

Acadiana celebrated the national cinematic release of *Secretariat*, the inspiring tale of the 1973 Triple Crown winner, which was filmed primarily in Acadiana with a red carpet reception and premier screening at the Grand 16 Theater in Lafayette. Nearly 300 people packed the theater to catch a sneak peek of the film that tells the story of Penny Chenery, a housewife who agrees to take over her ailing father's stables and fosters the first Triple Crown winner in twenty-five years.

Immediately before the screening, Lafayette City-Parish President Joey Durel presented a proclamation recognizing the weekend as a special celebration of Acadiana's Cajun and Creole heritage. Chef Patrick Mould and Dr. Joseph Savoie invited movie goers to attend Festival Acadiens et Creole and the UL Lafayette vs. Oklahoma State football game which took place the same weekend. Lt. Governor Scott Angelle took the opportunity to promote the Geaux with Gulf Seafood initiative and to spread his message about the importance of supporting Gulf seafood suppliers. Finally, Bill Johnson, *Secretariat* executive producer, shared his insights on making a film in Acadiana and the discussed the bright future Acadiana has in the film industry.