



# NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

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## New Student Convocation

New Student Convocation is the official academic welcome for first-year students and marks your entrance into the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. As a new UL Lafayette student, you will have the chance to meet with fellow classmates and faculty, as well as learn about opportunities awaiting you in your college.



### New Student Convocation 2019 is Coming!

Last year, the freshman class filled the Cajundome during New Student Convocation 2018 and heard from Olympian Hollis Conway, student entrepreneurs and adventurers, and University President Joseph Savoie and Provost Jaimie Hebert.



### When and where is Convocation 2019?

New Student Convocation is **Thursday, August 22, 2019** at the Cajundome.

All incoming, first-year UL Lafayette students **are required to attend convocation**. You must bring your Cajun Card, which will be scanned on the way out to confirm your attendance.

## Information for Faculty & Staff

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend New Student Convocation. [See all Convocation info for faculty and staff.](#)

## What happens at Convocation?

Students, alumni, and faculty will share their own experiences and advice — about making the most of your time at UL Lafayette, finding your people, and making your mark.

Everyone attending convocation is invited to the reception afterwards, where light refreshments will be provided.

## Special Guests from Convocation 2018

### Two-time Olympic medalist and UL Lafayette alumnus Hollis Conway

UL Lafayette track and field legend Hollis Conway is now back at his alma mater to serve as the Assistant Director for Diversity, Leadership and Education. He was a six-time NCAA All-American, six-time conference champion and three-time NCAA champion in the high jump. Hollis graduated from University College in 1991.



### The Cajuns Red Bull Can You Make It? Team

During their senior year, three UL Lafayette students trekked across Europe during the Red Bull Can You Make It? Challenge — using only cans of Red Bull to trade for food, shelter, train tickets, and more. They came in 15th out of more than 200 teams and placed first among U.S. teams. Emily Daigle, Sam Riehl, and Brandii Champagne graduated from the College of the Arts in May 2018.



### Kitchen on Klinton Restaurateurs & Entrepreneurs

Four UL Lafayette graduates are working together on a very successful food truck in Lafayette: Kitchen on Klinton. They are 2017 College of Liberal Arts grads Tre'jan Vinson and Avery Bell, 2018 College of Business graduate Jared Johnson, and 2017 University College grad Corey McCoy.





### **Student & EMT Brock Zeringue**

Brock is a student in the College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions with plans to graduate this spring. When he's not in class, he works as an EMT with Acadian Ambulance.



### **Awarded Faculty & Student Leaders**

The faculty procession was led by:

**Student Government Association President Chandler Harris**



**2018 Distinguished Professor Dr. James Albert**



**2018 Distinguished Professor Dr. Xiaoduan Sun**





2018 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient Dr. Jennifer Lemoine



2018 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient Dr. Feebe Louka



2018 Leadership Service Award Recipient Dr. Terrence Chambers



2018 UNIV 100 Instructor of the Year Award Recipient Dr. William Fossey



2018 UNIV 100 Instructor of the Year Award Recipient Mr. Jesse Saloom





2018 UNIV 100 Instructor of the Year Award Recipient Ms. Christine Williams



## How do I get there?

New Student Convocation is happening at the Cajundome, which is next to Cajun Field. You can either drive/bike/walk there yourself, or you can take the University shuttle for free.

### Take the University Shuttle

Starting at 2 p.m., all University buses will stop at the Cajundome (in addition to all other regular stops). You can hop on the shuttle either on Rex Street or in front of the Student Union on McKinley Street.

Buses will also be running when convocation ends, so you can get back to campus easily.

### Drive or Bike Yourself

If you want to drive yourself, you will need to park at Cajun Field and walk through the tunnel under Cajundome Boulevard to get to the ceremony.



If you want to bike, we've [mapped out the most protected route](#) to get to Cajun Field.

## What if I have other questions?

Contact the Office of First-Year Experience at [ofye@louisiana.edu](mailto:ofye@louisiana.edu) or 337-482-6599.



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