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Shreveport was a desolate outpost until Henry Miller Shreve cleared the 180-mile logjam known as the Great Raft, opening the Red River’s shipping lanes and our ports for business. Today, Shreveport is the center of a network that fuels business across the globe.

Shreveport sits at the intersection of I-20 and I-49, connecting Kansas City and Lafayette, Dallas and Atlanta. Our river port continues to drive commerce, gaining businesses access to domestic and international markets through the Mississippi River and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Shreveport Regional is the second most trafficked freight airport in Louisiana. Our intricate railway system serves as yet another channel of trade.

Shreveport is the economic hub of the Ark-La-Tex.

Our people are our most valuable resource. We are the third largest city in the State of Louisiana with 200,000 residents and a metropolitan area of nearly half-a-million people. This versatile, productive workforce is the engine that drives industry across the Ark-La-Tex.

This workforce is a product of our commitment to quality education and vocational training. Caddo Parish has 62 schools, twelve of which have been designated Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, we have a higher education system that boasts one of the best private liberal arts colleges in the country, a four-year state university, and a community college—not to mention, a vocational school that offers an assortment of job training programs.

Shreveport is also home to a robust medical community. This community includes three major hospital systems, the only certified trauma center in North Louisiana, a major nursing school, as well as a renowned medical and allied health school.

The Official State Theatre of Louisiana, The Strand, anchors our downtown. It offers off-Broadway shows that appeal to our diverse community. We are proud to host the State’s oldest continually operating professional symphony as well. Our downtown riverfront also includes food and shopping, as well as a state of the art aquarium.

Shreveport is a city on the rise. We appointed our first Chief Technology Officer this year, tasked with implementing smart-city initiatives that foster economic growth. Our eyes are fixed on the future.

Shreveport’s doors are open. We welcome new industry and are eager to work with existing businesses to help them expand. Shreveport is also a fair share city, ensuring that minority businesses and women-owned companies have a place in our economy.

This community is a great place to live and work. Take a tour of our city, and you will see why more and more people are choosing to invest in Shreveport.
DEAR INVESTORS,

First, I would like to say that I am very proud and humbled to have been selected to be your next Board Chairman of The Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. For me, the Chamber of Commerce has always been regarded as one of the top business organizations in our community consisting of business men and women who represent many of the successful industries in our area. I often remember my father, Dr. L. M. “Monty” Harrison, Jr. (who was a member) refer to the Chamber of Commerce as such a prestigious organization yet extremely effective with representing our business community in our local and state governments. Now as Board Chairman, words cannot express how proud I am to serve in this capacity on behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the investors. I cannot forget to mention the outstanding leadership that has come before me. Past Chairman Steve Roop did a fantastic job last year as he carried on the legacy of the many great leaders before him. His support and work with President, Dr. Tim Magner helped build our relevance within our community and the continued growth in our investors. So, thank you Steve for leaving the Chamber in possibly the best condition we have seen in years!

The Chamber has so much legacy and tradition to carry forward. It has been the pillar of the Shreveport business community since its inception back in 1910. As a business owner myself, I have always trusted the Chamber to fight in Baton Rouge and Washington D.C. for the things that matter to our local businesses. The Chamber will continue to advocate for good public policy, solid education, better tax policies for our businesses and promote harmony and positive dialog with our local elected officials. Having been involved with the Chamber of Commerce for almost twenty years now, I have learned how incredibly important our Chamber is to the community. Whether it is related to economic development, military affairs, public policy, healthcare, or education, the Chamber finds ways to impact our community for the good through our advocacy and involvement. The incredible Chamber staff is working every day to make our Chamber useful to its investors and support our local businesses. I am amazed at the work they do behind the scenes to make our local Chamber of Commerce so successful.

Your new Board is ready to go to work. We met together during our Board Retreat in January and are energized for the new 2019 year. This year we have a very strong Board of Directors and Executive Committee that consists of leaders from many different industries. This will help us better connect with all of our businesses and their needs this year. Some of the important key initiatives that we find priority for 2019 are as follows:

- Help resolve and move forward with the completion of the last section of I-49 in our community.
- Work with our new City leaders as they settle into office and establish their goals for our community. We will stay engaged with the City of Shreveport as well as with Parish leaders regularly to help accomplish common goals.
- Continue to have open dialogue with leaders in the Caddo Parish School System to better communicate the needs of the business community as it relates to our workforce.
- Provide support to our local healthcare providers and LSU Medical School.
- Stay engaged with the issues that affect our local businesses as they arise and advocate for positive outcomes.
- Continue to work with Barksdale AFB and support their efforts as they face current challenges. Barksdale continues to be such an incredible part of our community with both its airmen and economic impact.
- Work with local and state economic development entities such as LED and NLEP by supporting their efforts to develop new industry in our region and bring future businesses to Northwest Louisiana.

Last, I want to encourage you to please make an extra effort to attend our Chamber events this year. There are so many different opportunities to get involved with at the Chamber and meet new people. Whether it is a Business Development Connection luncheon or a sponsored event at the Chamber – get involved! You will be amazed at how many events and activities there are with the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. When meetings and events are well attended, they are no doubt more productive! A great way to be informed with what’s going on with the Chamber is the weekly newsletter that is distributed each Monday. I have found them to be incredibly helpful with knowing when events are and providing information about new and existing investors. This year, we have an opportunity to really make a difference in our community through the work of the Chamber of Commerce. My plan is to exhaust all of my efforts towards making the Chamber a better organization than ever before. Do not ever hesitate to reach out to me for ideas of improvement, recommendations, your requests, or even complaints. I am glad to serve this year as your Board Chairman and look forward to another fantastic year in 2019!

PATRICK W. HARRISON
Chairman
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
SHREVEPORT
LOUISIANA
The Center of Culture, Commerce, and Community in Northwest Louisiana

Since its founding in 1835, Shreveport has been a focal point for economic development and a vibrant crossroads for people and ideas. Founded by the Shreve Town Company at the point in the Red River where Captain Henry Miller Shreve cleared the logjam called the ‘Great Raft’, Shreveport has evolved as the cultural and commercial center of an area which encompasses Northwest Louisiana but extends to include Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas, an area we affectionately call the Ark-La-Tex.

Just as Shreveport sits today at the confluence of east-west Interstate Highway 20 and north-south Interstate Highway 49, Shreveport has been a cultural crossroads for generations. The result is a festive mix of Cajun and Creole spices from south Louisiana with cowboy boots and oil rigs from nearby east Texas. Folks around here root for the NFL New Orleans Saints and Dallas Cowboys as well as college teams from Louisiana Tech, Grambling, LSU, Arkansas and Texas A&M. Shreveport hosts the Louisiana State Fair as well as the annual crawfish eating marvel that is the Mudbug Festival. We host the Red River Revel Arts and Music Festival and at least five different Mardi Gras parades complete with floats and beads galore. We have gumbo cooking contests, barbeque cook-offs, and both a wine and a craft beer festival. Not to mention at least 3 local craft breweries and a restaurant scene that includes Indian, Italian, Middle Eastern and Asian and range from tony steakhouses, to taco trucks and everything in between.

Shreveport’s also the commercial center of the Ark-La-Tex with two airports, rail, port and road infrastructure. Ranked as one of the most cost competitive places to do business and among the top ten communities for economic potential, the Greater Shreveport area offers competitive advantages that make us a world class location for high quality talent, innovative companies, and global investment.

The Greater Shreveport area also supports a diverse and balanced economy which was named among the top “25 Cities on the Rise” in Louisiana by NerdWallet.com and No. 18 among “Best Opportunity Cities” by Forbes magazine. Southern Business and Development called Shreveport a “Game Changing Community.”

The Greater Shreveport-Bossier area also offers a wide range of communities to suit any lifestyle choice. Whether it’s a funky downtown loft that is walking distance to bistros and the theater, a suburban-style bedroom community, country club and golf course living, historic neighborhoods with stately homes, or a rural retreat, Shreveport has it all. And with access to some of the best schools in the state, Shreveport is a neighborhood community that is right for you. So, whether you are looking for something familiar, or something a little different, chances are you’ll find it here in Shreveport. Come give Shreveport a try, you’ll be glad you did! Shreveport has been welcoming newcomers and businesses since being founded by the Shreve Town Company in 1835.

From beautiful lakes to gripping sites along the Red River, there is much to see and do in Greater Shreveport. Recently named one of the happiest cities in the nation, it’s no wonder so many choose this vibrant metropolis as their home. The compassion for family, appreciation for the arts and dedication to business derive from the strong roots on which the city originated from.

Shreveport is also known for its smaller sister city, Bossier City with only the river separating them. Together they have six historic districts as well as many landmarks which are listed on the National Register. Among all Louisiana cities with multiple historic landmarks, Shreveport ranks second only to New Orleans.

Shreveport continues to make amazing strides toward growth and residents can expect further development of the downtown area that will continue to bring additional opportunities for both business and leisure. The city certainly originates from a rich culture and history, which makes it a wonderful place to visit and an even better place to call home.
NEWCOMERS TO THE AREA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO IMAGINE IT, but the Red River was once engulfed by large amounts of driftwood and was completely un-navigable. Thousands of years of flooding had caused debris and dislodged trees to create a logjam which resulted in an amalgamation that was wedged so tightly that a person could actually walk across it. The approximately 180-mile-long area was named the Great Raft. Commanding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Captain Henry Miller Shreve took a “snagboat” design he’d been working on and built a vessel called the Heliopolis, which was equipped with a steam-powered windlass that was used to pull large masses of wood and debris from the water. Secretary of War, Lewis Cass, ordered Captain Shreve to clear the Great Raft with the Heliopolis. The Shreve Town Company and the village of Shreve Town were named in Captain Henry Miller Shreve’s honor. It was on March 20, 1839, that the town was incorporated as “Shreveport.”

Shreveport was incorporated as a city in 1871 and its original boundaries were contained within a 64-block district located just west of the Red River. The economy and growth of Shreveport was based on steamboat commerce and centered on the river throughout the 1800s. The early key industries included lumber and manufacturing, and also included cotton and other agricultural crops. In time, as businesses began relying on the railroads as a means of shipping products and goods, the river once again became impassible due to a waning of steamboat traffic and debris accumulation. In 1994, the river underwent restoration that renewed the Shreveport-Bossier area as a thriving port and shipping center. Once the river opened to steamboats again, riverboat gambling returned to the port and to this day draws in large degrees of revenue from tourism.

DID YOU KNOW?
Visible from I-20, the “Once in a Millennium Moon Mega Mural” spans 25,000 sq. ft. on two sides of the AT&T building in Shreveport.

DID YOU KNOW?
Shreveport has contributed more quarterbacks to the NFL than any other American city of this size. Terry Bradshaw, Stan Humphries, Don Mullins, Joe Ferguson, David Woodley, Brock Berlin, and Craig Bradshaw, to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW?
Every June vibrant wild sunflowers bloom along the Boom or Bust Byway, making it ideal for a scenic Sunday drive.

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BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

WHAT WAS ONCE COTTON FIELDS
in Northwestern Louisiana has evolved into
one of the largest bomb wings in the Air Force
– the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force
Base. Barksdale is also home of the mighty
Eighth Air Force, which played a pivotal role
in World War II. Also headquartered here is
Air Force Global Strike Command, which is
responsible for ballistic missiles, the entire
bomber fleet and the nuclear enterprise.

Since the early 1930s, Barksdale Air Force
Base, once known as Barksdale Field, has
been a cornerstone that proudly serves the
local community by offering employment
opportunities and generating revenue in
the local economy, while simultaneously
providing nuclear deterrence, global strike
and combat support operations. This base is
home to more than 8,500 active duty, reserve
and civilian personnel and the mighty B-52
Stratofortress.

Throughout the years, Barksdale was the
host of numerous aircraft supporting many
different missions from A-8 Shrikes and
Douglas B-18 Bolos to KC-97 Stratotanker
aircraft and KC-135 Stratotankers. The
base was also a training site for the famous
17th Bomb Group, led by Gen. Jimmy
Doolittle before their raid on Tokyo in April
1942.

Barksdale has also played pivotal roles in
many famous operations such as Operation
Just Cause in December 1989, Operation
Desert Shield in August 1990 and Operation

Today, Barksdale hosts the full-spectrum of
B-52 training and operations. The 11th and
93rd Bomb Squadrons provide initial B-52
training while the 340th Weapons Squadron
trains aircrew in graduate-level B-52 tactics.
The 20th, 96th and Air Force Reserve
343rd Bomb Squadrons are responsible for
executing long-range strike operations around
the globe.

