Director’s Statement

The Scholars’ College is a special place. We offer an outstanding honors education that prepares our students for their futures, but we offer so much more: We attract a dynamic group of students who care about each other and who look forward each year to the addition of new members to the Scholars’ family. We help students find research and internship opportunities to support what they learn in the classroom. We encourage involvement in the hundreds of organizations on campus. We provide in-depth advising to help students find their niche and develop their career goals. And with all of this, there is still something special about Scholars’ that cannot be put into words.

Come see for yourself if this is the right place for you.

Dr. T. Davina McClain, Scholars’ College Director & Associate Professor of the Classics
Beyond the Classroom

Scholars’ and Organizations
Scholars’ students participate in Student Government, fraternities, sororities, honor societies and the hundreds of other student groups on campus.

Scholars’ has been a great motivator to get involved. For the past two years I have been a Freshman Connector, I planned last year’s homecoming week with SAB, and I am currently Vice President for Theta Chi Fraternity. I also plan on joining the fencing club this fall started by scholar Allison Dukes.

—Austin McCann ’13
President, Blue Key

Scholars’ and Athletics
Scholars’ students compete on the women’s soccer team, the football team, men’s basketball, tennis, Demon Dodgeball and the crew team.

Being a student-athlete and a part of Scholars’ is an amazing opportunity. Scholars’ challenges me to succeed both in and out of the classroom. It is great to look in the stands at a game and see how much support we have from our peers and faculty.

—Theresa Halle ’13
Midfielder for Lady Demon Soccer Team
Scholars’ and Music
Scholars’ students perform in the choirs, band, orchestra, and multiple ensembles.

*I love being in one of the best music programs in the state. My choir director works with my Scholars’ schedule so I can continue my vocal career along with my Scientific Inquiry concentration in Scholars’ College.*

—Victoria Kwentua ‘14
Residential Assistant

Scholars’ and their Future
Scholars’ College students succeed in graduate and professional schools and their careers.

What will we be able to tell others about you?
Concentrations within the Scholars’ College:

- Fine and Performing Arts (theatre, art, music)
- Foreign Languages (Latin, Spanish, French, and Greek)
- Humanities and Social Thought (history, English, and more)
- Scientific Inquiry (medical/pharmacy/vet school, science research, science education)
- Philosophy, Politics, & the Law (law school, public service, public policy, non-profit organizations)

Joint majors:

The College of Science, Technology, and Business

Accounting
Biology with concentrations in
  - Biomedical
  - Natural Science
  - Applied Biology
  - Forensics
Business Administration
  with optional concentrations in
  - Finance
  - Management
  - Marketing
Computer Information Systems
Electronic Engineering Technology

The College of Nursing and Allied Health

Honors Concentration

The College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies, and Research

Criminal Justice
English with a concentration in
  - Literature
  - Professional Writing
  - Folklore
Fine and Graphic Arts
  - Graphic Communication
  - Studio Art
History
Music
  - Performance
  - Sacred Music
  - Music Education
Psychology
Theater
  - Design/Technology
  - Performance/Directing
  - Musical Theater Performance
  - Dance Performance
Unified Public Safety Administration
The Louisiana Scholars’ College is a unique academic institution in the state of Louisiana, and possibly in the nation. It offers a curriculum particularly suited to the needs and interests of students who wish to pursue a program of study that is grounded in the “Great Books” and that encourages independent thinking and discussion of relevant topics. The education provided through the Scholars’ College is commensurate with that offered by Ivy League institutions, yet students pay the very reasonable tuition and fees of attendance at a public institution of higher education.

—Randall J. Webb, President

Undergraduate Core Curriculum

The following courses provide the Core Curriculum for the Scholars’ College:
- Texts and Traditions I-IV
- Democratic Vistas
- Critical Reading/Critical Writing
- Mathematics
- Orientation
- Sciences
- Science Seminar
- Foreign Language
- Liberal Arts in Practice

The Goal of the Scholars’ College Curriculum

The Scholars’ College has three complementary/intertwined goals as its mission:

1. Respond to the educational needs of students who seek a challenge, who think outside the box, and who want to express their views and insights in respectful debate with their peers and professors.

2. Provide an affordable alternative to private liberal arts colleges and universities by offering smaller classes, low student-to-teacher ratios, a faculty who have all obtained the PhD in their areas of expertise, and a personalized academic career in which students have the opportunity to shape their degree plans to meet their professional and personal goals.

3. Ensure that all students obtain a broad education in critical thinking, critical writing, and the critical reading of texts in the arts, humanities, sciences, and technical fields. Today’s global economy and global information network demands a new “worldliness” of students: that is, they must understand the global past to succeed in the present and to shape the future to be a place of dialogue, respect, and humanity.
Study Abroad and Internships

- **The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)** allows students to apply to and enroll in one of several hundred academic programs in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Through the Exchange, students pay their regular tuition and fees and are able to use all of their financial aid and scholarships, while attending the university of their choice abroad! Scholars’ students have used ISEP to study in Japan, South Africa, Spain, France, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, and England among others.

