

# president's *Report*



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*DR. RICK BREWER*

LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENT & CEO

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## Letter from the President

Wow! What a year this has been. Glory to God for His continued hand of favor and blessing on the University as we celebrate our 10-year accreditation reaffirmation with no findings of non-compliance from our regional accrediting body SACSCOC. We also rejoice in moving from College to University status reflected in our new name Louisiana Christian University. Our new name recognizes the history and legacy of our educational institution focused on Kingdom Growth.

Now more than ever our nation needs Christians in higher education leadership who unapologetically stand on the Word of God with Christ at the center of the academic experience. Louisiana Christian University is, and will continue to be, a Christ-centered community committed to academic excellence.

Transitioning to NAIA from NCAA division 3 has proved to be a transformational move for the University. The Wildcats are quickly closing the gap with opponents who have offered athletic scholarships for decades. Thank you, Coach Reni Mason, for your stellar leadership enabling a smooth, effective transition to NAIA. Indeed, National Championships for several of our student-athletes are in the future at LCU.

The Jonathan E. Martin MBA program launching this fall is a significant development and an additional opportunity for equipping future business leaders who view their roles as marketplace ministers. LCU's MBA will offer distinctive emphases and embedded certificates for data analytics, finance, accounting, healthcare, marketing, management, entrepreneurship, and leadership as part of the MBA degree.

We are also expanding the University's academic partnership with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary offering the MSW and MBA degree programs as part of NOBTS' graduate programs.

Finally, we Praise the Lord for the sale of the 500 Fannin Street building in Shreveport. Selling this building is eliminating an unnecessary expense which has been a financial burden to the University for the past 12 years. Glory to God!

*Keep Pressing On,*  
Dr. Rick Brewer





## Enrollment Update

At Louisiana Christian University, our admissions team tirelessly travels the state and beyond, spreading the word about our incredible school, but it is a total university effort. From the president down, it is a complete organizational philosophy to recruit students. It is also

something that we ask of you! As we join together in this mission, we can see these numbers grow beyond what we thought possible. Thank you for helping us to continue to *Prepare Graduates and Transform Lives.*



**12:1**  
Student to Faculty  
Ratio



**96%**  
Students Receive  
Financial Aid



**96**  
College Fairs  
Attended



**959**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS



**176**  
GRADUATE  
STUDENTS



**87**  
DUAL-ENROLLMENT  
STUDENTS



**45**  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS



# Academics

## LCU ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED WITH NO FINDINGS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Louisiana Christian University has received full reaffirmation of accreditation with no findings of noncompliance in its regular 10-year review. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), LCU's accrediting body, officially notified the university in December of the reaffirmation with no additional report necessary. The next reaffirmation will be in 2031.

## NOBTS AND LCU ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

Officials from Louisiana Christian University (LCU) and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) signed a historical partnership agreement April 13.

The partnership re-affirms transfer options for LCU graduates who study in the NOBTS Accelerated Master of Divinity program (M.Div.) established in 2019. The new agreement offers NOBTS students the opportunity to transfer credits toward the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees. The partnership will expand the training options available for God-called men and women in Louisiana and help students save time and money.

## MBA PROPOSAL

The Prospectus for the MBA program has been submitted to SACSCOC for approval. Applications may be accepted but admission will not begin until the program receives formal approval.

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## NEW FACULTY



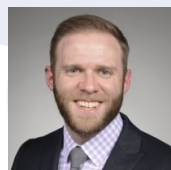
*Dr. Michael "Kenny" Holt*

Dean of the Ray and Dorothy Young School of Business



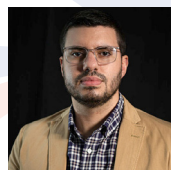
*Dr. Theodore Chiasson*

Professor of Computer Science



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Assistant Professor of Health and Exercise Science



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Assistant Professor of Missions and Ministries; Dean of Chapel



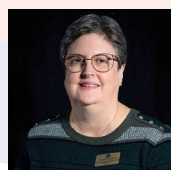
*Mrs. Mollie Wise, PLPC*

Professor of Psychology



*Mr. Jacob H. Wittkopp*

Assistant Professor of Music; Chair of the Division of Fine Arts; Director of Choirs



*Linda Stringfield, MSN RN*

Assistant Professor for School of Nursing and Allied Health



*Victory Lindo-Lemons, M.Ed*

Assistant Professor of Education



# Athletics

## TRANSITION TO NAIA

Completing the process that was announced earlier in the summer of 2021, the Louisiana Christian University's Athletics Department received word that the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) membership committee has approved our application for admission, making official the move to the NAIA as well as finalizing the new conference affiliations with the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) and Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC).

## NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It was a season of historic firsts for the Louisiana Christian University women's soccer program, including first double digit win season, first winning season, first postseason appearance, first conference championship, and first National Tournament appearance. Additionally, for the first time in the program's history, the Louisiana Christian University women's soccer team can boast an All-American as Martina Terra Garcia rode her 22-goal season to a NAIA All-American honorable mention nod.

Men's basketball has clinched its fourth consecutive tournament appearance this season, with significant contribution from Kae'ron Baker, who earned five conference Player of the Week awards. His success and dedication earned his jersey a spot in retirement. Kae'ron was also named All-American Second Team, RRAC Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference, & NAIA Scoring Champion .





# Alumni Relations

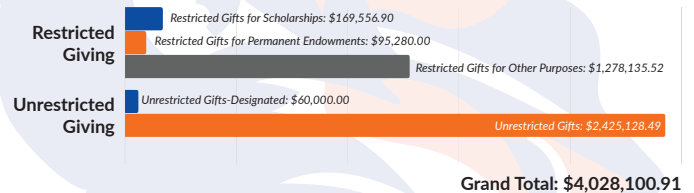
# Advancement

## HOMECOMING

Homecoming at Louisiana Christian University in 2021 was among the most successful that we have experienced. We had a large number of our alumni return. Our students were engaged with entries for floats in the parade and cheering at the games. The community supported as well with phenomenal attendance at all of our events. We look forward to seeing you this Fall on October 21-22. Look for more information at [lacollege.edu/homecoming](http://lacollege.edu/homecoming).



Institutional Advancement supports the President in institutional relationships with individuals both external and internal to the university. Development and Alumni Relations work to increase alumni engagement, by diversifying a range of events and creating innovative opportunities for Wildcats to connect.



## CAMPAIGNS

### Board of Visitors

Total Received: \$139,735.50

### Wildcat Club

Total Recieved: \$101,980.00

### Cavanaugh Campaign

Total Received: \$643,636.04

Institutional Support: \$854,000

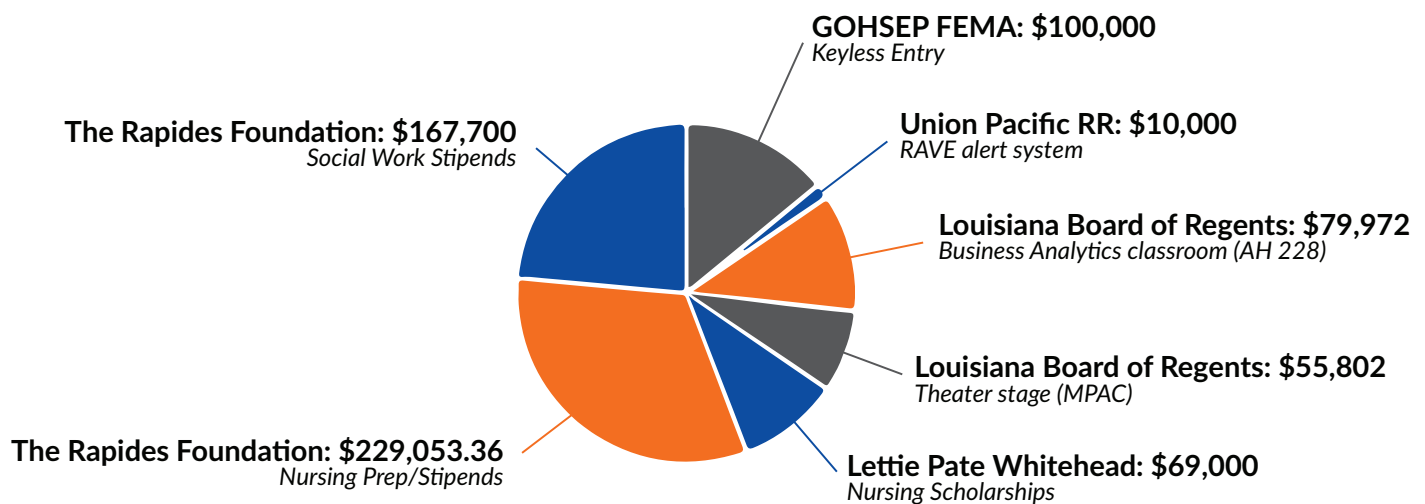
### Ray & Dorothy Young School of Business

