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Dear Warhawk Family,

For many years, the Chacahoula has been documenting the successes and aspirations of our ULM family and the greater community. This edition is no different and includes the highlights of our 2021-2022 academic year.

Last year, we completed a thorough analysis of our university and created a new strategic plan. Through many focus groups including students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners, we identified and discussed our strengths and weaknesses and our opportunities and challenges. Together, we dreamed of what we hoped our university would look like in 2031, our centennial year, when our university reaches our 100th year of service.

We dreamed big, and included goals related to students, faculty and staff, our programs, our community and athletics. We redefined our mission and purpose to simply “changing lives.”

We want everyone to dream big, especially future generations of ULM students. A special children’s book about ULM, “There is a Bridge on the Bayou” was published and given to every third-grade student in Ouachita Parish. Inside was a \$500 scholarship for them to use in 2031 when they become freshmen at the university. We hope this original book inspires and encourages them to dream of what their lives can be through education.

We watched the completion of new dining and athletic facilities as well as new academic offerings and programs. We welcomed new faculty and staff, and students, to the ULM family and encouraged everyone to live the “Warhawk Way” where everyone feels welcome, like they belong, and they have a voice that is heard.

I am truly thankful for the opportunity to serve each of you,

Ron Berry, President



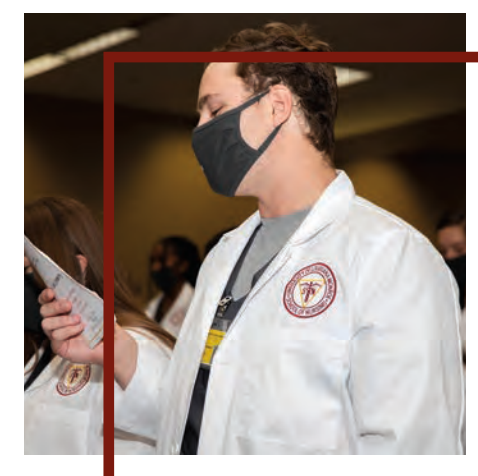


THE BEST IS ON THE BAYOU



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Academics

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1. Nursing students during their White Coat Ceremony (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Staff answers questions during drone workshop (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



5. Students take control at ULM drone workshop (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



2. Student receives nursing pin during White Coat Ceremony (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Keeping the tradition, Carter Saterfiel lights a candle during White Coat Ceremony (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Flying high during drone workshop (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



1. Dr. Joshua Stockley in his Honors class (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Students participate in Honors class (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Award recipients in the ULM Student Advertising Awards (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



3. Honors students enjoy their small session with Dr. Stockley (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Jimena Garbino (middle) poses with her parents during the Latino Honors Banquet (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Students play the piano during the Latino Honors Banquet (© ULM Photo Services).



The Cheniers' Guardian

by Tram Phan

Beginnings differ in a person's lifelong journey, and for Nautica Jones, a senior biology major at ULM, her home is a significant one. "If there is a place to start, start at home," states Jones. Growing up in an area not too far from the invasive chenier forests, Jones consistently nurtures her passion to become a cheniers' savior, who can bring back the forest barrier and save coastal populations from the mar of natural disasters. Jones' "Reassessment of vegetation diversity in a relic Louisiana Chenier" received \$3,000 grants in the summer of 2021, and she was recently selected to serve on the Louisiana Wildlife Federation Edgar Veillon Conservation Leadership Corps.

Disabilities could become obstacles for many people. However, becoming inured to imperfect health, Jones excelled in learning what she loves most: trees. For many years in high school, Jones fell in love with Biology, where she gained knowledge about the uniqueness of the subtropical climate in Louisiana. At ULM, with the help of Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharjee, a biology professor, and her lab partner, Paurava Thakore, Jones explores and emerges in chenier, a coastal live oak community, which keeps the soil intact. Due to the impact of deforestation and global warming, chenier forests have dispersed into a sparse population, inducing hurricanes to approach the coastal communities without much notice from researchers. Hence, in a team of three, in two days, Jones came down to the coast to collect samples and observe the severe conditions of empty areas where land used to be. "We have lost over 2,000 square miles of land decimated by hurricanes, and it is such a liability to live by the coast," says Jones. There, not only did Jones find the value chenier forests bring, but she also reconnected with the Southern community, the ones at risk without cheniers' protection. As much as Jones values the historical native reservation of cheniers, it became her mission to learn about and protect this species from extinction.

More than pure research, Jones desires to raise the "local sense" of Louisiana's coastal forests saying, "Since the cheniers are so under-researched, we want this project to shape some government actions in managing and protecting the forests." Since most of the coastal lands are privately owned, Jones believes that her up-

to-date research can be a full depiction of the cheniers' conditions that help authorities see the urgent need in reserving the lands and instructing local people to control their lands. With a year delay from hurricanes and Covid 19, she continues her cheniers' research in the summer after graduation, hoping to complete the project in Fall 2023. Jones' aspiration toward cheniers goes beyond a scientific paper, arising from a kind heart for the home of her people.

Besides the cheniers' project, which received recognition from professionals and authorities, Jones also obtained two summer internships: one at the University of California Santa Cruz and another at Harvard University, where she worked with a professor to use data from collecting and combining genes of trees from the North and the South to help them adapt to climate change. Jones expressed much gratitude for the internship at the University of California Santa Cruz, which broadened her network and opened opportunities for her in the research field. After these research experiences, Jones was invited to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of California Santa Cruz for Fall 2023. "The internship in California was life-changing as I got a chance to network with many people, which leads to this whole astounding domino effect," says Jones. Research is by no stroke of luck but dedication and honesty. "Nautica has pure sincerity, and she follows through every step with outstanding organizational skills. She gained lots of experience from the lab, which has molded her into the person she is today," states Bhattacharjee, Jones' professor, and advisor.

Jones will continue with her Harvard project in California, working with trees from the west coast for adjustment to climate change. Further than that, she plans to pursue a dual degree in science and management to build policies for her research, involving land management and politics, as she strives to find the scientific answers to the authorities' questions and put them into practice with appropriate land use and land reservation. Beginning as a chenier's guardian, with her dedication and responsibility for the environment, Jones will refulgently shine in her future.



Honors Lounge's Accommodations for Honors Students

by Amir Alnajjar

The ULM Honors Program is a unique program for intellectually curious students who want to challenge themselves with new ideas and collaborate with similarly motivated peers. It is open to all areas of study and offers a variety of options during studies. Honors students are exposed to deeper topics and work closely with faculty. Honors students study in smaller, discussion-based courses in addition to being eligible for exclusive honors accommodations.

The program has seen great success as it has a record-high registration for the number of freshmen enrolled. The uptick combined with talks of a grant being awarded allowed the program to put in motion some changes to the benefit of the students. These changes include an expansion of the honors lounge to allow for more students to comfortably sit in and utilize more academic equipment such as its library, more honors scholarship opportunities, and more social events to help students unwind and connect with their peers and faculty.

“I can’t go too much into depth about a couple of the really big changes coming, for several reasons,” Dr. Stockley said when asked about the more major changes coming during an honors seminar class. “But what I can say is that the students are going to be excited, and so am I.” Although he was not at liberty to say anything, he did seem more jovial when speaking on it.

The director of the Honors Program isn’t the only one excited, however, students are also anticipating what is coming. Olivia St. Blanc, an art major in her junior year, is an honors student who has been in the program for years and looks forward to the future. One thing she is especially excited about is the changes coming to the honors lounge. She spends many hours there preparing and studying for class.

“This has been the best I’ve seen in the program, and it’s been great,” Olivia St. Blanc says. “I’ve been going to all the new socials we have and checking out progress on the lounge and who knows maybe I’ll get an honors scholarship for next year.”

The future is looking very bright for the ULM Honors Program.



1. Student raises ideas in Dr. Berry's class (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Dr. Christine Berry pauses during her lecture (© ULM Photo Services).



4. College of Health Sciences students enjoy the CHS luncheon (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



3. Dr. Christine Berry's RMI class (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Dr. Paula Griswold awards Ms. Danielle Barton during the CHS luncheon (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



6. Caden Jones, a MLS student, attends the CHS luncheon (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



1. Ms. Pamela Jackson instructs students how to mix colors (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



4. Student shows off her 3D Earth painting (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



5. Warhawk decorates pumpkins on canvas for Halloween (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



2. Jahaanvie Walia focuses on the details (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



3. Dr. Saulsberry follows through the instructions (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



6. Student joins Valentine's session with "Starry night" inspirations (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



The Aspiring Gerontologist Education Scholarship allows students to remain in graduate school

by Alayna Pellegrin

Dr. Anita Sharma, professor of gerontology and ULM's program chairperson, established the Aspiring Gerontologist Education (AGE) Scholarship to assist students who are at risk of leaving the program due to financial or personal issues. The scholarship was initiated in February of 2022, and its first recipient was Haley Zell. Many graduate students have full-time jobs, and combined with the stress of studying, school projects, and a social life, maintaining can cause burn out, forcing some of them to make the tough decision to drop out.

When asked about her inspiration for initiating this gift, Dr. Sharma says, "I created the AGE scholarship to honor my mother, Mrs. Krishna Sharma, and her life-long commitment to higher education, especially for those who are socially or financially disadvantaged."

Dr. Sharma, born and raised in India, credits her mother's influence on her success. She explains that in her country, women were often subjected to discrimination, prejudice, and oppression due to rigid patriarchal attitudes, traditions, and beliefs. In order to protect her daughter from society's control, her mother instilled a love for learning and education. "The sacrifices that my mother made for me and the unconditional support that she gave me allowed me to become a very well-educated, caring, and perceptive individual. She helped me find myself through education," Sharma says.

Now as an educator, Sharma wants to reach out to students overwhelmed by hardships and alleviate some of the financial burden by offering the opportunity to continue in their AGE program without incurring additional debt. From across the globe, a mother's legacy impacts aspiring gerontologists who will someday soon work to make life better for others.



The University Expansion for Med Students

by Aavash Kuikel

The long-awaited moment finally came on August 10, 2021, when ULM's new residential hall WarHawk Village Apartments officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Although the construction of the WarHawk Village Apartment commenced in 2019, it took a while for the project completion due to the COVID pandemic. The first building was completed in 2019, followed by the second just before the summer of 2021, allowing students to move in before the fall of 2021. The WarHawk Village Apartments, located on Peyton and Warhawk Way, has fully furnished rooms, including kitchen appliances and an in-unit washer and dryer.

Through the public-private partnership between ULM, Servitas LLC, and Provident Resources Group, the new residential complex cost nothing to the University or Louisiana. President Berry thanked Servitas LLC, and Provident Resources Group saying, "This is probably a perfect example of a public-private partnership. Here, lots of memories and life-long relationships will be created. We have a mission of being the best in the world at what we do, providing life-changing opportunities for our students and our faculty; this will help in that effort tremendously." Giving special thanks to David Braden and Denise Hauck with Services, Doni Hicks and Pamela Forestier with Provident Resources Group.



WarHawk Village Apartment's ribbon cutting ceremony (©ULM Photo Services)



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Fall 2021 Graduates



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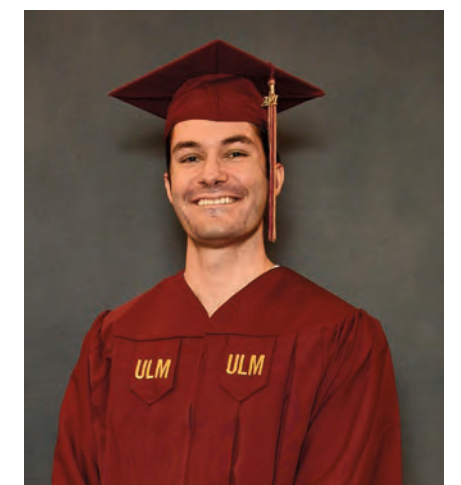
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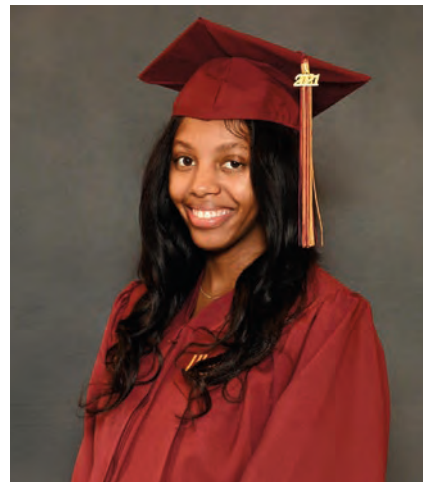
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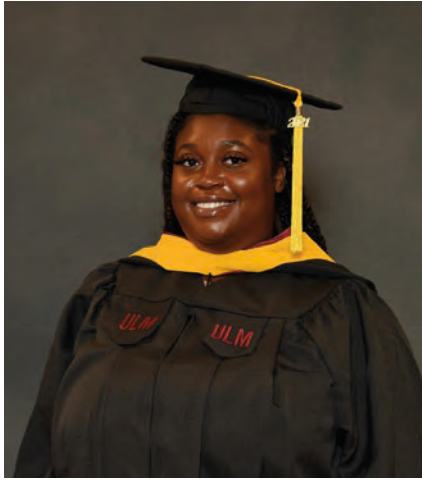
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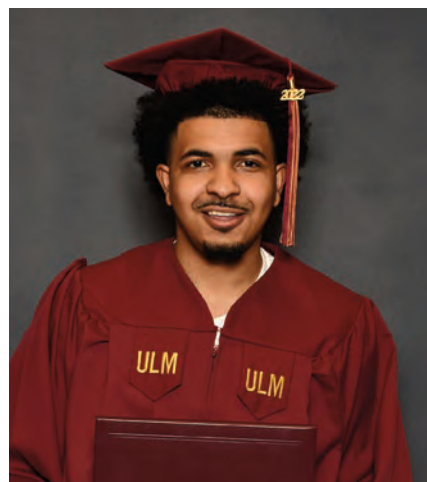