- **The National Student Exchange Program (NSEP)** allows students to experience “domestic” study abroad: students apply to one of the universities across the United States that participates in NSEP and study there for a semester or a year. This program is a great way to experience a different part of the country, take courses that may not be offered at one's home university, or explore a school that is of interest for graduate school. Scholars’ students have used NSEP to study at colleges and universities in Maine, Alaska, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Ohio.

- **Internships** are a great way to enhance your Scholars’ education and begin exploring your career options. Students in the Scholars’ College have interned with the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network, Johns Hopkins University, the Santa Fe Opera, the Louisiana Center for Women and Government, Texas! (the Summer Musical Drama in Palo Duro Canyon), the Lafayette Mental Health Center, the Feminist Majority foundation, the American Dance Festival, the LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport, and MD Anderson in Houston.

Not only has the Louisiana Scholars’ College prepared me for graduate school, but the faculty’s constant assistance and encouragement has also allowed me to gain real work experience and training through applying for and being chosen for nationally-competitive internships. This combination of internships and the Scholars’ curriculum has allowed me to create my own degree to help prepare me for a career in arts administration.

—Joshua Nuss ’11
Graduate student at George Mason University

Regarding “studying abroad,” one tends to classify such an experience as exciting, challenging, and a great achievement. While defining it as “life changing” seems the typical response, it is also one of the truest definitions you can offer. But when you get right down to it, reaching a lifelong goal, no matter what it is, will always be life-changing. For me, fulfilling the dream I’ve had since I was 10 years old to study abroad in Japan was a truly life changing experience. However, one of my first thank-yous has to be directed towards the Scholars’ community, because they really hold open the doors to life-changing opportunities. Thanks to the support in this great establishment, attending a university in Tokyo for one full year of intensive language study has been my greatest accomplishment. So what will yours be?

—Elizabeth Williamson ’11
Now living in Japan and teaching for the Japanese Exchange & Teaching Program
The Faculty of the Louisiana Scholars’ College

The Scholars’ College faculty have earned their PhDs in subjects ranging from chemistry to English to foreign languages. As teachers and mentors, the faculty are dedicated to the academic and personal success of the students.

I’ve taught in several institutions of higher education across the U.S. and, in my opinion, there is no other college or university that can offer this quality of education for this price.

—Dr. S. Holly Stave, Professor of English

After teaching at four institutions of higher education in three states, including Duke University, before joining the LSC faculty, I can honestly say that LSC students are, as a group, the most talented and motivated students I have had the pleasure to teach.

—Dr. Curt Phifer, Professor of Biology

Choosing LSC was easily the best decision I have ever made. I have received personal attention from my professors while learning in a unique manner. In addition, I have also had the opportunity to be involved in several committees and activities on campus which has made my entire experience at NSU one of a kind.

—Yaser Elqutub ’12
2010 Homecoming King and National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete

The faculty is caring and responsive and also focused on individual student needs. I knew when I came to the Scholars’ College that I wanted to be a professor, but after being a part of the College, I learned so much about how to be an effective teacher and mentor.

—Dr. William Broussard ’00
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Costs
The most up-to-date information on tuition and fees can be found at registrar.nsula.edu/tuition-fees. These figures are based on full-time attendance. Room and board costs are based on your selection of housing and meal plans.

Scholarships
Northwestern State University and the Louisiana Scholars’ College award a variety of scholarship packages each academic year. Scholarships are awarded to degree-seeking students who are enrolled, or who intend to enroll, at LSC/NSU. Scholarships are placed in two categories: academic/leadership scholarships and performance scholarships.

Academic/leadership scholarships are based on a combination of standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), high school grade point average, rank in class, and participation in extracurricular activities.

To receive the best award package, students should apply in time to meet the University’s OCTOBER 31st or DECEMBER 1st priority scholarship deadlines. Awards include both traditional scholarships and work-study assignments.

Louisiana Scholars’ College Scholarship
This four-year scholarship is the most prestigious award offered by Northwestern State University. The criteria are as follows:

• 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
• 28 or higher on the ACT or 1260 or higher on SAT.
• At least a 3.0 GPA each semester
• Full-time enrollment status in the Scholars’ College

Out-of-State Fee Waivers
Non-Louisiana residents may apply for an out-of-state fee waiver. Most students meeting the admissions standards for the Louisiana Scholars’ College are eligible for a fee waiver.