Total Gifts & Pledges: \$ 2,200,000



## Grants Awarded

Below you will find a graph of grants awarded in 2021-22 and to where the funds were designated. We are thankful for the hard-work of our CFO and grant team in securing the following funds.



## Refurbishment & Campus Improvements

LCU has begun the process of completing all upgrades to the **WIFI Network** on campus, including dorms. Expected completion of that project is June 1. Many software projects are in progress to produce efficiencies within our student on-boarding process. Also, the Information Technology department secured a vendor to assist with re-configuring all network switches on campus thereby improving the speed and dependability of our network.

Over the last year security has added additional lights and cameras to enhance the safety of students and faculty while on campus. There are now over 100 cameras located around the premises.

In addition, **RAVE Guardian**, a free mobile app that turns your smartphone into a personal safety device, is now being utilized by students. This allows

students, faculty, or staff to notify security with the touch of a button from anywhere on or off campus.

To help keep illegal narcotics off campus, LCU now has a certified narcotic K-9. Affectionately known as "Rex," this K-9 is highly trained and will be attending all campus events and affairs.

Staff and chosen students will soon begin **Crisis Intervention Training**. This training will hopefully help to reduce the risk of serious injury or death during an emergency interaction between persons with mental illness and police officers.

Lastly, we are currently in the process of adding keyless entry into all buildings. We believe this addition will help to further our security efforts and continue to push us forward in keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe.

# The Center for Calling & Career

The Center for Calling and Career provides a one-stop shop for students seeking internships, career advice and information about jobs available in their major. Many of our students sometimes question their calling or do not know what they want to “do” with their education. We are excited to help our students prepare for meaningful work while discovering their spiritual gifts. Our mission in the Center for Career and Calling is to engage students as early as possible—ideally, from their first day on campus or even beforehand as prospective students.

Over the past year, the Center for Calling and Career has successfully hosted the following student workshops and events:

- *Resume Writing Workshop*
- *Work Benefits Explained*
- *On Campus Student Job Fair*
- *Career Fair / Professional Photo Day*
- *How to Prepare for a Career Fair*
- *Etiquette Luncheon*
- *Interview Essentials*
- *LinkedIn 101*

In addition, all freshmen take a career assessment as a part of their Freshman Year Experience while we help them discover their personal spiritual gifts and how the two work hand in hand.

We have 37 internships this spring past semester alone. We have also completed close to 300 career assessments.

We are working with local, regional and national business and industry in an effort to provide our students one of kind internship and service-learning opportunities. There is an added benefit for business and industry to work with our students whether through service-learning or an internship to see the difference in our students and how valuable they can be to the organization upon graduation.







## *Faith Integration*

Regardless of the subject, faith is the foundational aspect of everything we do. Outside of the classroom, there are many opportunities on campus which point students to Christ and encourage a deeper walk with Him.

One of those opportunities is our **C3 (Christ, Church, and Culture)**. This year's speakers addressed a variety of culturally relevant topics and encouraged students to see these issues from a biblical lens and to stand firm in faith as cultural changes and battles rage against not only individual believers, but also against the church.

**Coach Dale Clayton**, Vice President of Coaches Ministries at Nations of Coaches, addressed Critical Race Theory from a biblical perspective. He challenged students to understand that CRT has no place for the Gospel.

**Britney Jones**, the Director of Advocacy for Family Policy Alliance of Kansas, challenged students to be heard in the marketplace and to have an impact on the emptiness of society.

**Greg Baylor and Shannon Kendrick**, both from the Alliance Defending Freedom, highlighted proposed legislation, such as the Equality Act, and how those legal changes would impact the church.

Apologist **Frank Turek**, President of Cross Examined, was our final C3 speaker for the year. Dr. Frank Turek appealed to the philosophical argument of why it takes more faith to be an Atheist than a Christian and backed his defence by not only the Bible, but also by logic and historical writings.