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Spring 2022 Graduates



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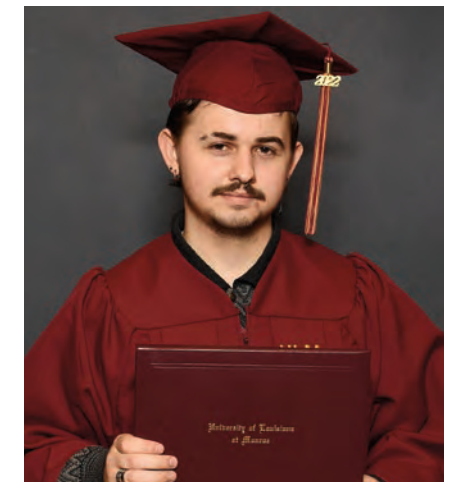
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Tristan Greenlee



Brandon Hale



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Jennifer Franco



Alicia Henderson



Hannah Henn



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Madison Hernandez



Madeline Hogan



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Cameron Lee



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Jordan Jones



Skylar Killins



Jolyn Louviere



Machia Lumpkin



Zariah Magee



Korie Kreps



Thomas Laforge



Victoria Lamartiniere



Lataja Marshall



Renarta Martin



John Matthews



Trevor Lawrence



Kaitlyn Le



Lalyn Leblanc



Joshua Mcgee



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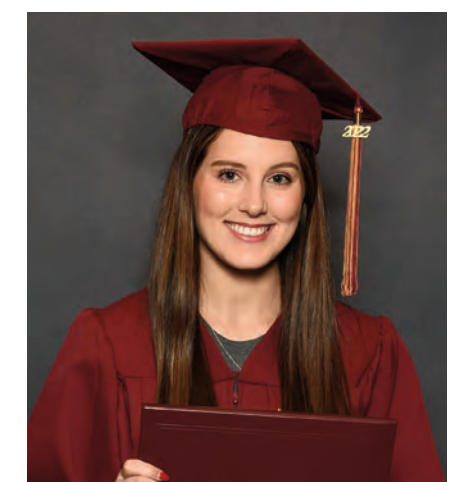
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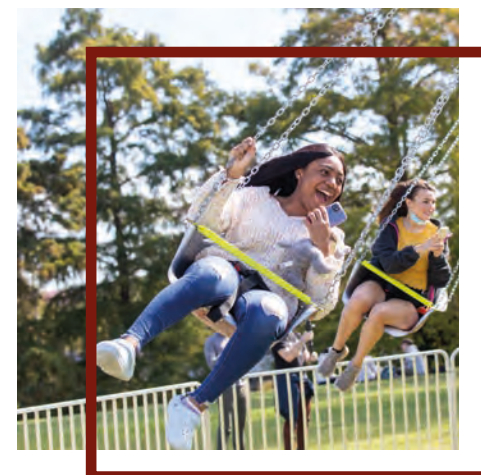
Allison Vines



Tiffanie Washington



Taejah Watkins



EVENTS

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1. Warhawk sliding in transparent water ball during the Week of Welcome. 2. SGA officers shoot balls during the Week of Welcome. (© ULM Photo Services)



3. Warhawks pose for their first day of school (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Warhawk thrills at bungee jumping in Bayou Park (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Student tries to keep balance on a mechanical bull (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Students enjoy burgers at Bayou Park (© ULM Photo Services).

CONVOCAATION



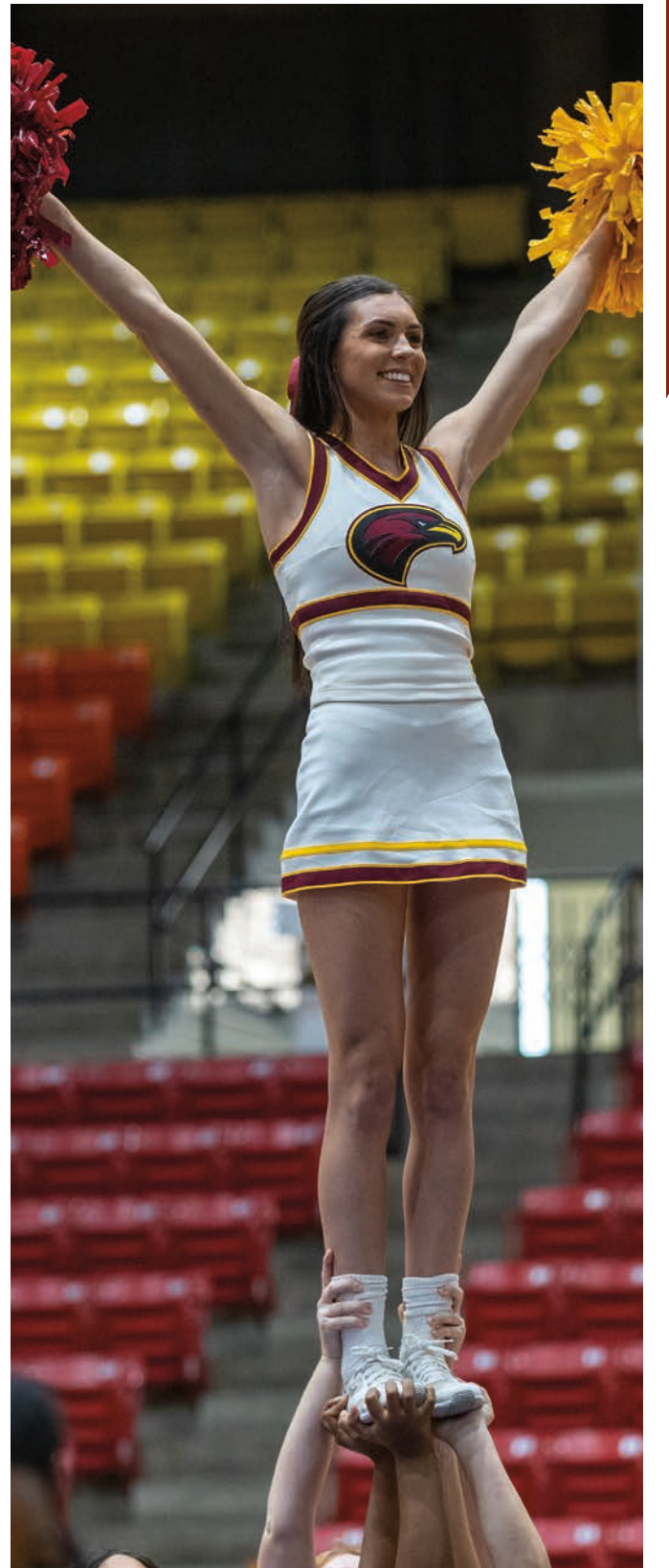
1. Manish Katuwal (left) and Czen Tripathi (right) enter Fant-Ewing Coliseum for the first time. 2. Bryce Lovelady leads a group of students to convocation. (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee)



3. Ace "flies" to Fant-Ewing Coliseum (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



4. President Berry welcomes the freshman Class of 2025 (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



5. ULM cheerleaders perform for 2021 convocation (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



1. Warhawk enjoys swing ride at Bayou Park.
 2. Students win prizes after playing carnival games during Homecoming week.
 (© ULM Photo Services)



3. Ayushma Shrestha rolls in Bayou Park (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Warhawks enjoy Chick-fil-a lunch at Bayou Park (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Czen Tripathi climbs to new heights during Homecoming week (© ULM Photo Services).



1. 2021 Homecoming King Jay Parker and Homecoming Queen Natalie LeBas smile by the Bayou (© ULM Photo Service).



2. President Ronald Berry and First Lady Christine Berry wave during the homecoming parade (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Homecoming Court 2021 (© ULM Photo Services).



1. Sijan Mala runs the university mile.

2. Students and faculty members pose during the university mile. (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee)



3. Dr. Hersey heads towards the finish line (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



4. Student receives a medal for finishing the mile (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



5. Warhawk paces in the mile (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



1. Warhawks dress up as three chipmunks for Halloween. 2. Students pose with Ace in their iconic costumes. (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden)



3. Ethan Estis (left) and Laurin Turner (right) don their Roman costumes (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



4. Amber-li Hill (left) and Waylon Cearley (right) say "Got milk?" (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden)



5. Grace Ebang Mboulou (left) and Angelle Bonin show off butterfly and Cruella costumes (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



6. Warhawk plays a character in Star Wars with one of the most detailed costumes (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



1. President Ronald Berry and children count down to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
2. Hawkline member poses with kids during the lighting ceremony. (© ULM Photo Services)



3. Mr. DeRon Talley celebrates the Tree Lighting Ceremony with his daughter (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Jeannette Robinson (middle) enjoys the evening with her family (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Ms. and Mr. ULM share in the happiness with the crowds (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Jennifer Franco (left) and Siddharth Gaulee (right) dive in the coziness of the night (© ULM Photo Services).



1 From left to right, President Ronald Berry, Mardi Gras queen Kitty Sathineni, Mardi Gras king Dylan LeBoeuf, and Dr. Valerie Fields.
2. Warhawks sparkle at the ball. (© ULM Photo Services)



3. Warhawks collect strands of beads during the Mardi Gras Ball (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Dr. Valerie Fields (left) and Dr. Pamela Saulsberry (right) dance the night away (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Warhawks glam it up at the Mardi Gras Ball (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Tristan Sonnier (left) and Ethan Estis (right) represent SGA at the Mardi Gras Ball (© ULM Photo Services).



1. Students hold up personalized street signs. (© ULM Photo Services / Christy Tran)
2. Nepalese Student Association collaborates with CAB (© ULM Photo services / Lanaya Bolden).



3. CAB member provides food for students during lunch social (© ULM Photo Services / Skylar Henry).



4. Nikita Panth (left) and Priyanka Chaudhary (right) refresh during Spring Fever week (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



5. This Warhawk is in a pretty sticky situation (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).





1. Nigerian students serve their traditional food during the International Food Festival. 2. Dr. Joyce Zhou (middle) poses with international students during the International Food Festival. (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware)



3. Shreya Adhikari serves Nepalese food during the International Food Festival (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



4. Solomon Abang performs during the Flag Raising Ceremony in celebration of International Week (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



5. Manish Katuwal, in his traditional attire, represents Nepal in the Flag Raising Ceremony (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



1. Charlotte Fourdraine shows off her henna design during the Dog Festival (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Dr. Pamela Saulsberry enjoys quality time with her puppy (© ULM Photo Services).



4. President Ronald Berry (left) and Mr. Terry Bowden pose with Ace at the Berry Bowden Roadshow (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Warhawks honor their dogs at Tihar Dog Festival (© ULM Photo Services).



5. First Lady Christine Berry (left) and President Ronald Berry (right) flex their talons at the Berry Bowden Roadshow (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Mr. Seth Hall speaks during the Berry Bowden Roadshow (© ULM Photo Services).



1. Allison Newton hands out roses during the alumni brunch (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Dr. Paul Nelson (left) and Dr. Bruce Walker (right) embrace during the Foundation Awards for Excellence (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



5. Professor Veronica Humphries (left) and Dr. Joyce Zhou (right) attend the Foundation Awards for Excellence (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



2. President Berry awards DeAndre Alexander for outstanding service to the community (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Student performs during the Foundation Award for Excellence ceremony (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



6. Ms. Melisa Kiper (middle) receives the Judy Smith Award for Warhawk Spirit (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



WARHAWKS

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1. Honors medals for students graduating in May 2022
 (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Dr. Stockley awards Hattie Morgan Junior of the Year
 (© ULM Photo Services).



4. MLS students smile for the camera during their graduation banquet (© ULM Photo Services).



3. From left to right, Emmanuel Perez, Dr. Megan Broadway, and Ariana Yelverton receive awards at the Honors Banquet
 (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Misisipi Bhandari (right) receives 2022 Academic Achievement
 (© ULM Photo Services).



6. MLS stoles for 2022 graduating seniors (© ULM Photo Services).





Empowering Entrepreneurship Among College Students

by Evan Ranjitkar and Koshish Shrestha

ULM has always supported bright, motivated students willing to take risks toward meeting their entrepreneurial endeavors. The Entrepreneurship Pelican Cup was one event geared toward propelling ULM's innovators toward their futures. Funded by Dhu Thompson, a successful and distinguished alumnus of ULM, the academic business plan competition was open to all ULM and VCOM students. The prize pool for the competition was sixty-one thousand dollars, the highest to date.

The competition allowed students to connect with the well-established entrepreneurial community. Encouraging the implementation of great ideas emerging from campus, the competition provided connections, networks, and experiences to participants which would help them in future ventures.

“Pelican Cup provided a platform to present our business ideas to a large group of people. The competition guided us to draft our informal business ideas formally and professionally. It also provided exposure to large public and private businesses, great entrepreneurs, and CEOs of different large companies to freshers like us. We might also call it a helping hand for start-up businesses,” said Prabin Basnet, a member of the winning team.

The competition was fierce and challenging. Each division was inclusive of either high-growth technologies or small lifestyle businesses. The idea either had to be groundbreaking, market-disrupting, and high potential

or customer-facing business related to hospitality or retail. The business should have an impact on society by either developing new products or adding value to existing products.

