

Public/Social Service/Government/Education

Elias “Bo” Ackal Jr., member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1972-1996, attended UL Lafayette

Ernie Alexander ’64, Louisiana representative 2000-2008

Scott Angelle ’83, secretary of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

Ray Authement ’50, UL Lafayette’s fifth president 1974-2008

Charlotte Beers ’58, former under secretary of U.S. Department of State and former head of two of the largest advertising agencies in the world

J. Rayburn Bertrand ’41, mayor of Lafayette 1960-1972

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco ’64, Louisiana’s first female governor 2004-2008; former lieutenant governor, Public Service Commission member, and member of the Louisiana House of Representatives

Roy Bourgeois ’62, priest who founded SOA Watch, an independent organization that seeks to close the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Corporation, a controversial United States military training facility at Fort Benning, Ga.

Charles Boustany Jr. ’78, cardiovascular surgeon elected in 2004 to serve as U.S. representative for the Seventh Congressional District

Kenny Bowen Sr. ’48, mayor of Lafayette 1972-1980 and 1992-1996

Jack Breaux mayor of Zachary, La., 1966-1980; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute

John Breaux ’66, U.S. senator 1987-2005; U.S. representative 1972-1987, Seventh Congressional District

Jefferson Caffery 1903, a member of Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute’s first graduating class; served as a U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, Colombia, Cuba, Brazil, France and Egypt 1926-1955

Patrick T. Caffery ’55, U.S. representative for the Third Congressional District 1968-1971; member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1964-1968

Page Cortez ’86, elected in 2008 to serve in the Louisiana House of Representatives

Cindy Courville '75, professor at the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C.; first U.S. ambassador to the African Union; former special assistant to President George W. Bush; former senior director for African Affairs at the National Security Council

James R. "Jimmy" Domengeaux, member of the U.S. House of Representatives 1941-1949 and long-time president of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute

Joey Durel Jr. '75, city-parish president of Lafayette Consolidated Government, elected in 2003

James Fontenot '67, member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1972-1976

Lether Frazar '28, Louisiana lieutenant governor 1956-1960; Southwestern Louisiana Institute's second president 1938-1940

Richard T. Haik '71, chief judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in Lake Charles; former Sixteenth Judicial District Court judge

Ted M. Haik Jr. '66, member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1975-1995

Paul Hardy '65, Louisiana lieutenant governor 1988-1992

Jimmy Hayes '69, member of U.S. House of Representatives for the Seventh Congressional District 1986-1995

John Hebert '65, chief of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

J. Lomax "Max" Jordan Jr. '74, member of Louisiana Senate 1992-2000

Charles D. Lancaster Jr. '66, member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1972-1976 and 1980-2008

Steve Landry '74, UL Lafayette's first provost, who also served as the university's vice president for Academic Affairs; former vice president for Research at UL Lafayette

William Dudley "Dud" Lastrapes '50, mayor of Lafayette 1980-1992; served on Lafayette Parish School Board 1972-1980

Dudley J. LeBlanc former Louisiana state senator 1940-1944, 1948-1952 and 1964-1971; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute

Jerry Luke LeBlanc '80, Louisiana commissioner of administration, 2004-2008; member of Louisiana House of Representatives, 1988-2004

Wade O. Martin Jr. '32, Louisiana secretary of state 1944-1976

Charles J. Melancon '72, served in U.S. House of Representatives 2005-2011; served in Louisiana House of Representatives, 1984-1988

Louis J. Michot, member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1960-1964; member of Louisiana Board of Education 1968-1972; state superintendent of education 1972-1976; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute

Michael J. Michot '87, member of Louisiana Senate elected in 2000; served as member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1996-2000

Roderick Miller '47, member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1964-1968

Ashton J. Mouton '39, youngest mayor in Lafayette, La., history, 1948-1956

Cecil Picard '59, Louisiana's superintendent of education from 1996 until his death in 2007; member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1976-1979 and Louisiana Senate 1980-1996

Craig Romero '75, member of Louisiana Senate 1993-2008; president of Iberia Parish Government 1984-1992

E. Joseph Savoie '76, sixth president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, since 2008; commissioner of higher education in Louisiana 1996-2008

