

# LSU Notable Alumni



The charismatic **James Carville** received his undergraduate degree and juris doctorate from LSU before leading Bill Clinton to presidential victory in 1992. He is considered one of the most successful national political consultants today.

**Delos "Kip" Knight**, vice president of marketing and brand management for eBay international, graduated from LSU in 1978.

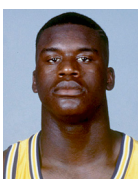


LSU 1979 alumna **Cassandra Chandler** was one of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's highest ranking African-American women as assistant director of its Office of Public Affairs.

Academy award-winning composer **Bill Conti**, who wrote the musical scores for movies "The Right Stuff," "Rocky," "The Karate Kid," and "For Your Eyes Only," graduated from LSU in 1963. He also composed the television musical scores for Dynasty, Cagney and Lacy and Falcon Crest.



**Kenneth Brown**, a 1995 graduate of LSU and the host of Home and Garden Television's (HGTV) show "redesign" credits much of his success to LSU's interior design program, which is ranked among the top 10 nationally. Brown's show completed its first season in 2005, and HGTV plans to air 65 more episodes.



Professional NBA superstar **Shaquille O'Neal** graduated from LSU in 2000 with a degree in General Studies.



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## Points of Pride

- LSU's **landscape architecture program** is ranked third and its **interior design program** is ranked 10th in the nation, according to DesignIntelligence's "America's Best Architecture and Design Schools 2006."
- In 2005, the **College of Music and Dramatic Arts** was represented by a student finalist, one of 11 nationally, and overall winner in the Metropolitan Opera Competition in New York City.
- The **Flores MBA Program** ranked in the top 50 public MBA programs in U.S. News & World Report.
- The **Manship School of Mass Communication's** doctoral program is the only one in the country focused exclusively on media and public affairs.
- The **College of Engineering** and five of its graduate programs ranked in the top 100 nationally, including the ninth-ranked **petroleum engineering program**, in the 2007 U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Graduate Schools."
- The **LSU/Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association shelter**, established after Hurricane Katrina, took in more than 500 animals in the first 48 hours and housed more than 2,000 animals.
- LSU's **ceramics program** is ranked in the top five in the country, according to the U.S. News and World Report 2006 "America's Best Graduate Schools."
- The **LSU Law Center** is the only law school in the United States to award a joint degree – juris doctor/bachelor of civil laws – and is one of only two such schools in the Western Hemisphere to award the J.D./B.C.L.
- **LSU Athletics** sponsors 20 men's and women's varsity sports, and annually supports the academic and athletic endeavors of more than 450 student-athletes, while operating without the use of any state tax dollars and with no mandatory student fees.
- The **Manship School of Mass Communication** served as temporary operating centers to New Orleans journalists and was instrumental in New Orleans' CBS affiliate WWL-TV's and The Times-Picayune's coverage of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- LSU's **Center for Internal Auditing** remains the premier internal audit program in the world and has produced 15 international highest-score student award winners in the past 18 years.
- The **LSU AgCenter** has developed popular crop varieties such as the Beauregard Sweet Potato, several sugarcane varieties and Clearfield Rice, which allows farmers to kill weeds with herbicides but not damage the rice crop.
- The **College of Education** has a 95 percent passage rate for students taking the PRAXIS, a required test for many states in the teaching and licensing certification process.
- In 2004, Intel Corporation's first "Most Unwired College Campuses" survey ranked LSU 29th among the Top 100 schools for **wireless computing access**. Findings were based on areas on campus with wireless Internet access, the student-to-computer ratio, and the percentage of each college campus covered by wireless technology.
- **LSU AgCenter** holds more than 80 patents and 32 plant variety protection certificates or plant patents.
- The **Center for Computation and Technology** hosts the Red Stick International Animation Festival, the country's largest animation festival dedicated to economic and community development.