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From the desk of **LSU** President F. King Alexander



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### Most Influential Mind

This fall, Nancy Isenberg was ranked on [Politico's top 50](#) thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics. Since the election, she has been a [go-to source](#) for analysis by national media.



### Bellagio Fellow

Boyd Professor of English J. Gerald Kennedy was named a [Bellagio Writing Residency Fellow](#) after publishing his new book that looks at the the age of Edgar Allan Poe from 1820 to 1850.



### Ed Orgeron Named Coach

Ed Orgeron, who led the Tigers to a 5-2 record while serving interim coach since September, was named as [LSU Football's 33rd head coach](#). He now leads the Tigers to their bowl destination.



### Award Winning

The [Mixon Lycaeum Speech & Debate Team](#) has a proud tradition and this semester was no different by winning awards in competitions in Alabama and Mississippi.

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## LSU Salutes and New Military and Veterans Student Center

On Saturday, Nov. 5, LSU inducted [10 distinguished alumni](#) into the Military Hall of Honor during LSU Salutes. In addition, LSU [announced the construction](#) of a new center to support support student veterans, active military, reservists, guardsmen and their dependents, thanks to a donation from William A. Brookshire, a chemical engineering Ph.D. graduate ('61).



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## Did You Know?

**Meeting Educational Needs:** The Louisiana Department of Education and LSU were awarded a [\\$6 million development grant](#) to provide professional development opportunities to educators with a focus on improving literacy outcomes for students with disabilities in grades three through five.

**Best & Brightest Honored:** Some of [LSU's best and brightest students](#) from across Louisiana and the nation, along with the donors who supported their scholarships, were recognized at the LSU Alumni Association Scholars Banquet.

**Special Guest:** LSU School of Architecture Professor Michael Desmond is a [guest curator](#) for an upcoming exhibition on Frank Lloyd Wright at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

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## LSU Video Playlist

[Here to Win! Christopher Lowry composes and performs the viola in the School of Music graduate program](#)

[Here to Win! Alex von Springer gives back with her efforts in the Flores MBA Program](#)

[Here to Win! Madison Melancon pushes for equal voting accessibility for all students](#)

[The Bug Room: The Creepiest Room on Campus](#)

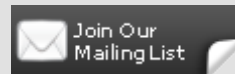
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