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Happy Holidays from LSU

Dear LSU Family and Friends,

As 2016 draws to a close, I hope your days are filled with joy and laughter and all the little things that make the holidays such a special time. In the spirit of celebration, I'm sharing with you a few of our university's most recent accomplishments. I hope you're as proud of LSU as I am.

Warmest wishes,

F. King Alexander





More Records

LSU recognized 1,697 graduates at [fall commencement](#), which included the most degrees awarded to African American and Hispanic students during any fall semester.



Shooting for Mars

Graduate [student Nikki Button](#) studies geology of volcanoes and impact craters on Mars but has the ultimate goal of becoming an astronaut for NASA.



Problem Solving

LSU is the lead university in a consortium awarded a [\\$2.5 million grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish a regional transportation research center.



Meet Poncho

During the historic flood of 2016, [Poncho, a baby Brangus bull](#), was rescued and cared for by faculty from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. His story even ended up in [People magazine](#).

Best in the World

LSU's Gabriela González has been named one of the [top 10 scientists](#) in the world by the scientific journal Nature, adding to an impressive list of accolades that include [Scientist of the Year](#) by Great Minds in STEM, [Breakthrough of the Year](#) from Physics World, [Science Breakthrough of the Year](#) and a [top 100 Global Thinker](#) by Foreign Policy magazine.



Did You Know?

Best Value: LSU was rated as the best value among universities in Louisiana by [SmartAsset](#), and [Kiplinger's Personal Finance](#) rated LSU 65 among the top 100 public colleges for in-state students, putting LSU as the highest rated public university in Louisiana.

National Academy of Inventors: L SU Boyd Professor of Chemistry and SEC Professor of the Year Isiah Warner and Professor of Veterinary Surgery Mandi Lopez have been named Fellows to the [National Academy of Inventors](#).

Cuban Delegation: Earlier this fall, Ogden Honors College Dean Earle, Dean of the College of the Coast & Environment Christopher D'Elia, and Vice President for Research & Economic Development Kalliat Valsaraj joined Gov. John Bel Edwards' delegation on a [trade mission to Cuba](#).

LSU Video Playlist

[LSU Featured Tiger: Tabettha Boyajian discusses "Tabby's Star"](#)

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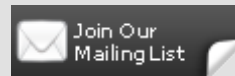
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