

TGIF!

The closing of the exam window this evening at **6:00 pm** marks the end of the first week of work for the 2022 session. Time for all students to kick back, relax, and... oh, wait... **SRs** have BMSim tomorrow until noon. Ooooo... sorry about that, ya'll. But, hey... at least you get to sleep in 45 minutes longer tomorrow morning. See? You're WELCOME!



Although SRs have just a little more work to do tomorrow, ALL students are invited to kick-off the weekend with the traditional GSBLSU crawfish boil tonight beginning at **6:00 pm** at the **LSU Mini-Barn** (on-campus, south of 459 Commons and across the lake – **remember, this is a change from the originally published venue**) where you'll be greeted by around **34,000** mudbugs who were gracious enough to free up their Friday night for you! For those who don't necessarily find crawfish all that attractive, we'll also have jambalaya, chicken, and salad... and plenty of beverage to wash it all down!

Proud Papa

It is my honor to announce the birth of GSBLSU President, **Mike Allen's** sixth grandson! This 20", 7 lb / 6 oz little guy joined Mike's camp yesterday at 7:48 am and he & mom are doing just fine. We offer Mike our congratulations and I hope you will, too, when you see him next week!

Steak Night at the 459

Tomorrow night, 5:30-6:45, we have a special treat for you: grilled ribeyes with baked potatoes & garlic-butter shrimp, and/or jumbo lump crabcakes with remoulade sauce & tasso cream, along with an assortment of beverages including beer & red or white wine. Bon appetit!

Today @ GSBLSU...

1:00 pm	FR Nominations Close
4:30 pm	Week 1 Exam
6:00 pm	Crawfish Boil
9:00 pm	FR Election Polls Open

New Wisdom - Stogniew

Today's featured 2022 addition to our faculty is **Kristen J. Stogniew, Esq., CFE** (*BSA/AML Compliance & Banking the Cannabis Industry - Electives*). Kristen is a shareholder in the Financial Institutions Advisory Group of Saltmarsh, Cleaveland & Gund. She has more than 20 years of experience as a trusted advisor to community banks on legal, operational, and compliance reviews and other consulting services that help clients operate safely, soundly, and in compliance with regulatory requirements. Her primary areas of review include BSA, Loan & Deposit Compliance, Marketing & Retail Delivery (including Social Media), Trust, Governance, and ACH.

Kristen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of South Florida, and she holds a J.D. from the Stetson University College of Law. She is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a member of the Florida Bar Association.



Kristen will be on campus next week to teach her two JR/SR-level electives and we're really looking forward to her being with us.

BMSim Examiners

The BMSim examination team of **John Land, Tod Truelove, David Coyle, and Don Bardwell** make an extremely important contribution to the educational value of the school by ensuring that the simulated banks and their bankers follow safe & sound banking practices & policies. And if they DON'T follow safe & sound banking practices & policies, look out! They're not afraid to hand out warnings, levy fines, or give the gift that keeps on giving... **C&D orders!**

Political Corner

With less than three hours to go before the closing bell for nominations (**1:00**), the race for Class of 2024 President is on fire! To the six candidates from yesterday we add (again, in alphabetical order):

- **Bert Hines** - First National Bank, (Bainbridge, GA), and
- **Carroll Roth** - Blue Ridge Bank, (Richmond, VA)
- **Matthew McElveen** - CapStar Bank, (Roswell, GA)

The final list of all candidates running will be announced tonight at the crawfish boil and polls will open at **9:00 pm** (closing at **4:30 pm** on Monday with results announced by **5:30 pm**). Best of luck to all!

Eating Well!

The fine folks at the 459 Commons do an outstanding job of menu selection & food preparation, and the staff is incredibly accommodating & friendly. We appreciate them sharing their talents & service more than we can tell them.

In case you were wondering or keeping score, since Tuesday morning's breakfast you have consumed:

- 1,964 cups of coffee,
- 1,597 pizza slices,
- 320 pounds of chicken,
- 205 pounds of turkey, and
- 220 gallons of ice cream. (among other things)

Mind you, the numbers above represent consumption as a **group total**... not just one banker. Just wanted to make that clear.

“Pants Party”

I stopped by The Varsity last night and it looked to me like a lot of fun was being had by all! Many thanks to the SR & JR classes for providing a great venue and great entertainment for some much needed blowing off of First-Week steam.



When in Reauxm...

While you're in and around Baton Rouge, you may overhear some “unusual” dialogue. If you do, rest assured that you're not going crazy; you're probably just talking to a Cajun.

You see... in the mid-18th Century, French colonists settled in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia (just above the tip of what is now Maine). These settlers (known as Acadians) were exiled by the British and found refuge in Southern Louisiana (you may have heard or learned about the “Acadian Trail”). The Acadians eventually became known as “Cajuns” and not only produced some of the world's finest cuisine (some, out of sheer necessity for survival), but also developed their own distinct lifestyle & dialect, known as *Cajun French*.

To assist you with ease of conversation, I've listed a few Cajun French words and phrases below. These may or may not be on the final exam!

Allons (ah-LAHN) - Let's go!

Bayou (BYE-you) - A slow-moving stream

Bon Ami (bon ah-MEE) - A good friend

Bourre (BOO-ray) - French for “stuffed” (also the name of a French card game)

Cher (SHAA) - A term of affection meaning darling, dear, or sweetheart

Couyon (COO-yawn) - Used to describe a foolish person

Fais Do Do (fay DOH doh) - the French way to say, “go to sleep” (also, a term for a Cajun dance party – go figure!)

Gris-gris (GREE gree) - To put a curse on someone

Joie de Vivre (jhwa da VEEV) - French translation of “the joy of living”

Sauce Piquante (saws PEE-kawnt) - “Spicy sauce” usually used in a spicy dish or stew

Weekend Activities

If you plan to go to NoLa, don't leave BR without a reservation. It would also be a good idea to stay in groups in well-traveled areas such as the French Quarter, St. Charles Avenue, Magazine Street, etc.

However, if you decide to stay in BR, there's plenty for you to do. You could pay Mike the Tiger a visit over by the stadium, visit the state capitol building (the tallest state capitol building in the US), tour Capitol Park Museum, take a stroll through the BR Zoo, and dine at some of the best restaurants in the Southeast such as Juban's, Parrain's, or Digiulio Brothers.

Whatever you decide to do, we hope you have a wonderful and *safe* weekend. See you Sunday evening!