Six finalists advanced through round one of competition to qualify for round two, when the finalists presented their idea. The winners for the ULM Pelican Cup 2022 were Gaea Environmental a drone imaging company that collects data products and visualization for land managers with Paurava Thakore as the team leader, Gannon Malone, and Prabin Basnet as members and Joydeep Bhattacharjee as advisor.

Speaking to The Hawkeye, Aakriti Pant, a finalist of the Pelican Cup, said, “The preparation was a long process. We devoted a lot of our time to it. The competition demands a lot of teamwork, communication, and collaboration. However, the overall experience was amazing, and I learned a lot.”

The top three winning teams emerged out of 15 teams entered in the competition. Pelican Cup impacted participants by fostering an entrepreneurial spirit that allowed them to exercise critical thinking and creativity. Students benefited by carrying the lessons learned from preparing for and presenting in the event not only into business endeavors but also in other aspects of their lives. As a result, they have learned to add value to society, the community, and their future.



1. Dr. Sarah McCoy Abakwue's family member (middle) receives the 2022 Spotlight Award on her behalf (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Warhawks model business attire during the Career Style Show (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Czen Tripathi performs in the Career Style Show (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Student reacts to Black History Program speech (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Dr. Pamela Saulsberry speaks during the Black History Program (© ULM Photo Services).



6. ULM Career Center crew pose at the end of the Career Style Show (© ULM Photo Services).



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A Story of Hope

by Tram Phan

To hope is to trust in ourselves. In honor of Dr. Ronald Berry's investiture, ULM partnered with the United Way of Northeast Louisiana to share "There is a Bridge on the Bayou," a book of hope, with third-grade students in the area. The book, written by Ms. Cindy Foust and illustrated by Mr. Srdjan Marjanovic, supports a literacy-based initiative with the book and \$500 scholarship in each one for use when students enroll in ULM in 2031.

The storyline follows a ball crossing the baseball field to the ULM campus, where Pamela, Rick, Maxine, Miguel, and Samuel meet a man named Ron who guides them through every school on the campus. In each college, Ron introduces the kids to the subjects and careers that they can have in the future. Along with their excitement come fears that may prevent them from pursuing their dreams: fear of being too scared, too shy, or fear of cost. Gently, Ron sways the children away from these fears by telling his own story of growing up in a small rural town with his single mom to becoming a professor and eventually the president of ULM. With continuous hope and diligence, Ron became who he is today.

Influenced by the life of our ninth president, Dr. Ronald Berry, "There is a Bridge on the Bayou" shows that fears are not that scary, and they can be the buffers to strengthen our dreams. Like Berry, despite his family conditions with hesitations and doubts on his journey, he took individual steps to come closer to his dream:

to serve his family, his home, his ULM. "Hope is an amazing emotion. It creates energy, enthusiasm, and perseverance," said Berry in the book's prologue. With small hopes, big dreams can be realized.

When the university turns 100 years old, these third graders will be college freshmen, and through the book, ULM wants the children to know that college is an open door for everyone. It is a huge dream with a long road to run, but achievable, if they try their best to overcome difficulties and setbacks along the way. Moreover, this book shows that behind them stands their huge supporter, ULM. "We want the children to know that there is someone – the university – who believes in them and helps them come to ULM," said Foust. After the official book reading event where Berry read the book to a group of children, ULM invited 2,500 third graders to campus and had book reading sections all across campus with the university's coaches, faculties, and staff, grounding the kids' interest in the campus and its people.

The story does not end with the reflections of Pamela, Rick, Maxine, Miguel, and Samuel on the Bayou but a promise from ULM: the university will always be one of the children's strongest supporters and friends in 10 years of hope and commitment. Possibility is where hope lies.



The Extraordinary Passion of a Career Coach

by Hanna Lily Flynn

Each fall and spring, students at the University of Louisiana at Monroe celebrate graduation and transition into the reality of having a full-time career. However, with the excitement of moving forward comes the doubt in one's capabilities for the workforce. From upcoming business managers to future doctors and nurses, every student requires assistance in succeeding in a professional environment. Luckily for ULM students, ULM Career and Student Development made this possible with a dedicated Assistant Director and Former Career Coach, Mr. Colm Bourke, whose primary focus was preparing students for their career through numerous free services offered through the program.

Before his work as a career coach, Mr. Bourke was no stranger to mentoring students. He began his career in sports coaching and studied education alongside his athletic career while in college. He explains, "I was fortunate because one of my first jobs was coaching kids and teenagers in sports. I loved the engagement, the challenge and the joy it brought. After leaving high school, I got lucky again; I chose to study Education and Training." He has continued to pursue his interest in coaching sports by working as a volunteer assistant track and field coach. His journey toward a career in coaching involved graduating in education and training from Dublin City University and pursuing a master's in Psychology at the University of Louisiana Monroe. "Choosing to pursue a master's in Psychology was a little bit more of an informed decision; being an athlete and coach made me realize just how important the mental component was," he described. After completing his masters, the position for a Career Coach at ULM became available, and Colm took the next step by taking the job.

As a Career Coach, Bourke focused on providing services to students and alumni such as resume reviews, mock interviews, career exploration, and more. These opportunities for students allowed them to better prepare for a potential new job, interview, or application. Mr. Bourke spoke to many classes about career readiness as well as providing services for classroom assignments. However, many students used these services personally to prepare for a real job. Caitlynn Cullen, a political science major at ULM, attended a resume review appointment with the Career Coach to spruce up her resume for a summer internship. "Mr. Bourke helped me to paraphrase my previous experience in

my resume in a way that would be more attractive to employers. He also helped me to reformat the resume to look more professional," she says. With her perfected resume, Cullen was able to obtain the internship for which she had applied.

The importance of these services lies in the fact that most employers expect a certain amount of experience and professionalism from incoming applicants. Without a proper resume, good communication skills, and a good understanding of a career environment, students will not be viewed as a good potential hire. Mr. Bourke entails, "Employers are going to entrust you to represent their company to the highest standard. If an employer can't see that you're professional, then the likelihood of you damaging the company's reputation appears more likely, e.g., treating clients poorly or not taking their work seriously." In his position as a Career Coach, Mr. Bourke not only focused on the hands-on development of resumes, applications, and skills, but also worked with students to explore what kind of career they would be interested in. When asked what his favorite part of this job was, Mr. Bourke said, "In the beginning, it was assisting the more astute student to complete their job/graduate application process. I've shifted more towards helping the undecided student on how they can explore various career options within their field; being a resource who can guide that process is extremely rewarding."

As of the spring of 2022, Mr. Bourke has accepted a new position as the Assistant Director of Career Development. He has spent the summer preparing, including having a weeklong training course with some of the staff, featuring Career Exploration, Job Searching, Resume and Cover Letter Writing, and Mock Interviews. "The training sessions involved not only a theoretical component, but also activities to help apply the knowledge learned and emulate the appointment process", he tells. However as of the fall of 2022, Bourke has returned to his home in Dublin, Ireland. With the training and development done by Bourke in his time at ULM, the new staff will be able to make ULM Career and Student Development the best that it can be. It will be exciting to see what new things come with the 2022-2023 school year, and the new staff will undoubtedly continue to help our students and improve the University despite Bourke's relocation.



1. Students carefully practice organizing cutlery during the CHS Luncheon Skill Camp (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Student listening to advice from ULM Career Center at the luncheon (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Kaile Finies gives diversity presents to the quiz winner (© ULM Photo Services).



3. CHS students go through instructions before conducting tasks at the skill camp (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Suprabha Pudasainy paints her maracas (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Staff members listen to presentations on Hispanic cultures (© ULM Photo Services).



1. ULM Community Garden Ground Breaking event (© ULM Photo Services / Jeanette Robinson).



4. Dr. Carl Thamel delivers a speech for the Women's Day (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Staff enjoy morning coffee for the Women's Day (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Lauren Fee, SGA president, giving her speech at the Ground Breaking event (© ULM Photo Services / Jeanette Robinson).



3. Ms. Gina White helps with the planters installation at the community garden (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Faculty and staff pose for a picture at the Women's Day Celebration (© ULM Photo Services).



Bringing new lives to the community in Martin Luther King Day of Service

by Hanna Lily Flynn

On January 5th of 2022, the University of Louisiana at Monroe broke ground next to Roy Neal Shelling, Sr. Elementary School, for the Esther Gallow Community Garden. Students and faculty volunteered in the development of the community garden for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, led by Dr. Pamela Higgins Saulsberry, the ULM Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The garden allows residents of the Booker T. Senior Village Apartments to tend to the garden and to donate the leftover produce to those in need.

Every year, the ULM community plans a service event to help celebrate MLK Day, to bring the community together for a good cause. This year, the service project was not only a single day event, but also an ongoing effort to better the community through maintaining and improving the garden. Saulsberry developed the idea for the community garden. She explains, “This year, the idea of helping to establish a community garden in an area where stores that carry fresh produce are not readily accessible came to mind. This would be an opportunity to not only address the need each human being has for fresh produce, but to also provide educational and engagement opportunities for seniors and school age children.” With her dedication, the university was able to get many members of the community involved, including partnering with Oschner Hospital of Monroe, The City of Monroe, and Delta Community College.

Among the many volunteers on the MLK Day of Service was the ULM Student Government Association. The members of this student organization brought the garden to life according to former SGA Senator, Ethan Estis. “Our SGA team and all the teams there did an absolutely beautiful job in setting out the new community garden in hopes of it bringing new beginnings to the area. From spreading mulch to planting the seeds, our team was grateful to be in attendance and to work closely with Dr. Saulsberry.” Estis now serves as the 2022-2023 SGA President, and he hopes to watch the foundation

his university has laid grow into something amazing for his community. He explains, “There’s an old saying that if you plant a seed, water it, and watch it flourish, it lays the foundation for new beginnings. Not only does this new garden bring life to this area, but it sets the bar for the future. Something as simple as a community garden can easily bring others together.” And that it will, as the community garden has already allowed for many groups to come together in its creation.

Students from the College of Business and Social Sciences largely impacted the development of the garden. Under the supervision of Director Dr. Ed Brayton, these hardworking construction students built and installed 30 planter boxes to contain the produce growing in the garden. Dr. Larry Favalora, a construction management faculty member, tilled the soil. Many other members of the community stepped up to bring the garden to life including Russell-Moore Lumber who donated the wood and Mark Lindstrom of Sonny Panzico’s, who supplied the soil. Even the young students of Shelling Elementary created signs for the vegetables.

The process of bringing the Esther Gallow Community Garden to ULM has benefited the town and the university on many levels. From allowing the people of Monroe to establish a connection with their community, to taking steps to provide those without access to fresh produce what they need. Saulsberry details, “Helping to establish a community garden deepens ULM’s connection to the community. Involvement in a community garden provides continued opportunities for community engagement with different age groups. That engagement can be educational - a science lesson for school age children; it can be social – volunteering to help with upkeep in the garden and/or learning about canning and cooking.” Through the continued efforts of Saulsberry and the Monroe community, the garden will bring many opportunities and a large impact to our town for many years to come.

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DR. DANIEL UPCHURCH

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Adding Positivity to Students' Lives

by Tia Nicole Smith

College can be a stressful experience for students. Although we attend college for higher learning, to make new friends, and to grow and prepare for the outside world, some students develop anxiety or depression because of the stress that comes with the expectation of excellent performance in school. The stress students put on themselves can lead to burnout. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many students suffered from overwhelming anxiety and depression, which took away their motivation to excel in school and left them hopeless. With that motivation, Dr. Daniel Upchurch, a professor of psychology in the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, created Positivity+, an effective solution for students who continue to face mental struggles.

Positivity+ is a telemental mobile health application that aims to provide quality services such as coaching and therapy for college students and the community. The goal of the app is to provide a judgement-free experience to students who are dealing with trauma, hardship and trouble identifying a future career after college. "Positivity+ started as a research project to retain students at my former university as I was known for helping students graduate and resolving issues they may have had quickly. This is due to my experience as a student," Upchurch says.