Another opportunity is our God in the Workplace. **Dr. Richard Blackaby**, President of Blackaby Ministries International, was our keynote speaker for God in the Workplace. Dr. Blackaby shared from his vast experience with Christian business people being "uniquely equipped to lead companies that not only make a profit but bless the staff and customers as well."

Ray & Dorothy  
**Young**  
*School of Business*



Jonathan E.  
**Martin**  
*Master of Business Administration*

The Jonathan E. Martin Master of Business Administration program is founded on biblical values and the Christian worldview. Classes incorporate a leadership character approach to ethical decision-making. The MBA curriculum is a 34-hour graduate program (37-hours if prerequisites are not fully met prior to enrollment). The program is fully online and can be completed in as little as one year. Students may choose to attend full-time or part-time.

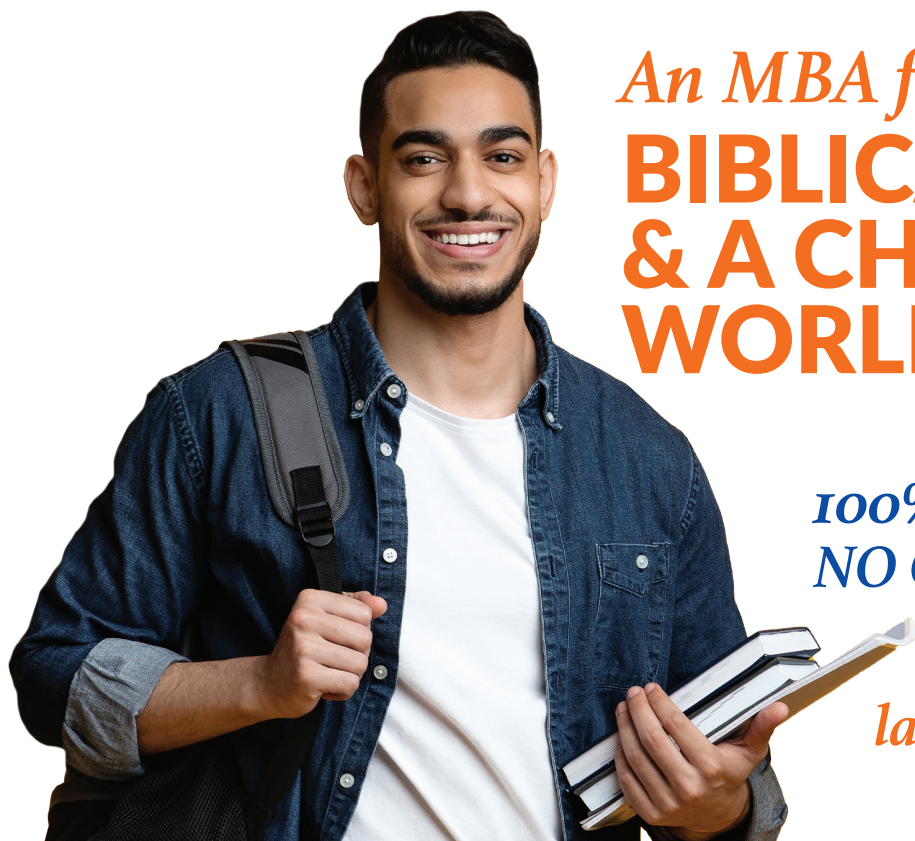
Graduates of the Jonathan E. Martin Master of Business Administration will:

- Know and be able to apply Christian ethics principles to inform decision-making.
- Be able to articulate “business as mission” and apply it to organizational life.
- Demonstrate a graduate understanding of essential business disciplines.

The characteristics of the program are based on Jonathan E. Martin’s, and Roy O’Martin, Inc’s value statement:

**R-ESPECT**  
**I-NTEGRITY**  
**C-OMMITMENT**  
**H-ONESTY**  
**E-XCELLENCE**  
**S-TEWARDSHIP**

To find out more about our Master of Business Administration program, visit [lacollege.edu/mba](http://lacollege.edu/mba)



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& A CHRISTIAN  
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The purpose of the Louisiana Christian University Wildcat Club is to serve as the fundraising arm of the athletic department, while connecting our fans to coaches, players, and staff. We are instituting an annual “Meet the Coaches” event and other experiences that Wildcat Club members will have access to throughout the year.

