

## Atchafalaya Ballroom

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM  
**Activity:** Conference Introduction  
**Presenter:** Paul Thomas, President Savoie

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**Course:** Leave Options: Types & Their Use  
**Description:** Gain insight into the different leave options and learn how to utilize them effectively. This session will offer an overview of various types of leave—vacation, sick, Comp. Time, Crisis, and Shared Leave—and guide you through selecting and applying for the most suitable option based on your needs.  
**Track:** Ragin’ Cajun Essentials  
**Presenter:** Michele Broussard, Director of HR Consultancy  
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

### BIO:

Michele Broussard is the Director of Human Resources Consultancy. She joined the UL at Lafayette team in August 2022. She is a seasoned HR professional with over 35 years of HR and leadership experience. Michele has a keen interest in the pursuit of operational excellence, loves analytics, is well-versed in all areas of HR, and possesses experience in multiple industries including service, non-profit and healthcare. A New Orleans native, Michele now lives in Scott, LA with her husband. She has 5 (grown) children and 14 grandchildren to keep her busy outside of work.

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**Course:** **Maximizing Campus Resources: Enhancing Physical & Mental Wellbeing**

**Description:** Discover how to leverage the resources available on campus to boost your physical and mental health. This session will highlight services, programs, and facilities designed to support your well-being, helping you create a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

**Track:** Living Well

**Presenter:** Dr. Kristy Fusilier & Madeline Husband

**Time:** **10:00 AM – 10:45 AM**

### BIOS:

**Dr. Kristy D. Fusilier** is licensed with the state of Louisiana as a Licensed Professional Counselor and has worked with a variety of individuals in addressing their mental health needs from both a clinical standpoint as well as in an educational capacity. In addition to providing direct mental health counseling services, she also provides presentations and workshops on various mental health topics to the campus community. Faculty/staff, students, & parents often reach out for consultation services related to student mental health. She serves as the Assistant Director of UL Lafayette's Counseling & Testing Center.

Dr. Fusilier's teaching experience includes a course for incoming Freshman that addresses mental health warning signs, symptoms, and where to go for help. Through this course, she has been able to reduce some of the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage help seeking behaviors in individuals as well as in their peers. Her experience in teaching graduate level counselor education courses has allowed the opportunity to increase awareness of the mental health needs of not only the college aged population but also for the providers.

**Madeline Sara Husband-Ardoin** received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from McNeese State University and is trained as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. She has extensive experience in leadership and has over twenty years of experience in the healthcare industry. She currently serves as the Chief Administrative Officer of UL Lafayette Student Health Services, a role which she has held for 10 years. In addition to her leadership role, Mrs. Husband-Ardoin has chaired several University committees and been a member of numerous professional organizations. In 2021, Mrs. Husband-Ardoin was named the UL System Outstanding Faculty.

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**Course:** **Ragin' Reflections: Why we Chose UL Lafayette**  
**Description:** Through heartfelt stories, you'll gain insights into their unique experiences and motivations, and discover what makes our University such a special place to grow, learn, and thrive. Don't miss this uplifting session—come celebrate our shared commitment to UL Lafayette!  
**Track:** Keynote Presentation  
**Moderator:** Dr. Kristi Anderson  
**Time:** **11:00 AM – 11:45**

### BIOS:

**Kristi L. Anderson, M.S., Ph.D.** is the Chief Strategy Officer at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a dynamic institution that provides exceptional educational and professional experiences. UL Lafayette is driven by diverse perspectives and enriched by shared cultural traditions. Through impactful research, inspirational teaching, and transformative service, the University shapes citizens, leaders, and innovators who tackle community, regional and global challenges, making a difference for future generations.

In her role as Chief Strategy Officer, Dr. Anderson is instrumental in ensuring organizational alignment and advancing strategic goals. She leads initiatives for program expansion through strategic partnerships, innovative business models, and a strong focus on educational and professional development. Collaborating closely with the University's senior leadership, she drives efforts to develop and sustain strategies that not only foster growth but also position UL Lafayette as a distinguished academic leader.