The Mighty Eighth, is comprised of six
wings, the 608th Air Operations Squadron
and the 595th Command and Control
Group. The Eighth Air Force mission is
to safeguard America’s interests through
strategic deterrence and global combat
power.

Also hosted at Barksdale is Air Force
Global Strike Command. This command
is made up of more than 33,000
experts under two numbered air forces,
ine wings at eight bases around the
continental United States with Airmen
deployed to various bases around the
world.

Together, these three commands make
Barksdale one of the most powerful places
in the world. Barksdale Air Force Base was
named after Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale,
Air Corps, U.S. Army, to honor his legacy
and accomplishments after his death in
1926.

In 1931, when construction began, past
leaders knew this 22,000 acre plot of
land was going to be the foundation for
a powerful force. However, it’s not the
land or commands that makes this place
extraordinary. It’s the people who make up
this fighting force and execute the mission
every single day.

It is the aircrew flying bomber missions,
the chefs preparing meals, the defenders
watching the gates, the groundskeepers
taking care of the land, the maintainers
repairing, and many more who defend
our country every day from right here in
Louisiana.

This diverse group executes the Barksdale
mission and epitomizes the legacy of
the 2nd Bomb Wing motto, Libertatem
Defendimus: “Liberty We Defend.”

“Over 14,000 active duty, civilians and dependents call
Northwest Louisiana home as a result of the presence of
Barksdale Air Force Base.”

TESSA CORRICK
Airman 1st Class
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Barksdale Air Force Base, located in Bossier City, Louisiana, was dedicated on February 2, 1933 and was the result of many years of work by prominent citizens of Shreveport, Louisiana. As a result of their efforts, Bossier City was selected as the site of what at that time was the largest air field in the world, and construction began in 1931. Barksdale Air Force base is named for Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale, a veteran of World War I who was killed while flight testing an O-2 observation aircraft in 1926.

Today, Barksdale Air Force Base is home to headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Eighth Air Force, Second Bomb Wing and 307th Bomb Wing, Air Force Reserve. Forty seven B-52G aircraft are stationed at Barksdale. Over 14,000 active duty, civilians and dependents call Northwest Louisiana home as a result of the presence of Barksdale Air Force Base. The annual Economic Impact of Barksdale on the local economy is over $821 million.

Barksdale Air Force Base and its personnel have a long history of supporting our nation in combat operations. In World War II, Barksdale was a bomber training base providing flight training to pilots and aircrews in the B-26, B-17 and B-29. Other aircraft stationed at Barksdale over the years have included the B-45, B-47, KC-97, KC-135 and KC-10 aircraft. The Global Power Museum located at Barksdale Air Force Base (free and open to the public) pays tribute to the history of the men, women and aircraft that have been associated with Barksdale Air Force Base. The first combat mission in operation Desert Storm was launched from Barksdale, when seven B-52Gs flew a 35 hour mission—the longest combat mission in history at that time—to fire conventional air launched cruise missiles against Iraq. Immediately following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, President George Bush chose Barksdale as a secure location from which to speak to the American Public.

The “Mighty Eighth” Air Force, of World War II fame, is headquartered at the base. Barksdale is home to the 2nd Bomb Wing, 2nd Operations Group, 2nd Maintenance Group, 2nd Mission Support Group, the 2nd Medical Group, Eighth Air Force Museum (which maintains the historical aircraft and artifacts that grace the base) and the Air Force Reserve’s 917th Wing.

Barksdale is an integral part of the Ark-La-Tex region, and we are proud to support our men and women who choose to serve our great nation.
NESTLED BETWEEN THE BANKS of the Red River and the Texas state line, there’s a city teeming with potential, artistic flair and southern hospitality that’s so sweet, it’ll make your lips pucker. That city is Shreveport.

Having lived in and around the Shreveport area my entire life, I’ve been privileged enough to see Shreveport’s potential grow. Our city has pretty much anything anyone could ever need. We’ve got a low cost of living, with plenty of available real estate. From renovated downtown warehouse lofts to mansions on a golf course, horse ranches to historic homes with large oak trees, Shreveport has it all. Or maybe you just want to live in a good school district on a peaceful street. In Shreveport, we’ve got those, too.

Aside from just a house, a city needs amenities and luxuries that set it apart to make you want to call it home. Living in Shreveport, it will take you no more than 20 minutes to get anywhere you want to go in the city, even at peak rush hour times. We have some of the best K-12 schools in the state, plus a four-year state university, a two-year state university, a private liberal arts college, various vocational schools, as well as both a nursing school and a medical school. As for shopping, we’ve got the major retailers and grocery chains, but we also have some of the best locally-owned, unique shops with all the southern hospitality and customer service you could possibly stand. Our weather is fantastic, and you can enjoy the outdoors year-round. Who wouldn’t want to live somewhere like Shreveport?

And dining? Oh, man! Louisianans love to eat, and Shreveport is no different! With the influence from Barksdale Air Force Base just across the river and our perfect positioning at the intersections of I-49 and I-20, our food culture is quite diverse. We’ve got Hawaiian, Mexican, Indian, Vietnamese, Italian, Chinese, Middle Eastern, Japanese, Texas-style bar-be-que, Peruvian, Southern soul food and of course, Cajun and Creole. Everyone’s dining taste buds can be satisfied in Shreveport.

One of the best things about our city is the vibrant arts community. Most cities of our size can’t say that they are home to the official state theatre, a symphony, an opera and a ballet. But Shreveport can. You can drive into nearly any part of our city and see the influence from the arts. From huge murals towering over downtown to the sounds of the multitude of local musicians playing nightly, you’ll find your creative inspiration in Shreveport.

Perhaps traditional art isn’t your thing. Maybe you’d rather enjoy the beauty of mother nature. With a plethora of lakes, running trails, 63 public parks and local, regional and national sporting events, your desire to get outside can be exercised in Shreveport.

By and large, though, the best thing about Shreveport is our people. Our culture is a mix of South Louisiana’s ingenuity, East Texas’ hard-working attitude and Southern Arkansas’ love for nature. The people here play, just as hard as they work. And even though Shreveport is technically a city, the small-town feel means you’ll always find a helping hand and a friendly face, even in a crowd full of strangers. So, welcome to our big, little city! We look forward to learning more about you, while showing you the best we have to offer in Shreveport. 

Welcome Home to Shreveport
Factors that make Shreveport-Bossier Competitive:

- Louisiana Effectively Provides a Zero Cooperate Income Tax Environment for Items Produced in Louisiana and Exports to Other Regions.
- As of July 2009, Shreveport-Bossier’s electricity, water, natural gas, machinery, and equipment used by production centers and manufacturers, are effectively exempt from sales tax. That means businesses can afford to invest in the very best production equipment without needless overhead increases.
- Louisiana’s low number of unionized workers and the ratio of worker skill-to-pay favors the businesses and organizations seeking the best talent at the most affordable rates.
- Louisiana businesses have a plethora of incentives from state, local and federal levels, including many tax incentives unique to the state and region.
- Louisiana, as a right-to-work state, allows business owners the flexibility to select and retain the most productive laborers.
- Shreveport recently passed a nondiscrimination clause to ensure all businesses and their workers are protected from intolerance, further adding to the cultural and professional value of the region.
- With the completion of I-49 North, and the projected completion of 3132, expansion to the Port of Caddo-Bossier will make the region a hub for east-west and north-south travelers, and will provide important shipping avenues for manufacturers.
**Greater Shreveport Metro Area Highways**

Shreveport is connected to the rest of the world through a superior interstate system.

- I-20 is a major east-west Interstate Highway that touches six states in the South and connects to seven of the ten primary north-south Interstates.
- I-49 is an Interstate Highway running north-south, touching Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri.
- I-220 is an east-west bypass route around Shreveport, efficiently expediting traffic flow around the city.
- Louisiana Transportation Trust fund was established in 1989.
- All taxes levied on fuels are invested in the trust fund.
- Funds are dedicated for:
  - Construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state and federal highways.
  - State Flood-Control Program.
  - Ports, airports, transit, state police for traffic control.
  - Parish Transportation Fund.

**Railroads**

- Rail service by – Kansas City Southern Railroad (KCS) – Union Pacific Railroad.
- Shreveport intermodal container loading/unloading at the Kansas City Southern Deramus Yard.
- Next-day, second-day and third-day rail service to the Sunbelt and Midwest regions.

**Motor Freight Services**

- Next day and second day motor freight delivery from Northwest Louisiana encompasses most of the Sunbelt and Midwest U.S.
- Northwest Louisiana has convenient access to I-20 (east-west) and to I-49 (north-south) which connects Shreveport to I-10 (east-west) in South Louisiana.
- Overnight delivery service can reach more than 43 million people.

**SporTran**

SporTran sports a fleet of over 50 modern buses equipped to handle all passengers, including those with disabilities. Our newest buses are equipped with the latest emission reduction systems and include dual-fuel (Hybrid) buses. In 2010, SporTran placed in service the first buses powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

- Discount fares accommodate students, senior citizens and monthly riders.
Shreveport Regional Airport

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has honored Shreveport Regional Airport with two awards for its efforts to promote safety and efficiency. In addition to being named 2009 Louisiana Airport of the Year, the airport was singled out among airports in the five-state Southwest Region for an Excellence in Construction Safety award. The FAA’s Southwest Region includes Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

- Designated small hub airport served by five airlines to seven destinations
- Over 42 scheduled arrivals and departures per day
- Service provided by – American Airlines to Charlotte, North Carolina (CLT), Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas (DFW) – Allegiant to and Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS) & to Orlando, Florida (SFB) – United Airlines to Houston, Texas and Denver, Colorado (DEN) - Delta Airlines to Atlanta, Georgia (ATL).
- U.S. Customs Office on site – Port of Entry
- Foreign Trade Zone
- Shreveport area and region are AEROready Certified

Shreveport Regional Airport Offers:

- Two Runways:
  - 14/32 - 8,351 feet long, ILS CAT I, II
  - 5/23 - 6,202 feet long
- 24-Hour Control Tower
- Easy access to I-20, I-220 & I-49
- Six miles from Downtown Shreveport
- U.S. Customs
- 24/7 ATC
- Enterprise Zone
- 2 Fire Stations on site

Downtown Shreveport Airport

- General Aviation/reliever airport
- Houses privately owned and corporate aircraft
- Houses aircraft maintenance
- Southern University Shreveport airframe and power plant mechanics certification school
- Primary runway is 5,000 feet

Air Cargo Carriers and Handlers

- Federal Express
- United Parcel Service
- Worldwide Flight Services
- Mountain Air Cargo
ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX

The Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) produces the ACCRA Cost of Living Index to provide a useful and reasonably accurate measure to compare cost of living differences among urban areas. Items on which the Index is based have been carefully chosen to reflect the different categories of consumer expenditures. Weights assigned to relative costs are based on government survey data on expenditure patterns for mid-management households. All items are priced in each place at a specified time and according to standardized specifications.

The index is based on the following categories:
- Grocery (13.47%)
- Housing (28.15%)
- Utilities (9.90%)
- Transportation (8.99%)
- Health (4.57%)
- Miscellaneous (34.92%)

Race (2016 Estimate)

- African American: 56.80%
- White: 37.94%
- Other: 3.20%
- Asian: 1.66%
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.39%

Income (2018 Estimate)

- Median Household Income: $40,287
- Average Household Income: $62,008

Educational Attainment (2018 Estimate)

- High School Graduate: 31.70%
- Associate Degree: 5.15%
- Bachelor’s Degree: 15.47%
- Master’s, Professional or Doctorate: 8.66%

CLIMATE

The Shreveport area has a humid, subtropical climate. Rainfall is abundant, with the normal annual precipitation averaging 51.4 inches in 2017, with monthly averages ranging from 2.7 inch in August to 5.4 inches in June. The winter months are normally mild with possible ice and sleet. Summer months are hot and humid, with maximum temperatures exceeding 90 degrees an average of 87.7 days per year, with high to very high relative average humidity, sometimes exceeding the 90% level.

