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### **Port City Fest kicks off big game weekend**

*City of Shreveport will provide a safe experience for football fans*

The City of Shreveport is hosting Grambling State University and Southern University on April 17 for a legendary football matchup at Independence Stadium. This is the first time in decades both schools have faced off in Shreveport.

To gear up for football fans and their families, the Port City Fest will provide the ultimate fan experience. For three days, there will be food, fun and activities that will showcase the rich culture of Shreveport and the heritage of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

- The Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce will kick off the weekend with the Classic Expo at the Shreveport Convention Center from April 15– 17. It will highlight local businesses and feature panel discussions on topics ranging from education to politics.
- The Mayor's Golf Invitational Tournament, April 16 at Querbes Park Golf Course will provide scholarships to students attending Grambling State University and Southern University.
- Party on the Red, April 16-17 will take place at Festival Plaza in downtown Shreveport. There will be food, vendors and musical performances from nationally renowned acts.

The City of Shreveport is working with all Port City Fest partners to ensure COVID-19 CDC guidelines are followed. Mask wearing will be required at all Port City Fest sponsored events. There will also be one COVID Crowd Manager for every 50 people in attendance to maintain social distancing protocols. Cintas donated 20,000 masks and sanitizer stations will be at all sites.

Tickets will be electronic and the online ticketing system allows for a limited number of attendees at all sponsored activities. Visit [portcityfest.com](http://portcityfest.com) for ticket and event information.

Port City Fest is a collective of a cohort of sponsors including the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Office of Tourism, Caddo Parish Commission, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, Bossier City, and Bossier Parish Police Jury.

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