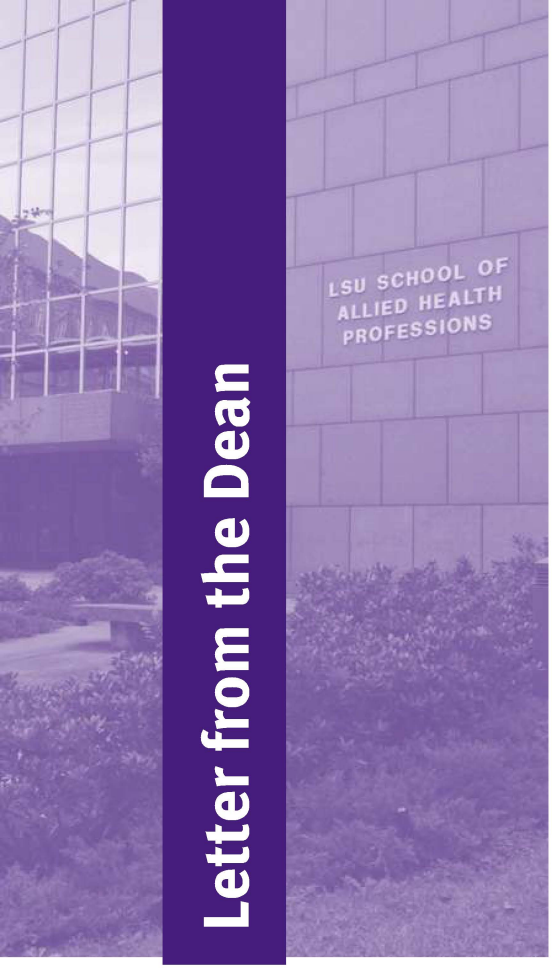


Letter from the Dean



Dear Colleagues,

The LSU Health New Orleans School of Allied Health Professions has proudly served Louisiana and the Gulf South for over five decades. As one of six schools within the LSUHSC-NO, we are deeply committed to advancing health and well-being through exceptional education, innovative research, and compassionate service. Our graduates are leaders in their fields—delivering care, shaping policy, and improving lives in communities across our state and beyond.

As we look to the future, our 2025–2030 Strategic Plan charts a bold and purposeful path forward. Developed collaboratively with input from faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners, the plan reflects our shared vision: to be a national leader in allied health education, research, and service. It is grounded in our core values of Excellence, Innovation, Collaboration, Integrity, and Advocacy, and it is driven by five overarching goals:

1	Elevate Educational Excellence and Research Innovation
2	Strengthen Collaborative Partnerships
3	Promote Health Equity and Community Engagement
4	Maximize Community and Alumni Impact
5	Transform Culture and Operations

Our faculty and students are already bringing this vision to life—whether through cutting-edge rehabilitation research, community-based clinical services, or innovative teaching practices. We are proud of our role in training the next generation of allied health professionals through the following programs:

- Audiology (AuD)
- Cardiopulmonary Science (BS)
- Communication Disorders – Speech-Language Pathology (MCD)
- Counseling (MHS)
- Medical Laboratory Science (BS)
- Occupational Therapy (MOT)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)
- Additionally, the Human Development Center plays a vital role in expanding capacity for providers serving individuals with developmental and acquired disabilities, furthering our mission of inclusive and equitable care.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the development of our strategic plan. Your insights and dedication are helping us shape a healthier, more equitable future for Louisiana and beyond. I invite you to explore our plan and join us in this exciting journey.

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