TEMPERATURE

- Average high temperature - June-August 92.5°F – 2018
- The average coolest month is January - 36.2°F – 2018

PRECIPITATION

- Annual rainfall per year – 2017: 51.4 inches
- Measurable annual snowfall – 2017: 1 inches

Source: www.weatherbase.com, 2018
Shreveport Rankings:

• Shreveport ranks 17 out of the top 25 cities with the lowest cost of living. The ranking – which assessed more than 220 cities with populations of more than 100,000 – focused primarily on the ratio of home values to income, median property taxes, median home values, median rent, and ratios of monthly housing cost to income for each place. They also took the price of gas, the price of groceries, and the ratio of the median rent to income into consideration. Business Insider (8-2016)

• Shreveport has the lowest manufacturing costs in the U.S. The study compared 100 cities within 10 countries by 26 cost factors – such as labor, tax, real estate, transportation, utilities and facilities – and forecasts what those costs will be during the next 10 years. KPMG (7-2016)

• Shreveport ranks No. 3 out of 10 cities - Money Under 30 found 10 cities with affordable housing and above average salaries for 18-to-34-year-olds. The research also included population, median income (with bachelor’s degree or higher), young people making $35,000.00 or higher, and median rent. Money Under 30 (2016)

• Shreveport is the most cost-friendly city to do business among the 27 small-sized U.S. metro areas. (those with populations less than 750,000), according to the 2016 Competitive Alternatives study by KPMG LLP, the audit, tax and advisory firm. Shreveport’s favorable natural gas costs and low effective corporate income tax rate contributed to its first place ranking in the study, which compares key cities across a range of costs and other factors related to doing business. (3-2016)

• Shreveport ranks in the Top Ten of Millennial Friendly Cities. Shreveport, Louisiana ranks among the top ten real estate markets nationwide where millennials make up the greatest share of first-time home buyers. During the first half of 2015, approximately 44 percent of first time home buyers in Shreveport are ages 25-34, as compared to the national average of 37 percent. That makes Shreveport one of the most millennial friendly cities in the U.S. Bloomberg Business citing data from Realtor.com (9-2015)
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AS YOU WILL SEE

in the following pages, the Greater Shreveport-Bossier area is truly the commercial capital of the Ark-La-Tex. Covered by robust transportation infrastructure including two airports, and bustling rail, port and road systems, Shreveport is centrally located and amply equipped to handle distribution and delivery by road, rail and water.

The region's economy is both balanced and diverse including manufacturing, construction, health care, information technology, tourism, retail, oil and gas development, casino gaming, and warehousing and distribution just to name a few.

With both an air force base and a medical school, the region is leveraging both medical and information technologies. Shreveport is a regional medical center hosting innovative biomedical research, as well as centers of excellence in cardiac and cancer care. The growing IT sector provides everything from web and app developers, support for local and federal government contracts to cutting-edge cyber security initiatives. Because of Shreveport's geographic location, affordable cost of living and expanding technology infrastructure, the region provides a unique opportunity for information companies and teleworkers to live here and work anywhere.

Much of the medical and IT innovation spring from relationships between our higher education institutions and the private sector. In addition to the LSU Medical School, workforce partnerships exist with four-year universities such LSU Shreveport, Louisiana Tech, Southern University and Centenary College as well as Bossier Parish Community College and the Louisiana Technical College. These collaborations are two-way relationships that enable the educational institutions to update their curricula to respond to the needs of a changing economy, in turn preparing students to seamlessly enter the workforce prepared for today's demands.

Shreveport's food culture has exploded of late as well with a wide range of new restaurants representing cuisines from across the country and around the globe. While this is a cultural expansion, it also represents an important expression of the region's entrepreneurial spirit and capacity. Many of these innovative eateries are grown locally, with entrepreneurs leveraging our start-up ecosystem and the communities growing enthusiasm for new dining experiences to create healthy businesses and healthy dining options.

For businesses looking to start or grow, Shreveport-Bossier has some tremendous advantages, including available downtown office space for expansion or relocation, significant available land for construction and a wealth of architects, engineers and construction firms able to bring any commercial vision to life.

Shreveport-Bossier also benefits from a very competitive cost of living. Whether it is housing, utilities or amenities, the ability to experience small town charms like minimal traffic and walkable neighborhoods while enjoying big-city amenities such as 50 festivals, an opera, symphony and sporting events is part of what sets Shreveport apart.

Ranked as one of the most cost competitive places to do business and among the top ten communities for economic potential, the Greater Shreveport area offers competitive advantages that can make us your world class location for high quality talent, innovative companies, and global investment.

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“Shreveport LA: Open for Business”
## Industry Snapshot of Caddo Parish, Louisiana

### Current Four Quarters Ending with 2018 Q3

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*Quotient - Location quotient (LQ) is a way of quantifying how concentrated a particular industry, cluster, occupation, or demographic group is in a region as compared to the nation. It can reveal what makes a particular region "unique." For example, if the leather products manufacturing industry accounts for 10% of jobs in your area but 1% of jobs nationally, then the area’s leather-producing industry has an LQ of 10. So in your area, leather manufacturing accounts for a larger than average "share" of total jobs—the share is ten times larger than normal.

Source: EMSI; Q3 2018 - QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed & NLEP Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.
Louisiana claims the title for the lowest cost U.S. State, with three cities — Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans — ranking among the top four cities in this region.

Ranked as the #1 most cost competitive place to do business in the southeast region by KPMG Competitive Alternatives (2016). The southeast represents the lowest cost region in the United States and all cities in the region have business costs more than 4.5% below the US baseline. The range of variation in business costs among cities in this region (from lowest cost to highest cost) is also less than in other regions of the US. Louisiana claims the title for the lowest cost U.S. state, with three cities — Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans — ranking among the top four cities in this region. Shreveport is the lowest cost city in the Southeast Region.

Source: KPMG Competitive Alternatives, 2016
INDUSTRIAL PARKS

The Port of Caddo-Bossier

• Port of Entry for Foreign Trade Zone and U.S. Customs
• Port owns approximately 2,600 acres in Caddo and Bossier Parishes at the head of navigation on the Red River Waterway with 9 ft. inland river system draft. Approximately 225 acres have direct access to the river.
• General Cargo Dock has a roll-on/roll-off ramp with rail on dock and 30-ton and a 60-ton cantilever bridge cranes.
• Rail switch yard on-site with 23+ miles of rail on the Port complex. Rail access to industrial sites.
• Both static rail/truck and weigh-in-motion rail certified on site.
• 3,200 LF Slack Water Harbor has a 400 ft. concrete dock and a 200-ton crawler crane.
• Daily service by Union Pacific Railroad, Class I Rail, with local connection to Kansas City Southern Railway, Class I Rail.
• 4-lane access to I-49 (North-South) and I-20 (East-West) with a Record of Decision for the future I-69 corridor crossing at the Port.

Other Industrial Parks

• InterTech Science Park
• North Shreveport Industrial Park
• West Shreveport Industrial Park
• Slack Industrial Park

SHREVEPARK

SHREVEPARK Industrial Campus is owned and operated by the Greater Shreveport Chamber on behalf of its 1,400+ investors, 26 governing Board of Directors and Executive Leadership. The park currently has 300 acres left for development with a concentration on High Growth Industries, Corporate Headquarters and Light Industrial. The campus is a place of vision, where entreprening leaders are making the technology of the future today’s reality. It offers all the resources you’ll need including a powerful transportation network of water, air, and interstate highways, in a convenient location off the four-lane divided Inner Loop Expressway (Highway 3132) in West Shreveport, just one mile south of Interstate 20 and five miles from Shreveport Regional Airport. SHREVEPARK is close to Interstate 49, Union Pacific Railroad Facilities and the Port of Shreveport/Bossier. The Park is strategically located 15 miles from the Texas border and 30 miles from the Arkansas border.

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AEROPARK

• 250 acres available for development
• All infrastructure in place, including sewer, water, gas and electrical
• Foreign Trade Zone classification
• U.S. Customs and Border Protection on site
• Fiber Optic Network available
• Economic incentives from State of Louisiana
• Railspur expansion for rail service available
• Near three interstate highways
• Located 15 miles from the Port of Shreveport-Bossier
• Louisiana Economic Development Certified Sites
• Shreveport area and region is AEROready Certified

Additional Space: Warehouse District

• 50 acres available for development
• All infrastructure in place, including sewer, water, gas and electrical
• Foreign Trade Zone classification
• U.S. Customs and Border Protection on site
• Fiber Optic Network available
• Economic incentives from State of Louisiana
• Railspur expansion for rail service available
• Near three interstate highways
• Located 15 miles from the Port of Shreveport-Bossier
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

WIOA is a program established to prepare youth and adults facing serious barriers to employment for participation in the labor force by providing job training and other services that will result in increased employment and earnings, increased educational and occupational skills, and decreased welfare dependency, thereby improving the quality of the workforce and enhancing the productivity and competitiveness of the Nation. WIOA supports the development of strong vibrant regional economies where businesses thrive and people want to live and work.

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LED FastStart

No. 1 State Workforce Development Program Recognized for its innovation, effectiveness, flexibility and efficiency, LED FastStart® is the nation’s best state workforce training program, according to Business Facilities magazine.

FastStart provides customized employee recruitment, screening, training development and training delivery for eligible, new or expanding companies — all at no cost. Based on a company’s immediate and long-term workforce needs, the FastStart team crafts unique programs that ensure high-quality, flexible workers are prepared on day one and beyond.

The FastStart team includes dozens of experienced professionals from a range of businesses — manufacturing to corporate headquarters, digital media to customer support centers and R&D. FastStart has designed and delivered comprehensive workforce solutions for a wide variety of Fortune 500 companies, as well as high-tech companies funded by leading venture capital firms.

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INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM (IWTP)

The Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP) is a partnership between the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), business and industry, and training providers. The IWTP is designed to benefit business and industry by assisting in the skill development of existing employees and thereby increasing employee productivity and the growth of the company. These improvements are expected to result in the creation of new jobs, the retention of jobs that otherwise may have been eliminated, and an increase in wages for trained workers.

Funding

The program is funded by a social charge assessed on employers that is paid along with Unemployment Insurance tax contributions.

Eligibility Criteria:

• Employers:
  1. Must have been in business in the state for at least three years, contributing and in full compliance with state UI tax laws;
  2. Must have at least 15 employees to be trained (employers can form consortiums to meet this requirement); and
  3. Request training to either: a) prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological change, or national or global competition; b) create, update, or retain jobs in a labor demand occupation; or c) update or retain jobs in an occupation which is not a labor demand occupation, if the administrator determines that the services are necessary to prevent the likely loss of jobs.

• Trainees must be incumbent workers for whom the employer incurs a Louisiana UI tax liability;

• Training Providers selected by employers must demonstrate a history of:
  1. Successful training through its placement, retention, and satisfaction rates;
  2. Collaboration with the targeted industry in the development of the training program curriculum; and
  3. Use of a current industry standard as the basis for programs utilized to train students for employment in the targeted industry.
Enterprise Zone

The Enterprise Zone, or EZ program is a jobs incentive program that provides Louisiana income and franchise tax credits to a new or existing business located in Louisiana creating permanent net new full-time jobs, and hiring at least 50% of those net new jobs from one of four targeted groups. The benefit provides:

- Either a one-time $3,500 or $1,000 tax credit for each net new job created.
- A rebate of state sales and use taxes paid on qualifying materials, machinery, furniture, and/or equipment purchased or a 1.5% refundable investment tax credit on the total capital investment, excluding tax exempted items. The rebate shall not exceed $100,000 per net new job.

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Restoration Tax Abatement

The Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) program provides an up to 10 year abatement of ad valorem property taxes on the renovations and improvements of existing commercial structures and owner-occupied residences.

- Five-year contract; option for a five-year renewal with local governing authority approval.

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Research & Development Tax Credit

The Research and Development Tax Credit encourages existing businesses with operating facilities in Louisiana to establish or continue research and development activities within the state.

- Provides up to a 30% tax credit on qualified research expenditures incurred in Louisiana — with no cap and no minimum requirement.

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Louisiana Quality Jobs Rebate

The Quality Jobs, or QJ, program provides a cash rebate to companies that create well-paid jobs and promote economic development.

- The program provides up to a 6% cash rebate of annual gross payroll for new direct jobs for up to 10 years.
- Provides a state sales/use tax rebate on capital expenditures or a 1.5% project facility expense rebate on the total capital investment, excluding tax exempted items.

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Foreign Trade Zone

- Imported materials/components into the U.S. pay no duty until they enter the market
- Goods shipped out of the country, from the foreign trade zone, are duty free
- Located at the Port of Caddo-Bossier & Shreveport Regional Airport

Angel Investor Tax Credit

Louisiana’s Angel Investor Tax Credit (AITC) encourages accredited investors to invest in early stage, small wealth-creating Louisiana businesses that seek startup and expansion capital.

- Provides a 25% tax credit on investments by accredited investors who invest in businesses certified by Louisiana Economic Development as Louisiana Entrepreneurial Businesses (LEB).
- $3.6 million annual program cap.
- Investors can invest $720,000 per business per year and $1.44 million per business over the life of the program.
- The AITC Program sunsets on July 1, 2021.

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Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP)

The Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) serves as one of the state’s strongest incentives for manufacturing investment and employment growth. Four out of every five states offer a similar program, which makes ITEP key to Louisiana’s ability to continue to win new jobs and capital investment. With local approval, provides an 80% property tax abatement for an initial term of five years and the option to renew for five additional years at 80% tax abatement on manufacturers qualifying capital investments.

