



College of Business & Social Sciences College Symposium 2026

“It Happens Here”



Symposium Schedule

Monday
12
October

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Strauss 148

Career Readiness Workshop
Resume, interview tips, & wardrobe guidance

12:15 - 1:45 p.m.
Hemphill 221

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Tuesday
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12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Hemphill 1st Floor

Rush Hour Career Fair
Connect with employers, internships, & career paths

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Hangar A

Career Elevator Pitch Competition
Pitch your vision in 90 seconds for a shot at top prizes and campus-wide recognition.

Wednesday
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11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bayou Pointe

Keynote Panel
"It Happens Here"

Michael Crenshaw
CEO, Crenshaw Analytics

Ruslan Hemed
Director of Business Intelligence & Strategy
Kennedy Rice Mill/4Sisters Rice

Stephanie Polk
CEO, Holy Dippers

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
The Hangar
Door prizes sponsored by:
State Farm Endowed Professorship in Insurance

CBSS Brain Bowl Competition
Our CBSS schools and programs compete for cash prizes and bragging rights in our Jeopardy-style quiz bowl!!

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Hangar A

RMIN Panel: Risk Happens. Careers Begin.

Thursday
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9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Hangar A

It Happens Here: One Class, One Conversation, One Lucky Break

Jaime Esswein, CPA, CFE
Director, Deal Advisory
KPMG, LLP

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Hangar B

Climb Sideways: Why Your Career is a Lattice, Not a Ladder

Ayan Martin
Strategic Procurement Consultant/Director
HP

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Hangar D

It Happens Here: It Certainly Does

Heath Mills
VP, Agency Manager
Ensure Agency

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hangar A

The Step You Never Would Have Guessed

Johnny Williams
VP of Lending
Louisiana National Bank

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hangar B

Tackling Issues Beyond Your Control: Professionally and Personally

Larry Favalora
Program Manager
Favalora Consulting Services

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hangar D

You Don't Have to Leave to Go Somewhere

Sheila Snow, CDME
VP of Marketing and Communications
Discover Monroe-West Monroe

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hangar South Lawn

CBSS Symposium Cookout

Sponsored by Louisiana National Bank

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Hangar A

Title TBA

David Blitch
Retired Hospitality Executive

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Hangar B

The Opportunity You Didn't Apply For

Kennedy Boston-Woods, Coordinator of Alumni Operations, ULM

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Hangar D

Connect Here, Grow Anywhere: The Power of Networking

Beta Alpha Psi, ULM Chapter

Saturday
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6:30 p.m.
FMOL Health | St.
Francis Stadium

ULM vs. Louisiana Tech

Tailgate in Pecan Grove (spot #16)
Sponsored by:
Construction Management Student Assoc.
Louisiana AGC