When Upchurch was in college, he did not have a support system and mentioned feeling alone. Due to the fear of getting lost and being unfamiliar with anyone on campus, he was afraid to go eat in the cafeteria as a freshman. Upchurch was hesitant visiting the campus health clinic because he believed people would question why he was going. When he became a senior, he was faced with a problem many students struggle with toward the end of their college career. "I knew my way around campus, but I did not know what I was going to do after I graduated. The Career Center had so many students and closed after four o'clock, so there was no one to help me and take the time to guide me through

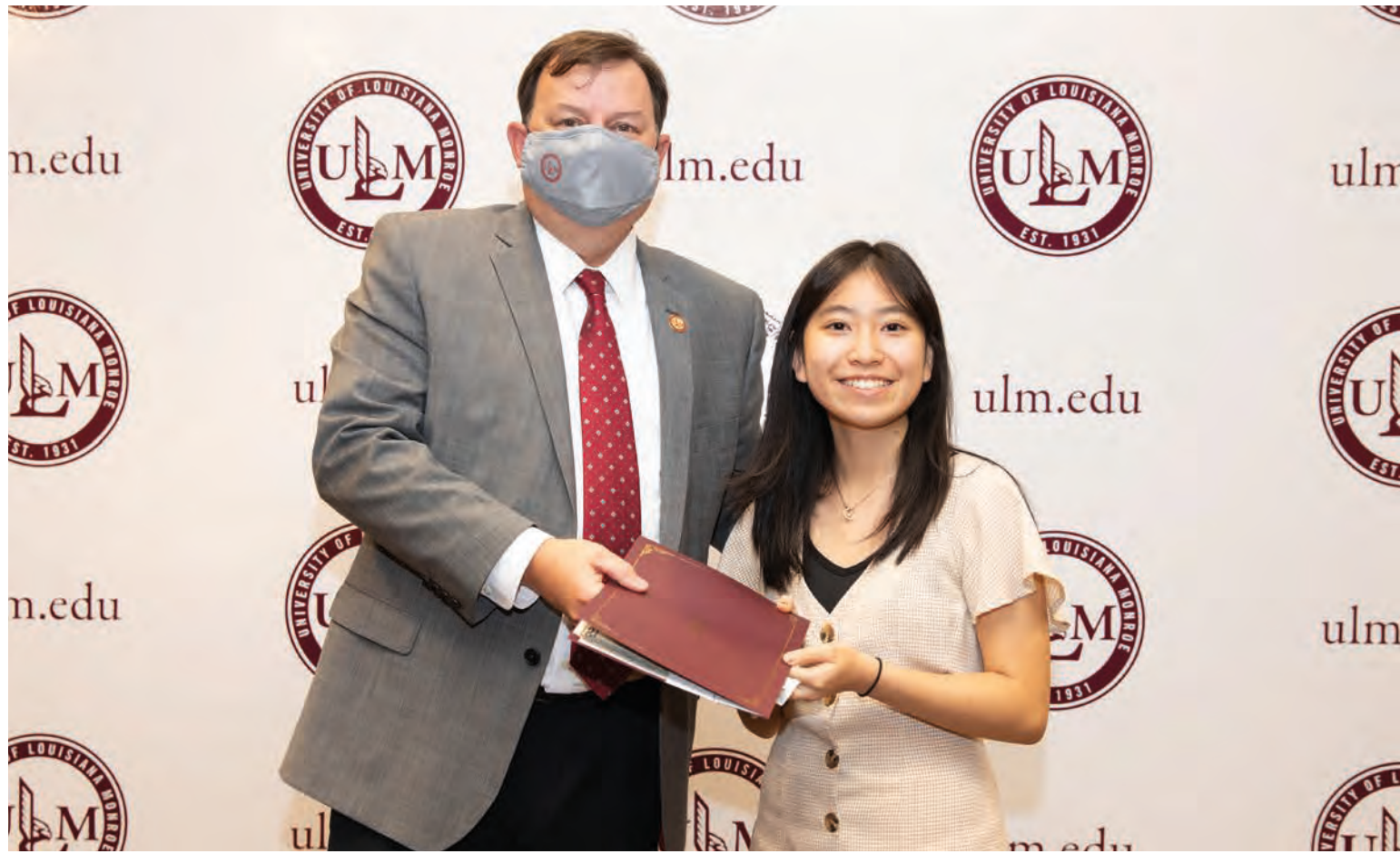
the process," stated Upchurch.

His personal experiences as a college student became the inspiration for this app, and in his words, "There is only one Dr. Upchurch and my app mimics who I am."

The app features self-help coaching, career counseling, academic coaching, therapy-counseling, and assessment. Upchurch and his team have been continuously advertising the app since its launch last year using support from ULM to make the app available to students, and even received advisement and support from Beyonce's father, Mathew Knowles. So many students probably feel as if there is no one on campus to help them, or they are afraid to tell someone about their struggles due to the stigma around mental health. Upchurch understands students' struggles around desolation due to mental health's stigma, and that is why he believes the app will be extremely helpful to students who may be experiencing similar issues he faced in college.

"I created and coined a method called the MEATT. It is an acronym which means Model, Expert, Approachable, Trainer and Traveler. This came to me my first year as a professor and will be in my upcoming publication this fall. Our main goal is to be the model (the example), expert (competent in mental health and student affairs), approachable (students should not fear someone they are trying to get help from), trainer (teach students new skills to address stressors) and traveler (meet students where they are). This is only a glimpse of what makes my app special."

When asked what he would like to say to struggling students, he responds positively by saying: "I want students to know that they are not alone. That they are their best asset, and when offices close for the day and on the weekends, Positivity+ will be there to support them through whatever."



1. President Berry awards Victoria Vu First Place in the Freshman Essay Contest (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Asja Jordan leads Love the Boot Campus Cleanup (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



5. Warhawks clean up the campus during Love the Boot Campus Cleanup (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



2. Students enjoy brick Jenga game at Game Night (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Warhawks enjoy cupcakes during Game Night (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Laurin Turner tries on her cap and gown during the Grad Finale (© ULM Photo Services / Lanaya Bolden).



1. Miss ULM 2021, Allison Newton, performs at Mr. ULM contest (© ULM Photo Services).



2. Mr. ULM 2022, Jared Anders, speaks during contest (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Asja Jordan takes her royal walk as Miss ULM 2022 (© ULM Photo Services).



3. Jared Anders named Mr. ULM 2022 (© ULM Photo Services).



5. Kennedy Boston-Woods receives the 2nd Runner Up at Miss ULM 2022 (© ULM Photo Services).



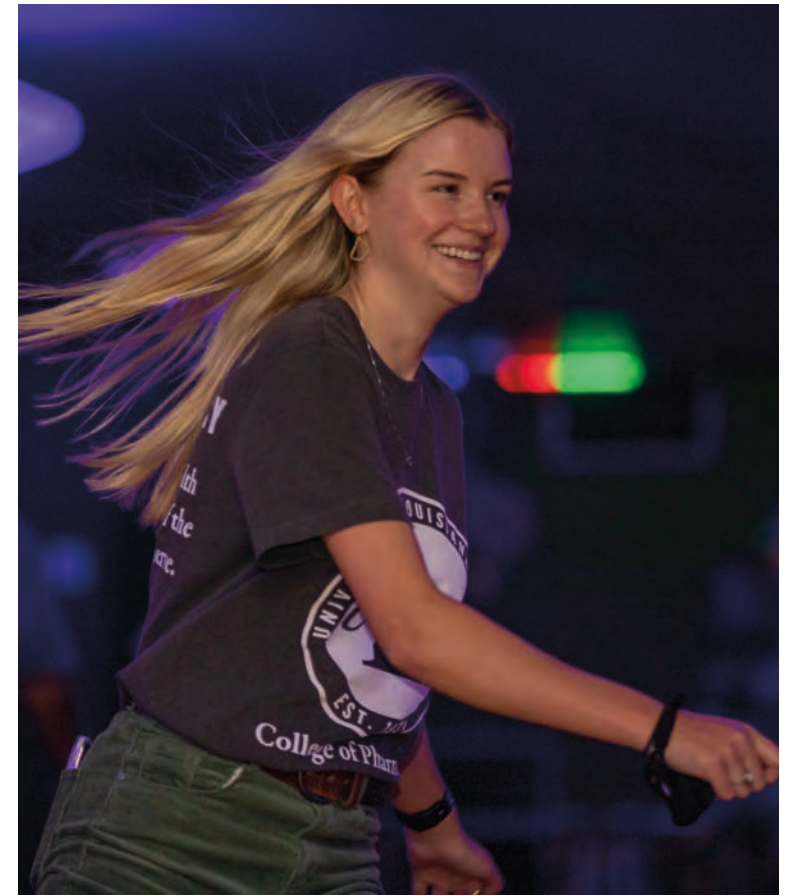
6. Miss ULM 2021, Allison Newton, crowns Asja Jordan, Miss ULM 2022 (© ULM Photo Services).



1. Dr. Joyce Zhou dances a traditional Chinese dance at the Moon Festival (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Students volunteer for Wine Over Water (© ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



5. Warhawk glides on her wheels (© ULM Photo Services).



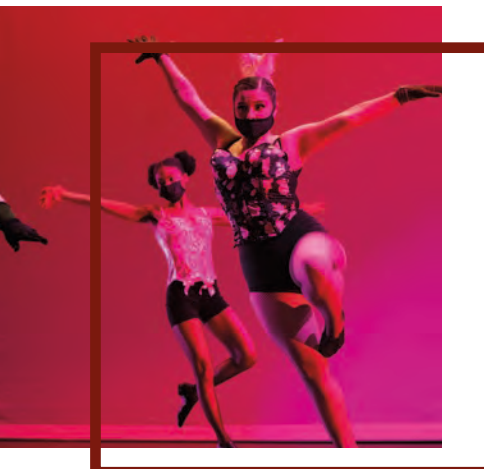
2. Adedolapo Omodara decorates her mask at the Moon Festival (© ULM Photo Services).



3. ULM Hawkseeker gives a campus tour (© ULM Photo Services).



6. Business students have their best day at Skatetown (© ULM Photo Services).



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A collaboration at ULM:
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112 TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

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A Collaboration Recalling Southern History

by Zoe Sissac

After two years of virtual productions, the ULM School of Visual and Performing Arts paid tribute to its Southern roots with a production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. While the School of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) hosted Zoom performances throughout the pandemic, the production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* indicated a much-awaited return to normalcy.

Performed in Spyker Theater for a crowd of hundreds, the performance wowed students and faculty alike. Following the performance, sophomore Anubhav Regmi says, “The cast members did a fantastic job with their roles and worked so well together. I’m looking forward to seeing more plays like this from VAPA in the coming semesters.”

The production of “To Kill a Mockingbird” could not have come at a more fitting time. Amid the growing racial unrest in the United States, “To Kill a Mockingbird”, published in 1960, remains a relevant story. Set against the backdrop of a Jim Crow South, “To Kill a Mockingbird” follows Scout Finch, a young girl whose community is torn apart by race relations. After Mayella Ewell falsely accuses Tom Robinson, a black sharecropper, of her rape and assault, Scout’s family faces a choice between justice and ignorance.

Debra Isaac, who plays the wife of Tom Robinson says, “ Oftentimes, people are so stuck in the present that they fail to look back and see how times used to be for African Americans. America might not be as unified as people would want it to be, but that’s only because people have differing perspectives. It can’t be helped.” All cast members embodied their characters, engaging audiences in the story. After hearing the fate of Tom

Robinson, gasps could be heard throughout the theater. At each joke and jest, laughter roared throughout Spyker Theater. From the chilling court scenes to light-hearted quips, the cast portrayed the emotion expected of Broadway actors. Yet, the actors were not the only stars of the show. Behind the scenes, stage managers worked tirelessly supporting actors and crew members. Makeup artists and costume designers transported cast members back to the 1930s. The sound and lighting team stayed vigilant, controlling the visuals and sounds experienced by the audience, as set artists transformed the Spyker Theatre into Maycomb, Alabama.

Collaborating with the Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts, VAPA opened the door for four talented high school students to participate in a college production. The success of “To Kill a Mockingbird” hopefully will promote future collaborations between the two performing arts entities. Meanwhile, Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts continues to host annual productions for the Monroe youth.

Because “To Kill a Mockingbird” also premiered during ULM’s Browse on the Bayou, prospective students not only explored campus and met faculty but also saw the play in the packed Spyker Theater. Incoming freshman Isabelle Zeringue said, “As a performer myself, seeing this performance at Browse on the Bayou really showed me how ULM appreciates the arts on campus.” Next year, we will be sure to see plenty of fresh faces and new talent in upcoming VAPA productions.

As the cast took their final bows, the theater filled with cheers and applause from a stunned audience. From the audience’s reactions, it was obviously worth the wait!



Student-built Mural Raising Mental Health Awareness

by Amir Alnajjar

In the Fall semester of 2021, the honors art class instructed by Dr. Brooke Foy and Dr. Leigh Hersey impacted the student body with its final project, a mural with the hashtag #mindthemind. The art work depicts several mental illnesses and issues with which many college students struggle.

The class had difficulty deciding what topic to use but came to a consensus address on mental health, a topic that holds importance to them that isn't mentioned about enough. Over 73% of college students experience a mental health crisis during their college careers, and the number is continuously growing. However, only 25% of students who have a mental health problem reach out for help. The student artists hoped the mural would encourage more students to reach out.

The mural captured much attention, including from the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority, which provides services to those with mental health illnesses and disabilities. The NDHSA desired to sponsor the project and tour the mural across the 12-parish region. This enhanced the goal by offering students a place of hope.

Brennan Remington, a psychology major in the honors art class, and Thanh Phan, a risk management and insurance major, who both worked on the project, said the mural held a great significance to them as the topic of mental health hits close to home. "My entire career choice was founded based on a concern for the mental well-being of others after one of my best friends committed suicide," Remington said. "It hit me in the face how real the mental health crisis around us is."

"Being in college," Phan said, "it became really easy to see how the stress of the future started to weigh down on everyone. It opened my eyes to how much people carry with them."

Remington decided to switch his career from civil engineering to the psychology field. Phan had risk management and insurance planned from the beginning but knew how crucial mental health care is. They were the first in the honors classroom to suggest the mural be on mental health.