Prior to her tenure at the University, Dr. Anderson held several influential roles at LSU Health Sciences Center/University Hospital and Clinics in Lafayette, where she served as an Assistant Professor of Research in the Department of Medicine. She also served as the campus ombudsman and Director of Graduate Medical Education. Among her many achievements, she is most proud of establishing and chairing a groundbreaking grant program at the LSU School of Medicine, aimed at advancing research on healthcare disparities and inequities. This program has provided seed funding to physicians, residents, and medical students, empowering them to pursue innovative research and drive meaningful change throughout the healthcare field.

Dr. Anderson's work in the areas of healthcare and access reflect her deep commitment to advancing health equity throughout the state. Appointed by former Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards to the state's COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, she was honored as the 2021-2022 Scholar in Residence for Dillard University's Minority Health and Health Disparities Center and was celebrated with Senate Resolution No. 66. Her passion lies in identifying and addressing systemic barriers, equipping institutions with the resources and connections needed for transformational growth and development.

Dr. Anderson received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Louisiana State University and holds a Ph.D. in Systemic Studies from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has taught at institutions such as the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco State University, and Southeastern Louisiana University. She continues her academic involvement as adjunct faculty at Tulane School of Medicine and the Graduate School at University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She actively contributes to various boards, including the Southern Humanities Council, the Junior League of Lafayette's Community Advisory Board, and the Lafayette Economic Development Authority.

(Our Panelists include the following employees who will introduce themselves)

**Panelists:**           **James Boffenmyer**  
                              **Phil Ashurst**  
                              **Danielle Doucet**  
                              **Sharon Williams-Gregory**  
                              **Vinca Rampen-Duhon**

BIOS:

**James Boffenmyer** started his career as a mathematics faculty member at South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) in 2014. During his time on the faculty side, his enthusiastic pedagogy in the classroom earned him many accolades, both at SLCC and in the Louisiana and Technical College System. In 2018, he established the Academic Success Center which allowed students at SLCC to receive tutoring assistance in their course work. To help with building the center, he strategically partnered with The Learning Center at UL Lafayette for guidance and mentoring.

Four years later, James was hired as the Associate Director of The Learning Center and brought that passion for helping students to UL Lafayette. In addition to his main duties, he is still very much active in the classroom and around the university

As a student who constantly struggled in mathematics, he understands firsthand what students need in order to be successful leaders in their academic journey, critical thinkers, and confident members of society.

**Phil Ashurst**, CVE, retired from the Cajundome and Convention Center in Lafayette after 31 years, with the last 22 as the Operations Director managing the capital budgets and planning and major renovations. He is currently serving as the Chair of the IAVM Research Committee and works as the Associate Director of Facility Planning for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**Danielle Doucet** is the Director of Veteran and Military Student Services at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She began her journey at the University as a freshman in 1994 and was hired as a student worker in the Registrar's Office. She graduated in 1999 with a degree in Child and Family Studies and a one year old little girl. After spending some time being a mom, Danielle entered the workforce in 2001. Danielle spent 15 years as a financial aid counselor assisting students attain their education goals (and welcoming 3

more children) before accepting her current position. She is a member of the Louisiana Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials, the Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the UL Lafayette Study Abroad Risk Management Team. Her most recent accomplishment is opening the new Vet Center on campus. Danielle's resume is Cajun heavy but not as heavy as her home life. Born and raised in Lafayette, LA, she lives and breathes the culture of *joire de vivre*. Being around friends and family recharges her battery. She is a firm believer in self-care, an avid runner and always on the hunt for healthy meals and new work-out programs. She has recently added traveling to her list of favorite things to do. Matters not how close or how far, this world is too big to go unexplored.

