## The Basics

- There will be 4 ceremonies, 2 per day on December 16<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> will be for **summer** graduates, and December 17<sup>th</sup> will be for **fall** graduates.
- All of the celebrations will take place at the <u>Brookshire's Grocery Arena in Bossier City</u>.
- The ceremonies will be divided by last name.
  - Last names A K will have their ceremony at 9 am. Last names beginning with L Z will have their ceremony at 2 pm.
  - At this time, we are unable to accommodate any request to change your assigned ceremony date or time.

## **Before Graduation**

- Fall graduates must let the Office of the Records and Registration know if you will be attending the ceremony in-person by November 5<sup>th</sup> via completion of your Graduation Application in myLSUS. Summer graduates have previously submitted this information.
- There is no restriction on the number of guests you can invite.
- If you or your family are from out of town, here's a listing of local hotels to make arrangements.
- To purchase LSUS regalia or commemorative items, please visit the LSUS bookstore.

## What to Expect At Graduation

- Doors open 2 hours prior to the listed start time.
- Due to the governor's easing of COVID-19 restrictions, proof of vaccinations will not be necessary; however, the wearing of masks will still be required.
- All attendees 5 years of age and over must provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test from no more than 72 hours in advance of the event prior to entry.
  - At the event, each person will be required to enter through tents in the parking lot, prior to entering the building.
  - → You'll be asked to show:
    - ACCEPTED METHODS OF VACCINE VERIFICATION:
      - <u>L.A. Wallet App</u> / SMART Health Card
      - An original, digital photo or photocopy of a C.D.C. Vaccination Card with a name matching your I.D. Full cards must be visible on digital or printed copies.
      - Another form of official vaccination record from another state, foreign nation, or the W.H.O.
      - ACCEPTED METHODS OF COVID-19 TEST VERIFICATION:
        - A physical or electronic COVID-19 test with a negative test result within 3 days of arrival at the event with name matching your I.D.
  - ⊖ Once you've been verified, you will be given an armband to enter.
  - Graduates will enter from the north side of the building, separate from family and friends, but will be required to follow the same protocol as guests.
- Physical distancing will be enforced.
- The event will be livestreamed on Facebook for those who are unable to attend in-person.
- If you come to the event, **you must stay for the entirety of graduation**. Early exits cause disruptions for the other graduates, and if you exit early, you'll miss the Second Line Brass Band, a Louisiana and LSUS tradition.

## **After Graduation**

The facility has asked that everyone exit the building as quickly as possible after the event is complete. You are welcome to take photos outside of the arena or in the concourse area.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Records Office at <u>registrar@lsus.edu</u>.

Congratulations, and we look forward to safely celebrating with you in December! f