

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

The 2024–2025 fiscal year for Ag Leadership marked another quality year for our program. The graduation of Class XVIII with a trip to the Netherlands and Belgium, and the beginning of Class XIX are highlights.

This annual report will include the endowment funds dedicated to our program and the donations we have received this past fiscal year. In addition, we are adding all the sponsors, speakers and tour hosts to our report. We are grateful for the financial support, but also the information and time commitment of so many people who work with our program.

Tommy Laborde
Chair , Ag Leadership
Board of Directors

Bobby Soileau
Director, Ag Leadership
LSU AgCenter

AG LEADERSHIP ENDOWED ACCOUNTS

Account Title	Market Value 6/30/2025	Allocation 2024-2025	Spending Balance
Chalkley Family Endowed Chair	\$1,780,022.89	\$61,075.97	\$144,815.83
H. Rouse Caffey LSU Agricultural Leadership Program	\$428,842.15	\$14,698.92	\$40,659.49
Robert R. Soileau Ag Leadership Scholarship Fund	\$31,304.47	\$1,074.23	\$10,027.35
Ag Leaders of Louisiana Endowment Fund	\$58,064.69	\$1,992.53	\$12,065.22
Agricultural Center Leadership Development Fund			\$59,012.93
Total	\$2,298,234.21	\$78,841.65	\$266,580.82

DONATIONS

Total: \$20,780

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation	\$7,500	Louisiana Forestry Foundation	\$2,000
Ag Leaders of Louisiana	\$4,530	Progressive Bank	\$750
b1 Bank	\$3,000	Jon W. Hardwick	\$500
American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists	\$2,500		

CLASS EXPENSES FOR 2024-2025 FY	Class XVIII	Class XIX
In-State Seminar	\$8,236.00 Bossier City	\$14,066.19 Baton Rouge & Thibodaux
International Trip-Netherlands/Belgium	\$123,163.00	
Graduation: Stadium Club	\$3,145.64	
National Seminar-Idaho		\$55,291.00

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SPEAKERS &

TOUR HOSTS

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Avery Davidson, LFBF, Class XV · Neil Melancon, LFBF, Class XII · Brian Martin, Special Agent, FBI · Marty Wooldridge, Wooldridge Cattle, Class IX · Trey Gingles, WestRock, Class XIV · Loyd Dodson, Dodson Ranch · Randy Fair, Class XIII · Susie Fair, Bee Bumpers · John Hanks, LDWF · Bobby Skeen, Chair, Ag Leadership Board of Directors, Class XIII · Burch Pierce, President, Ag Leaders of Louisiana, Class XV · Mary Werner, Sweet Lake Land and Oil & North American Land Company · Matt Lee, Interim President of LSU · Allen Owings, Bracy's Nursery · Damian Leone, Zen-Noh Grain · Sean Duffy, Big River Coalition · M.P. Hayes, LSU AgCenter · Julie Lively, Louisiana Sea Grant-LSU AgCenter, Class XVI · Rex Caffey, Louisiana Sea Grant-LSU AgCenter · Secretary Madison Sheahan, LWF · Commissioner Mike Strain, LDAF · Lance Nacio, Anna Marie Shrimp · Jeff Simoneaux, John Deere, Class XVIII · Mike Duplantis, John Deere, Class VI · Joe Mapes, Mapes & Mapes, Inc. · Ashley Mullens, LSU AgCenter · Davie Breaux, Deputy Port Director, Great Lafource Port Commision · Kendra Dustin, Leadership Idaho Agriculture · Rick and Dorita Waitley, Leadership Idaho Agriculture · Darcy Helmick, Simplot Livestock Company · Launa Fowler, TLK Dairy & Farms · Idaho Lt. Governor Scott Bedke · Duane Grant, Luis Hurado, Brogan Parkin, Paul Morano, Anthony Bleazard, Bernhard Angerer, Ipolito Madera, Grant 4-D Farms · Nate McBride, Mart Produce · Angela Miller, Idaho Power Company · National International Fire Center · Ryan Winterswyk · Rachel Bickerton, University of Idaho · Robert Wheeler, Syngenta · Mike Murgoitio, Timber Creek Recycling · Michelle Gooding Badiola, Diane Gooding, Gooding Farms, Inc. · Paul Rasgorshek, Rasgorshek Farms · Leland Tiegs, Tiegs Ag, Inc. · Brad McIntyre, McIntyre Farms, LLC

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* ALUMNI THREE-YEAR TERMS

Class I	Jay Hardwick, Ph.D.
Group II	Matthew Keppinger
Class III	Chad Hanks
Class IV	Herman Waguespack, Jr.
Class V	Tommy Laborde (Chair)
Class VI	Scott Wiggers
Class VII	Alan Lawson
Class VIII	Kent Peltier
Class IX	Marty Wooldridge
Class X	Robert Tassin
Class XI	Hank Jones
Class XII	Brandon McCartney
Class XIII	Ashley Peters
Class XIV	Lance Bruce (Vice-Chair)
Class XV	Arron Pierre
Class XVI	Nathan Morrow
Class XVII	Cole Norris
Class XVIII	Shelby Duplantis
Class XIX	Grayson Close (Class Representative)

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Class XI	Donna Gentry, Ph.D.
Class XIII	Bobby Skeen
Group II	Buck Vandersteen
ALL President	Burch Pierce
ALL Vice President	Arron Pierre

* FACULTY THREE-YEAR TERMS, STAGGERED

Department Head	Michael Stout, Ph.D.
Cooperative Extension Director	Tara Smith, Ph.D.

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Director retired, Ag Leadership Program	Jim Fowler, Ph.D.
Director retired, Ag Leadership Program	Ken Roberts, Ph.D.
Director retired, Ag Leadership Program	Mike Futrell, Ph.D.