



# STATE OF THE COLLEGE

SPRING 2024

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## Mission

The LSU College of Agriculture provides innovative academic programs, creates essential knowledge, advances collaborative research, and drives outreach to solve local and global agricultural challenges

## Vision

With a sharp focus on research, extension and teaching, we are finding solutions and making advancements that will benefit future generations and establish a legacy of success

## Values

- Enhance the lives of others
- Seek intellectual and culturally diverse perspectives
- Create bold and transformative educational experiences
- Advance the land-grant mission
- Cultivate a community of engaged partners

# UNDERGRADS

## Fall headcount majors

- **2019** – 1,443
- **2023** – 1,587

## Non-white

- **2019** ~26%
- **2023** ~33%

## La. residents

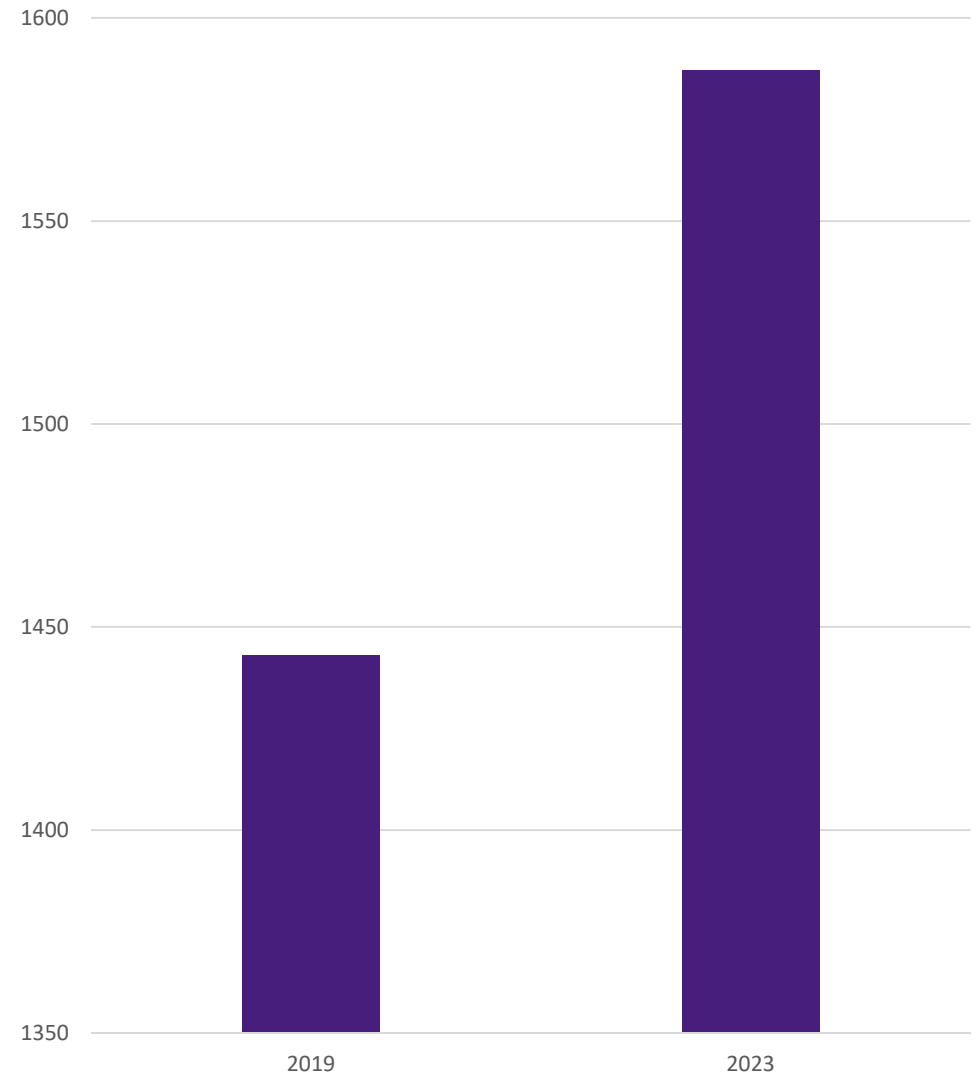
- **2019** – 77%
- **2023** – 69%

**~73%** female undergrads 2023

## Fall '23 Freshman Class

- 62% La. residents
- 46.2% Non-white
- 33% Pell eligible

Fall Headcount Majors



# TEACHING & CO-CURRICULAR

## UG Credit Hours

2019/20 = 30,874

2022/23 = 35,436

## CI Courses

2019 – 24/608

2022 – 45/986

## Service Learning

2019 – 9/134

2022 – 10/157

## Web Based

2019 – 12/166

2022 – 48/1,054



- **37%** of Spring 2023 graduates had completed an internship or domestic field study
- **~16%** engaged in undergraduate research projects
- **47%** engaged with student organizations within the CoA.



