The LCU Ring Tradition exists to provide alumni with a lasting, visual reminder of their time at Lubbock Christian University.

The ring tells our story. Each ring reminds us of who we are and symbolizes the things that make our connection to LCU so strong. On the top is a cross, which represents Jesus. As each graduate leaves and enters the world, the cross represents how you will shine the light of Jesus in your daily activities. Like the points on a compass, the outer points of the cross represent the different paths and directions each graduate pursues upon graduation. The center of the cross symbolizes what reunites graduates as well as emphasizes our shared LCU experiences and foundation of faith.

One side of the ring represents the school's transition from Lubbock Christian College to Lubbock Christian University. The brick pattern in the background symbolizes buildings throughout the campus. The word Chaps is beneath the letters LCC and LCU to remind us of our mascot. On the other side, the ring displays a representation of LCU’s most prominent building, the Christian Development Center (CDC). Beneath the CDC is the Chap Scratch.

The ring represents so much more than just the visual symbolism. It celebrates goal achievement. It honors the dream that made LCU what it is today. Finally, it reminds us of the sacrifices of so many to make an LCU education possible.

**Ring Savings Program**

Full-time undergraduate students and incoming freshmen with fewer than sixty (60) credit hours will be charged a $90 ring installment payment at the start of every semester for four (4) semesters. *NOTE: Due to the nature of their LCU experience, transfer students and nursing students are not automatically enrolled; if they wish to join the Ring Savings Program, they may choose to opt in at any time by contacting the Alumni Relations Office.* The Ring Savings Program provides students with the funds to purchase a ring upon attainment of sixty (60) credit hours at LCU. Due to the higher cost of men’s rings and fluctuating cost of gold, students who wish to contribute more than the four (4) semesters of ring installments may ask the Office of Alumni Relations to raise their limit and deduct funds for six (6) semesters.

At the beginning of each semester, Alumni Relations will host “Ring Days”, in which representatives of Balfour, the ring manufacturer, will be available to answer questions about the LCU ring and take orders from qualified students. The balance from each student's ring savings account reduces the total price of the ring selected by each student. Those students who purchase a ring during Ring Days will be invited to participate in the Ring Ceremony. Friends, family, and alumni are encouraged and welcome to attend the ceremony.

The money in students' ring savings accounts will be available for the purpose of purchasing an LCU ring up to two (2) years after enrolment ceases. After this time, the money will be placed in the Alumni Relation’s general fund for alumni programs.

If students do not wish to participate in the Ring Savings Program, they must opt out of the program in writing. This may be accomplished one of two ways:

- Students may send an email to alumni@LCU.edu and state a desire to opt out of the Ring Savings Plan. Students should include their full names and student ID number.
- Go to the Office of Alumni Relations and speak with a member of the Alumni Relations team.

**Ring Refund Policy**

Refunds, also called student account credits, are available to the student account upon request and as follows:

- Students in their first semester of charges who wish to opt out may do so without penalty within the grace period - before their semester bill is due and will receive a credit of $90.
- Students who opt out of the ring program after the grace period and still within their first semester of charges will be credited $45 to their student account in the Financial Affairs Office.
- Students who opt out of the ring program past their first semester of charges within the ring program will be credited the balance less $90 to their student account in the Financial Affairs Office.

**NOTE:** Only students who have opted out of the program in writing will receive a refund or student account credit, regardless of whether or not they graduate from LCU. Exceptions to this policy are available only in the event of financial hardship*.

*A person is considered to be in financial hardship when they would be left unable to provide for themselves, their family or other dependents, which may be caused by family tragedy, financial misfortune, serious illness, or other difficult circumstances.*