As stated earlier, Danielle has 4 children, 3 beautiful daughters, Andi, Antonia and Ansli who are 26, 21 and 11. Antonia is a senior at UL Lafayette. She also has a sweetheart of a son, Anson who is 13. Danielle also has 2 granddaughters. These precious beings are her greatest adventure and they inspire her to be the best version of herself daily.

**Sharon Williams-Gregory** is a native and life-long resident of Breaux Bridge Louisiana, and is a first-generation college student and graduate. She graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies with a Behavioral Science concentration from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the fall of 2015. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Sharon initially worked on campus as a housekeeper in Corona Hall, and later as an Administrative Coordinator for the Upward Bound and Talent Search programs at UL Lafayette. Sharon earned a Master of Science degree in Nonprofit Administration from Louisiana State University, Shreveport in the fall of 2023. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Collegiate Honor Society and was initiated in the fall semester of 2023 at Louisiana State University, Shreveport. Before moving into her current role, Sharon was a retired paraprofessional from the St. Martin Parish School System with 20 years of service. Sharon now serves as an online Academic Advisor for University College at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, and has been in this position since the fall of 2017. She has an immeasurable passion for guiding students as they work to achieve their academic goals and empowers them with the skills and confidence to explore their career choices in depth. Sharon's Top 5 Strengths: Learner, Achiever, Disciplined, Empathetic and Understanding Outside of work, Sharon enjoys spending time with her 6 children and 18 grandchildren. She also enjoys singing, traveling, and praising God for allowing her to live in his cycle of abundance.

**Vinca Rampen-Duhon** was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia. She started her journey with University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1999 as an international student-athlete. She was a proud member of the Ragin' Cajuns Women's Tennis Team. She served as a committee member of the International Student Council and as a member of the Athletes Committed to Excellence Program. Vinca is a 2003 graduate of UL Lafayette's College of Liberal Arts with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Public Relations with a minor in Sociology). She has been employed with the University since 2004. Vinca is very passionate about what she does and enjoys working closely with international students, local, and colleagues. She currently serves as a committee member of the Women's Leadership Conference, member

of NAFSA Association of International Educators, member of Indonesian American Community Association – Louisiana chapter, and Asian Pacific American Society – Indonesian chapter.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her daughter and chihuahua. She loves to exercise and learns about personal development which she believes in contributing to healthy body and mind.

**12:00 PM – 12:50 PM - LUNCH in Cypress Lake Dining Room**

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**Course:** **Rapid Intervention: Bystander CPR, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and Narcan Training Essentials**

**Description:** Equip yourself with life-saving skills in this essential training session. Learn the fundamentals of bystander CPR, how to use an AED, and the critical steps for administering Narcan. Be prepared to act quickly and confidently in emergency situations to potentially save lives.

**Track:** Living Well

**Presenter:** Sgt. Lance Frederick

**Time:** **1:00 PM – 1:45 PM**

BIO:

**Sgt. Lance Frederick** has been employed at the University since 2015. He started his career as a Jail Deputy, then quickly went to Patrol and remained there for four years. He then became a Narcotics Agent and Special Weapons and Tactics member. Several years later, he became a Street Crimes Officer and then the supervisor of that unit. He is now an Instructor in many different areas, one being in Medic First Aid and Critical Care Under Fire.

## **Atchafalaya Ballroom**

- Course:** **Discovering Leadership Strengths: Understanding Yourself as a Leader**
- Description:** This session will help participants recognize key leadership traits in themselves and others. It will explore how these traits support leading through change, building strong teams, and improving emotional intelligence. The discussion will focus on creating a positive work culture that encourages learning and practical growth within the community.
- Track:** Future Readiness
- Presenter:** Dr. Dianne Olivier
- Time:** **2:00 PM – 2:45 PM**

### **BIO:**

**Dianne F. Olivier, Ph.D.**, Professor of Educational Leadership, is the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Office of Student and Faculty Excellence/Faculty Affairs, at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Dr. Olivier oversees the Offices of Global Engagement; Student Success; University Registrar; Student Center for Research, Creativity, and Scholarship; and Service Learning.

