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President's Message: Feb. 25, 2022

Our NSU Recruiting team wrapped up its annual Spring Recruiting Receptions this week by visiting with students in Rapides and Natchitoches Parishes. We look forward to welcoming many of these students to campus this fall. Recruiting efforts do not stop here. The University will host two preview programs this month. N-Side View Day is scheduled March 5 and Discover Scholars' will be on March 12. I encourage Northwestern students to invite friends to sign up and plan their future at Northwestern.

During 2021, NSU was awarded an additional \$10.5 million through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to continue to support our students during the COVID crisis. ARP Funds were disbursed to eligible students during the Fall 2021 Semester. An additional payment for eligible students is scheduled for the Spring 2022 Semester.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be enrolled for the Spring 2022 semester as of March 10, 2022.
- All regularly admitted students to the university beyond the Preparatory (High School Dual Enrollment) classification (this does not include Continuing Education Students).

Awards are based on Pell versus Non-Pell eligibility and student classification as of the Spring 2022 semester. Pell awards calculated after March 10, 2022, will not change HEERF III eligibility criteria.

Every eligible student will be awarded, and amounts will vary based on a student's Pell eligibility and classification. For more information, visit [The Higher Education Relief Fund III – Northwestern State University \(nsula.edu\)](https://www.nsula.edu). If you have not established a direct deposit, you can sign up by submitting the [direct deposit form](#). Please submit a voided blank check or a letter from your bank on your bank's letterhead for your direct deposit request to be processed.

The President's Leadership Program has organized Kiss the Pig for the Pantry, a fundraiser to raise funds for the NSU Pantry. All proceeds will benefit the pantry to purchase the items student need and desire most. Please join me in donating to a worthwhile cause organized by a group of students who hope to ensure that Reatha Cox, their Dean of Students, is the lucky one who gets to "Kiss the Pig" on Tuesday, March 15. Donations can be submitted online by scanning the QR code below or visiting [Kiss a Pig for the Pantry | Northwestern State University Alumni \(northwesternstatealumni.com\)](https://northwesternstatealumni.com).

Congratulations to Hammond Lake, Associate Director of Marketing for University Advancement and graduate of NSU, for being named the Fifth Annual Cane River Film Festival Grand Prize Winner for his film "Zoomies". "Zoomies" is a short film about a former teen star, Adley Taylor, who recounts the story of her return to the spotlight after she is bitten by a dog and falls victim to an ancient curse known only as the "zoomies". A film screen and award ceremony will be held on March 19 at Parkway Cinema 6 in Natchitoches. For more details on the festival, visit www.caneriverfilmfestival.com.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Mardi Gras! If you are planning to stay in town, the Krewe of Dionysus Parade will be rolling through Natchitoches on Saturday, Feb. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. weather permitting. There will be no classes for students on Monday and Tuesday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 2, at noon.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcus D. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Marcus D. Jones, President



Tuesday, March 15

The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the NSU Pantry.

 **Dean of Students Reatha Cox**
vs.
President Marcus Jones 

The one who raises the most money will kiss the pig!



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