

Plates Pay Off

Sale of Ragin' Cajun® license plates produces new scholarships

If your vehicle has a UL Lafayette license plate, you've helped put some extra cash in the pockets of six deserving Ragin' Cajun seniors. • They're the first to receive scholarships generated by the sale of the prestige plates. They represent the following six colleges: Arts, Applied Life Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and General Studies. • The UL Lafayette Alumni Association provided scholarships to seniors in the remaining colleges—Liberal Arts, Nursing and Sciences—and to a member of its student chapter, the Association of Future

Alumni. Those endowed scholarships are supported through contributions to the association's Annual Fund.

"In 1984, we set a goal to establish 10 endowed scholarships," said Dona Renegar, chair of the Association's Scholarship Committee. "It's so rewarding to reach our goal and offer support to students."

The 10 students each received \$250 for the Fall 2000 semester and \$250 for the Spring 2001 semester.

"We know that \$500 per academic year is not going to pay for all their expenses, but it will help lighten their financial burden," Renegar said.

Louisiana began a prestige license plate program in the early 1990s to support colleges and universities. A motorist can obtain a UL Lafayette plate for a car or van, for instance, by paying an additional \$26 fee when he renews his biennial vehicle registration or buys a new vehicle. The state Department of Motor Vehicles keeps \$1; the remaining \$25 is dedicated to UL Lafayette solely for academic or financial need scholarships. All 10 scholarships are endowed, which means the principal is invested and only the interest it earns is spent.

"We plan to continue contributing to the endowment until the interest is such that we can award \$1,000 per academic year," said Sharee Broussard, the Association's executive director. "After we reach that point, we will consider funding additional scholarships."

Full-time seniors who are involved in extracurricular activities and who

have at least a 3.0 grade point average are eligible for the scholarships. The AFA scholarship is awarded to an active member of that organization.

The first recipients of the scholarships are exceptional in some way, according to Broussard. "We explored their needs and goals through the application process. As with any similar process, the choices were difficult. However, we chose 10 stars who will surely use their education and campus experience to contribute to our community and university."

Renegar urged UL Lafayette alumni and university supporters to obtain prestige plates. "What better way to spend \$26 than on a license plate for your *alma mater*—especially when \$25 of that amount goes directly to support a student's quest for education?" she asked.

For more information, please call the UL Lafayette Alumni Association at (337) 482-0900. ■



Scholarship recipients, from left, are: Sara McDowell, Valerie Menard, Jacob Gustin, Sunshine Arceneaux, Danielle Cole, Michael Lahey, Julie Landreneau and Kirk Victorian. Not shown: Leslie Gautreaux and Casey LaGraize.

Alumni

1900-1921

Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute

1921-1960

Southwestern Louisiana Institute

1960-1999

University of Southwestern Louisiana

1999-present

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

1920s

CHARLES J. BIENVENU, '27, is living in St. Martinville, La., with his wife, **MARIE-THERESE POULAIN BIENVENU, '62**. Charles Bienvenu, who is 96 years old, earned a bachelor's degree in education from SLI. He taught at Erath High School and served as assistant principal there. Marie-Therese Bienvenu is a retired French teacher. The couple have three children, **ANNETTE (BIENVENU) LUCAS, '68**; **MICHELLE (BIENVENU) COULON, '69**; and **CHARLES J. BIENVENU III, '75**.

MAY MARGUERITE (LEVY) POCHÉ, '27, is a retired teacher. After earning a teaching certificate from SLI, Poché taught elementary grades in the St. Mary Parish school system for six years prior to her marriage to Adolph Judson Poché. After his death in 1956, she taught for 12 years in Jefferson Parish public schools. After retiring, Poché moved to Lake Charles, La., where she attended classes at McNeese State University until she was 88. Poché has a daughter, May (Poché) Gray of Lake Charles, and a son, Adolph Judson Poché Jr. of King of Prussia, Pa. She also has seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Poché's sisters, **NELL MARY (LEVY) ARDOIN, '29**, and the late **RUTH MARY (LEVY) LONGMAN, '33**, graduated from SLI. Ardoin earned a teaching certificate in education and taught in Ville Platte, La., prior to her retirement. She lives in Ville Platte with her daughter, **NANCY NELL (ARDOIN) HAMLIN, '71**, who is also a retired teacher. Longman, who received a four-year degree in education, taught at a public elementary school in Baldwin, La. She died in 1994.