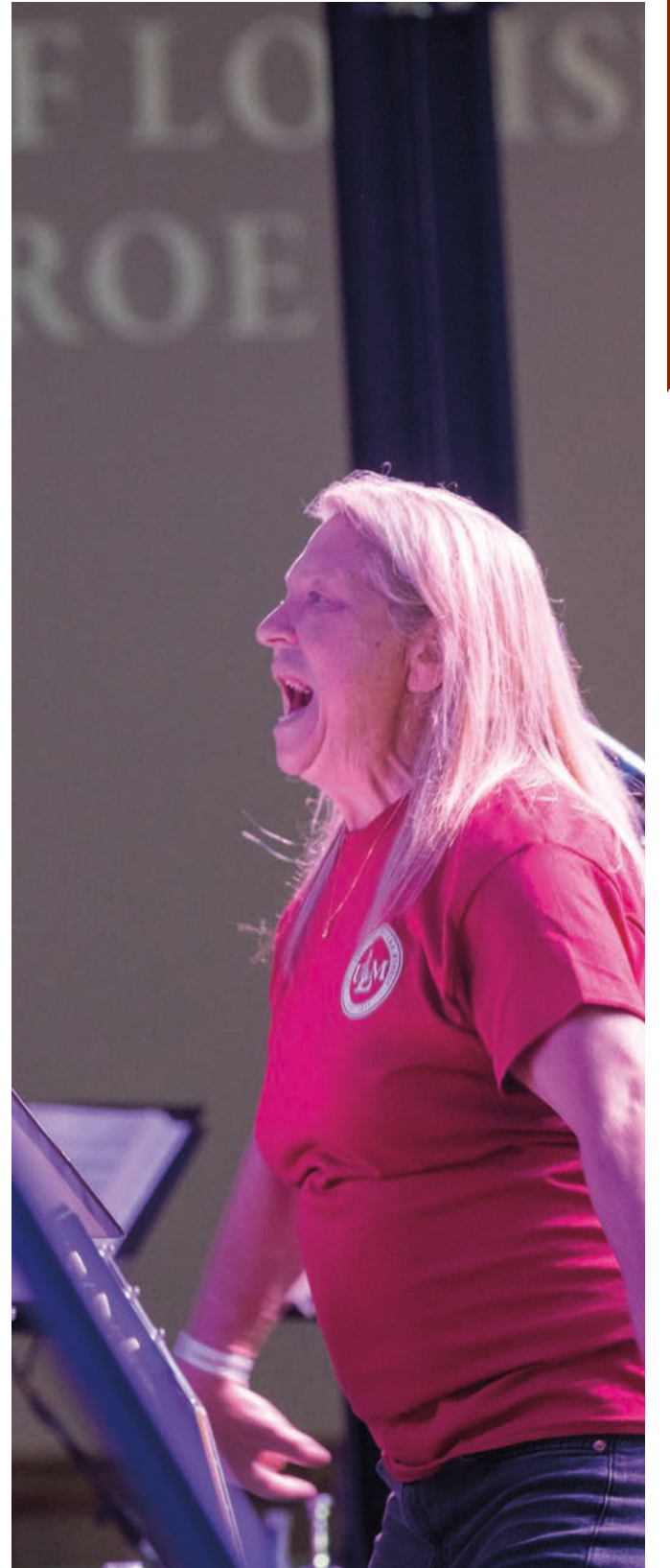
1. Daniel Kennedy plays the mellophone at the opening of Bayouval. 2. A couple dances at Bayouval. (© ULM Photo Services)



3. Guest band performs at the Bayouval (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Dr. Christine Berry (left) and Dr. Ronald Berry (right) delight in the Bayouval (© ULM Photo Services).

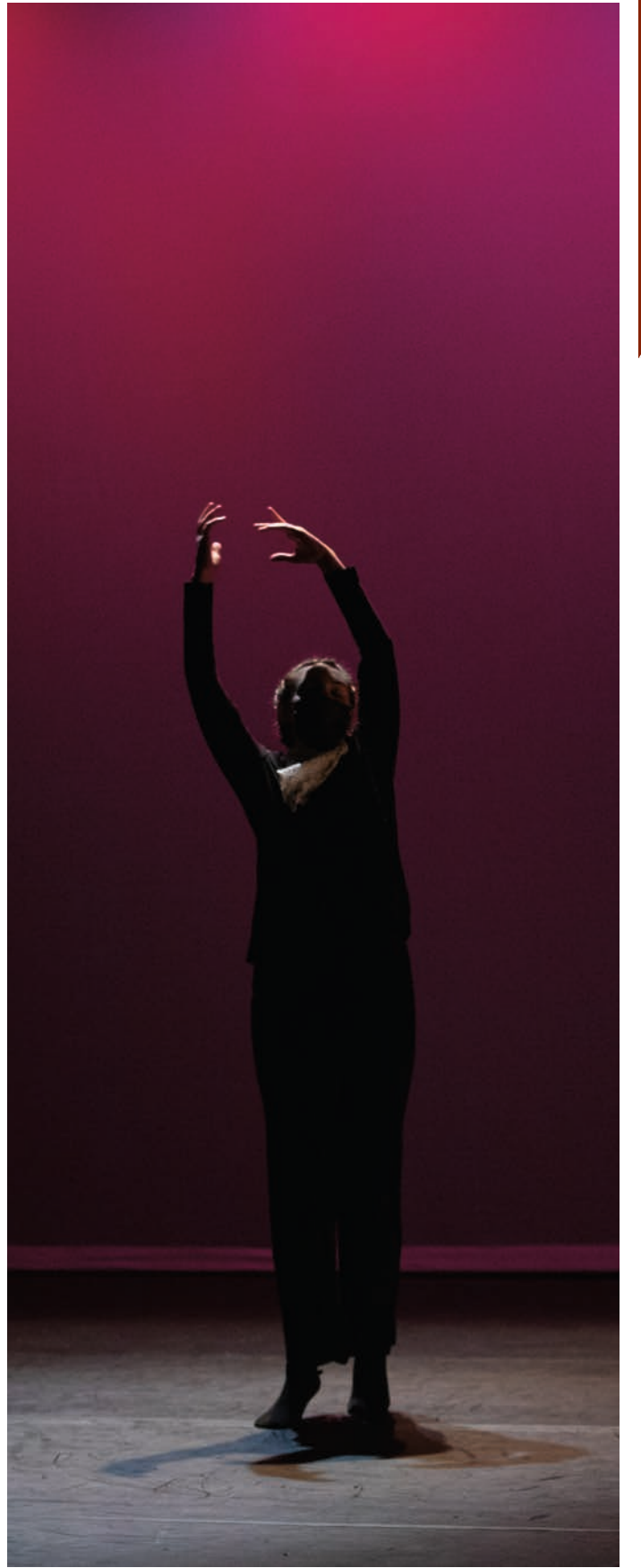
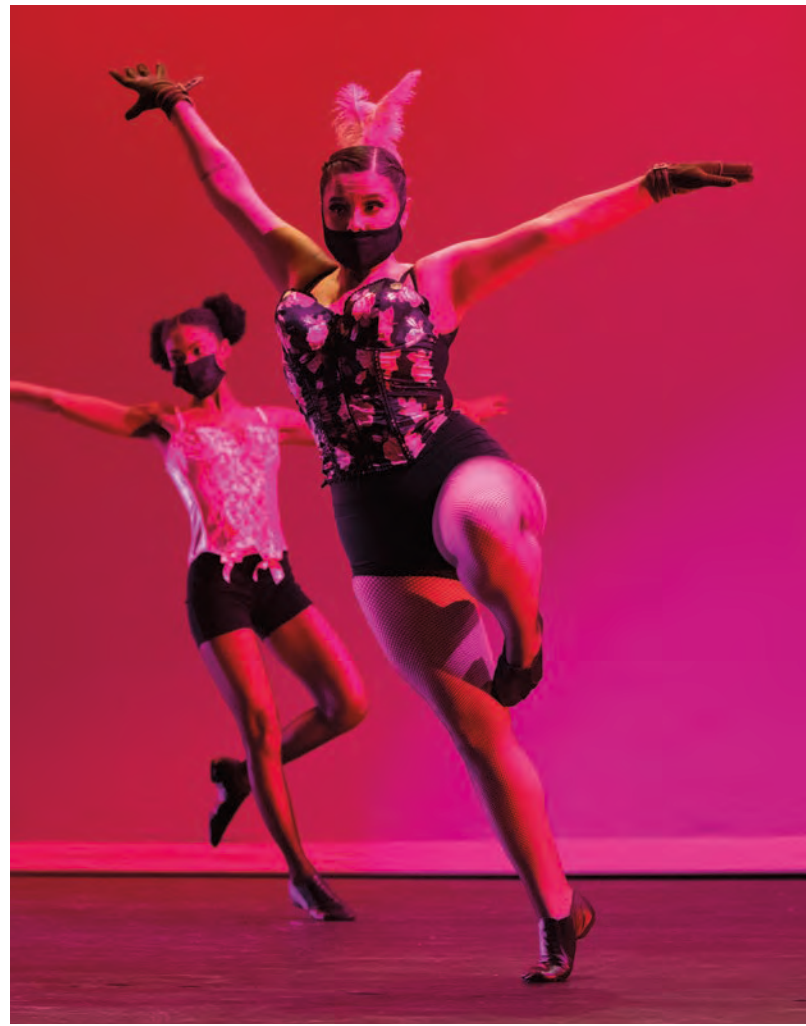


5. Dr. Deborah Chandler sings and directs at the Bayouval (© ULM Photo Services).

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VAPA students perform during the Fall 2021 Dance Fusion (© ULM Photo Services).



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Sound of Today's New Leader

by Alayna Pellegrin

Friday Night Lights at Brown Stadium: ULM flags sway through the air as avid fans take their seats in the sweltering Louisiana heat. Lights shine down onto the field where football players' and band members' alike hearts pound to the beat of drums. Goosebumps travel down their limbs as the band takes its first breath and roars to life, creating the Sound of Today.

The Sound of Today Marching Band is one of the most highly recognized college bands in the United States. Performing at every ULM football game and a few select out-of-town games, it is comprised of students from every academic program on campus.

Allen Parrish serves as both the Assistant Director of Music and Director of Athletic Bands. He earned a Bachelor of Music education from Troy University in Alabama. Parrish then moved to Pittsburg State University in Kansas for his Master of Music. Finally, he earned his Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi. He went on to be the Instructor of Music, specifically low brass, at Jones College, assisting with its marching band.

Parrish teaches several courses within ULM's School of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) as well as private tuba lessons. His teaching philosophy centers around the student's experience. He believes that students should enjoy their time while in a collegiate marching band. Students learn discipline, people skills, and leadership, and he wishes to continue the growth of the Sound of Today in terms of quality, size, and national recognition. "The students are buying into the vision for the SOT to be an organization that trains its members to be better people," said Parrish.

In addition to his teaching, Parrish is an accomplished musician, having performed with ULM's Faculty Brass Quintet, the Meridian Symphony Orchestra, the Village Brass Band, and the Mid-America Quartet. He is renowned for his work, which has been seen by

distinguished composer Barbara York, who invited him to perform Four Paintings by Grand Wood in her concert.

Cimarron Music Press, a company that publishes new compositions from performers and teachers, has produced several compositions of Parrish's work. His works have been performed at the International Tuba and Euphonium Association as well as conferences in Greeley, Colorado and Canyon, Texas.

Graduate assistant Vincent Capuano, who works closely with Parrish, says, "Dr. Parrish does his job very well and he displays his competence every rehearsal with educating the band." Students and colleagues all agree that Parrish is a fantastic educator, always willing to lend a helping hand, and enthusiastic about his job. "Dr. Parrish is a great teacher, and you can tell that he really cares about his students," freshman political science major Mallory LeBeouf says. Band students as well as Capuano agree that the band and the University of Louisiana at Monroe are lucky to have Parrish's leadership.

Graduate assistant Madelyn Arender believes that the band has grown under Parrish because of his skills and expertise. "Dr. Parrish has helped the band grow in size, but he also helps them grow in strength individually. There are lessons, leadership conferences and development, and constant reflection on performance and technique. The generation of musicians and leaders he's creating is the best I've ever seen. I feel that the band will become more popular on campus," Arender says.

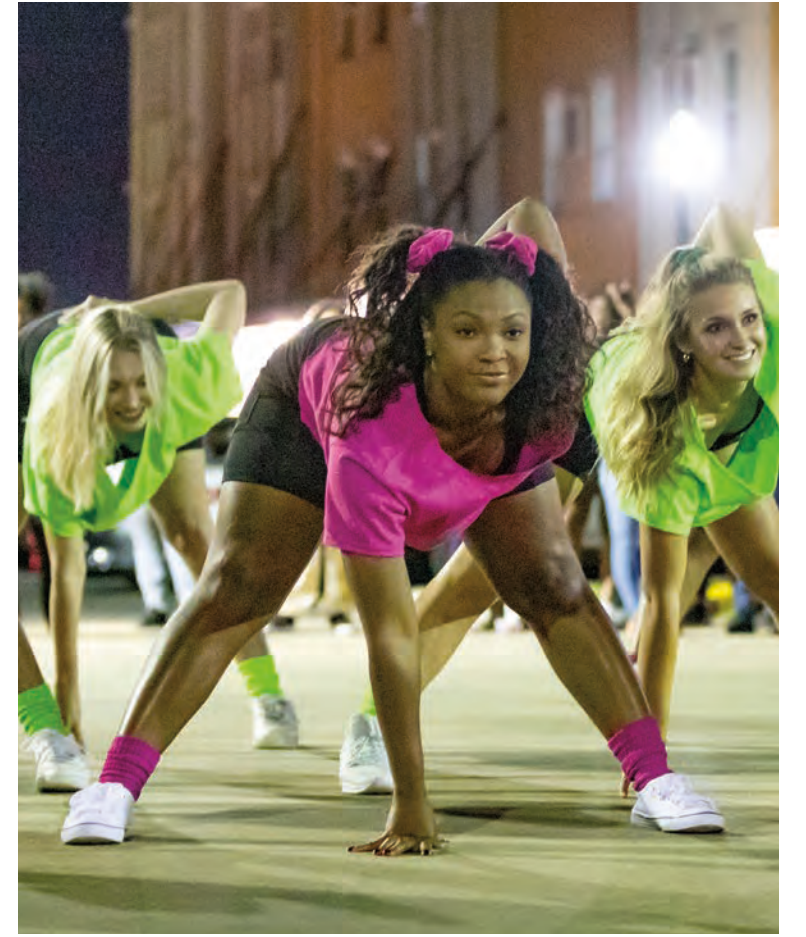
The dramatic ending of the Sound of Today's performance entranced the audience for several seconds before loud and roaring applause filled the stadium. Smiles from the field beam back at the bleachers as the band takes its final bow and Allen Parrish begins preparing a new show to outshine the last.

