

## Weekly Update, February 23 - 29, 2020

At its February 2020 Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors for Louisiana System approved our new *Mission, Vision, and Values* statement. The transition from old to new mission statements becomes effective July 1, 2020.

Over the past six months, we have conducted a deliberate, holistic, and thoughtful analysis of our mission, roles, and functions in concert with the Louisiana Constitution, Article VIII, 5D (4), Acts 241 of 1987 and 1360 of 1997, the specified tasks per the Board of Regents Master Plan 2011, revised 2012, Northwestern State University Strategic Plan *Assessment 2018-2019 – Building Momentum*, and the 2019 Board of Regents Master Plan, *Louisiana Prospers: Driving Our Talent Imperative*.

The result is a forward-looking mission statement that is inclusive, embraces diversity, anticipates change, and facilitates education access and attainment to better prepare our students to positively impact the socio-economic conditions of our region, state, and nation.

**New Mission Statement.** Northwestern State University is a responsive, student-oriented institution committed to acquiring, creating, and disseminating knowledge through innovative teaching, research, and service. With its certificate, undergraduate, and graduate programs, Northwestern State University prepares its increasingly diverse student population to contribute to an inclusive global community with a steadfast dedication to improving our region, state, and nation.

*Old Mission Statement for reference: Northwestern State University is a responsive, student-oriented institution that is committed to the creation, dissemination, and acquisition of knowledge through teaching, research, and service. The University maintains as its highest priority excellence in teaching in graduate and undergraduate programs. Northwestern State University prepares its students to become productive members of society and promotes economic development and improvements in the quality of life of the citizens in its region.*

**Vision** (no change). Northwestern State University will become the nation's premier regional university through the innovative delivery of transformative Student learning experiences that prepare graduates for life and career success.

**Core Values** (Re-worked "We are future focused" to delete "We do not rest on our laurels.") Our core values capture the guiding principles for how we make decisions and work together. They are the foundation for the type of University community and regional partner we strive to become. Our guiding values are:

**Our Students are our priority.** We provide each Student with transformational and experiential learning experiences to assist in the development of an ever-growing individual, scholar, and professional.

**Diversity helps define who we are.** We welcome and respect everyone traveling on a journey for knowledge. Differences make us stronger.

**We are future focused.** We are in constant search of individual and organizational improvement by seeking new, inclusive, and innovative opportunities to develop our students and improve our University.

**Innovation leads the forward edge of change.** We strive to be on the forefront in all we do.

**We honor and respect the ideals of freedom.** We protect the freedom of all members of our community to seek truth and express their views.

**We are careful stewards.** We responsibly manage the economic and natural resources entrusted to us.

**Integrity is our cornerstone.** We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards as educators, scholars, Students, and professionals.

**We are a team.** We are a collaborative community that focuses on ensuring the success of every member.

### **My Week:**

Sunday, I enjoyed watching two home athletic events. Our NSU Lady Demon tennis team defeated the University of Texas San Antonio at Jack Fisher Tennis Complex and later our NSU baseball team defeated the University of North Alabama at Brown-Stroud Field.

Monday, I had a lunch meeting with a local business professional to brief him on our progress and ask for his continued support of the university.

Tuesday, Jennifer and I spent the day on a tour and briefings at Barksdale Air Force Base.

Wednesday, I spent the morning in personnel meetings. That afternoon, Jerry Pierce, Greg Burke, Drake Owens, Gil Gilson and I met about a strategic plan to enhance athletic facilities.

Wednesday evening, I attended the NSU Lady Demon basketball game against Stephen F. Austin State University.

Thursday morning, Dr. Greg Handel, Frances Conine, Andrea Maley, Jana Lucky and I met to review recently revised admission standards adopted by the Louisiana Board of Regents. Afterwards, I attended the Shreveport Committee of 100 Board meeting and luncheon.

Thursday afternoon, I joined our School of Education faculty to film a marketing video. Afterwards, I attended the visitation services for NSU alumnus and long-time supporter Steve Wiggins. Later, I took part in the Southland Conference Diversity Committee Conference call.

Friday morning, I attended the University of Louisiana System Board of Directors meeting that was held on the NSU campus. That afternoon, I visited with a group tour of prospective students from Tara High School in Baton Rouge.

Friday evening, Jennifer and I hosted a student recruitment reception at the President's residence. Afterwards, I attended the University of Louisiana System board of directors' reception and dinner at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum.

Saturday, I spent most of the day at N-Side View activities on campus. Saturday afternoon, I met with several alumni and their families in town for the baseball team alumni weekend. Later, I welcomed students and families who were on campus for the American Legion State Oratorical Competition. I want to thank Dr. Davina McClain for coordinating this event each year.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Fork 'em Demons,

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