

AND WE'RE OFF!

And just like that, the **74th GSBSLU Session** is up and running! Yesterday evening, FR & JR students met for orientation with

GSBSLU Executive Director, John Naughton and the school's VP for Curriculum, Dr. Mike Highfield, and got a feel for what to expect over the next two weeks. Then, it was off to the classrooms for preparation of their case studies!

Seniors, who arrived on campus Sunday, hit the ground running, and got started in their BMSim communities.

Believe it or not, The Faculty Club has as many seats as the 459 commons, but the layout makes the dining room feel a little tight. If possible, we're asking the JR class to stop by their dorms before heading to lunch to try and alleviate some of that congestion. Anyone from other classes is welcome to do that as well, and we appreciate your patience with this!

LEADERSHIP SPEAKER

GSBSLU has a long-standing tradition of presenting a distinguished speaker to our students on the first Tuesday evening of each session. In continuing this tradition, all students will assemble in the [Union Theater](#) this evening at 7PM for a presentation from [Col. Arthur J. Athens.](#) (USMCR). Colonel Athens is the former Director of the US Naval Academy's Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership and the Academy's first Distinguished Military Professor of Leadership. I encourage you to read more about Col Athens' attributes in Canvas and we hope you leave tonight's speech with a charge that will carry you through the next two weeks!

SCHOOL SPIRIT IN THE WILD

All classes received some GSB themed goodies when they arrived at registration on Sunday and Monday. GSBSLU

TODAY AT GSBSLU:	
11:30 – 1:00PM	LUNCH
4:45PM	FR/JR CASE GROUPS
5:30 – 7:00PM	DINNER
7:00PM	LEADERSHIP SPEAKER

provides freshmen with class shirts and backpacks, and the JR and SR advisory councils choose their own swag. One item in particular has heads turning, the **JR fanny packs**. We saw our first fanny pack "in the wild" yesterday during lunch and were able to grab a quote from this champion of school-spirit.

"I would say these fanny packs are the most thoughtful gift ever. They took into consideration what would benefit us all the most. Bonus points for covering us in case we forgot something to wear for the 80's themed party."



School spirit award goes to this confident man, **Clint Powers**.

DUTIES OF CLASS OFFICERS

Serving as a class officer carries a large amount of responsibility and "heavy lifting," but the job is *incredibly* rewarding – just ask our Executive Director, John! Council members meet with GSB administration at least twice during the session each year to talk about how things are going and to discuss any questions, comments, or issues from members of their respective classes. Students are encouraged to seek out their class representatives with any concerns so we can keep lines of communication open during the session and in the "off-season."

Each class's council is free to run its business in its own way (i.e., the collection of class dues, budgets, planning of activities, etc.). Administration is more than happy to assist in local arrangements, receiving mailed packages, or just pointing the council in the right general direction, but we will assume no direct involvement in planning for or the collection or use of class funds. Upon its formation, it is recommended that the council internally select a treasurer. This should be a well-organized and detailed individual who is ready to roll up his or her sleeves. It's a busy job! At graduation, the Class President will be called upon for brief (very brief) remarks to and on behalf of the class.

LOST AND FOUND

Pretty much every year we find more stuff than has been reported missing. Car keys, calculators, umbrellas after the sun comes back out... you name it. If you find something dropped or left behind, we ask that you give it to your instructor (if left behind in a classroom) or to a member of GSBSLU Administration. We collect all items turned in and hold them at GSB headquarters at the Lod Cook Hotel. If you have lost something, please notify GSB admin. And, if you can... label your stuff!

BANK STUDY PROJECTS

For our FR students... between your 1st & 2nd and 2nd & 3rd years, you will have five projects from your core classes that must be completed & submitted for grading via Canvas by their respective due dates. These are *mandatory* and the successful completion of each is required for students to advance in the school. An estimated 20-to-30 hours of devotion to these problems can be expected, which is a large chunk of time for you to be away from your work & family.

Now, some may believe that these projects are included in the school's curriculum to serve as obstacles that must be overcome to continue their education. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Bank-study projects are carefully & painstakingly designed by the teaching faculty and are graded by professional bankers & academics. They are based upon material presented in your classes and are an integral part of the educational process.

TRADITIONS

We've mentioned traditions here and there so far in yesterday and today's volume of the RST. Whenever your school has been operating since 1950, there are bound to be traditions all over the place... it just comes with the territory! Now, some of these traditions come with no reasonable explanations (as all great ones do). One of these is the designation of "shirt days" as follows for the 2024 session:

- **Thurs., May 23rd** – SR Hawaiian shirt day
- **Fri., May 24th** – College team shirt day (*ALL*)
- **Tues., May 28th** – Class Photo day
 - SR – gray t-shirt
 - JR – "navy blue" t-shirt
 - FR – green t-shirt (the one you received with your backpack)
- **Wed., May 29th** – bank logo shirt day (*ALL*)

PASSING THE TORCH – MICHAEL SCHLOEGEL

The school's administration devotes considerable resources to identifying and retaining the best faculty available to teach at GSBSLU with primary responsibility for this daunting task falling on Dr. Mike Highfield, Vice President for Curriculum. This session, we have several new additions to our faculty and over the course of the session, the Red Stick Times will highlight each of them. Today's featured addition is a GSBSLU legacy, MICHAEL SCHLOEGEL.



Michael is the son of our beloved George Schloegel, namesake of our newly announced GAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. George was an instructor at the Graduate School of Banking at LSU and the Mississippi School of Banking for 40 years. He began his banking career as a high-school-age mailroom associate at Hancock Bank in Gulfport, MS. Over his career spanning more than 60 years, he worked his way up through the ranks, managing nearly every facet of bank operations, to the position of Chairman and CEO. George passed away on Friday, October 6, 2023, at the age of 83. Right up to his death, he kept his original key to the mailroom in his pocket to remind him that through hard work and dedication, anything can be accomplished (it's true, we've seen it).



George.Schloegel

This year, Michael will be taking over his dad's case: Core Ideology, Culture and Strategy: The Standard National Bank. Michael Schloegel leads Hancock Whitney's Mississippi Pine Belt as Market President focused on the development of prosperous culture. Michael's career with Hancock Whitney began in 1998 in a variety of roles in Operations, Commercial Banking and Management throughout Mississippi.

An alum of the Graduate School of Banking at LSU, class of 2016, and past president of the Mississippi Young Bankers, Michael is active in the Mississippi Banking Association serving as a member of its Legislative Committee. We are so excited and honored to have Michael joining us this session and know that George will be present with him in the classroom... so everyone be on your best behavior!

TOMORROW AT GSBSLU:

6:30 – 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

4:45PM FR/JR CASE GROUPS

5:30 – 7:00 PM DINNER