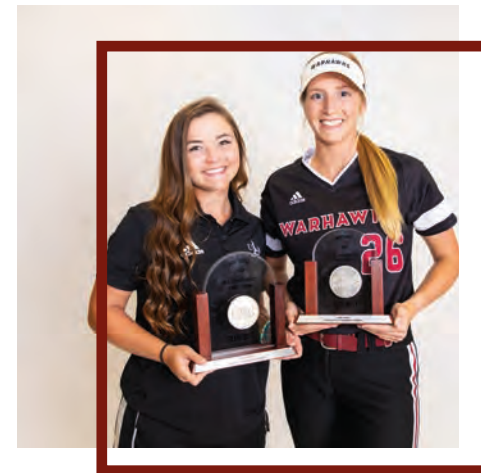
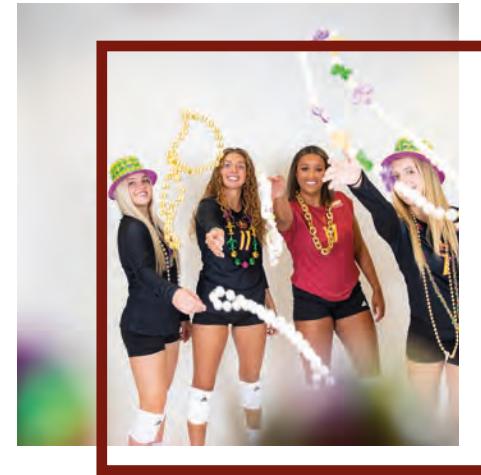




1. Greek members celebrate homecoming parade. 2&3. Greeks introduce their organization to new students. (© ULM Photo Services)

4&5. Greeks enjoy pre-game activities (© ULM Photo Services / Jeanette Robinson).





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3. ULM Warhawks against Liberty; ULM won, 31-28 (© ULM Photo Services).



1. ULM Warhawks vs. Jackson State; ULM won, 12-7. 2. Warhawks against LSU; ULM lose, 14-27. (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Warhawks against Troy; ULM won, 29-16 (© ULM Photo Services).



ULM Warhawks take the Hawk Walk during pre-game vs. Georgia State (© ULM Photo Services).

by Cameron Jett

Very few people knew what to expect from ULM football in 2021. An overhauled coaching staff led by head coach Terry Bowden was tasked with revamping a team that went winless in 2020. Factor this in with the changes to the NCAA transfer portal that allowed athletes to be eligible to play for a different school the following season, and the level of uncertainty grew even more around the 2021 Warhawks.

Instead of squandering their opportunities and meeting the lowly expectations from the teams on their schedule, the Warhawks exited 2021 with four wins after being favored in just two games all season long.

Their first order of business was to end their double-digit losing streak. The ULM faithful only had to wait until the second game of the year for a 12-7 victory over Jackson State.

The losing streak that dated back Nov. 30, 2019 was finally over.

One win in particular could go down in Warhawk folklore. As 32-point underdogs, ULM shocked the Liberty Flames and their coveted quarterback Malik Willis with a 31-28 victory in Malone Stadium. Willis would be the second quarterback taken in the 2022 NFL Draft, and the Warhawks' defense held him to 135 yards passing and intercepted his passes three times.

ULM scored 28 unanswered after being shut out in the first half.

After ULM kicker Calum Sutherland delivered a go-ahead field goal inside of two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, cornerback Mark Williams came away with Willis' third interception of the night to seal the deal for ULM.

He was the main discussion," Williams said. "But we didn't come scared."

ULM played to the underdog role and stole two more upset wins that season.

ULM stunned Troy in its first Sun Belt Conference match of the year. Even after losing starting quarterback Rhett Rodriguez to an injury, the Warhawks never surrendered their lead en route to a 29-16 win.

"It's as big a win as I've had in my career," Bowden said.

The Warhawks were flying high again after their 41-31 win over South Alabama on homecoming. Quarterback Chandler Rogers connected on four passing touchdowns and amassed 369 yards passing to go along with a team total of 555 yards on offense. The defensive unit created three turnovers and brought the quarterback down four times.

But the good times were over for good after homecoming.

The 4-3 Warhawks needed just two wins to become bowl eligible for only the second time in school history. Their five-game fall began with a loss to the eventual East Division winner, Appalachian State, and was capped off with a loss against the 2021 SBC champion Ragin' Cajuns.

But there were three winnable games in between that could have sent ULM bowling.

A missed extra point on the initial touchdown versus the Texas State Bobcats forced ULM to play behind in what could have been a tied affair for most of the game.

The next week, ULM had the chance to tie with a field goal or go for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter against the Arkansas State Red Wolves. But Rodriguez's shot to the 8-yard line wound up in the hands of a Red Wolf defender.

Their final chance at a bowl berth made their matchup with the in-state powerhouse LSU Tigers. The sluggish game by both offenses ended in favor of the Tigers 27-14

But the final score only tells part of the story.

"We're fourth-and-1 on the goal line twice," Bowden said. "We catch a ball and just don't quite get across. They don't stop it. We throw a pass over to the quarterback and he's open but we lob it and it goes a little over his head. If we do that, the field goal they kick at the end of the game is to be one point behind. That's how close it was."

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KeyShawn Johnson	So.	Brandon Nettles	So.	Abraham Alce	So.	Elijah Fisher	Fr.
Myles Cole	So.	Tre Odom	Fr.	Zach Breaux	So.	Fred Lloyd Jr.	Jr.
Jared Sparks	Sr.	D'Juan Grant	Fr.	Braxton Guilbeau	Fr.	Austin Yankow	Jr.
Alred Luke	Fr.	Charlie Norman	Fr.	Tralon Thomas	Jr.	Justin Kimber	Fr.
Zack Woodard	Jr.	Jalen Jackson	So.	Sam Plants	Fr.	Nolan Quinlan	So.
Jeremy Hunt	Jr.	Kevin Jones	So.	Brett Drillette	Fr.	Dariyan Wiley	R-Fr.
Traveion Webster	Sr.	Keydrain Calligan	R-Fr.	DeMontae Haigler	Sr.	Joe Brown	Fr.
Carter Lane	Fr.	Kellum Humphrey	Fr.	Bobbie Conklin	Sr.	Sir'Darrius Ellis	So.
JaCquez Williams	Gr.	Calum Sutherland	Sr.	Garrett Hirsch	Gr.	Caleb Thomas	Jr.
David Godsey Jr.	Fr.	Jalen Vinson	Fr.	Victor Cutler	Fr.	Walter Robert	Fr.
Jiya Wright	So.	Quae Drake	So.	Nick Lowe	So.	Anthony Campbell	So.
Perry Carter Jr.	Jr.	Jakyle Holmes	Jr.	Trey Corley	So.	Seth Mason	Fr.
Ky Halton	Fr.	Derek McCormick	So.	Peyton Talley	Fr.	Tyrese Black	So.
Austin Hawley	Sr.	Devyn McCormick	Jr.	Semaj Payton	Fr.	James Gillespie	Fr.
Colby Suits	So.	Taylor Behl	R-Fr.	Aiden Bellot	Fr.	Jahaziel Lee	Sr.
Boogie Knight	Jr.	Rylan Green	Fr.	Chase Rodriguez	Fr.		
Jonathan Hodoh	Gr.	William Berry	Fr.	Peyton Dunn	R-Fr.		



1. ULM against Champion Christian; ULM won 114-59. 2. ULM plays against Louisiana Christian; ULM won 89-68. (© ULM Photo Services)



3. ULM Warhawks against Troy; ULM lost, 65-73 (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Warhawks against Ragin' Cajuns; ULM lost, 74-79 (© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Andre Jones	Gr.
Koreem Ozier	Jr.
Elijah Gonzales	Jr.
Nika Metskhvarishvili	So.
Reginald Gee	Gr.
Langston Powell	Jr.
Thomas Howell	Fr.
D'Marcus Hall	Fr.
Luke Phillips	R-So.
Justin Gibson	Jr.
Johnie Williams IV	Fr.
Russell Harrison	Sr.



From left to right, Reginald Gee, Johnie Williams IV, and Justin Gibson
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ULM Men's Basketball Team 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).

by Cameron Jett

The 2021-22 season displayed a team that had the potential but couldn't finish out in big moments.

At their peak, the team pulled together six-straight wins in the month of December, but at their worst, they lost another half-dozen to end the regular season and were bounced out of the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Championship Tournament.

As ULM did for most of the season, the team held a firm lead after the first 20 minutes only to have the lead slip always in the closing stretch.

"It's just one of those years," head coach Keith Richard said after the 81-77 tournament loss to Arkansas State.

Richard's Warhawks finished the season 13-18 overall with most of their struggles coming against Sun Belt competition. The Warhawks went just 5-13 and finished second-to-last in the conference.

When ULM's offense was working well, it was a safe bet that guard Andre Jones—a transferring graduate student—stuffed the scoring column. He had eight games where he scored over 20 points, and he became the first Warhawk player since 2000 to score 20+ points through six straight games.

But his best performance of the season came with a 30-point outing against his former team—the Little Rock Trojans.

The scene looked bleak for ULM as the game got into the final minutes of regulation, but ULM held strong in the face of an on-point Little Rock squad.

"We were down five points with 4 1/2 minutes left, but our guys didn't panic," Richard said. "We just wanted to find a way to get the game into overtime.

Jones delivered in the most pivotal moments of ULM's Feb. 5 win over the Trojans, but his biggest moment came at the foul line with just seconds on the clock. He sank two free throws with 7.9 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

After 16 ties, 18 lead changes and 45 minutes of basketball, the Warhawks went back to Monroe with a 75-72 win.

While Jones lit the fire for the offense throughout the year, he wasn't the only one capable of a double-digit performance on any given night.

Forwards Russell Harrison and Nika Metskhvarishvili were key factors in the 2021-22 team's offense. Harrison was a double-double threat in every outing, and nobody should have been shocked when Metskhvarishvili scored more points than he has letters in his last name.

This pairing guided their team to a win on a Jan. 15 meeting with UT-Arlington when ULM only had seven eligible players, while the rest of the team was injured or stuck in COVID protocols.

Mets and Harrison played a combined 85 minutes in the 62-55 overtime win against UTA to get their first win in Arlington since 2016. Mets contributed over a third of ULM's offense while Harrison finished with a 17-point, 12-rebound double-double.

"It was a tough, defensive battle, but we made enough of plays in critical moments," Richard said.

Had there been more late-game surges like these, then the outcome of the season could have had a much different tale at the end of the year.



1. Warhawks against Louisiana Christian; ULM won, 71-58. 2. ULM against Champion Christian; ULM won, 65-51. (© ULM Photo Services).



ULM Women's Basketball team 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).



Warhawks against Ragin' Cajuns; ULM lost, 53-73 (© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Kyren Whittington	Fr.
Bre Sutton	Fr.
Gara Beth Self	So.
Linda van Schaik	So.
Kierra Crockett	Sr.
Aasia Sam	Fr.
Victoria Woods	Fr.
Gracen Williams	Fr.
Jada Anderson	Fr.
Amaya Ford	Fr.
Chloe Wilbank	Fr.
Katlyn Manuel	Fr.
Qua Chambers	Fr.
Tasionna McDowell	Fr.
Diamond Brooks	Sr.
Kierra Brimzy	R-Jr.
Hannah Edwards	Fr.



ULM Warhawks against Southern Illinois; ULM won, 1-0 (© ULM Photo Services / Jeanette Robinson).



ULM Baseball Studio (© ULM Photo Services).

by Cameron Jett

Races aren't decided out of the gate—they're decided at the finish line. While the 2022 ULM baseball team wasn't a Cinderella team who ran deep into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, their late-season heroics moved the team higher up in the final standings than they appeared on course to finish.

The Warhawks didn't turn many heads with their record of 20-31-1 (Yes, there was an inexplicably rare tie due to travel deadlines cutting into a road game against Coastal Carolina), but they pulled together a winning streak late to earn the final spot in the SBC Tournament and won their first-round match against Georgia State.

Their shot at conference play came to life in the second match of the series against A-State. The Red Wolves stamped five runs during the top of the first inning in an attempt to put the Warhawks in a hole early.

ULM's response? Thirteen unanswered runs until the ninth inning.

The 13-7 victory gave ULM the No. 10 spot in the tournament against Georgia State.

The Warhawks displayed their knack for playing from behind once again against the Panthers.

Georgia State snagged the first three runs of the game in the third inning. ULM didn't get a hit off until they took over in the fifth inning, but they managed to even the score with three runs of their own.

ULM negated the two additional Panther runs over the next two innings when they ran the score up with two 2-RBI home runs in the top of the eighth inning. ULM closed out and secured the 8-5 comeback victory.