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Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit

The Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit provides an 18% tax credit for sound recording projects made in the State of Louisiana. Louisiana also offers some of the world’s finest talent and great recording studios to complement the attractive financial benefits of recording in state. Sound recording investor tax credits are issued as rebates.

The Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit provides:

- A project based production credit of 18% for eligible production expenditures.
- Program is subject to a cap of $2.16 million per year. Projects are subject to a $100,000 cap, per year.

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Live Performance Production Program

Whether you’re launching a national concert tour or staging a new theatrical production, the Live Performance Production Program, statutorily known as the Musical and Theatrical Production Income Tax Credit, will help you hit your mark. Louisiana offers a unique tax incentive for musical and theatrical productions.

- Provides a 7% tax credit for certified Louisiana expenditures between $100,000 and $300,000.
- Provides a 14% tax credit for certified Louisiana expenditures between $300,000 and $1,000,000.
- Provides an 18% tax credit for certified Louisiana expenditures over $1,000,000.
- Provides an additional 7% tax credit for payroll expenditures to Louisiana residents.
- Program is subject to a $10 million cap per year (with 50% or $5 million being reserved for not-for-profit organizations). Projects are subject to a $1 million cap, per year.
- The tax credit is refundable or transferable on a one time basis.

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Digital Interactive Media & Software Development Incentive

Louisiana’s Digital Interactive Media and Software Development tax credit — the strongest of its kind in the nation — is helping innovative digital media and software development companies of all sizes gain a competitive edge.

- Provides a 25% tax credit on qualified payroll for in-state labor and 18% for qualified production expenditures.
- No cap and no minimum requirement.
- Tax credit can be applied to state income tax liability and the state will refund any overages OR applicants can opt for 85% of the value earned as a rebate any time during the year.

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Downtown Shreveport Incentives

- Historic Tax Credits - Federal and State Historic Tax Credits can return up to 45% of all qualified rehabilitation costs up to $5 million on many historic buildings in the Downtown Development District. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) can walk you through the process.
- Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund - the Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation (DSDC) offers a low interest loan of up to $100,000 to those opening or expanding a business or rehabbing a historic building downtown. Some restrictions apply.
- Performance Code Assistance - the Downtown Development Authority works with the State Fire Marshal and City Building Officials to provide advice and assistance prior to plans being drawn and money spent. Equivalencies can be used to save money on life safety requirements and owners can be alerted to potential issues ahead of time.
- Construction Permit Fees Waived - Permits for work to a historic building in the Downtown Development District are waived for any building built prior to 1960.

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Qualified Entertainment Company

The Qualified Entertainment Company, or QEC, program provides a tax credit on annual W2 wages to entertainment companies that create well-paid jobs for Louisiana residents.

- The program provides a 15% credit for each new job whose QEC payroll is equal to or greater than $45,000 per year, up to $66,000 per year.
- Provides a 20% credit for each new job whose QEC payroll is equal to or greater than $66,000 per year, but no greater than $200,000 per year.

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Motion Picture Production Tax Credit

For applications received on or after July 1, 2017, Louisiana’s Motion Picture Production Tax Credit program provides motion picture productions up to a 40% tax credit on total qualified in-state production expenditures, including resident and non-resident labor.

- Provides up to a 40% tax credit (25% base credit; 10% increase for Louisiana screenplay productions, 5% increase if outside of the New Orleans Metro Statistical Area).
- $50,000 minimum in-state expenditure requirement for Louisiana screenplay productions.
- $300,000 minimum in-state expenditure requirement on all other eligible productions.
- The maximum amount of credits that can be issued is $150 million per fiscal year.
- The maximum amount of credits that can be claimed is $180 million per fiscal year.
- Tax credits may be used to offset personal or corporate income tax liability in Louisiana.
- Tax credits may be transferred back to the State for 90% of face value (requires a 2% transfer fee which results in an 88% net).

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Electric Power

- Provided by Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO)
- Serving more than 529,805 customers in the Ark-La-Tex.
  The region consists of Northwest Louisiana (229,976), Northeast Texas (183,705) and Western Arkansas (116,124)


Residential – 1,000 kWh/month, Commercial – 500 kW demand; 10,000 kWh/month, Industrial – 1,000 kW demand; 400,000 kWh/month

Industrial Electric Billing Comparisons

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Natural gas service is provided by CenterPoint Energy to over 130,000 customers in 13 Northwest Louisiana parishes. Retail service is provided as well as competitive transportation service to larger customers meeting minimum volume requirements.

www.centerpointenergy.com

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- Supplied by City of Shreveport
- Activated sludge aeration treatment plants Lucas & North Regional Treatment Plants
- 26,000,000 gpd Average Daily Load
- 37,000,000 gpd Design Capacity
- 5,000,000 gpd Excess Capacity

Water

- Supplied by City of Shreveport
- 78,000,000 gpd Water Plant Capacity
- 40,000,000 gpd Average Daily Consumption
- 65,000,000 gpd Peak Consumption
- 16,000,000 gpd Ground Storage Capacity
- 6,000,000 gpd Elevated Storage Capacity
- 5,000,000 gpd Excess Capacity
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Data/Telecommunications

- **EATEL Business** - By revitalizing the abandoned, historic Selber Bros. building downtown and converting it into a state-of-the-art data center, EATEL Business made its mark on both the Shreveport visual and business landscapes. With the Tier III data facility in place, local businesses can now leverage EATEL’s reliable disaster recovery solutions, expert managed-IT offerings, and invincible data-protection capabilities.

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  Contact: Robert F. Vinet, Regional Director, 318-670-5001, robert.vinet@att.com

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- Cultivate small business, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Enhance workforce development solutions
- Promote Louisiana’s robust business advantages
- Attract foreign direct investments and grow international trade

Don Pierson, CEcD, Secretary – 225-342-3000
www.opportunitylouisiana.com

NLEP - North Louisiana Economic Partnership

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Scott Martinez, CEcD, President – 318-677-2536
www.nlep.org

SWEPCO - Southwestern Electric Power Company

North Louisiana Economic Partnership, an Accredited Economic Development Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) serves 535,000 customers in northwestern and central Louisiana, western Arkansas, East Texas and the Panhandle area of North Texas. Its headquarters is in Shreveport, with regulatory and external affairs offices in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, La. and Little Rock, Ark. SWEPCO is an operating company of American Electric Power (AEP). AEP is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network. AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio. Giving back to our communities by investing in our local economies is a fundamental component of our company vision of powering a new and brighter future for our customers and communities. SWEPCO is proud to support the vibrancy and resilience of the communities that we serve — as an energy company, as a utility and as a system of community support and economic development.

Eric S. Basinger, Economic and Business Development Manager SWEPCO.com
esbasinger@aep.com 318-673-3170

EAP Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program

The Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program, an initiative of BRF, is a public/private partnership between BRF, the Caddo Parish Commission and the City of Shreveport to diversify the regional economy, create jobs and expand the area’s tax base by providing services to innovative startups that have high growth potential. EAP analyzes the viability of ideas and products, matches them with informed investors and nurtures them through the critical steps toward market. EAP provides a suite of services to build sustainable and profitable companies in Northwest Louisiana while stimulating economic development and enhancing the regional innovation entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Dave Smith, Executive Director
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The LSBDC empowers businesses by providing:

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- Access to capital and other resources necessary to grow a business.
- Honest and forthright advice

Dana Cawthon, MBA, Regional Director-
318-357-5611 – dcawthon@lsbdc.org
Amy Jones, Business Counselor (Alexandria)

BRF

BRF is an economic development organization establishing North Louisiana as a preferred destination for high growth initiatives. Diversifying the region’s economy is its mission. It fulfills this mission through initiatives that support community, regional and national needs in health and medicine, resources for entrepreneurs, and the development of a science and technology-based workforce.

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We are the state leader in National Merit Scholars, students scoring perfectly on the ACT, schools distinguished as National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence and students named as U.S. Presidential Scholars. This is only made possible through the joint efforts of our dedicated teachers and staff working hand-in-hand with our community.

In 2018, we had a banner year which showcased the positive momentum we have created in Caddo Parish. We began in April with two students earning titles as Louisiana State Middle and High School Students of the Year. By July, our very own Kathryn Ferguson of Youree Drive Middle School was selected as Louisiana Middle School Teacher of the Year. And in November we learned Caddo Parish Magnet High joined an elite select schools in the country in earning the school’s second National Blue Ribbon. These accolades put us down a path in which I was honored as the 2019 Louisiana Superintendent of the Year not for my accomplishments but the accomplishments of our students and staff who are second to none. The best part of all of this? We are just getting started.

Being a part of Caddo Parish Public Schools is to be a part of a district unlike any other. We are a district which embraces our diversity -- comprised of rural, urban and suburban areas with students from all walks of life. Additionally, we are a district found in a community which understands the integral role each person plays in the success of our children and works to make a difference whether through efforts in our Transformation Zone or volunteering at their child’s school.

Another highlight for the families of Caddo Parish is the wealth of higher education options so close to home. With technical schools, community colleges, public universities and a private liberal arts college right here in our backyard, the path to higher education and further training is a short one.

We invite you to be a part of this amazing journey and see for yourself what sets Caddo Parish apart. We are Caddo is more than a slogan. It is a battle cry and a charge upon this school system to expect nothing less than the best. We are strong. We are committed. We are Caddo!

“\textbf{\textit{We Are Caddo.}}”
CADDI PARISH SCHOOLS

Caddo Parish Public Schools currently has a total enrollment of 38,630 for 2018-2019.

Serving the needs of students from all walks of life, Caddo Parish Public Schools is a school system which embraces the uniqueness of northwest Louisiana while serving the diverse needs of more than 38,000 students. The public school system is comprised of 63 schools representing students from rural, suburban and urban areas of Caddo Parish. Caddo is also the state leader in National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awards with 16 honors from the U.S. Department of Education.

As one of the largest school districts in Louisiana, Caddo is home to some of the top educators in the nation, including five Milken Educator Award winners – the premiere award for teachers in the country. Understanding the integral role education plays in the success of a community, Caddo Parish Public Schools embraces the challenge of serving as a central architect in propelling the city, parish and state in a progressive direction. With a staff of more than 5,600, Caddo Parish Public Schools is one of the top largest employers in the parish with a total annual operating budget of $489 million. Additionally, the district is the longstanding leader in National Merit Scholarship Winners with nine recipients in the most recent round. Ten students from Caddo’s high schools also have scored perfectly on the ACT assessment.

### CADDI SCHOOLS ACCOLADES

- Internationally accredited school district through AdvancED, the worldwide leader in K-12 and higher education accreditation
- 16 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Awards
- 9 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
- 10 Students Earning Perfect Score on the ACT between (2016-present)
- 1 National School Innovation and Change Winner
- 5 Milken Educator Award Winners
- 1 U.S. Presidential Scholar
- 2 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Winners

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**Public and Charter**

*Includes all area charter data as well. Source: labelieves.com

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Source: privateschoolreview.com

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### HIGHER EDUCATION

**4-Year Colleges**

Source: *Louisiana Board of Regents Spring Semester Quarter 2017-2018 & City of Shreveport*

- Centenary College (2018-2019) 585
- Grambling State University* 4,803
- Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport* 876
- Louisiana State University in Shreveport* 6,069
- Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA* 10,939
- Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA* 10,103

**2-Year Colleges**

Source: *Louisiana Board of Regents Spring Semester Quarter 2017-2018 & City of Shreveport*

- Bossier Parish Community College* 6,363
- Northwest Louisiana Technical College* 890
- Southern University - Shreveport* 2,471
- Remington College - Shreveport (2018) 265

**1-Year or Less Certificate Career College**

- Ayers Career College 253

**Percent of High School & College Graduates**

Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey 2017

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Bossier Parish Community College
318-678-6000 • www.bpcc.edu

Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC), a two-year community college located in Northwest Louisiana, is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation!

Why are we one of the fastest-growing? BPCC empowers the regional workforce by creating innovative programs specifically designed to align with regional high-demand employment sectors such as:
- Nursing and allied health
- Oil and gas tech
- Construction management
- Engineering

We have associate degree programs and numerous certificates which prepare students directly for the workforce OR assist them in continuing their education. If students choose to transfer to a 4-year school, BPCC has agreements with universities across Louisiana allowing for a seamless transfer of coursework.

