When you think of the USL campus, usually you envision the area between University Avenue and East Lewis, where students meet classes.

But USL is comprised of many campuses. One is the 600-acre experimental farm near Cade. On this beautiful land students learn to produce beef and dairy products, to raise crops, and to grow crawfish.

The USL New Iberia Research Center houses one of the nation’s largest primate colonies, some 2,500 rhesus monkeys, chimps, green monkeys and even an orangutan. They’re used in medical research.

The most distant campus is the Fearman Bayou Field Station on the west shore of Vermilion Bay. USL constructed this facility for study of estuarine plants and animals. It is now a satellite of LUMCON, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium.

Even in Lafayette USL has many campuses. Apart from the main campus is the athletic complex, a 100-acre area that includes Cajun Field, track and tennis facilities, offices and locker rooms.

Adjoining this are the USL fraternity and sorority row, Bourgeois Hall (the recently opened health and physical education building), the Alumni House, Horticulture Center and Blackham Coliseum.

USL also maintains a 100-acre horse farm that extends from Johnston Street to Greenbriar subdivision. And behind the vo-tech school is the former chicken farm, about 17 acres.

USL has provided about 50 acres of land for several major facilities that serve the area, including the Lafayette Regional Vocational-Technical School, the University Medical Center, and the Cajundome.

In not too many years Cajundome Boulevard will extend across Congress Street to Eraste Landry Road, and construction will begin on the National Wetlands Research Center, on land provided by USL. Adjoining that, University officials hope to create a research complex on additional USL land.

USL’s many campuses are yours, and they’re providing space for instruction, research, community service and economic diversification.