Sammy H. Theriot '76, Vermilion Parish clerk of court 1993-2000; member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1979-1996

Business

William Fenstermaker '71, chairman and chief executive officer of C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates Inc., a surveying, mapping, engineering and environmental consulting company

Herbert Heymann '44, prominent Lafayette real estate developer and philanthropist

Gary LaGrange '70, executive director of the Port of New Orleans

B. I. Moody III '49, chairman of The Moody Company and of Louisiana State Newspapers Inc.; business interests include banking, restaurants, farming, oil and gas, real estate and public accounting

Matt Stuller, founder and chief executive officer of Stuller Settings, one of the largest jewelry manufacturing and distributing firms in the United States; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Arts/Entertainment/Fitness

Marcelle Bienvenu '67, food editor and restaurateur who has published three cookbooks, co-authored four cookbooks with celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse; "Cooking Creole" columnist for the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*

Marc Breaux choreographer and dancer best known for his choreography of the popular musicals *ChittyChitty BangBang*, *Mary Poppins* and *The Sound of Music*; holds an honorary bachelor of fine arts degree from UL Lafayette; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute 1941-42 and 1946-47

James Lee Burke bestselling author best known for mysteries featuring detective Dave Robichaux; won the Edgar Award twice for Best Crime Novel of the Year; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute 1955-1957 and was an instructor of English at the University of Southwestern Louisiana 1960 to 1962

Kody Chamberlain '97, comic book writer and artist

William Eckart prominent Broadway set, costume and lighting designer and producer who, along with his wife Jean, was nominated for Tony Awards for their work for "Mame" and "Fiorello"; attended in 1937 and 1938

Judith Ford '72, Miss America in 1969

Sonny Landreth, slide guitarist extraordinaire who has recorded 10 albums and performed with guitar great Eric Clapton and other well-known musicians, such as Vince Gill, Dr. John, Jimmy Buffet, John Hiatt, Dolly Parton and Clifton Chenier; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Ali Landry crowned Miss USA in 1996; in 1998, named by *People* magazine as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Red Lerille '87, Mr. America, 1960; owner of Red Lerille's Health and Racquet Club

Sam Peckinpah film director best known for his controversial western, *The Wild Bunch*, released in 1969; also directed episodes of television shows such as *Gunsmoke* and *Route 66* in the 1950s and 1960s; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute

Eddy Raven (Edward Garvin Futch) American singer and songwriter who had eight No. 1 songs on the country music charts in the 1980s

George Rodrigue Cajun artist best known for his Blue Dog series of paintings; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana for six semesters, holds honorary doctorate from UL Lafayette

Brian Schexnayder '76, former baritone with the New York Metropolitan Opera; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Richard Simmons, exercise and fitness expert; author of several books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Never Say Diet* and several cookbooks; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Floyd Sonnier '61, artist best known for pen and ink drawings that depict Cajun culture

Daniel Sunjata '95, actor nominated for a Tony Award in 2003 for his performance in the Broadway play *Take Me Out*; cited as one of *People* magazine's "Most Beautiful People of 2003"

Keith Thibodeaux, child actor and drummer who played Little Ricky, the son of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, on the classic TV series *I Love Lucy*; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana 1968-70

A. Hays Town '22, renowned regional architect

Sports

Football

James Atkins played in 63 NFL games as an offensive tackle, Seattle Seahawks 1994-97, Baltimore Ravens 1998-1999, Detroit Lions 2000; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Bill Blackburn played in 59 NFL games as a center for the Chicago Cardinals 1945-50; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute

C. C. Brown played in 81 games as a safety for the Houston Texans 2005-08, New York Giants 2009, Detroit Lions 2010; attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Chris Keener Cagle '25, played football and basketball, and participated in track and field at Southwestern Louisiana Institute; halfback for the New York Giants 1930-1932, Brooklyn Dodgers 1933-1934; inducted into College Football Hall of Fame 1954

Anthony Clement played in 128 games as an offensive tackle for the Arizona Cardinals 1998-2004, San Francisco 2005 and New York Jets 2006-07; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Richie Cunningham '94, former All-Pro placekicker for the Dallas Cowboys 1997-99, Carolina Panthers 1999-2000, and Jacksonville Jaguars 2002. Led the NFL in field goals made in 1997.