Our Technology:
- More than 100 courses across all disciplines are taught online.
- Our innovative Nursing and Allied Health building in construction now will soon allow BPCC to train students in a simulation lab suite where high-fidelity simulators provide a learning environment for hands-on, patient care skills in a variety of areas.
- New Advanced Welding, Advanced Manufacturing & Mechatronics programs to meet the specific needs in the regional economy.
- The state-of-the-art $22M Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technologies is a flexible, world-class workspace housing BPCC’s oil and gas technology, engineering, construction, and manufacturing programs. The new space allows workers to train at BPCC for jobs in manufacturing, energy and construction sectors.
- The Manufacturing Institute announced that BPCC was selected as the newest member of the M-List. The M-List recognizes high schools, community colleges, and universities that are teaching manufacturing students to industry standards. Specifically, these institutions offer students the opportunity to earn NAMEndorsed Manufacturing Skills Certifications as a standard part of their manufacturing education programs. **BPCC was the ONLY school selected from Louisiana.**

Our Community Partnerships:
We are proud of our long-standing partnership with Barksdale Air Force Base and we’re honored to have been named for six consecutive years to the coveted Military Friendly Schools’ list, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and vocational schools who provide outstanding service to military students. Local servicemen and women, family members, and veterans continually look to our school for their educational advancement.

BPCC is also proud of the partnerships with business and industry in the region. Many of the area companies serve on advisory boards and have direct input into our curriculum so that our programs align with their needs. Partners such as AEP Swepeco, Benteler Steel/Tube, BHP Billiton, Capital One, Citizens National Bank, Red Ball Oxygen, Willis-Knighton Health System, to name a few work closely with BPCC to provide our students with the most up-to-date industry information.

Centenary College
318-869-5011 • www.centenary.edu

Centenary College is a small, private liberal arts and science school in Shreveport, recognized as one of the top colleges in the South. Centenary boasts 22 majors in the arts and sciences, numerous academic concentrations, a variety of preprofessional programs and two graduate programs (MBA, MAT). Its pre-med program has a long and distinguished history and has a medical school acceptance rate of 93 percent.

LSU Health Shreveport
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LSU Health Shreveport is one of only 141 academic health sciences centers in the US. It is comprised of three professional schools - School of Medicine, School of Allied Health Professions and the School of Graduate Studies. Graduate Medical Education (GME) is an additional educational aspect of the campus and involves the training of residents and fellows. In total, more than 1,400 students are enrolled annually. A robust research enterprise is an integral part of the institution and brings millions of grant dollars and cutting edge clinical trials into the community.

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Northwestern State University
318-357-6011 • www.nsula.edu
Northwestern State University is a four-year public university primarily situated in Natchitoches, Louisiana with a nursing/allied health campus in Shreveport and general campuses in Leesville/Fort Polk and Alexandria. NSU offers 50 degree programs to nearly 10,000 students at its North Louisiana campuses, including biology, business, education, nursing and psychology degrees. NSU was the first institution in Louisiana to gain 100 percent accreditation of all eligible academic programs. That designation shows that the academic programs at NSU meet the highest standards set by national accrediting agencies.

Northwest Louisiana Technical College
318-676-7811 • www.nwltc.edu
Northwest Louisiana Technical College offers more than fifty technical education programs at five campuses in Many, Mansfield, Minden, Natchitoches, and Shreveport. Popular programs include auto mechanics, air-conditioning/heating, auto mechanics, nursing (LPN, Nurses Aides), carpentry, construction and instrumentation technology. These and many other vocational and technical degree and certificate programs produce skilled workers for North Louisiana.

Southern University at Shreveport
318-670-6000 • www.susla.edu
Southern University at Shreveport is a two-year campus of the historically African-American Southern University system. The Shreveport campus has an enrollment of 3,242, offering more than 40 academic programs and 7 different academic divisions. SUSLA is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. SUSLA recently acquired a new building in downtown Shreveport to expand its popular Allied Health Sciences and Nursing programs which have seen exponential growth.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Aerospace Technology Program
Southern University at Shreveport offers Technology Diploma Programs for students who desire to enter the field of aviation as aviation maintenance technicians. The maintenance technician keeps the aircraft in peak operating condition by performing scheduled maintenance, making repairs and conducting inspections as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Students in the Aerospace Technology Program are expected to pursue aerospace technology courses on a continuous basis. The order of course progression may vary depending on when the student enters the program. Special course scheduling may be necessary to ensure continuity of student training between the academic and technical components. These schedules may be approved by the program director.

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Contact: Timothy Banks, Program Director, Aerospace Technology Downtown Airport, Hangar # 20 318-670-9592 • tbanks@susla.edu

Digital Media Institute at InterTech (DMII)
DMII offers two exciting one-year certificate programs in Animation, Visual Effects & Interactive Content and Interactive Software Development. This institute is the only one of its kind in the region that allows students to get quality rapid training in a professional environment. Facilities include industry-grade hardware and software and a 1,600-square foot studio that is available to students. The stage at DMII also boasts a multi-actor motion capture system pared with high quality digital cinema cameras capable of producing stunning 4K footage, and can be used for room scale Virtual Reality. DMII supports collaborative efforts with enterprises within the industry. DMII is nationally accredited and is authorized to accept federal student aid and the GI Bill. See dmi.edu for more info.

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The city of Shreveport is a unique place set in the northwest corner of our state. When I first moved to Shreveport in 2003 for medical school, it took me a little bit to realize that this city was something special. Shreveport is a well-sized city with a population of almost 200,000, which does not include our sister city, Bossier, just across the river. Together, our local population is approximately 270,000 people – not too big, not too small. Our city is well-placed from larger cities such as Dallas, Houston, and New Orleans, which is why I think Shreveport has developed into a healthcare destination for not only North Louisiana, but the entire Ark-La-Tex region.

To give you an idea of how strong our healthcare community is, did you know that healthcare is the top industry and employer for our city? That's correct – healthcare employs over 18,000 people in the city of Shreveport, about 10% of our population! Look around our city and you will find options to fit all of your healthcare needs.

Shreveport has three major hospital systems: Ochsner-LSU Hospital, Willis-Knighton Health System, and Christus Highland Hospital. We are fortunate to have three Cancer Centers, a St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Affiliate, a Children’s Miracle Network hospital, two Certified Primary Stroke Centers, and a Level 1 Trauma center, all here in Shreveport. From trauma to cardiology, cancer to stroke, primary care to specialists, these three systems offer comprehensive health care for adults and children.

In addition, we cannot overlook the Overton Brooks VA Hospital to help serve our local and regional veterans, and Shriner’s Children Hospital, which treats a variety of pediatric orthopedic conditions and dentofacial deformities, such as cleft lip and palate. (In fact, it was the first Shriner’s Hospital in the country!)

Finally, we have LSUHealth Shreveport. With schools of Medicine, Allied Health and Graduate Studies, as well as 37 ACGME and 3 CODA Accredited residency and fellowship training programs, this institution is training tomorrow’s healthcare leaders. In fact, 70% of the practicing physicians in Shreveport did all or part of their education and training at LSUHealth Shreveport.

Shreveport is a special community with a wide range of specialty trained physicians, hospitals and clinics, and other healthcare providers to serve your every need. Our healthcare community provides the latest therapies and interventions, as well as, participates in innovative research for the advancement of medical care. Quality healthcare here at home in Shreveport.

CHRISTINA M. NOTARIANNI, M.D.
Associate Professor, LSUS Health Neurosurgery
Shreveport Medical Society President (’19-’20)

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HEALTHCARE

WILLIS-KNIGHTON HEALTH SYSTEM

Willis-Knighton Health System is a locally-owned and operated not-for-profit healthcare organization that includes hospitals, senior residential and care options, medical clinics and wellness centers. Hospitals include Willis-Knighton Medical Center, Willis-Knighton South & the Center for Women’s Health, WK Pierremont Health Center and the WK Rehabilitation Institute in Shreveport and WK Bossier Health Center in Bossier City.

The health system has a large and varied medical staff and the most comprehensive range of services of any regional provider. It has brought innovative technology and numerous “firsts” to our region, including Louisiana’s only proton therapy center at the Willis-Knighton Cancer Center. The Oaks of Louisiana is its life plan community in southeast Shreveport targeted to senior adults. Employing more than 7,200 full and part-time employees, Willis-Knighton is the largest nongovernmental employer in our region. Through its “tithe the bottom line” philanthropy, Willis-Knighton dedicates hospital profits to organizations and projects that enhance the well-being of the community.

OCHSNER LSU SHREVEPORT

Ochsner LSU Shreveport is the clinical partner of the distinguished LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine. As an academic hospital, Ochsner LSU Shreveport is nationally accredited and upholds a strong commitment to state-of-the-art treatment, clinical research, community education and prevention programs.

Ochsner LSU Shreveport is home to the only Level 1 Trauma Center and Burn Center in North Louisiana. It is the first hospital in Northwest Louisiana to receive Advanced Certification as a Primary Stroke Center. It is also home to state-designated Centers of Excellence, including the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center and a Center of Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology. It is one of only six hospitals in the nation affiliated with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Healthcare is the area’s leading industry, employing more than 18,000 people. Shreveport serves as the medical hub for North Louisiana, East Texas, and South Arkansas. Our area hospitals provide a variety of critical healthcare services, including acute care, rehabilitation, long-term acute care, acute psychiatric, chemical dependency, care research and surgical specialties. Shreveport’s healthcare industry utilizes state of the art medical treatment and research facilities providing many thousands of high paying jobs for the area.
If you want the best in healthcare for you and your family, you’ve found the right place! The Greater Shreveport area provides an excellent network of health and wellness services, providers and facilities, including a number of walk-in medical centers, to care for whatever your healthcare needs may be.
SENIOR CARE

Whether you or someone you know is a vibrant, active senior or a senior with assistance needs, the Greater Shreveport area offers services and facilities that have a myriad of senior-oriented programs and events.

Caddo Council on Aging, Inc. in Shreveport provides aging services, information on financial aid and local benefit programs in Louisiana for seniors and their families. “Meals on Wheels” is one of many services offered by the Caddo Council on Aging, delivering five meals per week to aid in feeding seniors in our community who may otherwise face hunger. This is a service that helps seniors maintain independence even as they face financial, physical or emotional hardships. A yearly wellness check is also provided with this service.

To get more information on resources and services available, call 318-676-7900 or visit www.caddocoa.org.

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We stay true to our mission by making sure our customers can see top doctors and specialists in all 50 states. By rewarding doctors and hospitals with proven track records. And by offering customers a wide range of health and wellness programs. Our mission is more than words. It’s deeds.
So what is it about Shreveport-Bossier: Louisiana’s Other Side that sets it apart?
It’s that unique combination of two great American heritages. It’s a little Cajun and a little Texas. Shreveport-Bossier is ideally situated 15 minutes east of the Texas border. It’s a true hub for entertainment, culture, transportation, and commerce.

Here, you’ll find the influence reflected in north Louisiana cities’ mouth-watering cuisine, where flavorful Texas steak may be combined with spicy Louisiana crawfish. Or you might find it in the music, with nightclubs and concerts for jazz, country, bluegrass, folk, southern soul, and everything in between.

Though most know the destination for its six Vegas-style casinos and racetrack, festivals are Shreveport-Bossier’s trademark. They are held from the time the first warm breeze dances across your face to the time cool air convinces everyone it’s time to go indoors. The fun continues with shopping at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, Line Avenue’s five-miles of stores and restaurants, Shoppes at Bellemead, and those special homegrown stores like Enchanted Garden and Agora Borealis.

People ask, so what else makes Shreveport-Bossier so special? It’s the people, hands-down. Chef Hardette Harris treats you like you are dining in her family home when you participate in her Us Up North dining experiences, a cultural celebration of the foods that people from north Louisiana enjoy like hot water cornbread, fried catfish, purple hull peas, fried okra, and a long list of other delectable foods.

When you walk in the more than two dozen museums and art galleries, you’ll get a warm welcome and friendly face showcasing everything from the various ethnicities that make this place so special to the military prowess of Barksdale Air Force Base. Kid friendly attractions abound, too. Explore the new Shreveport Aquarium, Sci-Port Discovery Center, Gators and Friends Adventure Park, and Artspace.

If you love the outdoors, be sure to stop and smell the roses at the American Rose Center, hike and enjoy a picnic at Cypress Black Bayou and Recreation Park, take a leisure cruise on the Spirit of the Red River Cruise, or fish off the pier at Earl G. Williamson Park.

When you’re planning a trip remember, Mardi Gras kicks things off in February. Other festivals include Gumbo Gladiators (March), Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors BBQ Festival (April), Mudbug Madness Festival (May), Let the Good Times Roll Festival (June), Red River Hot Air Balloon Rally (July), Red River Revel Arts Festival (September), Prize Fest (October) State Fair of Louisiana (November), and Christmas in Roseland (December).