Dr. Olivier has been recognized as a University Eminent Scholar and was awarded the Dr. Ray P. Authement Excellence in Teaching Award, one of the highest honors bestowed by the University. She is a two-time recipient of the University Research Excellence Award, a four-time recipient of the University Outstanding Doctoral Mentor Award serving as chair for nearly 80 doctoral graduates, and she holds the Joan D. & Alexander S. Haig/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Education.

Dr. Olivier's primary research focuses on professional learning communities, educational leadership, the change process, and school culture. Her PLC research has been a collaborative process as a member of a domestic research team (PLC Associates) studying learning communities for almost 30 years, and a member of an international PLC research team (PLC Global Network) examining educational professional learning, leadership, and change processes in K-12 and higher education institutions from a global perspective. She collaborates with doctoral candidates and higher education researchers on a global level, as the 1<sup>st</sup> author of a professional learning community instrument which has been translated into 14 languages. She has numerous publications relating to her research areas and has served as an international doctoral dissertation examiner at several renown international universities.

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**Course:** Workplace Yoga: Stretch, Relax & Recharge  
**Description:** This session will guide you through simple stretches and relaxation techniques designed to relieve stress, improve posture, and recharge your energy, all from the comfort of your workspace.  
**Track:** Living Well  
**Moderator:** Shannon Sonnier  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

BIO:

**Shannon Sonnier** is Certified Yoga Teacher with 17 years of experience teaching in various locations in Lafayette. She has developed a style that meets students where they are and enjoys making yoga accessible for everyone. She earned a BA in Liberal Arts from UL Lafayette and currently works in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Adjournment & Door Prizes – Atchafalaya Ballroom**

## **Bayou Bijou**

- Course:** **Bridging Differences: Strategies for Conflict Resolution & Teamwork**
- Description:** Learn how to effectively navigate conflicts and build stronger, more cohesive teams. This session will introduce strategies for resolving differences, fostering collaboration, and turning potential conflicts into opportunities for growth and improved teamwork.
- Track:** Future Readiness
- Presenter:** Dr. Masey Hammons
- Time:** **9:00 AM – 9:45 AM**

### BIO:

**Dr. Masey Hammons** is the Director of Forensics for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Speech and Debate Team as well as an instructor in the Department of Communication. Born and raised in Lafayette, Dr. Hammons attended Louisiana State University earning a Bachelors in Communication Studies and later earned a Masters of Science in Communication and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Participating in Speech and Debate for over two decades combined with a decade of experience recruiting and training staff globally Dr. Hammons has a unique perspective on leadership development striving to build engaged communities through advocacy.

## **Bayou Bijou**

**Course:** **From Confusion to Clarity: Navigating Workplace Communication**  
**Description:** This session will guide you through common communication challenges, offering practical techniques to enhance understanding, reduce misunderstandings, and foster a more collaborative and productive work environment.  
**Track:** Future Readiness  
**Presenter:** Dr. Phil Auter  
**Time:** **10:00 AM – 10:45 AM**

### BIO:

**Philip Auter** is the University of Louisiana Faculty Senate President and Graduate Program Coordinator for the Department of Communication.

He sits on the boards of directors of Downtown Lafayette Unlimited; the Arab US Association of Communication Editors; and the Global Listening Centre. He is also a participant in Leadership Lafayette Class 37. He is active in the local community and works with local and state politicians and university representatives on issues related to higher education.

Phil is a member of the American Conference of Academic Deans (ACAD); the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS); and the Association of American University Professors (AAUP). He is on the executive committee of the Louisiana Conference of AAUP. Phil is also a former executive director and accreditation director for the American Communication Association (ACA).

