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STATE UNIVERSITY

*Learn. Lead. Live*

**College of Education**  
**Campus and Community**



**Multicultural Resource**  
**Handbook**

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## ***Dean's Welcome***

Welcome to the College of Education at Nicholls State University. We are excited that you have chosen Nicholls State University to further your educational journey. The College of Education faculty, staff and administrators are committed to the development of highly qualified professionals who will make an impact on their respective fields. Our faculty members offer rigorous and challenging curricula, while still maintaining that personal connection. They work diligently to provide students quality experiences within the classroom and in field experiences.

Our conceptual framework guides our programs and focuses on the development of professionals who are responsible leaders engaged in professional practice. Through openness, transformation and responsibility, our students develop and apply their professional knowledge and skills as they move through their respective programs.

The College of Education is committed to fostering the academic success of minority students. Faculty advisors are available to provide assistance throughout your academic program. While the College of Education promotes academic growth for students it also supports social programs that encourage cultural awareness. You are encouraged to become involved in college activities to benefit from the entire collegial experience.

Nicholls State University and the College of Education are committed to your college success. In an effort to make this transition to higher education a successful one, we have created this handbook listing resources that may be of assistance. In addition to the handbook, I also encourage you to take advantage of the myriad of resources available to students through Student Life, University College, Student Support Services and Financial Aid.

# About Nicholls.....

## *Mission*

Nicholls State University provides a unique blend of excellent academic programs to meet the needs of Louisiana and beyond. The university cultivates productive, responsible, engaged citizens in a personalized, culturally rich and dynamic learning environment through quality teaching, research, and service.

## *Vision Statement*

Within the initial decade of the new millennium, Nicholls State University will be recognized as a premier, selective admissions institution of higher education dedicated to the needs of its diverse student body. The University will become the center for collaborative scientific, technological, cultural, educational, and economic leadership and services in South Central Louisiana

## *Values*

The Nicholls State University community supports the Nicholls Creed, affirming “values that promote citizenship, concern for self and others, and the desire for a better world,” and embraces as its core values:

- **Diversity:** We respect differences among members of society by providing a nurturing and tolerant environment.
- **Excellence:** We strive to achieve the highest quality in all endeavors. We strive for excellence in teaching, research, and service, and empowerment through learning.
- **Integrity:** We strive to be fair and truthful in all instances.
- **Leadership:** We are good stewards and representatives of the university because we value our collective role as a regional leader and model for all we serve.
- **Respectfulness:** We commit to the customs and amenities of a civil society. We respect the rights of others and are responsive to the needs and interests of our constituents.
- **Responsibility:** We are responsible for our actions. We adhere to the doctrine of individual accountability in all our activities and contributions.

# College of Education.....



## *Mission*

The College of Education is dedicated to preparing high quality teachers, educational leaders, school and psychological counselors, school psychologists and human service professionals who effectively meet the diverse needs of Louisiana and the global community.

## *Conceptual Framework*

### **RESPONSIBLE LEADERS:**

- Take responsibility for their own professional development;
- Engage in leadership in both the school and the community;
- Inquire into and serve the profession;
- Engage in ethical behaviors.

### **RESPONSIBLE LEADERS:**

- Teach from the local ecology (culture, community, & environment);
- Demonstrate responsibility for inquiring into the local ecology;
- Use local knowledge to transform the learning of all students;
- Demonstrate responsibility for serving the needs of students and the community.

### **RESPONSIBLE LEADERS:**

- Transform the lives of all students by creating positive learning environments;
- Use the curriculum to advocate for social change;
- Use technology to improve the lives of all students;
- Advocate for students in both the school and the community;
- Teach for the success of all students.

### **RESPONSIBLE LEADERS:**

- Demonstrate an openness to change;
- Inquire into the relationship between cultural differences and learning;
- Inquire into the learning needs of students;
- Inquire into innovative teaching practices that meet the needs of all students;

## Minority Student Organizations

### Sororities

#### Alpha Kappa Alpha



**Founded:** January 15, 1908  
Howard University  
**Chartered at Nicholls:** April 15, 1990  
**Chapter Name:** Pi Alpha  
**Colors:** Salmon Pink and Apple Green  
**Symbol:** Ivy  
**Flower:** Pink Tea Rose  
**National Projects:** National Volunteer Day  
**Nickname:** AKA  
**Motto:** "By Culture and By Merit"