## WRAP AROUND EXPERIENCES

- Career and internship advising; interview prep; resume development; career closet
- Ag week
- Ag 1001, peer mentors
- Fashion show; Costume museum exhibits
- Recent study abroad – Thailand, Czech Republic, France
- Experiential learning and field trips abound
- Student club activities – LVs; MANRRS; Ag Econ Quiz Bowl; Block & Bridle; Pre-Vet Club; Tigers for Cultivating Change; Ducks Unlimited; Zamorano Ag Society; etc.
- Ag Res College

### Ag Res College (ARC)

Living in ARC provides students with the opportunity to network with others with the same interests, form relationships with faculty members, and become involved in unique co-curricular experiences to enhance their degree program and their LSU experience.

## SUPPORT

- ~65 instructional FTE for > 1500 majors and more than 12,000 students taught annually generating ~35,000 SCHs
- A small number of professional staff
- ~38 graduate teaching assistants



### FROM AUG. 1 TO APR. 3

- Dean's Office Staff – **1,408 appointments**
- Faculty Advisors – **2,133 appointments**
- **87%** rate their advising experience as **positive**
- Top Reasons:
  - Advising
  - Change major
  - Goal check-in
  - Graduation check out



## STUDENT SUPPORT

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT (LAST 2 YEARS)

- ~\$230K in college scholarships
- ~\$25K in study abroad support
- ~\$30K in conference travel support
- ~\$90K in undergrad research support

### CONFERENCE TRAVEL

A group of seven undergraduate and two graduate students recently attended the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Conference in Chicago, IL, where they were distinguished as the Chapter of Excellence for 2024. Through their active participation in research presentations and student competitions, these students showcased their remarkable talents and steadfast dedication.