To stay connected and get plugged into things to see and do in Shreveport-Bossier, here are a few resources:
• www.SBFunGuide.com
• www.20x49.com
• www.Shreveport-Bossier.org

Feel free to call the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau for additional assistance at 800-551-8682 or stop in and pick up the Shreveport-Bossier Official Visitors’ Guide and other brochures at the Downtown Shreveport Visitor Center located at 629 Spring Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

BRANDY EVANS
Vice President of Communications, TMP
Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau

“Shreveport-Bossier offers diversity of things to see and do. The destination’s cultural influences and people set it apart.”
From educational adventures for the kids to casinos and shopping for the adults — Shreveport has something fun for everyone!

Time with friends and family is precious, so having a little fun and building memories with those you love is very important. Shreveport has undeniable southern charm, coupled with beautiful sights and scenery. Given all of the interesting places to go and things to do, visitors of every age can surely find something they’ll enjoy!

Looking for SOMETHING FUN to do in Shreveport-Bossier?

With 7 casinos, 50 attractions, more than 60 festivals and annual events and more than 500 local restaurants, if you can’t find something fun to do, then you might not be looking in the right place.

Shreveport-Bossier has a lot to keep your calendars packed year round. So next time you can’t think of anything to do, check out these websites.

- Shreveport-Bossier.org
- 20x49.com
- SBFunGuide.com

Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana
SEE IT. BET IT. TASTE IT.
Rigorous daily schedules can lead to tension, anxiety and stress throughout the mind and body. Whether you want a day out with your friends and family or some quiet time alone, there are plenty of ways to relax and unwind in Shreveport. If it’s outdoor fun you are seeking, you can take the whole family out to splash in the water at Splash Kingdom Water Park or visit one of many parks in the city.

The Clyde Fant Parkway, located alongside the Red River, has bike trails, a dog park, a jogging path with an obstacle course, a picnic and boat area. The Gardens of the American Rose center offer a beautiful and tranquil environment for a leisurely stroll.

If you’re in need of a little retail therapy, then look no further. You can shop-till-you-drop at the city’s malls and shopping centers, take a walk through the Line Avenue Shopping District, which offers more than 75 unusual boutiques, or shop along the banks of the historic Red River at the state’s largest outdoor lifestyle, dining and entertainment destination – The Outlets at Louisiana Boardwalk.

Museums and galleries can be found throughout the city for those who appreciate the arts and history. From the R.W. Norton Art Gallery to the new Shreveport Aquarium, Shreveport provides a dose of culture.

A long day of shopping and gallery-hopping can quickly lead to growling tummies, but visitors can rest assured knowing they’ll find a wide array of dining options to please their palate and quench their thirst. Whether you are craving Cajun and Creole, Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Vietnamese, German, Peruvian or Indian cuisine, the food scene in Shreveport offers something for everyone’s taste buds.

Shreveport has many annual events, such as, the Red River Revel Arts Festival, the Louisiana State Fair, Mardi Gras Parades, Mudbug Madness and the Barksdale Air Show to name a few.

It can’t be failed to mention that Shreveport is the home of the Louisiana Hayride and various famous musicians, such as Hank Williams Jr., Kix Brooks, James Burton, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Huddie William “Lead Belly” Ledbetter, Van Cliburn and Faron Young. There is plenty of musical entertainment, as well as theatre entertainment that is sure to please.

Of course, no visit would be complete without trying your luck at the local casinos. Diamond Jack's Casino Resort & Hotel, Harrah’s Louisiana Downs (horseracing track & casino), Margaritaville Resort Casino, Horseshoe Hotel & Casino, El Dorado Resort and Casino, Boomtown Casino & Hotel, and Sam's Town Hotel & Casino all offer plenty of fun and excitement!

Each year something new is popping up in the area, providing plenty of reasons to visit or even deciding to make Shreveport your home. For a full list of attractions and events taking place in Shreveport-Bossier visit www.shreveport-bossier.org.
AREA SPORTS

WALK-ON’S INDEPENDENCE BOWL

The Walk-On’s Independence Bowl is one of the NCAA post-season football bowl games featuring two top collegiate football teams representing the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS

Shreveport Mudbugs Hockey has been a part of this community since 1997. The Mudbugs, a team in the North American Hockey League (NAHL), has recruited players of the highest character from all around the world. Not only will the Mudbugs Hockey be top quality, but the players and staff will continue to be diligent members of the Shreveport-Bossier community. Mudbugs Hockey will not be the only event hosted on George’s Pond at Hirsch Coliseum; there will be ETBU collegiate hockey, youth hockey, adult hockey, public skating, figure skating, birthday parties, corporate events, concerts, etc.

Please contact the Mudbugs office at 318-636-7094 for information on events, season tickets, and corporate partnerships. Visit our website for daily updates. www.mudbugshockey.com.

SHREVEPORT RAFTERS FC

The Shreveport Rafters FC competes in the South Region’s South Central Conference.

The team was created from the desire by Shreveport-based innovators to bring quality and competitive match play to Northwest Louisiana. The club’s philosophy develops talented players in the Shreveport/Bossier area to compete at the highest level of the sport of soccer. The club is led by co-owners Will and Jim Broyles. The Rafters FC boasts a young, but excited fan base and an exciting future along the Red River in Northwest Louisiana.

OTHER AREA SPORTS EVENTS

- Red River Balloon Rally
- River Cities Triathlon
- Fit For Life Sports Weekend
- Taekwondo Alliance Grand Nationals
- Battle on the Border High School Football Showcase
- Battle on the Hardwood High School Basketball
- Shreveport-Bossier Holiday Classic College Basketball
- Major Nationals Bass Fishing Events including (B.A.S.S.; FLW and other nationally sanctioned tournaments)
- Brookshires + Super One Foods Heroes Run
- Boxing, Archery, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Bowling & Tennis Tournaments

Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission
Kelly Wells, Executive Director
(318) 222-9391 • (800) 551-8682 • kwells@sbsports.org • shreveportbossiersports.com

ARTS & MUSEUMS

Performing Arts

- Shreveport Regional Arts Council
- Company Repertory Theatre, Inc.
- Gilbert & Sullivan Society
- Louisiana Dance Foundation
- Mahoney Ensemble Theatre
- Marjorie Lyons Playhouse
- Shreveport Little Theatre
- Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet
- Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band at LSU in Shreveport
- Shreveport Opera
- Shreveport Symphony Orchestra
- Strand Theatre
- Theatre of Performing Arts Recreation & The Arts

Galleries & Museums

- Agora Borealis
- Artspace
- Barksdale AFB Global Power Museum
- Bossier Parish Library Historical Society
- East Bank Gallery
- Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum
- Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Museum
- Louisiana State Exhibit Museum
- Louisiana State Oil & Gas Museum
- Louisiana State University in Shreveport Gallery
- Marlene Yu Museum
- Meadows Museum of Art
- Multicultural Center of the South
- Noel Collection - LSUS
- Norsworthy Gallery
- Pioneer Heritage Center
- R. W. Norton Art Gallery
- Red River Crossroads Museum
- Shreveport Railroad Museum
- Shreveport Water Works Museum
- Spring Street Historical Museum
- Southern University Museum of Art
- Stephens African-American Museum
- Talbot Museum
- Touchstone Wildlife and Art Museum
- Vivian Railroad Station Museum

TOURISM & RECREATION
FESTIVALS & RECREATION

Festivals Events Parades
• African American History Month Parade
• American Rose Center
• ArtBreak
• Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors BBQ Cook-Off
• Ark-La-Tex Music Heritage Festival
• ASEANA Festival
• Barksdale AFB Air Show
• Battle of the Gumbo Gladiators
• Benton Christmas on the Square Festival
• BREW: A Premier Beer Tasting
• Christmas in Roseland
• Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival
• Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
• CORK: Red River Revel Wine Event
• Cross Lake Flotilla
• Gusher Days Festival
• Highland Jazz & Blues Festival
• Holiday in Dixie
• Holiday Trail of Lights
• Krewe of Barkus & Meoux Mardi Gras Parade
• Krewe of Centaur Mardi Gras Parade
• Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Parade
• Krewe of Hirambee Mardi Gras Parade
• Krewe of Highland Mardi Gras Parade
• Krewe of Sobek Mardi Gras Parade
• KTBS 3 Independence Day Festival
• Let the Good Times Roll Festival
• Louisiana Prize Festival
• Louisiana Red Bud Festival
• Mooringsport Cypress Festival
• Mudbug Madness Festival
• Pioneer Heritage Festival
• Poke Salad Festival
• Pumpkin Shine on Line
• Red River Revel Arts Festival
• Rockets Over the Red
• Shreveport Spirit of the Season
• State Fair of Louisiana
• Sunflower Trail & Festival
• SuperDerby Festival
• Twelfth Night Celebration

Public Events Venues
• Shreveport Aquarium
• Shreveport Civic Theatre
• Shreveport Convention Center
• Shreveport Riverview Hall & Theater
• Bossier Civic Center
• CenturyLink Center
• Festival Plaza
• Hirsch Memorial Coliseum (George’s Pond Ice Rink)
• Independence Stadium
• LSUS Theatre
• Municipal Auditorium
• Robinson Film Center of Louisiana
• State Fair Grounds
• Strand Theatre

Casino Gaming
• Eldorado Resort Casino www.eldoradoshreveport.com
• Sam’s Town Hotel & Casino www.samstownshreveport.com
• Boomtown Casino & Hotel www.boomtownbossier.com
• Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort www.diamondjacks.com
• Harrah’s Horseshoe Casino & Hotel www.horseshoebossiercity.com
• Harrah’s Louisiana Downs www.harrahslouisianadowns.com
• Margaritaville Resort Casino www.margaritavillebossiercity.com
Racing
• Ark-La-Tex Speedway - Stock Cars
• Bayou Kajun Raceway - Go Karts
• Boothill Speedway - Stock Cars
• Harrah’s LA Downs-Horse Racing
• Thunder Road Raceway Park

Outdoor Recreation
• Bodcau Wildlife Management Area
• Caddo Lake
• Clyde Fant Disc Golf Course
• Clyde Fant Parkway Park
• Cross Lake
• Cypress-Black Bayou Park and Recreation Area
• Eddie D. Jones Park
• Lake Bistineau
• Riverview Park
• Red River
• Stoner Skateboard Park
• Shreveport Dog Park
• Wallace Lake
• Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park

Golf Courses
• Alpine Meadows Golf Club
• Crooked Hollow Golf Club
• East Ridge Country Club
• Huntington Park Golf Course
• Lakeside Park Golf Course
• Meadowlake Golf Club
• Northwood Hills Country Club
• Olde Oaks Golf Club
• Querbes Park Golf Course
• Southern Trace Country Club
• Stonebridge Golf Club
• David Toms Golf Academy

American Rose Center
• American Rose Center/American Rose Society
  www.rose.org
  318-938-5402

Tennis Facilities
• Airport Park Tennis Center
• Bossier Tennis Center
• Cockrell Tennis Center
• East Ridge Country Club
• Indoors Racquet Club
• Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club
• Querbes Tennis Center
• Southern Hills Tennis Center
• Southern Trace Country Club
• Stonebridge Swim & Tennis Club

Aquarium
• Shreveport Aquarium
  www.shreveportaquarium.com
  318-383-0601

Other Attractions
• iFlyH2O Water Sports
• Chimp Haven
• Cypress Nature Study Center
• Gator & Friends Alligator Park and Exotic Zoo
• Party Central Family Fun Center
• Planet Fun
• Shreveport Indoor Soccer Center
• SciPort Discovery Center
• Splash Kingdom Water Town
• Yogi & Friends Exotic Cat Sanctuary

Mardi Gras is the Greatest Free Party on Earth!
Louisiana is famous for our Mardi Gras and Shreveport-Bossier hosts some of the biggest and best Mardi Gras events. Our annual parades attract more than 400,000 people who revel in the Mardi Gras fun. Carnival season in Shreveport-Bossier features extravagant masked balls, float-loading parties, live music events and more. For a full list of events taking place throughout Mardi Gras season visit SBFunGuide.com.
# 2019 SCHEDULE:
## Festivals • Events • Parades