1950s

S.L. LOCASCIO, '51, has served as director of the Houma-Terrebone Community Band, for the past six years. The musical group, which he helped form in 1984, has about 60 members and performs at area events. Locascio holds a bachelor's degree in music from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, where he played the tuba in SLI's symphony orchestra, concert orchestra and marching band. He taught music in the Terrebonne school system for 25 years. Locascio has been married to **CAROLYN LOCASCIO, '49**, for more than 50 years. They live in Houma, La.

ALEX MCCOOL, '50, recently received a Special Achievement Award in recognition of his 45-year career in space propulsion. The award was presented by *Design News*, a leading mechanical engineering magazine. McCool, who obtained a degree in mechanical engineering from SLI, is manager of the Space Shuttle Project Office at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. He is married to Genelle McCool.

1960s

COL. (RET.) ROLAND GUIDRY, '61, was inducted into the Breaux Bridge-area Military Hall of Fame on July 4 for his service in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot, engineer and air commander during 26 years of active duty. Highlights of his military career included flying multiple clandestine missions in support of a plan to rescue American prisoners of war held at Son Tay, North Vietnam in 1970 and piloting the lead plane during an aborted rescue mission in the Iranian desert in April 1980. Later, at Fort Bragg, N.C., he directed air elements on numerous exercises of the nation's elite counter terrorism forces to prepare for military actions. Guidry received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering and completed the ROTC program at USL. He is married to **PATRICIA ANN BOUTTE GUIDRY, '63**, who was an honor graduate, Student Council secretary, Blue Key Darling, and Alumni Award winner at USL. They live in Destin, Fla.



HERBERT C. HEBERT, '63, '70, '71, is a counselor in UL Lafayette's Junior Division. He teaches freshman seminar and advises students. Hebert holds a bachelor's degree in French and speech education, a master's degree in secondary education, and an education specialist degree from USL. He also earned a doctorate of education degree from McNeese State University in 1982. Hebert retired from public education in 1984, after teaching for 21 years. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1986 as a lieutenant colonel. Hebert is married to **GABRIELLE L. HEBERT LASSALLE, '76**, who received a bachelor's degree in home economics. They have four children, Brett Hebert; **CHRIS HEBERT, '92**; **GABRIELLE JEAN HEBERT, '94, '98**; and **STEPHANIE HEBERT, '98, '00**.

MACKLYN T. LAFLEUR, '69, is a legal analyst for Conoco Inc., where she has worked for 32 years. Lafleur, who holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from USL, is a volunteer for United Way, Relay for Life, Christmas in April and Special Olympics. She has two sons, **GREG T. LAFLEUR**, who is attending UL Lafayette, and Mark A. Lafleur; and two grandchildren.

1970s

GARY LAGRANGE, '70, '75, is the new executive director of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. He has 25 years of port planning and management experience. LaGrange is president of the Gulf Ports Association, a member of the Legislative Policy Council Committee of the American Association of Port Authorities and secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Coast Foreign Trade Zone. He received a bachelor of arts degree in geography and a master's degree in urban planning from USL.

RICHARD GUIDRY, '72, '85, was honored recently as a "Living Legend" by the Acadian Museum of Erath for his efforts to preserve the French language in Louisiana's public school system. Guidry holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education from USL. Guidry is employed by the Louisiana Department of Education. He has written several books and stories, and has assisted with several educational videos produced for Louisiana Public Broadcast. Guidry is also a volunteer at Jean Lafitte National Park, Vermilionville, Acadian Village and *Le Théâtre 'Cadten*.

DWIGHT F. DAVID, '76, is chairman of fine arts at Catholic Central, a school in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y. He recently attended the Electronic Arts Institute at the Renesslerville Institute in upstate New York, which is a curriculum writing forum for the visual arts and technology. David is married to Meg Cassin and has one daughter, Danielle David.

