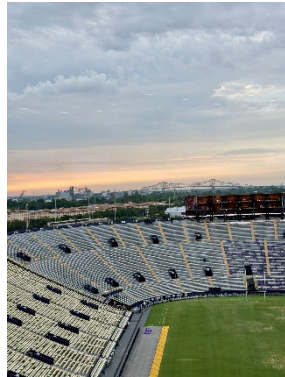


## EAUX WHAT A NIGHT!

We hope all of you enjoyed the State Bankers Association Reception yesterday evening at Tiger Stadium! Once again, it proved to be the perfect venue for the event. Thank you to all our Association Execs, Trustees, and guests for joining us!



## 152 SENIORS GRADUATING

Tomorrow morning at **9:00**, GSBSLU will celebrate its 72<sup>nd</sup> graduating class as **152** Senior students cross the stage of



LSU's **Union Theater** to receive their diplomas. When the last one does, GSBSLU alumni will reach **17,018**. We could not be prouder of you, we thank you *all* for the wonderful

memories, and we wish you the greatest success in your careers!

**John Naughton**, GSBSLU Executive Director, will preside over the graduation ceremonies, assisted by **Stephen David**, President of GSBSLU, who will offer his comments and award diplomas. Other GSBSLU officers on stage will include **Fred Green** (Chairman of the BoT), **Sherri Sackett** (President-Elect), **Ginger Laurent** (Chairman-Elect), **Scott Cocanougher** (Vice President), **Gordon Fellows** (Vice Chairman), **Colin Barrett** (Past Chairman), **Dr. Mike Highfield** (VP for Curriculum), and **Corinne Long** (VP for Administration).

Our seniors have had a great 3-year run with us at GSBSLU. We know you're all adults, but let's not have any *monkey business* during graduation... talking to you, Georgia bankers. At least there are only 152 of you and not 30,000!

## GRADUATION INFO

Seniors... please be on the lookout for a message via Canvas regarding graduation ceremonies today, including your

seating chart. Please arrive at the Union Theater no later than 8:45 am and find your seat so we can begin the ceremony

TODAY AT GSBSLU:	
12:00PM	EVAL PORTAL OPENS
1:15PM – 5:45PM	BMSIM PRESENTATIONS
4:30 – 6:00PM	FR/JR WEEK 2 EXAMS
4:00 – 6:00PM	SR WEEK 2 EXAM

at 9:00 sharp. As a reminder, required attire for men is coat and tie and, for women, appropriate dress for the occasion.

Please note that guests can park in the Union parking garage, and GSBSLU is not responsible for parking fines incurred by students or their guests.

## CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

“Official” check-out will begin at 7:00 tomorrow morning. FR & JR students who would prefer to check-out today following completion of the exam may do so by visiting the front desk of your dorm building, which will be manned by a representative from LSU, to turn in keys and keycards. Same procedure tomorrow morning.

Shuttle buses to the Baton Rouge airport will run from 7:30-11:30 am tomorrow (about every 15 minutes) and will pick students up on S. Campus Drive in front of the dorms.

## PRESS RELEASES

Press-release forms can be found in your Canvas accounts (FR/JR & SR) in the “Press Release” icon. It is a fill in the blank PDF (name, title, bank/institution, and city/town) that can be completed and forwarded on to the appropriate agency.

### SAVE THE DATE!

### 2025 SESSION

### MAY 19 – 30, 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## GSBLSU'S GROWING ALUMNI

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As stated above, by around 9:30 tomorrow morning, the Graduate School of Banking at LSU will have a grand total of 17,018 alumni. Below is a state-by-state count of graduates (including 2024) from the 15 states within our "footprint," other US states outside of the Southeast, and Mexico.

○ Louisiana	2,334
○ Tennessee	1,852
○ Mississippi	1,838
○ Georgia	1,734
○ Florida	1,715
○ Alabama	1,514
○ South Carolina	928
○ Kentucky	889
○ Arkansas	878
○ North Carolina	796
○ Texas	665
○ Virginia	494
○ Missouri	345
○ Oklahoma	239
○ West Virginia	173
○ Other States	335
○ Mexico	289

The Graduate School of Banking at LSU plays an extremely important role in advanced professional education and personal-career development. Our best advertisement is word-of-mouth endorsement from current & past students to others who might be interested in attending. You would be doing your friends & associates a good turn by urging them to consider enrollment. Recent surveys indicate that most bankers attending the session asked a graduate about the school before enrolling. Information & applications are available from the school office and at [gsblsu.org](http://gsblsu.org). **Next year's session dates are May 19 – May 30, 2025.**

## THANK YOU!

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As you can probably imagine, the number of moving parts that make up a two-week in person session is nothing short of staggering. We do our best to ensure that all those parts move in unison to keep everything running smoothly (and also give the appearance that it's easy to do so!) We're lucky to have a great team that works together to get everything accomplished.

Thank you to our students, if it wasn't for you, we wouldn't have jobs so, for that, we are very grateful. We appreciate every one of you for doing your individual parts to make this

year's session a success. We hope that you got as much from this session as we did from you.

To all our faculty who take the time out of their busy lives and "day jobs" to enrich the future of our industry, thank you so much and we're already looking forward to next year!

To our student workers, **Beau Achee, Philip Hines, Megan Huff, Greta Leoni, Drake Mason, Caleb Rapelje, and Dru Webb**, thank you all for stepping up to ensure all our students and faculty members were taken care of. A lot of their work is behind-the-scenes, but they help us make things look easy (even when they're not!) They're going to do great things in their careers, and maybe some of them will even go into banking and come back to attend GSBLSU!

## THE FINAL POOP

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June 1, 1973

"As the banker walks" is about as close as one can get to "as the crow flies". Between the Compound and Lockett Hall, the knowledgeable banker has learned to cut across lawns, parking lots, through shrubs, in between trees, and diagonally across streets without regard for yellow lines.

Careful measurement shows that the distance between Herget Hall and Lockett is .604 miles "as the banker walks," NOT approximately one mile as reported in an early Poop.

So, if you go home with blisters, callouses, and tired feet, the reason is the number of steps you will have taken if you walked to every class these two weeks. With a 28' stride, it takes 1,369 steps one way. Four trips a day make for 5,476 – which converts to 30,118 for a 5.5-day school week.

When you get home, you can tell your president (if you aren't he) that you have walked 60,236 steps or 26.62 miles on your trips to class.

