

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

As hard as it is to believe, after classes end this evening, we only have one remaining day in the 2024 GSBSLU session. It never fails that once you hit Monday of the second week, time seems to speed up tremendously and, before you know it, you're all headed home to put the lessons you learned into practice back at your shops.



scholarship is awarded by the state banker association and the school director. The following 12 individuals received the award for the 2024 session:

TODAY AT GSBSLU:

[ALL DAY](#) [BANK LOGO SHIRT DAY](#)

[6:00PM](#) [STATE BANKERS RECEPTION](#)

FINAL GRADES

Several members of the Advisory Council have raised questions regarding grades earned while at the school. Upon graduation, your final transcript will reflect grades on all exams taken and all bank study projects completed over the course of the three years. We should have the grade reports in the mail to you within a couple of weeks. We keep these transcripts on file here at the office, should you ever need another copy!

"GSBSLU 15"

A lot goes into menu selection and food preparation for our sessions. We're so appreciative of The Faculty Club for taking us on this year while the 459 gets a facelift.

For our statistics nerds, while on campus this year, GSBSLU students will consume:

- 660 gallons of coffee (just at breakfast)
- 1,200 pounds of scrambled eggs
- 420 pounds of bacon
- 55 gallons of ranch dressing
- 900 pounds of rice
- 8,960 pieces of chicken
- 132 gallons of soup (among other things).

Keep telling yourself that the dorm dryers shrank your pants while here on campus, we'll all go along with it for your sake.

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Graduate School of Banking at LSU provides a FR-year scholarship to top performers of state banking schools and bank regulatory agencies in our 15 sponsoring states. The

- **Mr. Michael Fera**, VP/Commercial Loan Officer, SouthState Bank, FL
- **Mr. Hozay Hausley**, Market President, Renasant Bank, MS
- **Mr. Christian Koehl**, Examiner IV, Office of Financial Institution, LA
- **Ms. Sarah Mayfield**, Portfolio Manager, TowneBank, VA
- **Mr. David Moore**, Assistant Vice President, Citizens National Bank, TN
- **Ms. Jamie Otwell**, Vice President, Peoples Bank, LA
- **Mr. Braden Pace**, VP/Commercial Lending, South Central Bank, KY
- **Ms. Eva Pickle**, Assistant Vice President, Bank of Anguilla, MS
- **Mr. Logan Raley**, AVP/Loan Officer, River City Bank, KY
- **Mr. Kenneth Sexton**, Review Examiner, SC Board of Financial Institutions, SC
- **Mr. Clayton Wilson**, Vice President, Coleman County State Bank, TX

Congratulations to these scholarship recipients!

THE TROUBLE WITH RETIREMENT IS YOU NEVER GET A DAY OFF – ABE LEMONS

We've said it before and we'll say it again, we wouldn't be where we are today without our amazing faculty. Our instructors are highly respected in their careers and bring years of experience to the table.

One of our nearest and dearest, BMSim examiner [TOD TRUELOVE](#) has been with GSBSLU for 11 years. About a month ago, Tod retired from his position with the Tennessee Department of Financial Institution after 33 years. The following press



release went out on April 23rd announcing Tod's retirement. We're so happy for you Tod, but we're not *not* jealous. (Just so you know this doesn't mean you're allowed to retire from us too).

Tod Trulove is retiring at the end of April after 33 years of service to the Department. He has served the last 20 years as Assistant Commissioner of the Bank Division. Trulove began his career as an examiner in the middle Tennessee region and was promoted multiple times to ultimately lead this division, which supervises state-chartered banks, trust companies, and business and industrial development corporations (BIDCOs). Tod's career with the Department was characterized by the close working relationships he cultivated with the industry and fellow state and federal regulators. Since 2013, he served as an instructor at the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, of which he was also an alumnus. Tod is a native of Columbia, Tennessee, and a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University.

"Tod has done much to ensure a safe and sound Tennessee banking system," said Commissioner Gonzales. "Tennessee is indeed grateful for his service, and we wish him well in this next chapter."

MIKE THE TIGER



If you haven't made the trek across campus to pay Mike the Tiger a visit yet, you should definitely do so before heading home. LSU has housed a live tiger on campus since Mike I arrived in 1936. In true cat fashion, Mike loves a good nap. Odds are he'll be snoozing whenever you stop by, but you may get lucky and see him go for a swim in his stream.

Mike I arrived from the Little Rock Zoo and reigned for nearly 20 years at LSU. Legend has it that Mike II died shortly after arriving on campus and was replaced by a second tiger, although all rumors were repeatedly denied. The "second" Mike II reigned at LSU for only one season.

Mike III was born in 1957 and served as mascot for 18 years. He was reportedly the only tiger who would growl on cue. Mike IV arrived on campus in 1976 and reigned for 14 years on campus. In 1981, someone cut the chain to his enclosure, releasing him to roam about campus. LSU police called the vet staff at 1AM to tell them that Mike



was in the middle of North Stadium Drive. He wandered into the Bernie Moore Track Stadium where vet staff were able to tranquilize and return him safely to his enclosure.

Mike V arrived on campus in 1989 and served as mascot for 17 years. Of all the tigers that served as mascot, he was described as the easiest to handle with a "calm and friendly" disposition. Mike VI was born in 2005 and arrived on campus in 2007 when he was 2 years old. He served as mascot for 9 years until he was diagnosed with cancer in 2016. He underwent radiotherapy at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Baton Rouge, but a later CT scan revealed that his tumor had grown, and the cancer spread despite treatment.

The current mascot, Mike VII was born on September 13, 2016. Prior to taking on the role of Mike the Tiger, he was named "Harvey" and was donated to the school in August of 2017 from a sanctuary in Okeechobee, FL called "Wild at Heart Wildlife Center." Currently, Mike VII lives in a \$3.7 million, 15,000 square foot environment tucked between Tiger Stadium and the PMAC.

Mikes IV-VII were all rescue tigers donated to the school by various sanctuaries. Mike has a full vet staff and USDA licensed care plan to ensure he receives the best possible care. He's arguably the most famous (and loved) tiger in the world! (stats via mikethetiger.com sponsored by TAF)

THE POOP SHEET



Wednesday, June 2, 1993

Over the Transom -

"Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you but not in the one in front of you."

"Notre Dame wants a football schedule only with opponents whose players attend class."

"My roommate has a split personality and they're both obnoxious."

"One of the hardest things about the business of life is minding your own."

TOMORROW AT GSBLU:

1:15 – 5:45PM	BMSIM PRESENTATIONS (SRs)
4:30 – 6:00PM	WEEK 2 EXAMS (JRs & FR)
4:00 – 6:00PM	WEEK 2 EXAM (SRs)