

FIERCE LEADS THE CHARGE.

University Laboratory School and ULS Foundation 2021 Points of Pride

Last school year, amidst extraordinary circumstances, Cubs proved that we are truly Stronger Together. A record-breaking 634 donors gave nearly \$103,000 on Giving Day, adding to the growing impact made through our Annual Appeal (\$455,495 and counting!). Thanks to the leadership giving of several proud Cub fans, we're nearing the \$1.3 million goal for the Champions Corner project at the Cub Complex.

Your generosity inspires total effort in every endeavor:

- ULS is the first public school in Louisiana to earn national STEM certification. Last year, two 5th grade students placed Platinum Top 25 in the Louisiana Elementary Math and Coding Olympiad. Every year, 20% of annual appeal gifts are dedicated to meeting technology needs.
- The Louisiana Department of Education consistently recognizes ULS as an A-rated school and as one of the highest performing schools in Louisiana.
- ULS was selected to be in the first cohort of Knock Knock Children's Museum's Making Spaces Initiative. The two-year journey is designed to develop local leadership around maker-centered learning and to build a foundation in early STEM education through making and tinkering while emphasizing sustainability and growth. Funding for the cohort partnership is provided through the generosity of our Cub community.
- ULS offers a full spectrum of dual enrollment, International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma program and Advanced Placement (AP) courses that allow students to graduate with most, if not all, required college freshman credits.
- ULS became the first IB-authorized school in Louisiana in 2003 and remains one of 10 in the state. Our students achieve a 94% pass rate on the IB Diploma, and five members of the Class of 2021 earned full IB diplomas.
- Dual enrollment offerings last year supported 145 juniors and seniors in earning 1,224 college credit hours awarded by LSU. LSU's tuition is currently \$797.50 per credit hour, amounting to more than \$976,000 savings total for our students.
- Forty-six students placed among the top three regionally in their grade levels and categories for the 2021 Young Authors Writing Competition. Eleven of these regional winners placed in the top three at the state level.
- Thirty-eight juniors and seniors joined the prestigious 30+ Society by scoring 30 or higher on the ACT.
- Two students earned National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist status and a third student was named National Merit Commended Scholar.
- Twenty-four ULS instructors have earned National Board Certification. Comparatively, ULS has among the highest percentage of faculty who meet this gold standard. ULS teachers have the added benefit of pursuing such certifications and professional development funded by ULS Annual Appeal.
- All ULS instructors hold or are currently working toward master's degrees or doctorates and certificates in their fields of expertise. Many are also certified student teacher supervisors, preparing future teachers to excel in the classroom. Associate teachers, who accompany elementary classroom instructors, hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in education.

- A ULS physics and environmental systems instructor was named Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana Science Teachers Association.
- ULS and its student body have a strong commitment to community service that is recognized both locally and nationally. Last year alone, ULS ranked first in the state and third in the nation for funds raised through the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. Students also participated in One Great Day of Giving, collecting 640 grocery bags of nonperishable food items (totaling more than 5,000 pounds!) for The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry.
- Six ULS students placed at the state level in the 2021 No Place for Hate Poetry and Poster competition. This year marks the 11th year in a row that ULS has been designated by the Anti-defamation League as a "No Place for Hate" school.
- A graduate of the Class of 2021 is one of approximately 1,000 students in the nation (from a pool of 11,000+) selected for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy. He follows in the footsteps of his brother, a fellow ULS alumnus, and was assessed based on academic achievements, athletic achievements, character, and leadership potential.
- The ULS Foundation underwrote the opportunity for students and faculty to hear from three nationally distinguished speakers and authors. Sybil Haydel Morial, recently recognized as a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana Public Broadcasting, spoke to high school students about her life as an educator, activist, community leader, a civil rights icon, and in her own words, "a witness to change" during a critical period in U.S. history. ULS also participated in a customized professional development workshop conducted by two of the country's most influential Black educators and leaders, Ivory Toldson, PhD, and Bentley Gibson, PhD.
- More than 30 students were selected to showcase their artwork throughout the Baton Rouge area, including within the Louisiana State Capitol and Baton Rouge Gallery.
- Every year, the art department strives to participate in more than 50 vocal, theatrical, and instrumental shows that are performed by student groups spanning elementary through high school.
- The ULS Foundation is proud to support student fundraising initiatives for the Arts Program and matches their efforts up to \$10,000 each year. Additionally, 5% of annual appeal gifts are allocated to the arts each year.
- Thirty-three seniors earned spots as Louisiana High School Athletic Association All-Academic athletes.
- Twelve UHS senior athletes signed with colleges to continue their athletic endeavors after graduation.
- Since the school's opening in 1915, Cub athletes and coaches have won 85 athletic state championships at the varsity level.

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