

2025 OPENING SESSION - LAFAYETTE

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton – 1521 W. Pinhook

Date: January 30 - February 1, 2025



Agenda Items

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| Thursday,
January 30 | 2:00-2:15 PM | Welcome to Leadership Louisiana
(Location: LHC Group – 901 Hugh Walis Road South) |
| | 2:15-3:30 PM | Meet the Class |
| | 3:30-4:15 | Welcome/Regional Overview |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mandi Mitchell, CEO, Lafayette Economic Development Authority ('05 Alum)</i> |
| | 4:15 | Welcome to LHC Group and Brief Tour |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Brach Myers, Senior Vice President, LHC Group and Member, Louisiana House of Representatives ('24 Alum)</i> |
| | 4:30 PM | Head to Hotel and Check In |
| | 5:30 PM | Meet in lobby of hotel for Name Tags.
Ride Bus to reception.

(Location: First Horizon Bank Tower, downtown:
200 W. Congress St./Corner of Buchanan St.) |
| | 6:00-7:30 PM | Opening Reception Host and Sponsor: First Horizon
(Dress: business casual) |

	8:00-till	Unofficial Welcome After Party Home of Dr. Dee Garrett ('18 Alum) 701 Elysian Fields, Lafayette
Friday, January 31	7:45-8:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast – Vermilion Ballroom at Hotel (1 st Floor)
	8:45- AM 11:45AM/ 12:00 PM	“Why Louisiana Ain’t Mississippi” The people, places and history that shape our state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jay Dardenne, Former Commissioner of Administration ('94 Alum)</i>
	12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:10 PM	Front of Hotel - Board Bus for Alumni House – University of Louisiana at Lafayette
	1:45-2:15 PM	University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Joe Savoie, President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette ('97 Alum)</i>
	2:30-3:30PM	“State of the State” Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Barry Erwin, Chief Policy Director, Better Louisiana</i>
	3:30-4:15 PM	Break - Small Group breakout discussions
	4:15 PM	Board Bus for Lafayette Tour/Tides Medical
	4:45-5:45	Tour of Tides Medical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joe Spell, CEO, Tides Medical</i> • <i>Doug Payne, COO, Tides Medical ('23 Alum)</i>
	5:45 PM	Board Bus to Acadiana Center for the Arts
	6:00 PM	Arrive at ACA Socializing, drinks and tour
		7:00 <i>Sing-for-Your-Supper...? Dinner</i>
	8:30 PM	Load bus, return to hotel

Saturday,
February 1

7:45-8:45 AM

Vermillion Ballroom: Breakfast Buffet
Sign up for door prizes!

9:00 AM

Depart Hotel and head to **Vermillionville** (go in your own car. 300 Fisher Rd., Lafayette.)

9:30-10:30 AM

Leadership Louisiana 2025 Class Survey on Public Issues

- *Dr. Michael Henderson, Research Director & Assistant Professor of Research, Public Policy Research Lab, Manship School of Mass Communication, LSU*

10:30 AM

Break

10:45-11:30 AM

Community Leadership in Action

- *Carlee Alm-LaBar, Executive Director, Schumacher Foundation ('18 Alum)*
- *Will LaBar, Vice President, CGI ('24 Alum)*

11:30/45 AM

Adjourn – Have a safe trip home!

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