

2026 GULF COAST – THIBODAUX SESSION

Location: Hampton Inn Thibodaux – 826 North Canal Blvd.

Date: March 5-7, 2026



Agenda Items

Thursday, March 5	5:30 PM	Meet in Lobby to get nametags – carpool to reception
	6:00-7:30 PM	Opening Reception: Nicholls State University – John Folse Culinary School 914 East 1st Street (corner of Bowie Rd., and LA Hwy 1) (Dress: business casual)
Friday, March 6	7:45-8:45 AM	Buffet Breakfast in lobby of Hampton Inn
	8:45 AM	Move to hotel meeting room Announcements and Packet Overview
	9:00 AM	Welcome and Regional Overview Christy Zeringue, CEO. COLAB ('20 Alum)
	9:30 AM	Coastal Wetlands Loss, Restoration and Protection Efforts - Simone Maloz, Campaign Director, Restore the Mississippi River Delta ('08 Alum) - Michael Hare, Executive Director, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
	10:30/45 AM	Break

- 11:10 AM Load Bus to travel to Port Fourchon/Gulf
Guides to coastal region economy, geography & culture,
- *Stevie Smith, Sr. Vice President, All South Consulting and Engineering; Past Chairman and Member, LCTCS Board of Trustees ('02 Alum)*
 - *Windell Curole, Retired Director, South Lafourche Levee District ('02 Alum)*
- 12:15 PM Lunch Stop: LaRose Regional Park
- 1:15 PM Continue LA 1 bus trip
- 1:30 PM Greater Lafourche Port Commission
- *Davie Breaux, Deputy Port Director*
- 2:30 PM Board Bus and Head to Port Fourchon
- 3:30 PM Tour Port Fourchon
- *Davie Breaux, Deputy Port Director*
- 4:00/15 Head to Grand Isle – Tour and Beach Photo
- 4:30/45 PM Arrive at Camp of Stevie Smith (The Big Banana):
- Crawfish/shrimp boil @5:30pm
- 6:30/45 PM Load bus, return to hotel...down the bayou storytelling
- Saturday,
March 7
- 7:45-8:45 AM Buffet Breakfast in lobby of Hampton Inn
- 8:30/45 AM Depart Hotel and head to **DANOS**
- 3878 W Main St
Gray, LA
- 9:00 AM Researching Louisiana's Coast for the Future
- *Brian Roberts, Executive Director, LUMCON ('24 Alum)*

9:30 AM

Infrastructure and Transportation Reorganization in Louisiana

- *Archie Chaisson, Executive Director, Office of Louisiana Highway Construction ('21 Alum)*
- *Glenn Ledet, Secretary Louisiana Dept. of Transportation*

10:30 AM

Class Discussion and Photo Tour Around Louisiana

11:30/45 AM

Adjourn -- Have a safe trip home!

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