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Good morning, XXX:

As one of the nation's flagship institutions, LSU seeks to achieve its public mandate to serve the academically gifted, as well as students who show promise and potential for college success despite educational, social, and economic disadvantages. The summer months are the prime time to reflect and evaluate this past year's historic enrollment and make needed changes to the upcoming admissions cycle.

The Office of Admissions is in the depths of making changes starting with significant upgrades to our systems as we implement the Slate product. This is fundamental to all other changes necessary. I encourage you to become familiar with Slate.org, a free tool that will enable an easier high school visit scheduling process with our college representatives, maintain awareness of where your students are within the admissions process, and conveniently and securely submit materials.

Starting with applicants for the Summer/Fall 2019 term, LSU will require at least one letter of recommendation from an academic source (counselor, teacher, advisor, administrator, etc.) as we transition to a fully holistic evaluation process. A letter of recommendation will also prove useful to scholarship awarding where more depth of an applicant is necessary for specific college and donor awards.

The primary avenue for all freshman and transfer applicants applying for admissions and scholarships will now be the Common Application. Students may start their application now, but please note the LSU Common Application section will not be live until early August.

We have also adjusted our freshman application deadlines for Summer/Fall 2019 to be December 15 (Priority Date) and February 1 (Regular Decision). While LSU has historically provided a formal date of releasing decisions, we do not believe that any decisions will be released sooner than October 15 this year. This is contingent on the system upgrades and if a later date becomes apparent, we will communicate.

Our office is committed to keeping you informed on any further updates as we work with our campus partners to streamline our application and enrollment processes. We value your role and perspective, so please do not hesitate to reply back to this email with any questions. Thank you for all you do for students and enjoy your summer months.

Sincerely,

Daniel Barrow
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