He has been director or co-director of grants totaling in excess of \$1.2 million from university, state, and national agencies – including a \$642,000 USAID Middle East Partnership Initiative grant. Phil has authored or co-authored over 60 scholarly journal articles and book chapters and presented conference papers and participated on panels about international communication, accreditation, and distance learning, and academic leadership at regional, national, and international conferences. He is the co-editor of a new book on communication in the Middle East entitled “Mass Communication in the Modern Arab World: Ongoing Agents of Change following the Arab Spring”, published by Rowman & Littlefield Press.

Phil has held the Hubert Bourgeois Endowed Professorship in Communication since 2008. In addition to being one of the five faculty honored with an Eminent Faculty Award by the UL Lafayette Foundation in 2022, he has also received a UL Lafayette Research Excellence Award. In 2022, he was selected by the University of Louisiana System as the outstanding faculty member across the nine-university system.

## **Bayou Bijou**

**12:00 PM – 12:50 PM - LUNCH in Cypress Lake Dining Room**

**Course:** AI 101: An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace  
**Description:** This session provides a beginner-friendly overview of AI and its practical applications in the workplace. Attendees will learn the basics of AI, how it can be used to streamline daily tasks, and discover simple tools that can enhance productivity in their roles.  
**Track:** Future Readiness  
**Presenter:** Michael Williams  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

**BIO:**

Mike Williams earned a B.S. in Scientific Inquiry from the Louisiana Scholars' College in 1999 and an M.Ed. in Marriage and Family Counseling from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2004. He has been a teacher, advisor, and counselor at both Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Most recently, Mike has spent the last seven years in his current role as an Instructional Technologist in the Office of Distance Learning where he works with faculty to incorporate technology into online and hybrid courses here at the University

## **Bayou Bijou**

**Course:** **Linked In: Self-paced learning**  
**Description:** Unlock the potential of LinkedIn Learning with this session on self-paced learning. Discover how to access a vast library of courses tailored to your professional development needs, allowing you to learn at your own pace, on your own schedule. Whether you're looking to gain new skills or deepen existing ones, LinkedIn Learning offers the flexibility to grow your career on your terms.  
**Track:** Ragin' Cajun Essentials  
**Presenter:** Susan Miller, Kim Luegers  
**Time:** **2:00 PM - 2:45 PM**

### BIOS:

**Susan Miller** is a Sr. Learning and Development Specialist in the Organizational Development and Talent Management area of the Office of Human Resources. She assists University employees with all aspects of Performance Management, oversees compliance mandates, and actively promotes continuous learning through the University resources. Her work is characterized by a strong focus on outreach, research, and application, ensuring that employees are well-supported and engaged in their professional development.

**Kim Luegers**, LinkedIn Representative. In her role at LinkedIn, Kim helps Colleges and Universities transform the way they recruit, hire and upskill Students, Faculty & Staff through innovative programs. Leveraging her 11 years with LinkedIn she's in a unique position to ensure the skills mapping & skills generation experience is optimized. Kim is a graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and resides in Chicago with her husband Brian and 9yr old son Will.

## **Bayou Bijou**

<b>Course:</b>	<b>Employee Perks: What's in it for You</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discover the range of benefits and perks available to you as an employee. Tuition exemptions, discounts, to software; this session will highlight the various incentives, resources, and opportunities offered to you as a University employee.
<b>Track:</b>	Ragin' Cajun Essentials
<b>Presenter:</b>	Ainsely Gary, Josh Sanders, Chelsey Taylor
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:00 PM - 3:45 PM</b>

### **BIO:**

**Ainsley Gary** serves as a Human Resources Analyst at the University, where she manages the full spectrum of unclassified employee processes. Her responsibilities span the entire employee lifecycle, from the hiring process and onboardings to separations. Ainsley ensures a smooth transition for new hires by conducting background checks, verifying degrees, and preparing offer letters. She enters unclassified PAFs into the Banner system and works with Payroll to ensure accurate monthly payroll.

