

# Focus on Diversity

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## Shadowing opportunities available for 2021 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with Just the Beginning, is again hosting the Suit Up for the Future program this summer, a free three-week legal institute for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession.

The 2021 program is set for June 14 through July 2. During the program, students attend an abridged law school session, take field trips to law schools and courts, and participate in an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Legal professionals are being asked to participate in shadowing opportunities. During the program's second week (June 21-25), students will be assigned to "shadow" attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This is an opportunity for the students to see for themselves what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. Attorneys and firms interested in providing a shadowing opportunity for one or more students should email [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org).

The program application deadline is May 10 for high school juniors, seniors and students entering their first year of college in fall 2021. Students may apply online at: [www.lsba.org/goto/suitup](http://www.lsba.org/goto/suitup).

## 12th Annual LSU Legends Forum presented via Zoom

The board of directors of the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Alumni Association hosted the 12th Annual Legends Forum via Zoom on Oct. 23, 2020. The theme of the forum was "Cornerstone: How Those Who Were Turned Away Helped Pave the Way."

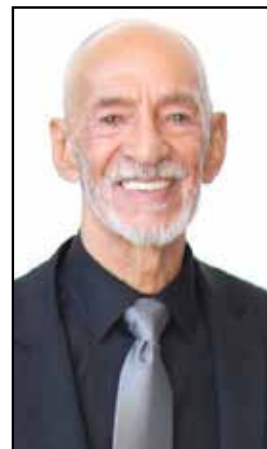
During the forum, A.P. Tureaud, Jr. was honored with the Legends Award. He is the son of civil rights legend A.P. Tureaud, Sr.

For more than 30 years, the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter has worked with university leaders to support diversity, equity and inclusion at LSU. In 1989, the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Alumni Chapter was organized at LSU in Baton Rouge by black alumni. Several years later, it was reconstituted as the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni Chapter.

During its 31 years of existence, the chapter has been a constructive and formidable contributor to improving the quality of educational services at LSU. In addition to its support for diversity, equity and inclusion, the chapter has sponsored numerous programs, activities, scholarships and ceremonies. One yearly ceremony is the Annual Legends Forum, which honors outstanding alumni.

"Over the years, I have attended several

Legend Forums, which is held during Homecoming, and have been privileged to know many of the honorees. I was surprised and delighted this year to be the honored recipient for this exceptional event," Tureaud said.



A.P. Tureaud, Jr.

In addition to the ceremony, representatives from the chapter and the leaders of the university, including the Board of Supervisors, the president and provosts, committed themselves to working collaboratively to make significant decisions attacking racial bias and developing more meaningful opportunities for black students and faculty.

The A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Black Alumni LSU Chapter leaders are actively engaged with the leadership of LSU to work together for change. The Legends Forum was a pivotal event to share future expectations for blacks at LSU.

## Become a Signatory

### to the LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles

For more information or to view the statement online, visit [www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityPrinciples.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityPrinciples.aspx)

# Nominations accepted through June 30 for Citizen Lawyer Award

Nominations will be accepted through June 30 for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) *Citizen Lawyer Award*, a service award that recognizes individual attorneys and judges who have performed public services out of a sense of duty, responsibility and professionalism.

In 2001, the LSBA instituted the Crystal Gavel Awards. This award program was updated in 2014 and renamed the Citizen Lawyer Awards.


To be nominated, the lawyer must be admitted to practice in Louisiana, and the judge must have been elected or appointed

to a state or federal court in Louisiana. Nominees must have made a difference in their local communities, in local organizations, or in the life of one person, and have served the public in a number of areas, including:

- ▶ Aiding the administration of justice.
- ▶ Assisting groups or individuals on a volunteer basis in a non-legal capacity.
- ▶ Educating the public or individuals or students about legal matters.
- ▶ Providing pro bono legal services in a matter of a significant nature, or in a significant number of cases, or in a way that significantly changed the life of a person or group.

▶ Working in conjunction with the court system to make it more welcoming, inviting and understandable for jurors, witnesses or victims of crime.

Awards are presented in local communities throughout the state. There is no limit to the number of awards which will be presented, as the LSBA wishes to recognize all deserving individuals.

For more information about the award or to submit a nomination, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CitizenLawyerAward>. Or email the LSBA's Member Outreach and Diversity Department at [outreach@lsba.org](mailto:outreach@lsba.org). 



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