



# LSU Memphis Chapter

## LSU Memphis plans events for 2008-2009

*A busy schedule plans for LSU alumni, fans and friends to meet, greet, eat and cheer the Tigers*

During the summer lull, the board of the LSU Memphis Alumni Chapter met to make plans for another busy year.

Chapter president **Doug Gremillion** got things rolling by setting the agenda for the 2008-2009 calendar year. Those dates are in the column at right.

Scholarship chairman **Howard Gordon** announced that the chapter received outstanding scholarship applications for the *Jan Moore Memorial Freshman Scholarship*. The scholarship committee of **Johnnie Gross, Doug Gremillion, Mark Danley** and **Snookie Newman**, had a difficult task selecting the winner.

Plans are now underway to set a spring application deadline. The committee also hopes to work more closely with the college counselors in area high

schools to identify earlier all students interested in the LSU.

The turnout at social events last year was so successful last that the venues will remain the same.

\* Football view-ins will continue at Dan McGuinness Pub.

\* **Steve and Vicki Collins** will open their home for Gumbo Party during the LSU-South Carolina football game.

\* **Johnnie and KK Gross** will host the Christmas Party.

\* **John and Jennifer Lawhon** offered their fantastic lakeside camp to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Crawfish Boil.

Mark the dates on your calendar today. Don't miss a minute of the fun, the food, and old and new friends.

### 2008-2009 Calendar

#### 2008

August 29—LSU-Appalachian State

- View-in— Kickoff 4:00 p.m.
- Dan McGuinness Pub  
4968 Spottswood  
(In Colonial Shopping Center)

October 18

LSU vs. South Carolina Gumbo Party

December 6

Christmas Party (Members Only)

#### 2009

January 31

Krewe of Roux Mardi Gras Party

April 25

20th Annual Crawfish Boil

*Details, times and directions can be found on the chapter website at [www.lsumememphis.org](http://www.lsumememphis.org)*

## Chapter honors Memphis freshman heading to LSU

On July 7, members of the LSU Memphis Alumni Chapter welcomed students from the Memphis area entering LSU as freshmen for the fall semester.

Ten new Tigers attended a barbecue dinner hosted by **John and Jennifer Lawhon**. Chapter president **Doug Gremillion** welcomed the students, and **Johnnie Gross** explained the many benefits of being LSU students, outlined the chapter scholarship program, and gave those attending a chance to meet and get to know other Memphis faces. Sharing ideas and asking questions. All were invited to be a part of the special group that makes up the local alumni chapter.

Remember, you don't have to be a graduate of LSU to join, just a love of all things Louisiana, pride in the Purple and Gold, and a need to enjoy the fun and camaraderie that symbolizes all LSU is about.



*The ten students shown above were among those attending the July barbecue in their honor, welcoming them as the newest members of the LSU class of 2012. They posed for the photo before sharing the cake with parents and alumni members hosting the event.—Photo by K.K. Gross*

Douglas J. Gremillion

## Spotlight on our president

By Johnnie Gross

This year's president of the LSU Memphis Alumni Chapter vows to keep an open mind and be at the forefront of all of our chapter's activities. **Doug Gremillion** and his wife, **Cathy**, are no strangers to the Memphis Chapter of the LSU Alumni Association. Every organization is a shadow of its leader... and anyone who has had the chance to meet Doug, knows he can cast a pretty big shadow!

But what you might not know about Doug is that he was born in Plaquemine, Louisiana and graduated from Alcee Fortier High School in New Orleans. Seven years later, he married Cathy in 1969 after being introduced by Doug's sister while he was on military leave. They have two children and four grandchildren.

As a lifetime friend and fan of LSU, one of Doug's proudest moments came when his son not only graduated from LSU, but went on to earn his juris doctorate (JD) from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

It was a career move that originally brought Doug and Cathy to Memphis. Doug is now retired after 35 years as the Lead Aircraft Technician for Northwest Airlines. He loves hunting and can absolutely win your heart with his cooking, and especially wild game.