#### Delta Sigma Theta



**Founded:** January 13, 1913  
Howard University  
**Chartered at Nicholls:** February 9, 1979  
**Chapter Name:** Xi Theta  
**Colors:** Crimson and Cream  
**Symbol:** Elephant (unofficial)  
**Flower:** Violet  
**National Projects:** Dr. Betty Shabaz Delta Academy  
**Nickname:** Delta, DST  
**Motto:** "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom"

### Fraternities

#### Alpha Phi Alpha



**Founded:** December 4, 1906  
Cornell University  
**Chartered at Nicholls:** March 22, 1975  
**Chapter Name:** Kappa Mu  
**Colors:** Black and Old Gold  
**Symbol:** Sphinx  
**Flower:** Yellow Rose  
**National Projects:** Go to High School, Go to College  
**Nickname:** Alphas  
**Motto:** "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"

#### Kappa Alpha Psi



**Founded:** January 5, 1911  
Indiana University  
**Chartered at Nicholls:** September 16, 1983  
**Chapter Name:** Lamda Sigma  
**Colors:** Crimson and Cream  
**Flower:** Carnation  
**National Projects:** Guide Right, Prostrate Cancer Awareness  
**Nickname:** Kappa, NUPE  
**Motto:** "Achievement in every field of human endeavor"

#### Omega Psi Phi



**Founded:** November 17, 1911  
Howard University  
**Chartered at Nicholls:** Fall 1978  
**Chapter Name:** Omega Kappa  
**Colors:** Royal Purple and Old Gold  
**Nickname:** Omegas, Ques  
**Motto:** "Friendship is essential to the Soul"

#### Phi Beta Sigma



**Founded:** January 9, 1914  
**Chartered at Nicholls:** 1976  
**Chapter Name:** Nu Alpha  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Pearl White  
**Nickname:** Sigmas  
**Motto:** "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity"

## Minority Student Organizations

Organization Name	Campus Advisor	Advisor Phone Number	Type of Organization
Asian Culture Club	Van Ma	448-4219	Special Interest
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	Chad Young	448-4879	Religious
Campus Crusade for Christ	Pamela Kirkley	448-4690	Religious
Chi Alpha	Rajkumar Nathaniel	448-4684	Religious
Circle K International	Eugene Dial	448-4022	Service
Gay-Straight Alliance	Celest Weuve	493-2613	Special Interest
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	Allie Johnson		Special Interest
Nicholls International Community	Marilyn Gonzalez	449-7038	Special Interest
Non-Traditional Women's Student Organization	Cynthia Dubois		Special Interest
Precious Jewels	Victoria Smith	448-4390	Special Interest
St. Thomas Campus Ministries	David Boudreaux		Religious
Students of Language	Mabelle Illidge	448-4434	Special Interest
Women's Advancement Organization	Michele Caruso	448-4081	Special Interest

*Contact the Office of Student Life in the Bollinger Student Union or at 985-449-7038 to obtain information about an organization.*



## Scholarship Opportunities

The office of Financial Aid is located in Otto Candies Hall. Students are encouraged to contact the office for scholarship and other financial aid services available at 985-448-4048. Applications for financial aid may also be downloaded from the financial aid website along with additional information: <http://www.nicholls.edu/finaid>. Among the many scholarships available to students at Nicholls State University the following are specifically cited for minority students:

**TIM AND NICOLE EMERSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS** is awarded to a student who is classified as a non-traditional student (twenty-four years or older) at the time of the award. The student will be enrolled full-time at Nicholls State University. The student will maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 as determined by the GPA after the end of each spring semester. The student will demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid Office. An entering freshman can be awarded the scholarship on the basis of an ACT score of 20 or its equivalent on another standardized test. The student may retain the scholarship for a maximum of eight semesters. The recipient of the scholarship should participate in a minimum of ten hours of community service a semester. The recipient shall contact the department head in his/her major to work out the details of the community service.

**STEPHANIE HEBERT CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DYSLEXIA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a student enrolled at Nicholls State University who has been diagnosed with dyslexia and participates in the programs provided by the Center for the Study of Dyslexia. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student and may keep the scholarship for eight semesters provided he or she meets all the above criteria and maintains a 2.00 overall GPA

**CLARENCE JAMES MEMORIAL MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to minority students with an overall high school GPA of at least 3.0 and a minimum ACT of 20. This award is for a maximum period of four years, provided funding is available and the student maintains full-time status and a minimum 3.0 semester GPA. This award is valued at \$1,000 per academic year or \$4,000 over a four-year period

**JENNIE & CO. FILM PRODUCTION SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a minority student in mass communication with a concentration in broadcast journalism.