Jake Delhomme '01, played in 102 games as quarterback for the New Orleans Saints 1998-2001 and Carolina Panthers 2002-2009; Cleveland Browns 2010-11; Pro Bowl selection in 2005; holds record for longest touchdown pass in Super Bowl; Carolina all-time leader in passing attempts, pass completions

Weldon Humble offensive linemen for Cleveland Browns 1947-1950 and Dallas Texans 1952; College Football Hall of Fame 1961; played on Southwestern Louisiana Institute undefeated team in 1943; named to Professional All-Star game in 1948; career was interrupted by service in Korean War in 1950

Randy McClanahan, '79, played linebacker in 61 games for Oakland Raiders 1977, Buffalo Bills 1978 and Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders 1980-82

Brian Mitchell, played in 223 NFL games; former running back/punt and kick returner for the Washington Redskins 1990-1999, Philadelphia Eagles 2000-2002, New York Giants 2003; Pro Bowl selection, Super Bowl champion, First-Team All Pro selection 1995; holds or held NFL records for 13 special team touchdowns; at USL: first player in NCAA history to pass for more than 5,000 yards and rush for more than 3,000 yards; held NCAA record for most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback

Todd Scott '91, played in 84 NFL games as a defensive back for the Minnesota Vikings 1991-1994, New York Jets 1995, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1995-1996 and Kansas City Chiefs 1997

Rafael Septien, '76, played in 151 NFL games as a placekicker, LA Rams 1977 and Dallas Cowboys 1978-1986; named to Pro Bowl in 1981

Brandon Stokley '02, played in 129 NFL games as wide receiver for the Baltimore Ravens 1999-02, Indianapolis Colts 2003-06, Denver Broncos 2007-09, Seattle Seahawks 2010-present; won Super Bowl twice

Ike Taylor played in 125 NFL games as defensive back for the Pittsburgh Steelers 2003-present; won Super Bowl twice; attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Orlando Thomas '04, played in 98 NFL games as a defensive back for the Minnesota Vikings 1995-2001; named All Pro in 1995; led the NFL in interceptions in 1995

Charles Tillman '02, played in 114 NFL games as a cornerback for the Chicago Bears 2003-present

Clarence Verdin '87, played in 118 games as a receiver for the Washington Redskins 1986-87, Indianapolis Colts 1988-93 and Atlanta Falcons 1994; named to Pro Bowl in 1990 and 1992

Baseball

Paul Bako, a Major League Baseball catcher for 11 teams 1998 to 2009; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Ron Guidry, pitched in 368 MLB games for the New York Yankees 1975-1988, won 170 Major League Baseball games and recorded 1,778 strikeouts, four-time All Star, two-time World Series champ, five-time Gold Glove winner, Cy Young Award winner 1978, team co-captain of Yankees from 1986-1989; pitching coach of Yankees 2006 -2007; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Xavier Hernandez, relief pitcher who pitched in 463 Major League Baseball games for the Toronto Blue Jays, Houston Astros, New York Yankees, Cincinnati Reds and Rangers attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

B. J. Ryan, pitched in 560 Major League Baseball games as a relief pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, Baltimore Orioles and Toronto Blue Jays; two-time All Star; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Donne Wall, pitched in 234 Major League Baseball games with the Houston Astros, San Diego Padres, New York Mets and Anaheim Angels; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Basketball-NBA

Kevin Brooks, played in 126 NBA games with the Denver Nuggets; won back-to-back championships in Australia with the Adelaide 36ers; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Bo Lamar '90, played in 76 NBA games with the Los Angeles Lakers, played in 202 ABA games from 1974-1976; ABA merged with NBA in 1977; scored 4,478 points in his professional career (ABA and NBA)

Fred Saunders, played in 210 NBA games with the Phoenix Suns and Boston Celtics; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Andrew Toney '79, played in 468 games with the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers; scored 7,458 points; named to two NBA all-star teams 1982, 1983; won NBA championship in 1983

Basketball-WNBA

Kim Perrot former Houston Comets point guard; won WNBA championships in 1997 and 1998

Golf

Mike Heinen '70, professional golfer; attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Craig Perks '90, professional golfer; 2002 New Zealand Sportsman of the Year