Financial Aid
To determine eligibility for state, federal or University financial assistance, the student must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form can be obtained on the internet at fafsa.ed.gov or from any high school or college. For any further questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid office at (800) 823-3008.
Campus Housing and Dining Services

Scholars’ College students are housed in a designated section at University Place, the newest addition to the University’s housing options. This suite-style accommodation includes the following amenities: furnished living room & bedroom, unlimited local & long distance telephone service, high-speed internet, and a kitchenette equipped with a mini-refrigerator, microwave and counter area. The property also includes:

- Outdoor swimming pool
- Student lounge and study area
- Clubhouse with full kitchen

All of our housing options include laundry facilities and basic cable!

NSU provides specially designed dining options at our full service dining facilities. For more information and to choose a meal plan, check us out on the web at nsuladining.com/.

The University of Louisiana System requires all students under 21 to live on campus. Exceptions to living on campus are granted only to those students who submit an appeal and are approved to live off campus.

To reserve a room, complete and submit the lease for On-Campus Residence along with the $175.00, $75 of which is a nonrefundable processing fee. For more information contact, University Place at (318) 214-5400 or check us out online at campushousing.com/nsula.

Disability Service

Students requiring assistance or special accommodations are invited to meet with our coordinator of Disability Services. For more information, call (318) 357-6950 or email universitycollege@nsula.edu.
Admission Criteria
The Scholars’ College seeks highly motivated students who can work independently and who are willing to explore new ideas. The admission criteria are as follows:

• Complete 19 units of the Regents’ high school core curriculum or comparable curriculum

We recommend the following GPA and test scores as minimums:

• 3.3 or better unweighted average on a 4.0 scale in high school course work in the Regents’ curriculum or comparable curriculum

• ACT composite of 27 or SAT composite of 1220

With

• ACT subscores of at least 20 or SAT subscores of 480

Students who do not meet these recommendations will be considered for admission on an individual basis.

Scholars’ Day
We also offer two open houses, Fall and Spring Scholars’ Days, on a designated Saturday each semester. Scholars’ Day is a great opportunity to learn more about Scholars’ College and meet other students who share your interest in honors education.

Important Numbers
To receive more information about the Louisiana Scholars’ College, contact the following offices by phone or email:

LSC Recruiting
(318) 357-4578 or 1-800-838-2208
Fax (318) 357-5567
LSCrecruits@nsula.edu
recruiting.nsula.edu/scholars-college

Office of Student Financial Aid
(318) 357-5961 or 1-800-823-3008
financialaid.nsula.edu

Scholars’ College
(318) 357-4577
scholars@nsula.edu
scholars.nsula.edu
facebook.com/ScholarsCollege

Louisiana Scholars’ College Application Checklist

[ ] Application for Admission and Scholarships – apply online

[ ] Resume

[ ] Application Essay

[ ] $20 Application Fee/ $30 for International Students (waived for students who have already applied to NSU)

[ ] Recommendation Forms from Guidance Counselor or Teacher

[ ] Official Transcript (out-of-state) / Unofficial Transcript (in-state)

[ ] ACT and/or SAT Scores (can be faxed by high school counselor)

My turning point was at one of the Scholars’ Days. I sat in on a class where I got to listen to other people’s interpretations of a book. None of them were cookie cutter answers... I knew I wanted to surround myself with these people.

—Rhea Bumpass ’14

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Natchitoches
Northwestern State is the perfect-sized university located in the perfect college town of Natchitoches, Louisiana. The community of approximately 20,000 was established in 1714 and is the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. With one of only two National Historic Landmark Districts in the state, the quaint and unique town has much to offer including shopping, dining, and attractions plus historic fort sites, museums, cultural events, and festivals.

While Natchitoches has a community atmosphere, it is close to larger cities: Shreveport and Alexandria are only an hour away; Dallas, New Orleans, Jackson, and Little Rock can be reached by interstate in approximately four hours.

Come See for Yourself
The Office of University Recruiting would love to show you around our beautiful campus. Because we know each student is unique, each visit is personalized to fit that student. This is a great way to learn about the Scholars’ College and Northwestern State. When you schedule a tour in advance we can arrange to have you visit a class and talk with our outstanding students, faculty, and staff.

Admitted students are invited to our summer orientation program, Freshman Connection, with sessions specifically designed for Scholars’ College. This exciting program gives new students an opportunity to learn about the campus, meet other freshmen, and pre-register for classes.

What makes Scholars’ unique is the sense of community; we push each other to succeed in our work, and that makes all the difference.
—Mathew Morrison ‘12
SGA Vice President 2010-11, Treasurer 2011-12
Law School, University of Minnesota

The Louisiana Scholars’ College is not just a school. It’s a diversified family that truly allows you to learn who you are and can help you to become who you want to be.
—Jessica Weeks ‘13
Phi Mu Treasurer
Intern, State Department

The professors really take an interest in you as a person. They are always there to help you with your work and even personal problems. They really care.
—Ruth Frugé ’13
Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet 2011