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The following Nicholls State University students were named to the honor roll list for the fall 2006 semester:

College of Arts and Sciences: Don Collins of Gretna; Cody Dimak of Lafitte; and Megan Stansberry of Terrytown.

College of Education: Britany Victoriano of Lafitte.

College of Nursing and Allied Health: Erica Francois and David Smith, both of Harvey; and Nathaniel Kimble of Empire. .

University College: Jerel Jones of Gretna; Melisa Wilkinson of Jefferson; and Ryan Wattigney of Belle Chasse.

College of Business Administration: Clyde Alexander III of New Orleans.

Chef John Folse Culinary Institute: Raina Gabriel of New Orleans.

Full-time students must maintain a scholastic grade-point average between 3.0 and 3.199 to be named to the honor roll.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

Barbara Benson of the University of Louisiana Lafayette and her students in naturalist and docent practices have again volunteered their services to Woodlands Trail and Park for the spring semester.

During the previous spring semester, students received some real hands-on experience utilizing GPS equipment to locate the trail system that was essentially indiscernible following Hurricane Katrina.

This year, Benson's class will be assisting the Woodlands Trail and Park effort move their vision forward by conducting some site assessments.

Katie Brasted of Woodlands Trail and Park visited the class at ULL on Feb. 14 to provide an overview of the Woodlands Trail and Park effort and aerial and property maps with the students.

Under the direction of Benson, the students will spend two weekends at the Woodlands Trail and Park site in Belle Chasse this semester to conduct a site assessment for parking areas and entrance area amenities.

Woodlands Trail and Park is one of two sites for which an Interpretive Center was recommended in the study conducted for America's Wetland Birding Trail. In addition to providing a site for educational information on wetland habitat and wildlife, the center would also allow a location to house artifacts and information about local cultural and military history. As land has not been acquired for an Interpretive Center, the ULL students will evaluate potential sites for an Interpretive Center in Belle Chasse near Woodlands Trail and a potential site in Lower Coast Algiers. Students will utilize GPS equipment on loan from Navigation Electronics Incorporated to assist in layout of potential amenities for Woodlands Trail and Park.

Under the direction of Benson, students will also receive hands-on experience in identifying wetland areas by characteristics of vegetation and in turn use this data to feed into information about potential sites for an Interpretive Center and other Woodlands Trail and Park amenities.

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