1980s

MICHAEL TERRY BUCKLES, '82, was recently promoted to executive vice president and regional manager of Piccadilly Cafeterias, Inc., in Houston. He is responsible for 24 units, with more than 1,100 employees in four states. Buckles holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and was a member of the USL football team.

He is married to **DENISE ANN (PARENT) BUCKLES, '81**, who earned a degree in business administration. They have two daughters, Carmen and Candice.



THOMAS COTTEN, '80, of Baton Rouge, is president of the Baton Rouge chapter of the Society of Louisiana CPAs. He graduated *cum laude* with a degree in marketing from USL. He also studied accounting at LSU.





THOMAS J. FISHER, '83, has been named a partner in the law firm of Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff and Miller, L.L.P. in Fort Worth, Texas. He specializes in commercial litigation and oil and gas matters. Fisher earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from USL and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from LSU law school. He is married to Kimberly N. Fisher and has six children, Joshua, Bryce, Courtney, Erin, Haley and Payne.

KENNETH D. BRYANT, '85, is the commercial business manager of operations for Phillips-Alaska in Anchorage. He holds a bachelor's degree in geology from USL and a master's degree from Louisiana Tech. Bryant is married to **TRUDIE (OUBRE) BRYANT, '83**, who was director of high school relations at USL from 1985-88.

ANNETTE F. SIAS, '86, is a counselor who works for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. She is project manager of "Education Station," a 21st Century Community Learning Center. Sias holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication.



MARC L. COSSICH, '88, was recently named chief of police at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Prior to his appointment, he served as chief of police at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, and chief of University Police at UL Lafayette. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from USL and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Cossich holds a Texas Peace Officer License at the master level, the highest level awarded by state law enforcement. He is also a licensed investigative hypnotist. Cossich is married to **MONIQUE COSSICH, '86**, a former USL employee.

MIRIAM FRANCIS MEADOWS, '89, is a health information inpatient technician at Northshore Regional Medical Center in Slidell, La., where she helps manage patient records. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology at USL. Meadows has two sons, Tyler and Kendall.

1990s

SHANE KING BERNARD, '90, '92, is the historian and curator for the McIlhenny Company and Avery Island Inc., at Avery Island, La. He collects, catalogs and interprets historical data and artifacts pertaining to the island, the Avery and McIlhenny families, and Tabasco® brand pepper sauce. Bernard obtained a bachelor's degree in English and a master's

degree in history from USL. He also holds a doctorate in history from Texas A&M University. Bernard recently received a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities to publish "The Cajuns: Americanization of a People, since 1941," his dissertation on recent Cajun history. His thesis on the history of south Louisiana's music, "Swamp Pop: Cajuns and Creole Rhythm and Blues," was published in 1996 by the University of Mississippi Press. Bernard lives in New Iberia with his wife, Kara (Tobin) Bernard and their daughter, Colette Amie Bernard.

PAUL A. CALLAIS, '90, was recently named president and chief executive officer of United Community Bank in Gonzales, La. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from USL and a master's degree in business administration from Tulane University. Callais is a graduate of the Louisiana Bankers Association School of Banking and the Graduate School of Banking at LSU. Callais is married to Danielle Callais; they have a son, Christopher.



WORRICK LLOYD JACKSON, '90, is a research analyst at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He was previously the project director for Lamar State College Orange Tech Prep Tracking System, and the Assistant Director of the Southeast Texas Tech Prep Consortium. He developed a system to coordinate followup studies and assessments on students' academic performance. Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from USL and a master's degree in educational technology from McNeese State University in Lake Charles. He and his wife, Alecia Rhine Jackson, live in Beaumont.

DONNA E. LATIOLAIS, '90, a certified public accountant, was recently named president of Lafayette chapter of the Society of Louisiana CPAs. She is the controller for Omega Inc. in Lafayette. Latiolais earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from USL.

