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Grambling State University to Host 2010 Louisiana Recreation & Park Conference

Louisiana Recreation and Park Association (LRPA), in conjunction with Grambling State University and Ruston Parks and Recreation, will host its annual conference January 24-26, 2010, at the Grambling State University Assembly Center. LRPA is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to advancing the development of professionals and students in the fields of leisure service and parks and recreation.

This conference will provide educational sessions and professional networking opportunities for professionals and students in the following areas: recreation, therapeutic recreation, athletics, community wellness and conservation. CEU's will be available for all sessions. Several exhibitors from throughout the region will be on site displaying various playground modules and related recreation/athletic equipment.

Dr. Willie Daniel, Grambling State University-Department Head of Kinesiology, Sport and Leisure Studies will be the conference opening session speaker on Monday, January 24th at 8:30am. NFL Hall of Famer and Ruston, Louisiana native Fred Dean will serve as keynote speaker of the LRPA Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, January 25th at 12:00 noon. During this luncheon, Chesapeake Energy Corp. will award five (5) \$500 scholarships to area college students. A limited number of tickets are available for \$30.00/person for the awards luncheon.

Pre-registration deadline for conference early bird rate is Friday, January 15th. For additional registration information and official conference program, visit our website www.lrpa.net or call (800) 810-3882.