# GROWTH VS RESOURCES



**15%**

GROWTH IN MAJORS  
FROM 2018 TO 2023

**23%**

GROWTH IN FALL  
COURSE  
ENROLLMENTS FROM  
2018 TO 2023

**20%**

GROWTH IN CREDIT  
HOUR PRODUCTION  
FROM 2018 TO 2023

**~0%**

GROWTH IN  
INSTRUCTIONAL FTE  
FROM 2017 TO 2023

**6.9%**

GROWTH IN BUDGETARY RESOURCES  
FROM 2018 TO 2022; ALMOST  
EXCLUSIVELY MANDATED COSTS

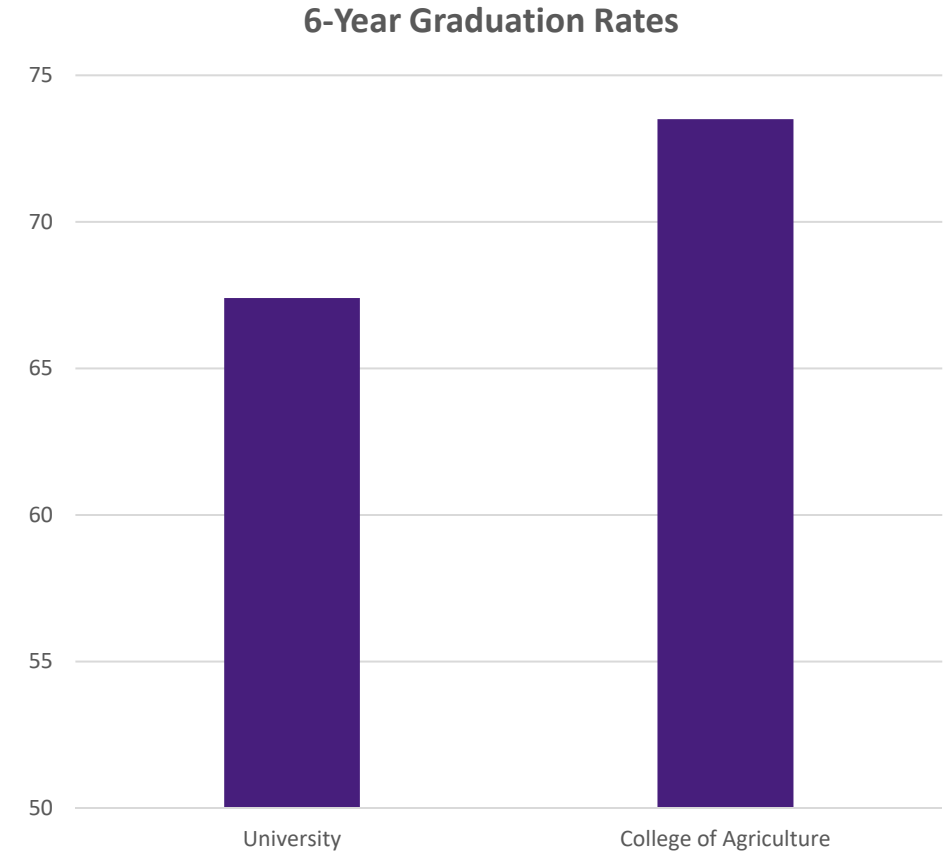
# PROGRAMMATIC PERFORMANCE

## 6-year graduation rate

- 73.5% (65%-91.7%)
- University – 67.4%
- Growth in 6-year graduation rate ~8.8 points since 2012 cohort, 13% relative increase

## Annual degrees awarded

- UG 2019 – 287
- UG 2023 – 299
- UG 2024 – 330 expected





## OUTCOMES AND SUPERLATIVES

- **MANRRS**, Spring 2024 National Quiz Bowl Champions
- 8 CoA **Tiger 12** over the last 3 years
- National **Poultry Judging** Champions
- **Ag Econ Quiz Bowl** Champions, Fall 21 & 22, Spring 23
- All American Gold Chapter of **Ducks Unlimited**
- **Dietetics** has a 100% placement rate for four years running
- **Les Voyageurs** won the national Aggie's competition last two years in a row
- Our students took 1st and 2nd recently in the **LSU Discover Day** oral presentation

## MAY 2023 SURVEY OF GRADUATES

- **42%** indicated they would be in full-time graduate or professional school
- **41%** indicated they would be employed full-time upon graduation
- **96%** felt their College of Ag degree prepared them for the job market
- **97%** agreed that students of different races, ethnicities, and genders are valued equally in the CoA.
- **95%** agreed with the statement “I believe the CoA would take appropriate action in response to incidents of discrimination”



## GRADUATE PROGRAMMING

### GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

2019

- MS – 164
- PhD – 169

2023

- MS – 171
- PhD – 148

### ANNUAL GRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED

2019

- MS – 47
- PhD – 47

2023

- MS – 61
- PhD – 40



## GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Non-white GRAD 2023 ~**57%**
- GRAD 2023
  - La. Residents (39.5%)
  - Other State (18.5%)
  - Other Countries (42%)
- New minimum stipends for terminal degree students
- Fall Conference
- College funding for grad students:
  - 2022 – \$756,486
  - 2023 - \$857,156 (13% increase)



# ADVANCEMENT



## ELITE TALENT

- Discretionary funds
- UG Scholarship dollars and graduate assistantship dollars
- Endowed Professorships and Chairs
- Startup and equipment funds



## MISSION

- Science & engineering partnerships for focal areas
- Food Systems Security
- Ag Innovation Building
- Student learning enhancement (internships, study abroad; research)



## FACILITIES AND NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Various science facilities
- Seminar rooms, classrooms, and teaching facilities

# FUTURE ISSUES



- AI Everywhere
- Workforce focused
  - Job ready
  - Diverse learner skills for versatility and multiple career changes
  - Evolving nature of student commitment
- Enrollment cliff
- Public skepticism of higher ed (social issues; affordability/value)
- State budget (in)stability
- UG certs
- Nexus Degrees
- Dual enrollment choice model
- Online programming
- Evaluating existing concentrations



# WHAT'S NEXT FOR US?



**STRATEGIC PLAN  
UPDATE**



**INTEGRATED ACADEMIC, SCHOLARLY  
AND FACILITIES FRAMEWORK**

\*Pursuit of AAU membership

# THE COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT



**FACULTY AND STAFF  
RECOGNITION**



**STUDENT  
RECOGNITION**



**GRADUATE STUDENT  
QUALITY OF LIFE**