Speaking of wild game, Doug's most memorable LSU experience was witnessing the goalposts fall as the Tigers defeated #7 Tennessee in overtime on September 30, 2000. He brought home a little piece of centerfield sod as a token souvenir of one of LSU's greatest victories.

Doug looks forward to another great victory this year... that victory being in leading the Memphis chapter to an increase in membership and making our association one of the best in the entire LSU system. Let's give Doug and Cathy all the support we can to make that happen. Geaux Tigers!



### A Message from our President

*I would like to thank all of our members who have made this chapter one of the best in the LSU system. I hope to build on the momentum of past presidents.*

*Our 2009 football view-ins will be at Dan McGunness Pub again this year, and the Mardi Gras party will continue to be our signature event in January. Of course, the spring fling is the crawfish boil.*

*Let me extend a warm welcome all of our members and to the newcomers, who have chosen to be affiliated with our chapter.—*

*Douglas Gremillion*

## LSU Memphis awards 2008 scholarships

**Rachel Michael** received the *Jan Moore Memorial Freshman Scholarship* for the coming academic year, and **Lauren-Jane Giacone** earned the upperclassman scholarship.

Rachel attended Houston High School and graduated with a 3.6 GPA. She was an officer and active member of the school's DECA.

In her application essay, Rachel explained that she gained early admission and was impressed with the speed and attentiveness in which LSU communicated with her. She put LSU stickers on her car, ordered an LSU T-shirt, and stated that "LSU's pride is contagious...I want to be that 'crazy' LSU fan as well as an alumni member." When asked if she had any relatives attending LSU, she explained, "I am the first. Legacies must start somewhere!" She plans to major in Business.

Lauren Jane is a sophomore enrolled in the Manship School of Mass Communication at LSU, where she is pursuing a major in Public Relations with minors in Business and Italian. She has maintained a 3.6 GPA while at LSU.

Lauren Jane is a resident of Olive Branch, MS, and has numerous cousins who have attended LSU.

### LSU Memphis Alumni

The *LSU Memphis Alumni* newsletter is published periodically each year by the *Memphis LSU Alumni Association*. It is intended for alumni and friends of LSU. To submit or clarify information, please email us at [lsmemphis\\_alumni@yahoo.com](mailto:lsmemphis_alumni@yahoo.com).

For last minute changes or for updates and schedules, check the chapter website at [www.lsumemphis.org](http://www.lsumemphis.org). The site is updated frequently to keep everyone current about what is going on in the Mid-South area.



## Crawfish boil photos show a good time

In spite of storm forecasts for the 2008 Crawfish Boil, it was a clear, dry, cool day. **John and Jennifer Lawhon** hosted the event at their lakeside camp. There was plenty of shade, lots to drink, and the best crawfish of the season.

There were members old and new, fresh faces and familiar, young and old, something for everyone. It was an afternoon made for meeting, greeting, reminiscing, discovering friends and interests. A good time was had by all.

In case you didn't notice, at top right is LSU freshman football player **Alex Hurst** of Arlington, TN.



## Chapter endows Jan Moore Memorial Freshman Scholarship

The LSU Memphis Alumni Chapter offers two \$1,000 scholarships each year to Memphis area students attending LSU. One goes to an entering freshman. The second is awarded to a student with sophomore or better standing. That scholarship has been fully endowed since its inception.

Using the proceeds from the Mardi Gras party and other smaller fundraisers during the last two years, the chapter gave \$11,000 to the LSU Alumni Association to fully endow the *Jan Moore Memorial Freshman Scholarship* at \$35,000.

The scholarship is in memory of Jan Moore, one of the founders of the Memphis chapter and a force behind the success of many annual events.



*Presenting a check to LSU Alumni Association President Charlie Roberts from left; Chuck and Snookie Newman, Roberts, Bond and Nita Lux, K.K. and Johnnie Gross. The funds endowed the Jan Moore Memorial Freshman Scholarship.*

