

# Geaux Global

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LSUHSC INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE



## IMMIGRATION UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Natural catastrophes and other extreme situations can sometimes affect the processing of your USCIS application, petition or immigration request.
- USCIS O-1 visa policy updates-how officers determine if the petitioner has satisfied the evidentiary criteria and established in the totality of the evidence that the beneficiary has extraordinary ability, or extraordinary achievement in the motion picture and television industry, as applicable.
- H-1B-related changes effective 10/2/2020-
  - Possible I-129 H1B Fee increase from \$460 to \$555 \*currently under legal challenge\*
  - Premium Processing is moving from 15 calendar days to 15 business days turn around time for Final Action Decision.

## FALL CULTURE

- Visit a Pumpkin Patch- Check out where to find the best pumpkins to carve or where spend a day at a Louisiana pumpkin farm to enjoy fall activities.
- Halloween- Yes, activities in New Orleans are scheduled to take place! A nice family-friendly activity benefiting the Children's Hospital New Orleans and the Audubon Zoo is Peek-a-Boo at the Zoo. In for a scare instead? Visit The Mortuary, which is sure to get your heart racing and your knees shaking.
- Black Friday- Philly police used the term "Black Friday" to refer to the day after Thanksgiving, when the city would be awash with rowdy fans attending the Army-Navy football game. Local retailers took advantage of the crowds by having sales and calling the day "Big Friday," but the police term for it stuck. By the 1980s, the discounts and super sales started creeping across the nation. Ready for the biggest shopping craze around? Time to snag those deals.

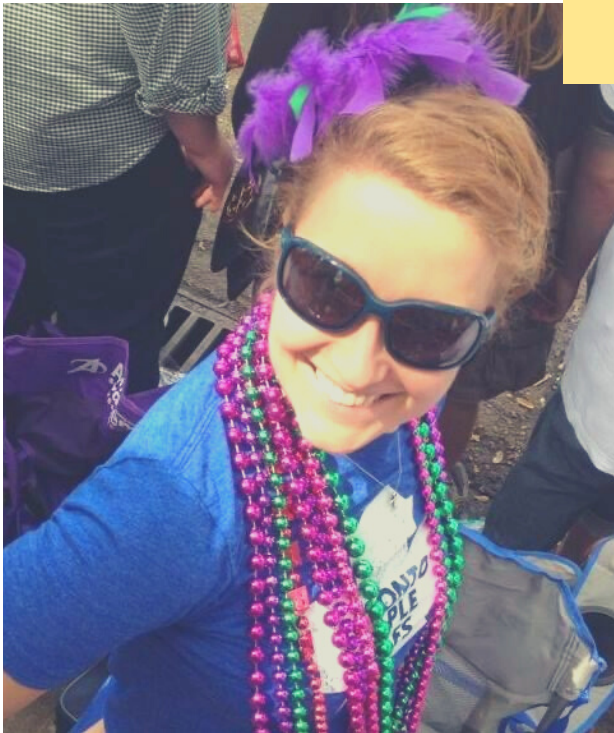


## CAMPUS/ISO NEWS

- Annual Flu Shots-The immunizations will be given on September 30th, October 1st, October 7th and October 8th, from 8:00am-4:30pm on the 1st floor of the Lions Building – 2020 Gravier Street.
- Are you ready for some football? There is nothing quite like the LSU Football experience. Stadium limited to 25% capacity.
- Reduced Antibody Testing- Beginning October 12, 2020, the COVID Antibody Testing Clinic on campus will reduce hours to Tuesday/Thursday from 8 am-noon.
- As we approach the holiday season, please remember to timely inform ISO of any international travel plans via a travel request form submission.
- A resource about US-work expectations.

# Get to know the ISO staff

## REMY ALLEN



I'm your ISO Director. I am a third generation Louisiana native, and a Baton Rouge to NOLA transplant. I grew up in West Baton Rouge Parish (surrounded by sugarcane) and graduated from LSU A&M in Baton Rouge in 2003 and 2006.

After graduation, I worked in the private sector for a little over three years. I started at Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC) in 2010 as their Immigration Officer. I moved from PBRC to LSUHSC New Orleans in 2012.

I can't believe I have been working in the immigration field for over a decade!

I am an avid traveler (which has been derailed by COVID-19), and recently traveled internationally to the Women's World Cup in France last summer (Geaux Team USA!). I usually travel with my husband and daughter (5) and we look forward to getting on an airplane again soon! We took a road trip (20+ hours) this summer to Virginia and enjoyed some hiking in Shenandoah National Park. The waterfalls were beautiful! In the rest of 2020, we plan on getting lots of quality time together trying out new recipes, and looking forward (finally) to some cooler weather!

## ASHLEY IDIAQUEZ

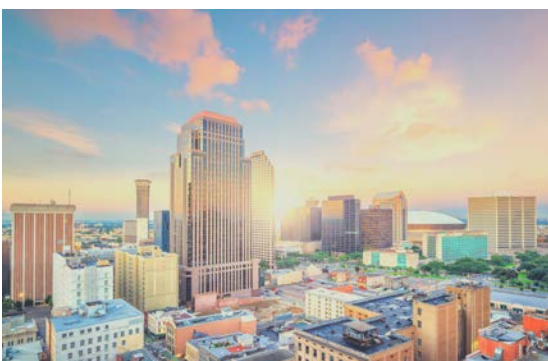
Hi, I'm your ISO Administrator. I am first generation US-born daughter of Honduran immigrants. I received my bachelors degree in Communication Studies from LSU A&M, and my masters degree in International Relations and Global studies from Northeastern University.

I have worked within the realm of immigration, and with immigrant communities, for approximately 7 years in many different capacities. I started at LSUHSC in August 2017 in hopes of expanding my knowledge of immigration specifically in an academic setting, Further, the position complemented my master's concentration in Student Global Mobility.

My hobbies include traveling (which has so far only been within the US and throughout Central America), spending time with my sons (5 and 1 years old), discussing Latin American and US politics, social justice advocacy, and a simple "Netflix n Chill" night.



## OUR NOLA/LSU ADVICE



### Our Favorites

### Remy

### Ashley

LSU Tradition:	Visiting Mike the Tiger	*	Pre-game Tailgating
NOLA Restaurant:	Saba and Brightsen's	*	Mais Arepas
NOLA Event:	JazzFest	*	French Quarter Fest
NOLA Attraction:	City Park	*	Garden District
Kid's Activity:	Audubon Nature Institute	*	Children's Museum
A NOLA must do....	Streetcar ride on St. Charles	*	Eating Beignets
Coffee Shop:	Mojo	*	Cherry Espresso Bar