ULM put the Panthers away in an entertaining fashion, but three days later the No. 9 ranked Texas State Bobcats put an end to the Warhawks' days in the tournament.

At first, ULM shook the regular season champion Bobcats. The Warhawks took two runs in the second inning off of a two-run homer from Michelle Artzberger. On the mound, Cam Barlow struck out eight batting Bobcats and he allowed no runs and just two hits.

But ultimately, Texas State did what they had done for most of the season: Win important games. ULM went runless after the second inning and the Bobcats took the lead with a three-run seventh inning.

ULM head coach Michael Federico praised his team—especially Barlow—after their efforts against one of the top teams in the nation.

“Barlow really battled tonight,” Federico says. “He got them to expand the zone a little with his fastball, then he'd mix the change up in there. He was able to get under their hands a little bit with the fastball and jam them some.”

These moments aren't neglecting the many losses in the year though.

Certain points in the season reminded fans that it was a rough losing season. ULM lost all seven of its games against nationally ranked opponents. They had a nine-game skid early in the season and an eight-game losing streak later in the year.

Sprinkled in were some oddities, like the high-octane first inning against Stephen F. Austin where an eight-run first inning set up a 13-6 ULM victory.

After the season ended, two Warhawks found their way into the MLB. Mason Holt signed a free agent contract with the Los Angeles Angels, and on the other side of the city, Lucas Wepf signed a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

ROSTER

Trace Henry	Sr.	Zach Shaw	Fr.
Matthew Lee	So.	Caleb Sterling	So.
Gus Freeman	So.	Tyler Lien	R-Fr.
Kade Dupont	Fr.	Kam Patridge	So.
Michael Cervantes	So.	Chris Noble	Jr.
Ryan Cupit	Sr.	Jackie Robinson	So.
Carson Jones	So.	Connor Cline	Sr.
Giovanni Licciardi	Fr.	Mikel Howell	Jr.
Colby Deaville	Sr.	Michelle Artzberger	So.
Grant Schulz	Sr.	Carson Orton	R-So.
Trey Lindsay	Jr.	Reid Goleman	Jr.
Britt McKay	Jr.	Nicholas Judice	So.
Matthew Bihm	So.	Tylor Jans	Jr.
Chase DeJean	So.	Henry Shuffler	R-Fr.
Lucas Wepf	Sr.	Cole Brady	Fr.
Mason Holt	Sr.	Adam Tubbs	R-Fr.
Austin Beech	Jr.	Cam Barlow	So.
William Perkins	Fr.	Steve Owings	Jr.
Travis Washburn	Jr.	Jack Engelmann	Sr.
Cole Stromboe	R-Fr.	Wyatt Blalock	So.
Cole Cressend	So.	Landon Cato	So.
Lane Little	Fr.		



3. ULM Volleyball team 2021 (© ULM Photo Services).



1. ULM Volleyball Senior day's game. 2. From left to right, Madeline Hogan, Darby Fisher, and Cali Assaley. (© ULM Photo Service © s).

ROSTER

Kaitlin Davis	Fr.
Hailey Hughes	Jr.
Logan Jeffus	Fr.
Darby Fisher	Jr.
Chloe Jordan	So.
Avery Cole	Fr.
Madeline Hogan	Jr.
Emma McWhorter	So.
Cameron Rogers	Fr.
Ashley Rants	Fr.
Madeline Villarreal	Fr.
Kathryn Raschilla	Jr.
Kailey Friedrich	Fr.
Emily Adams	Fr.
Cali Assaley	Sr.
Mariana Volponi e Giordan	R-Jr.
Phoebe Stigen	Fr.



4. Chloe Jordan (left) and Kathryn Raschilla (right) during the team's photoshoot (© ULM Photo Services).



1. ULM Warhawks against Alcorn State; ULM won, 7-0. 2. Warhawks against Troy; ULM lost, 1-2. (© ULM Photo Services).



3. ULM Warhawks pregame vs. Alcorn State (© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Alexa Castro Vivas	Jr.	Sara Navarro	Fr.
Shi Swift	Gr.	Santana Pressley	Jr.
Kathryn Yarbrough	Sr.	Samantha Maudsley	So.
Eva Lauret	Sr.	Peyton Pipes	So.
Lena Göppel	So.	Kali Sweet	So.
Paula Guba	Sr.	Emerson Roberts	Fr.
Ashley Washburn	Fr.	Lucia Lobato	Jr.
Efi Brame	Sr.	MAra Grutkamp	So.
Janet Stopka	So.	Gabby Felix	Jr.
Taylor Henry	So.	Mickaela Leal	So.
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Gabriela Gracia	Fr.		



A New Breeze to ULM Soccer Team

by Ermelinda Pantaleao

There are times in life when something extraordinary happens, and we tend to ask ourselves if that was a result of coincidence or if it was someone's work. Yet, when the same scenario repeats itself, and there seems to be a pattern, the words coincidence and luck are not enough to justify the outcomes. Hence what happened with the ULM soccer team in 2021, were the odds against a team known for its extended record of lost games?

In 2020, the University of Louisiana at Monroe decided to bet on a new coach, and that man was Sean Fraser. Looking at his resume, you find that it was not just any bet, but a clever one. His last accomplishment prior to signing with ULM was nothing less than a "Back-to-Back" championship in the SAC tournament (NCAA D2) for Lincoln Memorial University. Fraser managed to take that school from bottom to top and things were no different at ULM. ULM's soccer program was one of the most underrated in the Sunbelt conference, something with which Coach Fraser was familiar. "We knew we had a really good chance to win the Sunbelt, and no one wanted to throw that away," says Lucia Lobato, a Sophomore defender from Ireland.

ULM Soccer was rising, and there is no better recognition for the program's success than the appreciation of the players like Madi Garza, a third season midfielder. "[...] Sean Fraser came in and shook everything up. Brought in a whole new group of girls and soccer became something I truly love to do again. [...] we started performing, we started becoming a better team. I was becoming a better player, and we started getting wins," Garza says.

A proud community came together as a result of the

accomplishments of the team, and it did not take long for an unexpected character to become a significant part of the program. Beau Benoit, a freshman from Shreveport, was the most notorious fan throughout the season. "It was really amazing being able to cheer the team on and go to a lot of the games. It made the players more like friends and so it was a lot more personal cheering for them. So, being able to be in attendance because of the lifting of some of the COVID regulations, it really allowed me to find a great group of people and to cheer for them and be happy with them," he says.

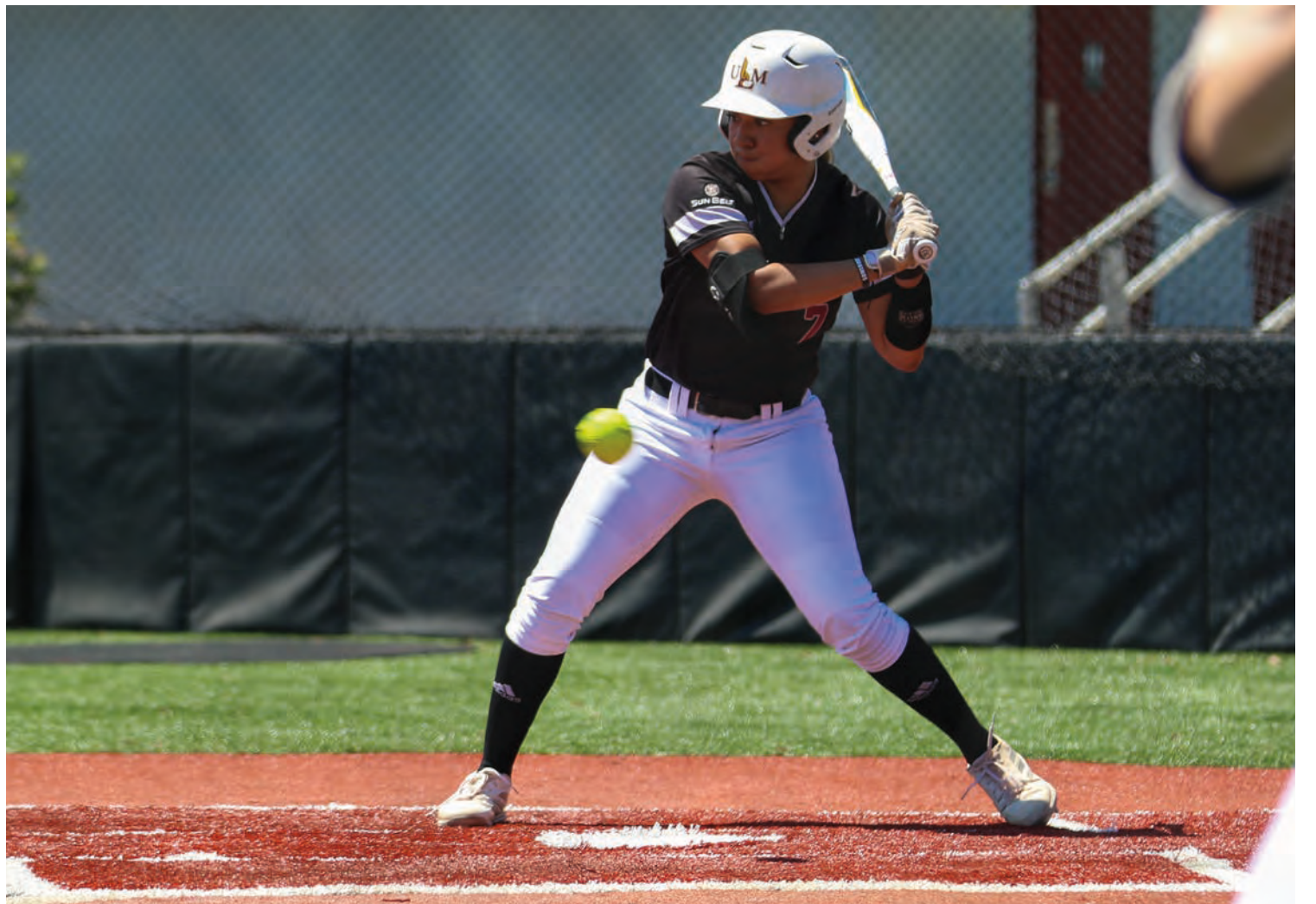
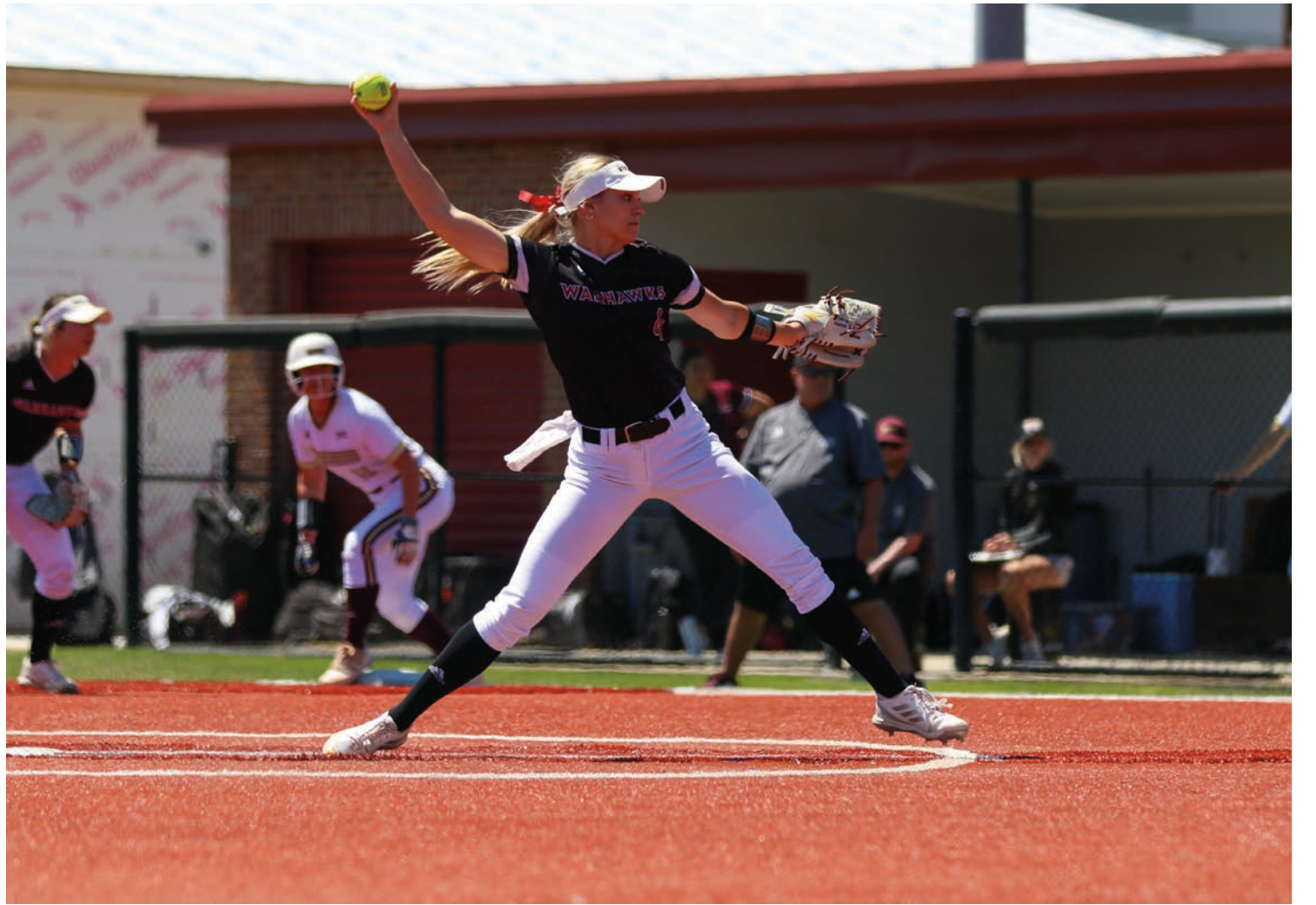
"Whether we dealt with it well, or if we didn't deal with it well, I don't know. But at the same time, we overcame it as a group, we continued to play soccer. Through the pandemic we continued to use that as a mental health tool for our student athletes to be successful," says Fraser about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fall 2021 was not rewarded with the desired ring from winning the finals; however, the soccer program did manage to break every possible record in the school's history book. They had not only the best year in the program's history, but they were also the leading team in the entire nation in some aspects of the game.