CARMEN MICHELLE SCOTT, '91, is a federal probations officer in Denver, Colo. She is enrolled at the University of Denver College of Law as a graduate student in legal administration. Her goal is to become a federal clerk of court after working with the federal judiciary in Washington, D.C. Scott earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

DANIEL JAMES HANDSCHIN, '92, a law enforcement officer with the U.S. Federal Protective Service, was awarded the Medal of Valor on July 3 for rescuing a man trapped in a vehicle after a traffic accident. On Aug. 12, 2000, Handschin was on a special assignment at the Democratic National Convention in Los

Angeles, Calif. When he and other officers arrived at the accident scene, the vehicle was upside down and gasoline was spewing all over it. Handschin crawled inside the vehicle, cut the seat belt to extract the driver and then dragged him to safety. "His quick and decisive action prevented further injury or death to the victim and to others who were in close proximity," said Thurman Davis, Jr., acting administrator of the General Services Administration. The USL grad also received a cash award of \$1,500 from the regional director. Handschin is assigned to Boise, Idaho. He is married to Sandra Handschin and has two sons, Troy and Zack. He is the son of Daniel and **LAJUANA HANDSCHIN, '94**, of Lafayette, La.

FELICIA AGUILLARD, '94, is the communications specialist for the Girl Scouts-Lone Star Council in Austin. She is responsible for media relations, public relations and creation of publications for the Lone Star Council's 18-county area. Felicia Aguillard and her husband, **DAVID M. AGUILLARD, '94**, is a photo-journalist at KTBC-Fox 7 in Austin, where he shoots and edits news stories for daily broadcast. He holds a mass communications degree. Last year, Aguillard won a first place National Press Photographers Association award in the general news broadcast category.

SHANNON ELIZABETH KING BERNARD, '95, '00, is the public relations coordinator for Goodwill Industries of Acadiana. She is in charge of public relations, marketing, advertising and graphic design for the organization. Bernard also coordinates the public relations and marketing for CASA of Acadiana, an organization that works with abused and neglected children in foster care. Bernard graduated *cum laude* from USL with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. She also holds a master's degree in communications from UL Lafayette. Her mother, **JO ANN (KING) BERNARD**, attended USL from 1962-65, and was a cheerleader.

LIONEL ROBERT, '95, '99, was recently awarded a KPMG Minority Information Systems Doctoral Scholarship to pursue a doctorate at Indiana University-Kelly School of Business. The \$10,000 scholarship is renewable for five years. The KPMG Foundation presents scholarships to minority students pursuing doctorate degrees in accounting or information systems. Robert is former acting director of UL Lafayette's MicroBusiness Development Center and was a full-time instructor in the university's Business Systems, Analysis and Technology Department. He received a bachelor's degree in production management and a master's degree in telecommunication from USL and a master's degree in industrial management from Clemson University. Robert is married to **LORRAINE ROBERT, '96**, and has a son, Lionel Robert III.

Alumni

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AND MAJOR, IF A FORMER USL STUDENT

Children (if any are UL Lafayette students or USL graduates, please indicate)

Current Date

CATHERINE FRANCES SCHOEFFLER, '95, is part owner and manager of The Blue Moon guest, *House et L'auberge de Jeunesse*, in downtown Lafayette. She holds a sociology degree from USL. Schoeffler participated in Teach for America from 1995-97 in Ruleville, Miss., and taught English as a second language in Korea from 1997-98. She received a master's of social work degree from Tulane University in 1999.

CHARISSE CRAFT BARRY, '97, is a unit superintendent at Lubrizol Corporation, a fluid technology company that serves industry, in Deer Park, Texas. She is also a soloist in the Houston Metropolitan Dance Company, which is a professional jazz and modern dance company. Barry is married to **JEFFREY BARRY, '97**, who holds a degree in electrical engineering.

ERIC DILLOW, '97, is an assistant manager at Triplett Alumni Center Hotel at the University of Mississippi Alumni Association's 96-room hotel. He supervises the housekeeping, maintenance and front desk staffs. Dillow earned a degree in history from USL. He is married to Cheryl (Coppedge) Dillow and has three children, Amber, Jeffery and Tory.

GARRETT PATRICK LABORDE, '98, graduated from Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Miss., with a juris doctorate degree. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from USL. While attending law school, Laborde was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, the Federalist Society, the Christian Legal Society the Intellectual Property Law Society and was an officer in the Environmental Law Association. He held a summer internship with the late U.S. District Judge John M. Shaw in Lafayette and spent his last semester of law school as a distinguished extern to the attorney general of Mississippi.