Ainsley also organizes new faculty orientations, oversees the FLAC process for Adjunct and Faculty overload PAFs and manages Teachers' Retirement processing including entry, terming, and handling various retirement forms. Additionally, Ainsley oversees adjustments for prior state service and maintains the Human Resources departmental email.

She is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Sports Management and a Minor in Business

**Josh Sanders** joined UL Lafayette in August as an HR Business Partner with the HR Consultancy team. In his role, Josh provides strategic guidance to department leadership on HR Matters to ensure legal compliance and adherence to University goals and values. Josh's work involves resolving complex employee relations issues, providing consultation on HR programs and policies, and delivering training sessions to support skill development and improved work relationships, morale, and retention.

With nearly 15 years of HR experience in construction, manufacturing and legal industries, Josh has direct knowledge and experience in Policy Creation, Compensation and Benefits Administration, Talent Acquisition, Training and Development, and other HR functions. Josh attended the University of New Orleans and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Josh is a former NCO and Commissioned Officer of the United States Army.

**Chelsey Taylor** is a proud graduate of Cecilia High School (Class of 2010). She furthered her education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication with a concentration in Broadcasting in December 2014. In December 2020, Chelsey obtained her MBA in Human Resources Management from LSU-Shreveport.

Her professional career in human resources continued when she joined the HR department as a Human Resources Analyst on October 17, 2022. Following a recent change in position, Chelsey now serves as an HR Business Partner, effective April 1, 2024.

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Adjournment & Door Prizes – Atchafalaya Ballroom**



## **Helma B Constantine Forum**

**Course:** **Grief in the Workplace: Supporting Healing & Resilience**  
**Description:** Understand how to navigate grief in the workplace with compassion and care. This session will provide strategies for supporting colleagues through loss, fostering a healing environment, and building resilience within your team during challenging times.  
**Track:** Living Well  
**Presenter:** Dr. Brooke Breaux  
**Time:** **9:00 AM – 9:45 AM**

**BIO:**

**Brooke O. Breaux**, Ph.D., is a faculty member in the Psychology Department at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Dr. Breaux is the director of the Cognition and Psycholinguistics (CaP) Research Lab where her research focuses on exploring the ways in which everyday words, terms, and phrases—even those we use to talk about death and dying—affect the ways we think about ourselves, others, and the world around us. She is the faculty advisor for a student organization on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus called Actively Moving Forward (a HealGrief® program), which is dedicated to helping grieving college students. Dr. Breaux is an outspoken advocate for Healing House: Hope for Grieving Children, a non-profit organization that provides grief support to individuals in the Acadiana area, and she has served the organization for many years as a children’s grief support group facilitator.



## **Helma B Constantine Forum**

**Course:** **Flowing Smoothly: Chrome River Clues & Cues**  
**Description:** Master the essentials of using Chrome River with this session's insights and tips. Learn how to navigate the platform efficiently, streamline expense reporting, and optimize your workflow for a smoother, more effective experience.  
**Track:** Ragin' Cajun Essentials  
**Presenter:** Josie Mariano & Kassie Clark  
**Time:** **10:00 AM – 10:45 AM**

### BIOS:

**Josie Mariano** is the Assistant Director of Purchasing over LaCarte and Travel. She has been a UL Lafayette employee since 2013. Josie is a graduate from Acadiana High School and possesses a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from UL Lafayette. Before coming to UL Lafayette, Josie was employed at University Medical Center for over 20 years working as the Receiving/Property Control/Printing Manager and the Contracts Coordinator in Purchasing. She has been married for 35 years to her husband Jack and they have one son, Max.

**Kassie Clark** currently works in the Purchasing Department as the Travel Manager. She has been in that role since 2016. Prior to that Kassie was the Catering Manager at Sodexo on Campus. She is a Comeaux High graduate and is a certified Phlebotomist. Her favorite way to relax outside of work is fishing.

