Endowment Funds New Scholarships

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LSU Shreveport Foundation Executive Director Susie Stinson and Interim Chancellor Dr. Paul Sisson announced the establishment of two new endowed professorships and two new endowed scholarships for first generation college students.

The endowments offer a private contribution of $50,000 to be matched with $40,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents for a total of $100,000.

The Louisiana Board of Regents established the Endowed Professorship Program during fiscal 1991 to provide colleges and universities with additional opportunities to recruit top professors.

Riemer and Maria Calhoun, long-standing members of the LSU Foundation and residents of Desoto Parish, set up the Riemer and Maria Calhoun Endowed Professorship in Education to lay a foundation for upcoming educators.

In honor of James Gardner, Ann Gardner and her family established the James C. and Ann W. Gardner Endowed Professorship in Civic Engagement and Leadership.

“There may be no one else in our community that better deserves an honor than James Gardner,” Stinson said.

James Gardner is often referred to as “Shreveport’s first citizen.” See ENDOWMENT, pg. 2

LSUS Shelters Isaac Evacuees

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Southern Louisiana residents fleeing the path of Hurricane Isaac were invited to seek refuge in a shelter set up by the Red Cross in LSU Shreveport’s HPE building.

The HPE building was opened to refugees on Aug. 27. Cots were set up on the racquetball court with more, ready to be set up, in the gymnasium if needed.

“We’re not sure if people will come up this far, but we’re setting up just in case,” said LSUS IT Services Strive to Solve Tech Problems

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Most people would agree that there is a love-hate relationship with technology. Fortunately, Information Technology Services at LSU Shreveport provides solutions to common technology related problems.

ITS is responsible for the campus-wide intranet, MOODLE, student and faculty e-mail, Internet access and myLSUS.

Chief Information Officer Shelby Keith said some of the most frequent problems students experience include not knowing their student ID, password or pin number to access their email, MOODLE or myLSUS accounts.

If they don’t know their student ID and their pin number they have to go to the registrar’s office,” Keith said. “We are not allowed to give that out.”

Once students know their student ID number, but are still unsure of their password to MOODLE or e-mail, the ITS department can reset their password for them. However, students who wish to change their MOODLE and e-mail password can do so by logging on to their e-mail account.

Another common problem students have is adding their LSUS e-mail to their iPhone. A fully illustrated how-to guide is available by accessing www.itservices-and-services/information-technology-services and clicking on How To Guides. There is a detailed guide on how students can connect their computers to LSUS’s wireless network, depending on a student’s operating system, such as Windows XP or Mac OS X.

According to Keith, one of the most frequent problems at the beginning of the semester is students not approving their financial aid. The ITS department refers to it as “flipping your financial aid flag.”

“To flip their flag means to confirm to the university that they want to receive that aid,” Keith said. “If they don’t go out there and do that, then financial aid cannot disperse...
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and the “Architect” of Shreveport’s city government.

"Nothing was closer to Jim’s heart than encouraging young people to contribute to their community and to their country,” Gardner said. “And I thought this was the most fitting thing we could do is to establish a program which will encourage young people to be involved in their community and to be involved in their government. And that’s what this professorship will do.

The Board of Regents also awarded LSU two first-generation college scholarships this year. According to the Board of Regents, the First Generation Endowed Scholarships Program was first established in 2007 as an effort to improve success for first-generation college students.

The endowment program also provides contributors with future opportunities to sponsor Louisiana’s colleges and universities.

The Board of Regents Office of Sponsored Programs states that each four-year institution is guaranteed one $40,000 endowed scholarship annually to match a private contribution of $60,000, but is not limited to one match.

As reported by the Board of Regents, since fiscal 2008, the Board has received eight endowed scholarship requests at LSU, seven of them for first-generation college students.

One of the two scholarships for first-generation college students was established by an anonymous donor and will begin helping an LSU student in a year.

The Chandlers, patrons of LSU and LSU Shreveport, established the Chandler Endowed Scholarship for First Generation College Students.

LSU currently has four endowed chairs, 36 endowed professorships, and six endowed first-generation scholarships.

“we will continue to increase our endowments so we can create new professorships and scholarships with that same end goal, always, of recruiting and retaining top students and professors to LSU Shreveport,” Sisson said.

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Elizabeth Dowless, HPE Facilities Coordinator, in his office preparing for the arrival of refugees.

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The University Court Apartments were built in 1993. The UC apartment complex can house up to 440 people in a two-bedroom, four-bedroom, or efficiency apartment. The two-bedroom and the four-bedroom apartments are the same size, 875 square feet, and have the same floor plan. In the four-bedroom apartments the third and fourth rooms are used as bed rooms, but in the two-bedroom apartments the same rooms are used as a kitchen and a living room.

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The apartments come fully furnished, with amenities such as clubhouse access, free wi-fi, basic utilities, furniture, swimming pool and spa, and on-site laundry facility. Students are also allowed to have pets with no additional charge and there is no deposit for utilities.

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