Majority of the athletes received academic awards. In addition to setting an example in the classroom, the athletes also made several social commitments, that is to serve the community by "developing community engagement initiatives and by involving in those initiatives," says Fraser. His idea is to develop an inclusive program that ensures a strong community's participation in the program's activities, which will positively impact the program.



ULM Softball against Texas State; ULM won, 10-2 (© ULM Photo Services).





From left to right, Andie Edwards, Caley McGuff, and Madelyn Fletcher (© ULM Photo Services).

by Jonah Bostick

The 2022 campaign for ULM softball was one filled with ups and downs. The Warhawks finished with a 27-27 overall record with a 10-17 conference record in head coach Molly Fichtner's fourth season. The 27-win season was the third highest since entering the conference in 2007 and the first non-losing season since 2017.

They specifically struggled on the road going 7-14 in road games. ULM finished 6-6 in in-state games. They were swept by UL-Lafayette, went 3-0 against Grambling State and split the season series vs Louisiana Tech.

ULM started the season off on a hot streak, winning their first seven games obtaining a 13-5 record. They started conference play with a series win versus Georgia Southern but followed with three series losses, including a heartbreaking sweep to UT-Arlington where the Warhawks lost every game by a single run. ULM played in 15 one-run games in 2022, finishing 7-8 in those games. They won five out of six including a series sweep against Coastal Carolina. Another streak of three series losses occurred, and the Warhawks finished with a losing conference record.

Some key moments in the season include a sweep versus Coastal Carolina. This win over the Chanticleers allowed ULM to break out the brooms for their first conference sweep since 2018. ULM won a six-inning game on Thursday and swept the doubleheader on Friday.

But the Chanticleers got the final laugh in the Sun Belt

Tournament. Their 5-0 victory in the opening round of the tournament put ULM out of championship contention.

Another important win for the Warhawks was a 3-2 extra innings win against Louisiana Tech. Korie Kreps hit a walk off single in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Warhawks the win.

The team overall finished with a respectable .266 batting average while hitting 17 home runs and scoring 235 runs and having a +25-run differential.

Top performers for the Warhawks included Kennedy Johnson, who led the team with a .342 batting average. She had 50 hits while hitting three home runs and contributing 31 runs batted in. Lourdes Bacon finished with a .337 BA with 55 hits and 32 runs scored. Kennedy Page led the team in home runs with four and had a .252 BA with 24 RBIs. Alexis Chavez produced a .335 BA with 52 hits and 26 runs scored.

The top pitchers for ULM included Kinsey Kackley, who pitched for a 2.86 earned run average and a 9-9 record. She recorded 114 strikeouts and allowed 51 earned runs with 14 homers in 124.2 innings pitched. Victoria Abrams was the other starter and finished with a 3.50 ERA and a 7-10 record, recording 61 strikeouts and allowing 48 earned runs and six home runs in 96 innings pitched. Adrianna Chavarria was the main bullpen arm. Her stats include a 2.94 ERA with 57 strikeouts in 25 appearances.

ROSTER

- Kassidy Giddens So.
- Kennedy Page Sr.
- Gianni Hullett So.
- Victoria Abrams R-Fr.
- Andie Edwards So.
- Caley McGuff So.
- Alexis Chavez Fr.
- Gabby Davila Fr.
- Kelsey Giddens So.
- Lourdes Bacon So.
- Jacelyn Buck R-Fr.
- Kennedy Johnson Jr.
- Madelyn Fletcher So.
- Ashlan Ard So.
- Taylor Broddick So.
- Kinsey Kackley Fr.
- Kendall Morton Jr.
- Adrianna Chavarria Sr.
- Korie Kreps Sr.
- Madison Blount So.



ULM Softball practice (ULM Photo Services / Paul Ware).



ULM Track & Field Team 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Eliana Battle	Fr.	Khrystyan Reddic	So.	Adrian Harris	So.
Hannah Blood	So.	Jala Richard	Jr.	Eric Hawkins	Sr.
Kaye-Loni Bowden	So.	Brittney Robertson	Jr.	Ronald Henderson Jr.	Gr.
Alivia Busch	Jr.	Brianna Sam	Sr.	Jake Houston	Jr.
Benadine Chelimo	Sr.	Rebekka Schubert	Sr.	Brandon Lewis	Fr.
Shantavia Davis	So.	Di’Keriun Straughter	So.	Logan Malone	Jr.
Micaiah Dendy	Gr.	Fiebe Tengrootenhuysen	Jr.	Cole McKnight	Sr.
Morgan DeRosia	Jr.	Jadyn Walden	Jr.	Mason Nichols	Sr.
Kirstin Elrod	Jr.	Trinity Walker	So.	Jhavonte Perry	Jr.
Niaya Fant	Sr.	Jasmine Williams	Jr.	Keith Robinson	Jr.
Hayden Holloway	R-Sr.	Chapman Bazer	Fr.	Callon Saldutto	Fr.
Sharon Jerono	Gr.	Cole Burgess	Jr.	Reggie Shallowhorn	So.
Amari Jones	Fr.	Jakob Fudge	Jr.	Nolan Smith	Jr.
Stella Konstantinidou	Fr.	Grant Girtman	Jr.	Darshon Turk	So.
Olivia McCrary	Fr.	Darryl Givens	Jr.	Jaylen Wade	So.
Nasya Ramirez	So.	Reid Guirlando	Fr.	Gabriel Wilcox	So.



ULM Track & Field in Cross Country Monroe 2021 (© ULM Photo Services).



ULM Beach Volleyball Team 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Audrey Brooks	Sr.
Madison Gray	So.
Julia Blazek	Jr.
Delaney Evans	Fr.
Kayla Gallant	R-Sr.
Tamsie Black	Fr.
Rylin Adams	Gr.
Abbey Bufkin	So.
Kaitlyn Nowak	So.
Avery Reynolds	So.
Abigail Elder	Jr.
Madeline Williams	Jr.
Elizabeth Moreland	Sr.
Brooke Hoven	Jr.



ULM Beach Volleyball practice (© ULM Photo Services).

GOLF

ROSTER

Chantal Dueringer	Jr.
Charlotte Fourdraine	So.
Maria Garcia	So.
Sara Hagglund	Fr.
Alessia Mengoni	So.
Kaitlyn Montoya	So.
Line Petersen	So.
Jahaanvie Walia	Sr.



ULM Women's Golf Team 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).



ULM Men's Golf Team 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Jacob Agerschou	Jr.
Javier Balbastre	Fr.
Melan Dhaubhadel	So.
Michael Gilbert	Jr.
Rory Milne	Fr.
Felipe Odio	Fr.
Theis Poulsen	Fr.
Mikkel Schmitt	So.
Otto Van Buynder	Jr.
Cody Winkler	So.



3. ULM Hawline 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services / Siddharth Gaulee).



1. ULM Hawline Showoff 2022. 2. Hawline performs at the pregame of ULM vs. Arkansas State. (© ULM Photo Services).



4. Hawline studio 2021(© ULM Photo Services).

ROSTER

Daija Essien	Sr.
Carmin Velasquez	Sr.
Mallory Sprehe	Jr.
Mackenzie Miller	So.
Sydni Ellen Littleton	So.
Christina Collins	So.
Kaitlyn Edwards	Fr.
Rachel Meredith	Fr.
Molli Fuentes	Fr.
Madison Marques	Fr.
Carsyn Brasher	Fr.
Sydney Waldron	Fr.
Trinity Samuel	Fr.
Madelina Trevino	Fr.
Sophia Hauswirth	Fr.
Haley Hearron	Fr.
Kayla Cornet	Fr.



ROSTER

- Hailey Barron
- Anna Bennett
- Isabella Bennett
- Skylar Biggs
- Madelyn Bozeman
- Brock Riley
- MariBeth DeWitt
- Regan Digilormo
- Faith Gaude
- Caleigh Gilbert
- Jessica Hale
- Taylor Hill
- Kayla LaCoste
- Kameron May
- Rachel Meredith
- Ainsley Noel
- Julia Oubre
- Sydney Elizabeth Owens
- Baley Pace
- Carly Ragsdale
- Jordan Rister
- Nakeah Sims
- T'Liyah Terry

4. ULM Cheer at ULM vs. Georgia State's pregame (© ULM Photo Services).



1. ULM Cheer pregame, ULM vs. Jackson State. 2. ULM Cheer performs in the game of ULM vs. Arkansas State. (© ULM Photo Services).



3. ULM Cheer 2021-2022 (© ULM Photo Services).

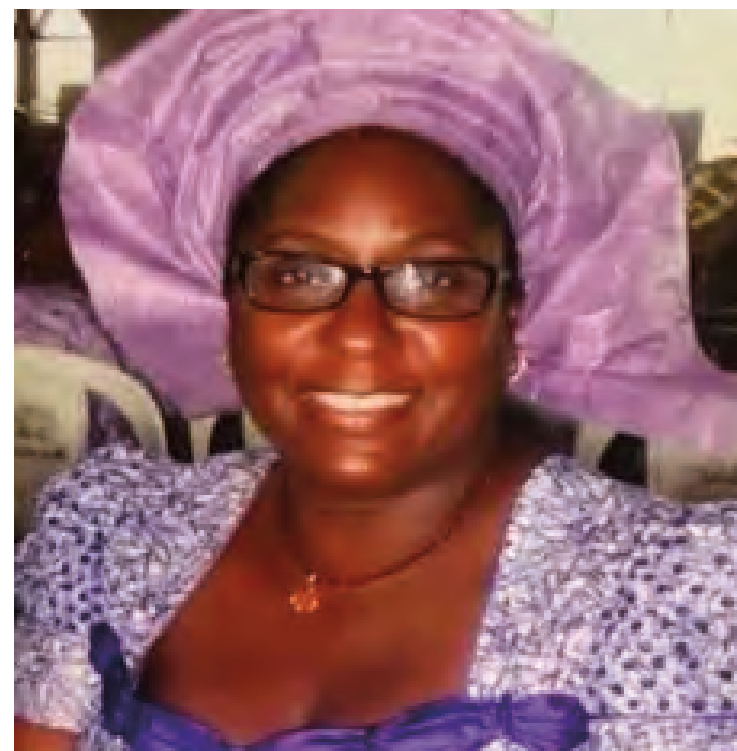
IN MEMORIAM

*We dedicate this yearbook to cherish the memories of these beautiful souls.
Their contributions remain meaningful and stay forever with ULM history.
In our hearts, forever and always.*



Ashley Krebs

Ashley Krebs passed away on October 14, 2021. She served as part-time Faculty under the Kitty Degree School of Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Krebs had a great deal of passion for teaching and nursing, one of the best instructors with compassion, sense of humor, and personal interest in nursing education. She constantly encouraged her students and ensured they were on the right track. For both her coworkers and her students, Ashley was an excellent teacher and a role model. The tremendously positive impact Ashley Krebs left on the University is difficult to express. Always and Forever in our Hearts - Ashley Krebs.



Kuku Olukemi Temitayo

Kuku Olukemi Temitayo, an assistant professor in Kitty Degree School of Nursing, passed away on December 10, 2021, at 61. Temitayo has impacted the lives of countless students. She advanced in her career with her innate capacity to preserve relationships with students, faculty, and staff. She was very passionate about teaching and ensuring her students always understood the curriculum—a heart of gold, generous to all, and hardworking as a bee. That was our outstanding Kuku professor, Kuku Olukemi Temitayo.

Julia Edna Brown

Julia Edna Brown passed away on September 2, 2021, at 75. Julia spent more than 26 years working for the University of Louisiana at the controller office. Julia was a loving and passionate individual. She provides data to help the administration make decisions and worked closely with the students to assist them with their tuition and bills. In 2016 Julia was also recognized for her 20 years of service at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Julia will forever be remembered as a lovable, caring, hardworking person who made an invaluable contribution to running the university.



Jeanie Johnson

Jeanie Johnson passed away on January 13, 2022. Johnson joined as a Senior Budget Specialist in 2018 at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where she actively worked to develop Budget forms and work files to complete the university's annual budget. Despite not being directly involved in student life, she actively worked with the university to make a smooth transition for students at the university. She will be forever remembered for her contribution to the University of Louisiana at Monroe.



Warhawks,

In these last few pages of the Chacahoula 2022, I will not shower you with paragraphs of words because I am sure that the previous 165 pages speak volumes about endless hope, effort and determination from every member of our Warhawk family. Coming off the hangover of COVID-19, this book represents remarkable achievements and growth regardless of setbacks echoed from the pandemic.

For my readers, I hope that Chacahoula 2022 recalls many of your favorite moments in the 2021-2022 academic year. May you cherish the memories of this book as a keepsake, reminding you of your time here at ULM.

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