**LLOYD MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to an African-American student from Terrebonne Parish. Applicants must be enrolled full time and have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average or be entering freshmen with high school grade-point averages of at least 3.0 and an ACT composite score of at least 20. Leadership in extracurricular or co-curricular activities will be considered.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Scholarship Websites

The following is a list of scholarship websites that are available for scholarship offerings. Please refer to the sites for the latest offerings:

**Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS)**

<http://artsawards.org>

**Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships**

<http://www.ayanrand.org/contests/>

**Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**

<http://www.act.org/goldwater/>

**Coca- Cola**

<https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/index.jsp>

**The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institutes**

<http://www.chci.org/>

**Fastweb**

<http://www.fastweb.com>

**FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid Scholarships**

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>

**Gates Millennium Scholars**

<http://www.gmsp.org/>

**Grants for Minorities**

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3specpop.htm>

**Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation**

<http://www.truman.gov/>

**The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)**

<http://www.hsf.net/>

**Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships**

<http://holocaust.hklaw.com>

**The Jackie Robinson Foundation**

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/>

**The Morris K. Udall Foundation for Native Americans**  
<http://www.udall.gov/>

**Nationally Coveted Scholarship**  
<http://scholarships.fatomei.com>

**NCAA Scholarships and Internships**  
<http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html>

**Rhodes Scholarship**  
[http:// www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org)

**Ron Brown Scholarship**  
<http://www.ronbrown.org/>

**Scholarship Gateway**  
<http://www.blackexcel.org/link4.htm>

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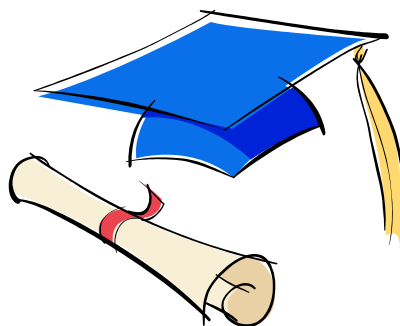
- American Indian College Fund
- National Merit Scholarship Corporation

[http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/grants/awards.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/awards.asp)

**State Farm Hispanic Scholarship Fund**  
[http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/grants/hispanic.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/hispanic.asp)

**Target Community**  
<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001811>

**Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund**  
<http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/home/scholarships.html>



## Multicultural Businesses and Services

### Churches and Places of Worship

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**Allen Chapel African Methodist**

Episcopal Church  
1106 Lagarde Street  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-447-5391

**Bell Baptist Church**

2614 Highway 1  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-448-2348

**Church of Christ**

1515 Oakley St.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-441-2229

**Jehovah's Witnesses**

120 Highway 3185  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-5069

**Moses Baptist Church**

1032 Canal Blvd.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-447-2118

**St. Joseph Co-Cathedral**

721 Canal Boulevard  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-1387

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

204 Madewood Dr. – NSU CAMPUS  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-6201

**Thibodaux Family Church**

**(nondemon.)**  
124 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Thibodaux, LA

**Assembly of God Church**

150 Highway 3185  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-2101

**Calvary United Methodist**

203 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-0590

**Iglesia Vida Nueva (Pentecostal)**

215 S. Hollywood Road  
Houma, LA  
985-853-0073

**Morning Star Baptist Church**

4111 Brule Guillot Road  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-447-2063

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

121 Praise Ct  
Gray, LA  
985-876-3408

**St. Luke Catholic Church**

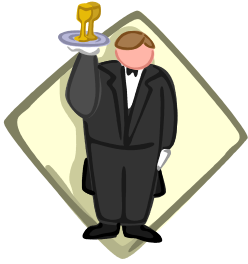
300 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-0487

**Tabernacle of Love Pentecostal Church**

1360 Tiger Dr.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-7770

**University Baptist Church**

904 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-5818



## Multicultural Businesses and Services

### Restaurants

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China Gardens  
610 N. Canal Blvd  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-447-1633

Church's Chicken  
518 St. Mary St.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-7673

Flanagans  
1111 Audubon Ave  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-447-7771

La Palma  
710 St. Mary St.  
Thibodaux, LA  
448-1221

Lin's Chinese Buffet  
404 N. Canal Blvd.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-447-1688

Bubba II's Po Boys  
764 W Bayou Rd  
Thibodaux, LA  
95-449-0900

Dominoes' Pizza  
247 West Park  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-448-1700

Geaux Fish Restaurant  
Sushi and Hibachi  
1129 Audubon Ave  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-493-3474

La Casa Del Sol  
141 Westover Dr. (Next to Lowe's)  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-2576

Popeye's Chicken  
700 N Canal Blvd.  
Thibodaux, LA  
985-446-3051

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