### JANUARY

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<td>Twelfth Night Celebration</td>
<td>400 Caddo St., Shreveport</td>
<td>318-218-2865</td>
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<td>Jan. 19</td>
<td>Krewe of Sobek Mardi Gras Parade</td>
<td>Parade begins at the Fairground Fields parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport</td>
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<td>Jan. 21</td>
<td>Krewe of Harambee Martin Luther King Jr. Day Mardi Gras Parade</td>
<td>Parade rolls in downtown Shreveport on Milam Street and Texas Street</td>
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<td>31st Annual African American History Parade</td>
<td>Parade begins at the Municipal Auditorium &amp; travels through downtown</td>
<td>318-686-1950</td>
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<td>Krewe of Centaur Float Loading Party</td>
<td>Krewe of Centaur Den</td>
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<td>Feb. 23</td>
<td>Krewe of Centaur Mardi Gras Parade</td>
<td>The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway and travels down Shreveport-Barksdale Highway and E. Kings Highway in Shreveport</td>
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<td>Feb. 24</td>
<td>Krewe of Barkus and Meoux Pet Parade</td>
<td>Events on the Red 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City</td>
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<td>Feb. 24</td>
<td>Dining in the Dark, Benefiting Louisiana Association for the Blind</td>
<td>Events on the Red 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City</td>
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<td>Mar. 2</td>
<td>Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Parade</td>
<td>The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway and travels down Shreveport-Barksdale Highway and E. Kings Highway in Shreveport</td>
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<td>Mar. 3</td>
<td>Krewe of Highland Mardi Gras Parade</td>
<td>The parade rolls through Shreveport’s historic Highland neighborhood and begins at the corner of Gilbert Drive and Gregg Avenue</td>
<td>318-402-1132</td>
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<td>Mar. 5</td>
<td>Children’s Mardi Gras Parade</td>
<td>Pierre Bossier Mall</td>
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### OTHER EVENTS
- **March 16** - Louisiana Redbud Festival
- **March 18-23** - 318 Restaurant Week
- **March 23** - Battle of the Gumbo Gladiators Shreveport Festival Plaza
- **March 30** - ASEANA Spring Festival
APRIL

April 6 • Cork: A Red River Wine Event
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-424-4000
www.corkwinefestival.com

April 12-21 • Holiday in Dixie Shreveport
Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-865-5555
www.arklatexambassadors.com

Chimp Haven Spring Fling
Date TBD
13600 Chimpanzee Pl., Keithville
318-925-9575
www.chimphaven.org

Artini
Date TBD
601 Spring Event Center
601 Spring St., Shreveport
318-741-8310
www.bossierarts.org

MAY

Shreveport Derby Day
Date TBD
R.W. Norton Art Gallery
4747 Creswell Ave., Shreveport
318-865-4201
www.derbydaysshreveport.com

May 4 • Gusher Days Festival
Earl G. Williamson Park
11425 Hwy. 1, Oil City
www.gusherdaysfestival.com
318-470-3446

May 17-18 • Barksdale Air Force Base
Airshow
Barksdale Air Force Base
in Bossier City
318-456-1015
www.barksdaleairshow.com

Poke Salad Festival
Date TBD
Between Darby Avenue and Pinhill Road
off Hwy. 1, Blanchard
318-309-2647
www.pokesaladfestival.com

May 24-26 • Mudbug Madness Festival
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-222-7403
www.mudbugmadness.com

JUNE

June 6 • Cork: A Red River Wine Event
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-470-3890
www.roomega.com

June 15 & 16 • Cross Lake Floatilla
Multiple locations on Cross Lake, Shreveport
318-635-8186
www.facebook.com/floatilla

June 16 • Sunflower Trail and Festival
Gilliam Park
12797 Main St. at Hwy. 3049, Gilliam
318-296-4303
www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

ART

July 4 • KTBS-3 Independence Day Festival
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-861-5800
www.ktbs.com

July 11-14 • U.S. Hot Air Balloon Nationals
Louisiana State University
Shreveport Campus
1 University Pl., Shreveport
1-800-551-8682
www.redriverballoonrally.com

July 12-13 • Red River Balloon Rally
Louisiana State University
Shreveport Campus
1 University Pl., Shreveport
1-800-551-8682
www.redriverballoonrally.com

AUGUST

Geek’d Con
Date TBD
Shreveport Convention Center
400 Caddo St., Shreveport
318-841-4000
www.geekdcon.com

Shreveport Southern Soul Labor Day Blues Festival
Date TBD
101 Crockett St., Shreveport
318-200-3755
www.intercityrow.com

May 24-26 • Mudbug Madness Festival
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-222-7403
www.mudbugmadness.com

SEPTEMBER

Red River Margarita Pour Off
Date TBD
450 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
www.redriverpouroff.com

Centenary College Book Bazaar
Date TBD
Centenary College of Louisiana
Gold Dome
3482 Dixie Dr., Shreveport
318-869-5011
www.centenary.edu

Greenwood Pioneer Heritage Festival
Date TBD
Greenwood City Hall
9381 Greenwood Rd., Greenwood
318-938-7261

Sept. 14 • Highland Jazz and Blues Festival
Columbia Park
600 Columbia St., Shreveport
318-869-5706
www.highlandjazzandblues.org
Sept. 21 • Heritage and Harvest Tour Along
LA Highway 3049 and U.S. Highway 71
North, Louisiana
318-296-4303
www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

Dixie Maze Farms Fall Festival and Corn Maze
Sept. 6 & Oct. Dates TBD
Dixie Maze Farms
9596 Sentell Rd., Shreveport
318-703-2870
www.dixiemaze.com

Oct. 5-12 • Red River Revel Arts Festival
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-424-4000
www.redriverrevel.com

5th Annual Great Raft Ramble
Date TBD
Great Raft Brewing
1251 Dalell St., Shreveport
318-734-9881
www.greatraftbrewing.com

Jazz in the Park
Date TBD
Chris Hays Park
4363 Illinois St., Shreveport
318-673-7914
www.shreveportbrew.com

Oct. 24-Nov. 10 (Date subject to change) State Fair of Louisiana
State Fair Grounds
3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport
318-635-1361
www.statefairoflouisiana.com

ASEANA Autumn Festival
Date TBD
Asian Gardens
Milmam Street at Texas Avenue, Shreveport
318-401-8078
www.aseana.com

Oct. 31 • Boo! at the Boardwalk Louisiana
Boardwalk Outlets
540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City
318-747-8487
www.louisianaboardwalk.com

OCTOBER

Oct. 5-12 • Red River Revel Arts Festival
Shreveport Festival Plaza
101 Crocket St., Shreveport
318-424-4000
www.redriverrevel.com

Tinsel
Date TBD
Line Avenue Shopping District, Shreveport
318-272-3139

Dec. 1-25 • Greening of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum
3015 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport
318-632-2020
www.laexhibitmuseum.org

Dec. 7 • Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival
Earl G. Williamson Park
11425 LA Hwy. 1, Oil City
318-631-0182
www.christmasoncaddofireworks.com

Dec. 7 • Country Christmas Festival
Vivian Chamber of Commerce
100 Front St., Vivian
318-393-3858
www.vivian.la.us

Dec. 14 • Benton Christmas on the Square Festival and Parade
Heritage Village Square
417 Sibley St., Benton
318-393-5246
www.bentonchristmasonthesquare.com

Dec. 29-Dec. 16 • Christmas in Roseland
American Rose Center
8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport
318-938-5402
www.rose.org

Rockets Over the Red Fireworks Festival
Date TBD
RiverView Park
601 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets
540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City
318-549-8500
www.rocketsoverthered.com

DECEMBER

Walk-On’s Independence Bowl
Date TBD
Independence Stadium
3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport
318-221-0712
www.walkonsindependencebowl.com

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When you think of Louisiana cuisine, what comes to mind? The piping hot beignets and seafood-stuffed po’ boys of New Orleans? Steaming bowls of gumbo and spicy boiled crawfish platters from Cajun country? All of those world famous flavors of the Bayou State – and more – can be found right here in Shreveport.

Shreveport’s culinary culture is influenced by the Cajun and Creole kitchens of South Louisiana as well as the slow-smoked barbecue traditions of neighboring Texas. Throw in the “country cooking” and soul food traditions of the Deep South, as well as a huge assortment of international eateries supported by Barksdale Air Force Base, and you’ve got a recipe for one of the most diverse culinary landscapes in the country.

Locally raised meats and produce are available year-round at a variety of farm stores and seasonal farmers’ markets. The Shreveport Farmers’ Market takes place on Saturday mornings during the summer and fall. The market emphasizes locally raised meats, fruits and vegetables. Several smaller neighborhood markets, including the Provenance Farmers’ Market in South Shreveport and multiple markets in and around Bossier City, also offer locally raised products from farms in nearby communities like Haughton, Doyline and Dixie.

Food is central to many of the most popular festivals and annual events in Shreveport. For many locals, it’d be difficult to imagine a Memorial Day Weekend without a platter of crawfish from the Mudbug Madness Festival or a Saturday in fall without a funnel cake from the State Fair of Louisiana. Other foodie-friendly events include the Battle of the Gumbo Gladiators (held each March), Let the Good Times Roll Festival (held each June), and Red River Revel Arts Festival (held each October). Each March, the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau partners with a variety of great local eateries to produce 318 Restaurant Week. For a complete list of festivals and annual events, check out the Shreveport-Bossier Fun Guide at www.SBFunGuide.com.

To learn more about the restaurant scene in Shreveport-Bossier, visit the “Restaurants” page at www.Shreveport-Bossier.org, where you can download the latest edition of Eat Here: A Food Lover’s Guide to Shreveport-Bossier. The official destination blog of Shreveport-Bossier, www.20x49.com, is a great resource for weekly restaurant reviews, chef interviews, and previews of upcoming festivals and food events.

Wherever your culinary adventures lead you in Shreveport, be sure to share your favorite bites on social media with the hashtag #Eat318.

CHRIS JAY
Public Relations Manager
Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau

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Online shopping is at an all-time high but it could never compare to shopping locally, in stores that reflect the character of a city, neighborhood or even a street. Every city has its own retail landscape. So why travel far away to shop when Shreveport offers the most unique shopping experience that is engrained with the areas rich culture? Shreveport has everything from high-end couture that will satisfy your sophisticated fashion flair to trendy and edgy outfits to keep you in style and ready for the runway. Shreveport is the perfect stop for your retail therapy.

Start your day on Youree Drive browsing through the many well-known shops located in Kings Crossing, Bayou Walk, and Shoppes at Bellmead. This area of Shreveport gives you the feel of a busy city coupled with southern hospitality. Who could ask for anything more? Youree Drive shopping offers a low to moderate price range allowing you to stay in style without breaking the budget. Whether it’s your big box store fix that you need to fill, a small one-stop shopping run, or anything in between you will find it on Youree Drive.

Next venture over to Uptown Shopping Center, Towne Oak Square and other area shops along Line Ave. Located at the edge of fashion and the heart of Shreveport, Line Avenue shops and boutiques provide some of the best shopping the city has to offer. Many of the retail shops located on Line Avenue are private owned boutiques that are sure to please. Along Line Avenue you will find a mix of stylish clothing collections, bold accents, chic contemporary clothing, evening-wear and traditional essential pieces to enhance your wardrobe. Take a break from shopping and dine at one of the many eateries nestled in this South Highlands community.

Need even more retail therapy? Well, head over to Mall St. Vincent where you will find a little something for everyone. Mall St. Vincent has over 40 years of history in the Shreveport area and was recently renovated adding a more modern look to the long standing structure. Mall St. Vincent is home to several retail shops selling a wide variety of clothing, jewelry, shoes, and novelties. Free Wi-Fi is also available throughout the mall.

Shreveport offers an unparalleled shopping experience that caters to all. Women, men, teens, little ones and even pets have amazing retail options in Shreveport. So shoppers, whether you are looking for the perfect formal wear, business attire, casual outfits, cute fashion for kids, or a special gift Shreveport should always be your first stop to shop! Save the money you would spend on gas for an out of town shopping trip. Instead, use it to buy an extra outfit in Shreveport. Shop Shreveport!

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We’d like to invite you to conduct some business with H.L. Hunt or Howard Hughes, strum a song with Huddie Ledbetter or croon a tune with Elvis, discuss the causes of black women with Cora Allen and debate politics with Annie McCune, the famous Shreveport Madam reputed to have a heart of gold. Our region’s history—our stories, important buildings, and amazing architecture—are alive and well in downtown and our occasionally ribald and flamboyant history blends nicely with our plans for the future.

Walk through downtown and look at the century-old buildings under construction. Should you choose the modern condo with elevator, indoor parking, state-of-the-art security, original tin ceiling tiles and transom windows or the spare and sleek apartment with the jaw-dropping views on the penthouse level in a 107-year-old bank building? It’s your decision whether to rent or own, and you’ll have a lot of choices as inventory continues to be added to deal with pent-up demand for our high-ceilinged, natural light-filled spaces. Retail, restaurants, and a rejuvenated Red River District add to the appeal of living downtown as do nightly events as diverse as book clubs over dinner and yoga on the roof to film festivals and food crawls. Walk to one of the best farmers markets in the state, and take in a movie, a museum, a multicultural exhibit and an art show along the way. Pet a stingray at the Shreveport Aquarium and make complex math and science equations easy at Sci-Port: Louisiana’s Discovery Center.

