

# College of Education Academic Showcase

## Chapter 20

Public Service Commissioner, Curtis Joubert, Public Servant and Member of Louisiana Political Hall of Fame - Why He Chose To Attend SLI

## Video File

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## Transcript

**Title Card:** Why did you attend USL?

**Curtis Joubert – Teacher and Politician:** That's a very good question, but you have to go back to my generation, back in 1948. Things were rather simple at that time and if you remember we, most of us, graduated when we were 16 years of age and we were really just lost. We couldn't get jobs and just the old country boys...

Searching for a university I was somewhat confused about where would we go and not be intimidated because after all this was a rural French community and not many people did go on to high education. But then the Korean War Conflict came along and then many of us joined the service and I was one of them. So as a result, I did not make a final decision on where to go to school until the mid-1950s.

And I knew so many people who came to USL, who had very, very warm things to say about the University. How they were individually treated and how it felt like a real family in comparison to other universities that I will not name. So anyway, I decided I would, it sounded like the type of atmosphere where I could perhaps feel at home and get some help that if I needed any and perhaps graduate, even graduated from the University.

So, I enrolled in USL, and it exceeded everything that I was told. I just felt real at home here. Going to the cafeteria, going to the library, speaking to professors when I needed help. It was just a wonderful feeling. I kind of hated to go home on weekends. It was so nice. But in those days, we didn't have much money, so we had to go home and wash the clothes and get a little refueling of the cash.