IN MEMORIAM

HELEN MARIE FRITZ SIZEMORE, '43, died on Dec. 4, 2000, in Tampa, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Donald M. Sizemore; three sons, Donald Fritz Sizemore, John Edwin Sizemore and Kenneth James Sizemore; three daughters-in-law; four granddaughters, two grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. Sizemore received a bachelor's degree from SLI in secretarial science.

KENDALL REGIS, '01, a former Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns basketball player, died July 8, 2001. He was 22. Regis graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in finance. He had joined the New Zealand Basketball League

SCIENTIST'S LASER SYSTEM TESTED AT DISASTER SITE

More than two weeks after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, the nearby World Trade Center 4 was demolished. But before a wrecking ball brought down the structure on Sept. 29, a USL graduate had a chance

to use a laser system to try to determine if it was in danger of collapsing.

According to an article in the Sept. 27, 2001, issue of *The New York Times*, Dr. James Sabatier, '73, was summoned to New York City by the U.S. Army after engineers detected

that Building 4 was shifting. It had been heavily damaged in the attack and experts feared that vehicles removing debris from Ground Zero could cause it to collapse.

Sabatier had designed a laser system as part of a program to detect land mines. An associate research professor at the University of Mississippi-based National Center for Physical Acoustics, he was on sabbatical while working at the Army Night Vision Electronics Sensors Laboratory in Fort Belvoir, Va. Sabatier set up the system about 50 yards from Building 4 to monitor for any significant shifts. It takes readings every half-second that are precise enough to show movement of about 100 microns, or about one-250th of an inch.

"By this close, constant monitoring, we can let the engineers know immediately if there are any big changes in the frequency and amplitude of the oscillation," Sabatier told the newspaper. Sabatier earned a bachelor's degree in Science Education from USL.



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Dr. James Sabatier, '73, works with a laser Doppler velocimeter, which he designed to detect land mines.



and was practicing with his new team when he collapsed on the court. He died later in the evening. Regis is survived by his parents, Kelly and Sandra Regis; two brothers; and two sisters. As a senior in 1999-2000, Regis helped the Cajuns earn the Sun

Belt Conference regular-season championship and the postseason tournament title.

CARROLL J. GUILLORY, a mathematics professor at UL Lafayette for 23 years, died March 18, 2001. A native and resident of Church Point, La., he is survived by his wife of 27 years and their four children. Guillory held a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southern University and a master's degree and doctorate in mathematics from the University of California Berkeley.

WARREN J. MCGOVERN SR., died Nov. 11, 2000. He was an adjunct professor who taught psychology classes at USL from 1962 to 1991. Books from his personal library

have been donated to the UL Lafayette Psychology Department. McGovern obtained a bachelor's degree from Tulane University and a master's degree in psychology from LSU in 1953. A licensed psychologist, he was administrator of Lafayette Regional Medical Health Center from 1957 to 1970. McGovern is survived by his wife of 52 years, Geraldine Stern McGovern of Lafayette; one daughter, Colleen M. Champagne of Scott, La., and her husband, Wayne Champagne; two sons, **WARREN J. "JAY" MCGOVERN JR.**, '82, '94, and his wife, **PATRICIA D. MCGOVERN**, '82, of Ruston, La., and **WILLIAM "BILL" P. MCGOVERN** of Lafayette and his wife, **KAREN SEGURA MCGOVERN**, '83, of Lafayette, La.; one brother, Maurice G. McGovern of Pineville, La.; two nieces; and nine grandchildren.

ROBERT J. HYMEL, '69, was killed Sept. 10, 2001, when terrorists crashed a commercial airliner into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he was working as a civilian management analyst. He was a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who flew a B-52 bomber during the Vietnam War. Hymel received the Purple Heart for injuries sus-

tained during a plane crash during his tour of duty there. While attending USL, he was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity. Hymel earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from USL and a master's degree in business administration from Western New England College. He is survived by his wife, Pat Hymel of Woodbridge, Va.; a daughter, Natalie Hymel; a twin sister, Mary Toce of Lafayette; his mother, Elsie Hymel of Lafayette; and a granddaughter.

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