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## Emcee

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed

*Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education*

## Welcome

Dr. Joseph Savoie

*President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

## Invocation

The Very Reverend Chester Arceneaux  
*Rector, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist*

## Dinner Served

## Program Begins

## Special Remarks by

Senator John Breaux

Senator Mary Landrieu

Secretary Shawn Wilson

Jolan Jolivet

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser

Phillip May

Governor John Bel Edwards

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

# KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, the only woman to serve as governor of Louisiana, held four different offices and never lost an election during her 24 trailblazing years in public service. She was the first woman elected to represent Lafayette Parish in the Louisiana House of Representatives, first woman elected to the Public Service Commission, which she served as chairwoman, and she was elected lieutenant governor for two terms.



In 2005, during her term as governor, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated coastal Louisiana. Despite resistance, she secured more than \$29 billion in federal assistance for Louisiana's recovery efforts. The investment strengthened levees, rebuilt public infrastructure and awarded grants to more than 128,000 families to rebuild their homes.

In addition, Governor Blanco directed the single-largest increase in education funding in Louisiana history. She expanded the state's pre-kindergarten program and fully funded colleges and universities for the first time in a quarter century.

The state earned national recognition for the economic development initiatives Governor Blanco directed during her tenure. She retired from office having built a solid foundation for continued storm recovery efforts, leaving nearly \$2 billion in surplus funds.

A native of Iberia Parish, Governor Blanco earned a bachelor's degree in business education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is married to Raymond Blanco, a retired UL Lafayette vice president and former football coach. They are the parents of six children: Karmen, Monique, Nicole, Raymond Jr., Pilar and Benedict (1977-1997). The Blancos also have 13 grandchildren. Since leaving office, Governor Blanco speaks nationally and internationally, does consulting and is writing her memoirs. Kathleen and Raymond Blanco celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Aug. 8, 2018.



**Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
Public Policy Center**

**The Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center** brings together researchers from diverse fields to pursue pragmatic solutions for Louisiana's pressing public policy needs.

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### **Focusing on the Future by Providing Policy Research and Archival Preservation**

Inspired by the leadership of Governor Blanco, the policy center will address issues she championed throughout her 24-year career in public service. Through in-depth research and thoughtful analysis, the center will offer solutions that improve the quality of life for the state's citizens. The Blanco Center aims to provide policymakers and the public with the information necessary to improve communities across Louisiana. A special interest of the center will be the role of women in politics, and providing ethics training for community leaders and elected officials.

The Blanco Center will be located inside UL Lafayette's Edith Garland Dupré Library. The center will house and provide research access to Governor Blanco's gubernatorial papers, which she donated to the University. The collection provides a unique vantage point from which to examine an extraordinary period in Louisiana's recent history.

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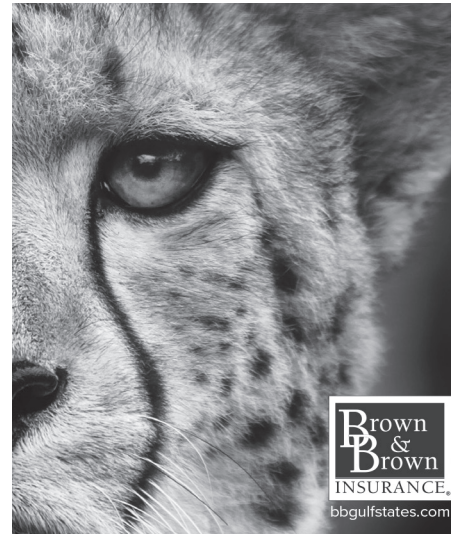
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