**12:00 PM – 12:50 PM - LUNCH in Cypress Lake Dining Room**

## Helma B Constantine Forum

**Course:** Navigating IT Services: The How-To's  
**Description:** This session will cover essential tips and procedures for accessing and utilizing IT resources, troubleshooting common issues, and ensuring you get the support you need efficiently.  
**Track:** Ragin' Cajun Essentials  
**Presenter:** Lisa Olinger & David Savoie  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

### BIOS:

**Lisa Olinger** is a Systems Specialist with the Registrar's Office at UL Lafayette, responsible for managing the office's technical operations. Since joining the campus in 2013, she has held various tech-related roles across departments, including the IT Service Desk, Desktop Services, Undergraduate Admissions, and the Registrar's Office. With a BSBA in Management Information Systems and an MS in Informatics from UL Lafayette, she has built a strong foundation in both business and technology strategy. Her professional focus is centered on using technology as an enabler, making technology work for you.

**David Savoie** is a seasoned IT Services Manager at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with nearly three decades of experience in the field. His career has spanned various roles, including instructional technology in the armed services, IT security officer, helpdesk, network services, email administration, directory services, management, and service development. With Master's work in Training and Development, Mr. Savoie is committed to providing clear and concise information about IT services to the UL Lafayette campus community. He is passionate about resolving IT issues promptly and efficiently, leveraging his expertise in Microsoft, Cisco, and ITIL technologies to deliver effective solutions. Mr. Savoie's diverse background, including service in the United States Air Force and services desk and leadership roles at Midwestern State University, has equipped him with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in his current position at UL Lafayette.

## Helma B Constantine Forum

**Course:** **Dollars and Sense: Navigating Budgeting and Personal Finance**  
**Description:** Take control of your finances with practical budgeting and personal finance strategies. This session will provide guidance on managing your money wisely, setting financial goals, and making informed decisions to secure your financial future.  
**Track:** Living Well  
**Presenter:** Mary Fox Luquette  
**Time:** **2:00 PM – 2:45 PM**

BIO:

**Mary Fox-Luquette** is an instructor in the College of Business in the Department of Economics and Finance. She began at UL in 1998 after working in the private sector for over 20 years. She is licensed in the field of insurance and has worked with financial planning for many years before coming to UL. She possesses a Master's Degree in Business Administration and the designations of Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. She has also been a human resource director and is a Notary Public. Mary has been the recipient of numerous awards in the insurance industry.

Mary currently has a financial column in the local newspaper, The Daily Advertiser, which has been ongoing since 2005. My articles can also be found as source material for other financial publications, such as WalletHub, AOL and consultancy groups. She has appeared as a guest on various television stations, radio programs, and other media.

She believes that Finance should be interactive, engaging, and fun. To that end, Finance should be a learned skill, not a memorized list of facts.

## **Helma B Constantine Forum**

**Course:** **Change Management: Creating a Culture of Adaptability**  
**Description:** This session will provide practical tools for navigating change, empowering teams to embrace new challenges, and ensuring long-term resilience in a dynamic environment.  
**Track:** Future Readiness  
**Presenter:** Dr. Amanda Mayeaux  
**Time:** **3:00 PM – 3:45 PM**

**BIO:**

**Amanda Shuford Mayeaux**, Ed.D., is an associate professor in Educational Foundations and Leadership and currently the interim Director of the School of Kinesiology. She has worked in education for over three decades from classroom to leadership positions at various levels. Since joining the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, she has worked with aspiring school and state leaders, as well as emerging academics, in the M.Ed. and Ed.D. programs. Her research interests include teacher expertise, experiences of rural gifted students and families, reducing organizational barriers to student success, policy construction, and comprehensive training for emerging leaders. Amanda's work with doctoral students spans a wide variety of research focused on topics critical to ensuring all students are offered opportunities for fair and equal education. In 2003 she was named a Milken Family Educator and was the Disney Teacher of the Year and Disney Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2006. She is the co-author of several publications, including *Expertise in Every Classroom*.

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