominated by a fellow classmate and must have given his or her permission to be entered in the race. The final field of candidates will be announced via Canvas Friday afternoon and polls will be open for 48 hours beginning at **5:30 pm** (closing at **5:30 pm Sunday**) with the results posted by **6:30 pm**. On Monday (May 27th), the newly elected FR Class Officers will join their JR & SR counterparts at **6 pm** for their first Advisory Council Meeting at the [NELSON MEMORIAL BUILDING](#).

All nominations and voting will be for the office of President and the candidate receiving the most votes will be declared the winner. The first runner-up will be named Vice President, and the next three runners-up will join the President & Vice President as members of the Student Advisory Council for the remainder of your school careers.

TOMORROW AT GSBLSU:	
<u>6:30 – 8:00AM</u>	<u>BREAKFAST</u>
<u>4:45PM</u>	<u>FR/JR CASE GROUPS</u>
<u>5:30 – 7:00PM</u>	<u>DINNER</u>
<u>7:00PM</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP SPEAKER</u>

HAVE A GREAT FIRST DAY AND BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TOMORROW'S RST IN CANVAS!