

Happy Memorial Day!

Believe me... I know what you're thinking so you don't have to say it. But as we're hard at work in our classes today, please take a few moments to reflect on what this day means, and the brave women & men who made the ultimate sacrifice to make it possible for all of us work hard in our classes today.

Back, Safe and Sound

Well, all students (who were supposed to) made it back to where they were supposed to be by when they were supposed to be there yesterday afternoon. No MIAs... and, thankfully, we didn't have to access the "Bail GL" this year in NoLa even once! (just kidding... we don't have a Bail GL. Or *DO* we?) Everyone looked "bright-eyed-&-bushy-tailed" and ready for another fun-filled week of GSBLSU. We're on the homestretch, y'all!

Advisory Council Meeting

The JR & SR Class Officers met last Wednesday at lunch with the school's administration to discuss the session's start and any issues, thus far. The officer's provided great insight on the "pulse" of the student body and we very much appreciated their information.

The next meeting between GSBLSU administration and the Councils will be at **11:45 tomorrow** in the back room of **459 Commons** and will include the newly elected **FR Class Officers**.

Class Photos - Tomorrow

All classes will gather tomorrow to have their group photos taken on the stairs inside the front lobby of the Patrick F. Taylor (PFT) building. The schedule is as follows:

- 11:30 am -** Freshmen (green t-shirts received Day 1)
- 1:00 pm -** Seniors (blue shirts)
- 4:30 pm -** Juniors (purple polo)

Obviously, the faster we can get everyone there and assembled, the faster we can get it done and send you on your way.

Lost & Found Update

Remember, if you have lost something please contact GSB admin. So far, we have a black Under Armor cap and a couple water bottles (found in the SR exam room).

Today @ GSBLSU...

11:30-1:00 pm	Lunch
4:45 pm	FR Case Preps
6:00 pm	Faculty Meeting

New Wisdom - Walker

Tom Walker is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group of Jones Walker, and GSBLSU's newest member of the Case Study instructor team (*Legal Issues*). At Jones Walker, he focuses on commercial and regulatory matters in the financial services industry, with a depth of experience representing financial institutions. Prior to joining the firm, Tom served as executive vice president and director of a community bank in Forrest, MS. His experience as general counsel, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, and chief investments officer in the financial services sector enhances his ability to provide legal services to his clients.



Tom previously served as chairman of the Attorneys Committee of the Mississippi Young Bankers Association during the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and he currently serves as a member of that committee. He has also served as treasurer and member of the Executive Council of the Mississippi Young Bankers. Tom was on the board of governors for the Mississippi Society of CPAs and served as its Secretary. He has also been a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee for the Mississippi Society of CPAs. Tom has been an active certified public accountant in Mississippi since 2001. He is also a 2014 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at LSU.

Tom is on campus this week for the Week 2 FR Case Studies and I'm really looking forward to sitting in on his class.

Political Corner

If any FR students have not yet cast a ballot for **C/O 2024 President and Advisory Council**, please do so during the lunch break (in Canvas – *Financial Markets* class). Polls will close at **4:30 pm** today (winners announced @ **5:30**).

Name Tags

With the start of the second (and... wow, *final*) week of the 2022 session, I thought it might be a good time for a reminder that your nametags are your tickets into pretty much everything while you're here in Baton Rouge. They should be worn at all times going to-and-from classes, while in class, and at any GSB-sponsored activity or event. And "worn" means *worn*... not clipped to your backpacks. It's always kind of awkward to have to go behind someone to be able to say, "*Hey... how's it going, John?*"

BMSim Update

You FR & JR students may or may not know that your SR counterparts are sequestered for most of their days in Tureaud Hall making some big decisions for their simulated banks - **30 banks**, in total!

The way it works is as follows:

- SR students are carefully grouped together (six-to-seven to a group) to form simulated banks based upon their positions back home as well as their experience in those positions.
- These banks are then divided into six different "communities" (this year, five per community) and the bankers decide, internally, on their "roles" within their banks (CEO, Loans, Deposits, Investments, etc.).
- All banks have the same "starting point" regarding financial condition and the teams bring their knowledge from their two prior years to make eight strategic decisions (over eight simulated quarters) to improve the banks' balance sheets & income statements from standpoints of growth, profitability, share value, etc.).
- The banks in each community are in constant competition with their "neighbors" for market share and all the while they must stay in good graces with the regulators, which is not always an easy task. And don't be surprised if Anthony & Tom toss a little "monkey wrench" in the gears, such as a recession... or maybe a pandemic... or maybe a plague of locusts!
- This Thursday afternoon, the community banks will report their performances to their respective "Boards of Directors," which are comprised of their BMSim instructors, a couple special-guest judges (to be introduced in RST on Thursday), **and** their fellow classmates, who are also afforded the opportunity to ask questions. They'll get a pretty good grilling from the instructors regarding the "whats" and the "whys" on which their quarterly decisions were based, but a little word of advice to the student-members of the BoD from someone

who's been there: if you decide that you're going to throw a nasty slider across your classmates' plates, remember... *turnabout's fair play!* Be careful, my friends.

- The winning bank from each community will be recognized at graduation with a special certificate and get to go home with some pretty big bragging rights.

I checked in with the BMSim instructors yesterday and learned that here at the halfway point we have **\$800k** in total fines, but **10** of the 30 banks have **ZERO** violations! Maybe they're finding their footing? 

Communities (A, B, & C), banks, & CEOs:

Community A (Angie Lewis / Tod Trulove)

- A1 - *Campo Azul Bank* - Marshall Fratesi
A2 - *Big Bucks Bank* - Brock Fletcher
A3 - *LFG Bank* - Chase Talbert
A4 - *USC National Bank* - Brian Bishop
A5 - *Chimes Bank* - Jamie Sablich

Community B (Buddy Mortimer / David Coyle)

- B1 - *Piggy Bank (Your First Bank)* - Matt Akins
B2 - *1st United Bank of Toad Suck* - Steven Caudell
B3 - *Bayou's Bank* - Lauren Hendricks
B4 - *Before Bank* - Michael Brown (*Now, that's clever!*)
B5 - *C and D Bank* - Dustin Boroughs

Community C (Jody Hudgins / John Land)

- C1 - *Hazard Bank & Trust* - Reggie Weber
C2 - *Bayou Community Bank* - Deana Veal
C3 - *Encore Bank* - Tom Rasey
C4 - *Miller Time Bank & Trust* - Ashley Miller
C5 - *Back in Black Bank* - Amy Bradlyn

Tune in tomorrow to meet the members of Communities D, E, & F.

Tentative 2023 Session Dates

As you're sitting in your classes today, you may be wondering, "*Why in the world do we have to be here on Memorial Day?!*" Well, the answer is fairly simple. Because of the school's size, the annual session cannot be held on campus when LSU's regular classes are in session. Therefore, we have to "*git in when we can fit in*" and that's between the Spring and Summer terms. Sorry y'all... LSU's fault. The *tentative* dates for the 2023 session are **Monday, May 22nd – Friday, June 2nd**.

Tomorrow @ GSBLU...

Various Times

11:45 am

6:00 pm

Class Photos (ALL)

Student Advisory

Council Meeting

SR Class Party (ALL)