Everything we do will be to enhance the experience of our Student-Athletes. Revenue raised through the Wildcat Club will provide additional budget support for the ongoing operational and facility enhancements of our athletic program.

## *What are the Levels of Wildcat Club?*

1. VARSITY CLUB	\$25
2. LETTERWINNER	\$150-349
3. BLUE	\$350-499
4. ORANGE	\$500-1,499
5. WILDCAT	\$1,500-4,999
6. CLAWS UP	\$5,000+

## *How do I become a part of the Wildcat Club?*

You can join us by any of the following ways:

1. Join online at [lacollege.edu/give/](http://lacollege.edu/give/)
2. Call us 318.487.7118

**For more info, visit [lacollege.edu/athletics](http://lacollege.edu/athletics)**



# LCU's 167th Commencement

Congresswoman Julia Letlow delivered a message centered on hope and faith, as the commencement speaker for the first graduating class from Louisiana Christian University. Louisiana Christian University achieved university status in the fall of 2021.

LCU conferred 249 degrees – 171 undergraduate and 78 graduate – at its 167th Commencement Exercises Saturday.

“You have proven yourselves diligent, dedicated, disciplined, and determined, or you wouldn’t be sitting where you are today,” Letlow told the Class of 2022. “And though you may feel some things have finally come to a conclusion, the truth is you are just beginning. You are on the threshold of something new and fresh and fulfilling.”

Both she and LCU President Dr. Rick Brewer remarked and applauded this year’s class, who faced an unprecedented number of challenges outside of their control—in addition to the normal college stressors—hurricanes, tornadoes, and two years of COVID quarantines, masks, isolation and distance learning.

“I wholeheartedly believe that these past few years have provided you with more opportunities for growth, adaptability, resilience and lessons than many who have come before you,” Letlow said. “In facing this health crisis of gigantic proportions, your training on this campus has already undoubtedly prepared you for a world that doesn’t always go as planned. And it won’t. Life is unpredictable – tough and beautiful, all at the same time.”

Letlow shared from her heart the devastating loss of her husband, Luke, to complications from COVID-19 in December 2020, just days before he was to be sworn into the office that she now holds. She had a toddler and an infant and a full-time position at the University of Louisiana Monroe at the time.

“It was during this immensely difficult time in my life that the Lord showed me that two things can be true at once,” she said. “A person can be full of grief and still choose hope for the future. And it is that



message of hope put into action that I want to impart to you today. Always choose hope!”

“As you move forward from this day, you will find that life will be full of many mountaintops, but there will also be valleys you will have to walk through. And as much as your parents and I would love nothing more than to shield you from them, they are a part of this life for a reason. When these trials find you, I encourage you to lean into the hurt. Feel it. Be curious about what it is there to teach you. Learn from it, be transformed by it. And then the most important part: Don’t stay in it, yet choose to continue moving forward with hope.”

Four distinguished graduates offered their thoughts of their time at LCU: Trinity Foster, of Deville; Hosie Thomas III, of Shreveport; Erich Loewer, of Crowley; and Vaylon DuBois, of Pollock. And 2021-22 Class President Kyaus Washington, of Alexandria, encouraged his fellow graduates on their next journey.

Brewer told graduates they would each receive two diplomas because they were a unique class.

“You are the first graduates of Louisiana Christian University. You started at Louisiana College, but you finished at Louisiana Christian University,” said Brewer, greeted by much applause.

“God is looking for a generation to raise up to be Christian thinkers, no matter what occupation you go into,” he said. “LCU seeks to prepare graduates and transform lives. Lives that are transformed, transform communities, transform culture, transform families, and transform all the people they come in contact with.”



# WE'RE GOING DIGITAL!

Every year, Louisiana Christian University produces *Columns*, the official publication for Alumni & Friends of LCU. This year we are excited to share and connect with you digitally! If you are interested in receiving a copy of *Columns* digitally, sign up today at [lacollege.edu/alumni/columns](http://lacollege.edu/alumni/columns)

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletters, sign up on website at [lacollege.edu](http://lacollege.edu)!



## LOOK FOR IT FALL 2022

