

# Student Life

The Division of Student Affairs provides a well-balanced program of cocurricular activities and encourages student participation in these and other aspects of University life. As members of the University community, students through the Student Government Association, registered student organizations, intramurals, and athletics have opportunities to gain valuable practical experience in leadership and human relations skills which can enrich their lives far beyond their college years. Activities include student publications, dances, various forms of entertainment, and lectures. In addition, there are seven honorary societies on the Lander campus: Alpha Chi, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Psi Omega, Blue Key Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Sigma Tau Delta.

The *EXPO* summer orientation program helps new students become acquainted with the Lander campus. Emphasis is placed on student services information, cocurricular opportunities, and meeting other students, and staff.

In an effort to offer opportunities for personal enrichment to the Lander community, Lander sponsors a variety of programs, formal and informal, through which students may broaden their educational experience. In addition, academic departments sponsor visits by poets, lecturers, and musicians who mingle informally with students as well as share their talents freely from the lectern or concert stage.

Student-faculty interaction is encouraged through field trips, cultural offerings, annual Lander outdoor events, and other cocurricular activities. In addition, students are also encouraged to participate in a comprehensive, high quality intramural athletic program.

**The Lander President's Leadership Program (LPLP)** is a unique, two-semester intensive leadership development program for incoming freshmen who apply and are selected for participation. Thirty places are available in LPLP and each participant earns a \$300 scholarship and academic credit during the freshman year. The LPLP class meets twice per week in the fall and spring semesters.

The program emphasizes developmental participatory learning, and focuses on the tools of leadership (for example, communication skills, decision-making, problem-solving, goal-setting, time management); the structure and leadership personalities of Lander; applied leadership problems in real-life student leadership roles; and how to become effectively involved at Lander. The LPLP Program is under the direction of the Office of Student Affairs.

**The Student Government Association (SGA)** consists of five executive officers and 15 senators elected annually by the student body and serves as a voice for Lander students.

**The University Program Council** sponsors dances, concerts, movies, comedy groups, and other programs on the lighter side for Lander University students and their guests.

**The Student Publications Board** oversees student publication of *The Forum*, the student newspaper; and *Review*, a literary magazine which publishes entries judged the best in art work, poetry, short stories, essays and photography. University publications include the *Lander Magazine* and the *Weekly Bulletin*, a campus newsletter (both from the University Relations Office).

**The Intercollegiate Athletics** program allows students/athletes an opportunity to support teams in ten varsity sports: women's basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, volleyball and men's tennis, basketball, soccer, golf, and baseball. The philosophy of athletics at the University affirms that participants in the program are first of all students and secondarily, athletes.

**Lander University Student Health Services**, is located in Genesis Hall. These services are funded by and serve resident hall students and commuter students who elect to pay the student health services fee. The office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (until 1:30 p.m. on Friday) during the fall and spring and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. during the summer (May 15-August 15). Student Health Services are staffed by registered nurses, and a group of local physicians who treat students upon referral. In an emergency during the day or after office hours, students may choose to be treated at the Express Care Clinic or the Emergency Room at Self Regional Health Care. Such treatment is at the student's expense.

**Lander Counseling Services** offices are located on the third floor of Grier Student Center. Professional counseling assistance is available at no cost to students in matters such as personal and family problems, substance abuse, low morale, sub-par academic performance, test anxiety, and relationship difficulties. Offices are open 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and students are seen with or without appointments.

**Veterans' Affairs** information is available from the Office of the Registrar or from [www.lander.edu/registrar](http://www.lander.edu/registrar).

**The Office of Multicultural Affairs** focuses on programs and activities that focus on diversity and that enhance the development of all Lander University students, assists Lander University in generating cultural activities and programs, assures that the University remains sensitive to multicultural issues, and serves as an integral member of the Student Affairs staff in providing general assistance to any Lander student.

**The Office of Career Services** works with students in developing and implementing career plans. Individual career counseling and testing is conducted by this office. Career Development, a one semester hour credit course, is designed to prepare students with the skills and perspectives necessary to enter the job market. Students interested in part-time off-campus jobs are encouraged to review Lander's online job board at [www.lander.edu/student\\_affairs/career](http://www.lander.edu/student_affairs/career). Many online resources are available to students including information on career exploration, internships, graduate school, resumes, and interviewing.

A Cooperative Education Program allows students to combine academic instruction with paid work experience both on and off campus. Those students wishing to receive academic credit may register for one or two credit hours per semester (a total of six semester hours is available). Students participating in the Cooperative Education must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours with a minimum 2.25 GPA. Participation depends on job availability.

Graduating seniors are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with Career Services and participate in elective, brief seminars focused on resume preparation and job interview skills.