Elvis was once king downtown, but now art reigns supreme. Downtown is one of the state’s Cultural Districts, home to the Official State Theater of Louisiana, the ornate Saenger-built Strand Theatre. The Strand shares headlines with the venerable Municipal Auditorium, once home to the nationally-broadcast Louisiana Hayride radio show, the Emmett Hook Performance Center, the Robinson Film Center, Riverview Theater, and multiple art halls, exhibit spaces, shops, and galleries. Art and business combine in our newest downtown project, the 9-block Shreveport Common art and culture district with The Common greenspace, public art and monthly programming.

We can promise you will run out of time before you run out of options—downtown is home to the monthly artwalk, and to symphony, opera, ballet and live theatrical performances. It’s obvious that our city center is the perfect place to play, but it’s also home to the seats of local government, law enforcement and the courts as well as the area’s banking and financial infrastructure. More than 10,000 employees work in our sleek modern high rises and smaller historic spaces. Still others are looking for space to call their own. We welcome all, and will work to make the business of business easy, assisting business owners, entrepreneurs and developers in acquiring permits, understanding tax credits, and turning plans into action.

Downtown Shreveport’s exciting history isn’t over. We’re writing new pages of it every day and are reserving the next chapters for you!

LIZ SWAINE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Downtown Development Authority

"Welcome to Downtown Shreveport!"
the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce has been a critical convener and a source of leadership and influence in the Shreveport-Bossier region.

In 2010 the Chamber adopted the red “S” logo to emphasize its role as a business bridge linking both sides of the Red River.

Over the past several years, the Chamber has realigned its focus making it more than a bridge by resuming its place as the voice of the business community and the leader for economic and business development in Shreveport.

The new Chamber logo, debuting January 2019, works to encapsulate this re-energized role and the organization’s new vision through the multi-color, vibrant palette, updated fonts and a new star-inspired logo mark.

The shape of the Greater Shreveport Chamber’s new mark is comprised of five arrow points focusing inward to form a star. The star is constructed in this way to demonstrate that Shreveport is a destination, truly a hub at the confluence of air, river, rail, major interstates and scenic state highways. Each is represented by a different colored arrow or the varied white spaces between the arrows.

The star also represents how diverse parts can work together to make something great! The whole of Shreveport truly is greater than the sum of its many parts. The range of investors and community partners who work with the chamber, represent a breadth of people and interests. When those segments work together, amazing things can happen for our community!

Finally, the five points of the star also represent the 5-star accreditation from the US Chamber of Commerce that the chamber recently achieved yet again, leading to almost two decades of this rare and important recognition.

The particular shades of each color were chosen for their sophistication and eye-catching contrast. At the bottom of the star and for the word “Chamber,” a regal purple was chosen to symbolize royalty and ambition. The blue arrow “landing” in Shreveport is reminiscent of the B-52 aircraft. The green in the logo is indicative of both economic growth and the environmental wealth of our Sportsman’s Paradise. The orange is a nod to the creative community here in Shreveport, as well as the growing number of young professionals in our city. And lastly, the red in the star represents the Red River to our east and gives a nod to our history and past logo.

Additionally, the Chamber elected to shorten the name to communicate the broadest brand value. By providing specific emphasis on “Greater Shreveport,” the Chamber continues to reflect both its regional footprint and its aspiration to create a truly greater community.

We hope you’ll join us as we enter a new era of reinvigorated enthusiasm for our city, its business community and our collective futures!

The mission of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce is to promote economic prosperity, serve as a business advocate, and celebrate the achievements of our region.
Whether it is a groundbreaking ceremony or a ribbon cutting to commemorate a business opening its doors, we want to be there to celebrate with you every step of the way. The Chamber values its partnerships and cultivates a relationship to serve them.

RIBBON CUTTINGS, GRAND OPENINGS AND GROUNDBREAKINGS

One part of the Greater Shreveport Chamber’s mission is to “celebrate the achievements of our region.” What better way to do that than by celebrating our valued investors and their business milestones? As a Chamber investor, you can use these momentous occasions in your business’s history to gain more attention and notoriety. Let us help! We'll post your celebration details on our website calendar, newsletter and social media pages, assist you with event planning, emcee the event, provide the ribbon and ceremonial-size scissors, plus we'll invite our Chamber Diplomats, Board of Directors and key city officials if you’d like. All at no cost to our investors.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Another way the Chamber celebrates our region is through the many special events we host throughout the year. Whether it’s an awards dinner, a luncheon or a simple breakfast, there is always a reason to celebrate at the Greater Shreveport Chamber! Annually we host the Minority Business Opportunity Awards, the ATHENA International Leadership Awards Luncheon, the J. Pat Beaird Industry of the Year and Forum Small Businesses of the Year Awards and the annual 40 Under 40 Awards Gala.

Smaller more intimate gatherings like our Young Professionals Initiative (YPI) socials happen once a month. Both YPI and our Business Development Connection host quarterly lunch and learns that are designed to enhance professional development and business acumen respectively. Our Breakfast of Champions and “What’s Happening” breakfasts are also quarterly. Breakfast of Champions highlights local businesses and our volunteers, while “What’s Happening” offers broader perspective on issues in our community.

But that’s not all! We also host our annual meeting to honor our investors and to talk about the year ahead. In the spring, the NWLA Golf Tournament - entering its 22nd year - is a fun, interactive teambuilding exercise for local businesses.

And in between all of those major events, we also partner with other agencies and economic development associations in the Ark-La-Tex to host workshops, classes and seminars to help your business grow and thrive! There’s never a dull moment at the Chamber!

REFERRALS, EXPOSURE AND MORE

The Greater Shreveport Chamber is a tremendous resource for public exposure and business referrals.

Our five-star-accredited Chamber is among the top one percent of Chambers of Commerce in the nation, and we use our network to help promote our investors through personal calls, face-to-face visits, various publications and online at www.shreveportchamber.org.

We receive calls each month from individuals seeking to do business in the Greater Shreveport region, and we always refer them to one of our investor businesses. Plus, our website’s online investor directory lists all of our investors, their addresses and contact information. And since our website is ranked at 5 by Google for search engine optimization, your investment in the Greater Shreveport Chamber gets you even more hits!

Investors can also take advantage of our discounted media packages, high social media saturation and media contacts to increase their visibility and exposure in the marketplace.

INFLUENCING LEGISLATION

The Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce’s staff and Public Policy Committee act as advocates for local business. Through our advocates, the Chamber monitors the legislature and provides information to elected officials concerning matters of interest to our investors.

The Legislative Policy Committee of the Greater Shreveport Chamber has the responsibility to review and make recommendations to the Chamber Board of Directors on legislative policy and positions affecting business and the Northwest Louisiana community. Proposals for bond elections, potential new taxes, and state and federal legislation are examples of issues delegated to this committee.

Participation on this committee is limited to Chamber investors, particularly participants who have general knowledge of the political and legislative process. Committee members are asked to recommend policy positions that are in the interest of all Chamber investors and are not exclusive to special-interest issues. The committee also works toward a balance of volunteers who represent the diverse businesses that make up the entire investor population of the Chamber.
Participation in networking events and learning programs provided by the Greater Shreveport Chamber will help you make connections that matter and lead you to new business opportunities.

GREATER SHREVEPORT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

For nearly 40 years, the Chamber has been identifying and preparing future leaders through the Greater Shreveport Leadership Program.

Program participants meet monthly and travel as a group to various locations throughout the community to experience our area’s rich history and to become better acquainted with entities and issues related to government affairs, education, economic development, transportation, communications, small business and health care.

Graduates of this tuition-based program assume active roles in the Chamber and become involved in the development of initiatives that bring solutions to community challenges.

THE DIPLOMATS

The Diplomats are a volunteer group of business professionals who serve as community liaisons for the Greater Shreveport Chamber and act as the Chamber’s Investor Retention Committee.

The Diplomats volunteer their time and resources to sustain a year-round retention program that involves making personal visits to Chamber investors, officiating ribbon-cutting ceremonies, celebrating new and expanding businesses, liking investor businesses on their social media pages and providing support at events hosted by the Chamber.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVE

The Young Professional Initiative of Northwest LA (YPI) is a program of the Greater Shreveport Chamber that provides a forum for business executives under the age of 40 to network, participate in professional development opportunities, learn about and discuss area business and community issues, gain exposure in the marketplace, and get involved in making a difference for the betterment of the region.

By connecting diverse young professionals across the area, the Chamber creates a force that will both strengthen and grow the Greater Shreveport region, and help us attract more young professionals to live, work, play and stay in Northwest Louisiana.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONNECTION

The Greater Shreveport Chamber Business Development Connection (BDC) connects accomplished and emerging business leaders for the purpose of developing, sharing and perfecting their professional skills. The BDC provides networking and educational opportunities across the whole business community while emphasizing the strength of diversity within our multicultural economic climate. The BDC hosts key signature events that highlight women, minority and Hispanic businesses and provides quality and timely information important to all businesses.

PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

If your business might benefit from contracts with government agencies, but you have no idea how to begin, the Northwest Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is here to assist you. The primary mission of PTAC is to increase the number of federal, state and local government contract dollars awarded primarily to local small, women, veteran and minority-owned businesses located in our region of the state, thereby creating and retaining jobs.

Over the past 10 years, the PTAC has helped local businesses procure more than $1.5 billion in government contracts. The center serves the parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine and Webster. The experienced staff of the Government Procurement Center provides:

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- Seminars geared to your specific contracting needs
- Identification of potential markets
- Bid opportunity matches through the online system
- Application to solicitation mailing lists
- Vendor registration
- Federal procurement histories
- Federal/military specifications and standards
- Applications for Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) codes
- Bid package and proposal review
- Contract administration procedures
- Central contracting registration assistance
One of the most prestigious, anticipated and just plain fun golf tournaments in Caddo Parish. Played on the beautiful courses of Southern Trace Country Club, the tourney is a perfect place to entertain clients or reward employees with a great round of golf, contests and prizes. The funds raised from this tournament go toward the Chamber’s business advocacy programs at the local, state and national level.

An annual event held in conjunction with the Chamber’s Young Professional Initiative. The evening banquet is held to honor 40 outstanding young professionals under the age of 40 for excelling in their profession.

Chamber investor and community events including luncheons, networking and other special events can be found at www.shreveportchamber.org.

An annual event, sponsored by the J. Pat Beaird Memorial Fund and 318 Forum, that allows the chamber to bring nationally recognized speakers to the area and honor outstanding industry and small businesses who demonstrate “best practices” of entrepreneurship, such as sound business planning, fiscal responsibility and innovation in operating their business. Nominations for the awards are accepted year round.

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Locally owned and operated, DigiVision Billboards has created a new and innovative concept which makes digital billboard advertising more effective and affordable. The brainchild of Steven Keene and Bennett Rinaudo is now a reality with twelve new, high resolution, digital panels strategically located throughout the Shreveport-Bossier market.

Keene refers to their patent-pending concept as the “DigiVision Difference”. Instead of paying for each single billboard panel by panel, DigiVision rotates your ads on every panel of every billboard, all day - every day. This linked programming increases the reach of your message exponentially. The cost of this concept is substantially less than the cost of conventional billboard advertising.

“Our panels are the newest and highest resolution in the market. According to our national manufacturer, DigiVision is the fastest growing, 100% digital, outdoor company in the United States,” says Keene.

What makes digital panels more effective? Built with brilliant LED panels and operating from proprietary software, digital offers illumination and an expanded color range. Unlike the stagnant conventional billboards, ads on digital panels are rotated every few seconds. As a result, they are much more appealing to most viewers.

They also offer a lot of new value for advertisers.
• Digital billboards aren’t “tuned out” after the first look. They catch attention and keep it.
• They have a natural appeal to the technology-friendly consumer.
• For advertisers, the easy and very minor cost of changing ads make them timely and useful for very specific or time-sensitive promotional campaigns.

For example, the printing and production cost of a traditional billboard would prevent most businesses from displaying products/services with short-term sales pricing. However, this is not an issue with digital billboards. Ad changes are fast and easy. This makes digital billboards an excellent medium for almost any type of marketing campaign.

Now, the benefit of each brilliant digital panel has been multiplied into a digital network and is a tremendous new marketing option for advertisers in Shreveport-Bossier.

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<td>Hicks Electrical Co.</td>
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<td>Shreve Land Constructors, LLC</td>
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<td>Rinchuso’s Plumbing &amp; Heating, Inc.</td>
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