Gymnastics

Leigh Hennessy '80, holds world record for most world trampoline championships; USA gymnastics Hall of Fame, World Acrobatics Society Legends Hall of Fame; stunt double for films such as *G.I. Jane* and *The Guardian*

Tennis

Tony Minnis '88, UL Lafayette's all-time winningest singles player with a 94-40 college career; LSU head women's tennis coach 1992-present, LSU's all-time winningest women's tennis coach; Southwest Regional Coach of the Year, 2009, 2007, 2004, 1999, 1995; Louisiana Coach of the Year, 1999, 1997, 1995; Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year 1997, 1995

Track and field

Hollis Conway '91, UL Lafayette high-jump athlete; Olympic medalist, 1988 silver, 1992 bronze; No. 1 world ranking in 1990 and 1991; member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

John McDonnell '70, UL Lafayette track athlete 1966-69; coached Arkansas to 42 NCAA championships, 38 Southwest Conference Championships, 46 Southeastern Conference Championships; 30-time National Coach of the Year

John W. Morriss '30, an alternate hurdler on the 1932 U.S. Olympic Team, 1933 World games winner in Italy; tied the world record in high hurdles with a time of 14.3; coached at 10 colleges and high schools; coached 66 All-Americans, 38 individual national champions, nine Olympians and four NCAA team champions; as a UL Lafayette student-athlete, earned All-America honors in track and was a four-sport letterman; Southwestern Louisiana Institute track coach 1947-49

Law/Judiciary

Allen Babineaux '47, Fifteenth Judicial District judge 1972-1996; member of Louisiana House of Representatives 1956-1960

Lucien Bertrand '45, Fifteenth Judicial District Judge 1966-1993

Sue Fontenot '67, Fifteenth Judicial District judge 1979-1987

H. Charles Gaudin, '52, retired chief judge of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit; Twenty-fourth Judicial District judge 1966-1982

Wendell Gauthier '66, attorney who handled many high-profile cases, such as a successful class action suit against tobacco companies and an explosion in Bhopal, India

Joe Jamail, high-profile Houston attorney; named one of the top 25 trial lawyers by *Forbes* magazine; attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute 1947-48; holds honorary doctorate from UL Lafayette

Robert Klees '63, chief judge of Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal

Harry T. Lemmon '52, Louisiana Supreme Court justice

Douglas J. Nehrbas '49, Fifteenth Judicial District judge

Edmund M. Reggie Sr. '46, city judge of Crowley, La., with close political ties to former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards, President John Kennedy, Congressman Edward Kennedy and Congressman and U.S. Attorney Robert Kennedy

Carroll Spell '48, Fifteenth Judicial District judge from

Frank W. Summers '38, Louisiana Supreme Court justice

Jack Watson '49, Louisiana Supreme Court justice

Military/Science/ Technology/Medicine

Albert H. Crews '50, former U.S. astronaut 1962-1988

Charles B. DeBellevue '68, first Air Force weapon systems officer to become a flying "Ace"

Paul Cloutier '64, Rice University professor who developed an instrument that can measure small variations of magnetic fields in the ionosphere; principal investigator of 13 NASA ionospheric sounding rocket probes; lead investigator on the Pioneer Venus Bus

and Orbiter Ion Mass Spectrometer experiments; co-investigator on the Mars Global Surveyor Spacecraft MAG/ER experiment, which is orbiting Mars

Dr. Milton Cormier '48, helped developed a powerful tool: glow-in-the-dark genes, which help scientists see how genes are expressed or detect tumor tissue

Jeff DeBlanc '47, Medal of Honor recipient

Capt. Stephen J. Bennett '66, Medal of Honor recipient

Robert J. Hymel '69, retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel killed on Sept. 11, 2001, when an airliner hijacked by terrorists crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he was working as a civilian management analyst

Dr. Joseph Keith Melancon '82, physician who made medical history by performing the first quintuple kidney transplant

Alexander McCool Jr. '50, manager of NASA Space Shuttle Projects Office 1960

Dorothy Pocklington '56, brigadier general

James Sabatier '73, designed a laser system to detect land mines that was used at Ground Zero after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack to determine danger posed by shifting debris

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