I am honored and humbled to serve as the first Executive Director of the Ragin’ Cajuns Athletic Foundation. The RCAF has made great strides since the organization began in 2009, and its current leadership is stronger than ever with a 24-person Board of Directors. My staff and I are eager to carry forward the tradition through your continued support and generosity.

In the fall, the University welcomed its largest freshman class ever. Expansions are taking place all over campus—specifically within athletics where a state-of-the-art, 100,000-square-foot Student-Athlete Performance Center was unveiled, and a new soccer/track complex was built thanks in large part to the generosity of RCAF donors.

Among several achievements you will see within this brochure, our student-athlete graduation rate is not only the highest in the Sun Belt Conference but also the highest in the state of Louisiana among public institutions.

RCAF continues to support student-athlete education and welfare through another record-breaking year in the Annual Fund, facility improvements through both the excellence fund and capital accounts and coaches’ retention through this athletic celebration and other sport restricted accounts. All of this is made possible through the generous support of over 4,068 total contributors to RCAF.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It is indeed a great time to be a Ragin’ Cajun!
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NO. 1 Sun Belt Conference graduation rate

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9 teams averaged a GPA of 3.0 (or higher)

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**PLAYING FOR KEEPS**

Your contribution ensures our student-athletes are equipped with the tools it takes to succeed off the field.

**2015-2016 IN-STATE SCHOLARSHIP COSTS PER STUDENT-ATHLETE**

- Tuition: $8,947
- Room: $5,796
- Board: $3,196
- Books: $800
- Cost of Attendance: $2,000

Total: $20,339

*Based on 12 credit hours*

**MAKE YOUR IMPACT**

- $5.19M FACILITY MASTER PLAN
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Parking passes are issued only to RCAF Annual Fund donors who also purchase football and/or basketball season tickets before 2016 priority ticket deadline.
Following the 2012-13 season, historic success presented Ragin’ Cajuns Athletics with unprecedented opportunity. In conjunction with 360 Architecture, a three-tiered Athletics Facilities Master Plan that would plot out progress for much-needed facility upgrades was developed. Today, Tier 1 is complete, and Tier 2 is officially underway. From updated locker rooms and additional seating, to the largest Student-Athlete Performance Center in the Sun Belt Conference, our athletic infrastructure is stronger than ever before!

110% LET’S GIVE

RCAF donors like you add up your dollars year after year. Compared to our peers across the region, there’s plenty to be proud of—but as any good coach will tell you, there’s always room for improvement. That’s why this year, we’re challenging RCAF donors to add 10% or more to their previous year’s donations. With your continued support, our student-athletes will continue to thrive. With your help giving 110%, we can make this the most successful year in RCAF history.

PROPOSED RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF M.L. "TIGUE" MOORE FIELD

MADE YOUR IMPACT

TIER 1
- CAJUN FIELD IMPROVEMENTS
  Improvements include 5,642 new end zone seats, upgraded concessions and concourses.
- NEW SOCCER/TRACK OFFICES AND LOCKER ROOMS
- STUDENT-ATHLETE PERFORMANCE CENTER
  At 100,000 square feet, it’s the largest in the Sun Belt Conference, boasting a 12,000-square-foot weight room, second-level cardio deck, training room with a hydro-therapy area, 150-seat auditorium, players’ lounge, football locker room and more!

TIER 2
- M.L. "TIGUE" MOORE FIELD
  Complete renovation, including upgraded stadium seating, club-level seats and private boxes, plus new and enhanced fan amenities.
- RAGIN’ CAJUNS GOLF
  State-of-the-art training facility, including hitting bays, coaches’ offices, locker room, lobby, and meeting and gallery area.

RCAF 2016

2014-2015 ANNUAL FUND DOLLARS RAISED

2014-2015 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

Poll conducted by Texas State Athletics
In order to provide an equitable and transparent priority ranking of how RCAF donors are allocated tickets, seating, parking, tailgating and other benefits, we’re introducing Priority Points. Determinations will be based on loyalty and financial support to the RCAF, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and its Department of Athletics.

INTRODUCING PRIORITY POINTS

Our goal is to reward total financial contributions and years of loyalty through tickets and donations into a measurable formula.

Listed below are some key components of the Priority System:

- **RCF ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **SPORT RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **EXCELLENCE FUND SEATING CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **DONATIONS TO OTHER AREAS OF THE UNIVERSITY**
- **SEASON TICKETS PURCHASED WITH ATHLETICS**
- **NUMBER OF YEARS DONATING/PURCHASING TICKETS**

Listed below are some key components of the Priority System:

- **SPORT RESTRICTED GIFTS**
  - Donations are directed to a specific sport of your choice.
  - Examples: Quarterback Club, Receiver's Club, Assist Club, etc...

- **ENDOWMENT**
  - Scholarships and construction for current or new venues.
  - Examples: Student-Athlete Performance Center, M.L. "Tigue" Moore Field, Golf Practice Facility

- **EXCELLENCE FUND**
  - Discretionary funds used to offset scholarship and operational costs.

- **MARQUEE SPORTS**
  - Examples: Football, Men's Basketball, Baseball, Softball

- **ENDOWMENTS**
  - Gifts of appreciated shares of marketable securities are a valuable contribution. They may offer significant tax advantages since you can deduct the fair market value of publicly traded securities without paying capital gains tax on the sale of gifted stock.

- **TRADE/GIFT-IN-KIND**
  - Trade/gift-in-kind are accepted and, in return, the donation is recognized as part of your Annual Fund contribution.
  - Examples: office supplies and equipment, and athletically related items are examples.

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