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Medical student Carson Harper receives his white coat from his father, Dr. Michael B. Harper, Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine, at the Class of 2020 White Coat Ceremony on April 21.



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As we enter into a new season, we are also beginning a new era of our health sciences center.

First, I am pleased to report that the Louisiana State Legislature's third Special Session concluded with the approval of healthcare and higher education being fully funded with the passing of House Bill 1 and House Bill 10.

Our legislative members from north and central Louisiana were instrumental in voting to support higher education and healthcare, and I appreciate their efforts and steadfast support of our institution.

Second, the long anticipated Public-Private Partnership Agreement with Ochsner Health System has reached its final stages of approval and is set to become effective Oct. 1, 2018. LSU Health Shreveport and Ochsner will jointly form Ochsner LSU Health System of North Louisiana (OLHS-NW) to oversee and coordinate activities between the health sciences center and the healthcare delivery systems. This will be a true collaboration of our respective expertise. LSU will continue to oversee the operations of our Schools of Medicine, Graduate Studies, Allied Health Professions, Graduate Medical Education and research; Ochsner will manage the operations of our partner hospitals in Shreveport and Monroe. It has been a team effort to finalize this partnership, and I am committed to seeing it succeed. With the stability of our budget and the creation of a strong partnership with shared values, I believe that we are in an ideal position to not only survive, but also thrive.

You will see a theme of focusing on our future and highlighting the many strengths of our institution in this issue of **Inside LSU Health**. We recently celebrated the graduation of 258 students from our three professional schools, research is on the rise with a 47 percent increase in grant funding over last year, and we have welcomed a new group of students to campus. I have also been proud to add strong leadership to our team who I have the utmost confidence in to guide us into the next era of our health sciences center.

The support you provide to our health sciences center is appreciated now more than ever as we begin this new chapter. I hope you join me in looking forward to a bright future ahead.

Sincerely,

G.E. Ghali, DDS MD FACS FRCS (Ed)
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Breakthrough Patent Technology Hopes to Make More Organs Usable for Transplantation



Dr. J. Steven Alexander

The LSU Health Shreveport Department of Molecular & Cellular Physiology and Aphios Corporation have obtained United States Patent No. 9,994,585 entitled "Transplantation Therapies," for marine pharmaceutical 'Bryostatin-1,' which will be used as an additive to organ transport and storage solutions.

The use of this additive may allow more organs to be made usable for transplantation by making marginal, or substandard, organs survive where they would not have before. Currently, many organs are not ultimately usable in transplantation and are considered less than ideal because they have exceeded the amount of time beyond which the organ would undergo failure. The current patent technology specifically blocks the mechanisms through which the body attacks the graft to prevent acute transplant failure. This innovative approach will have far-reaching impact on the entire transplantation industry.

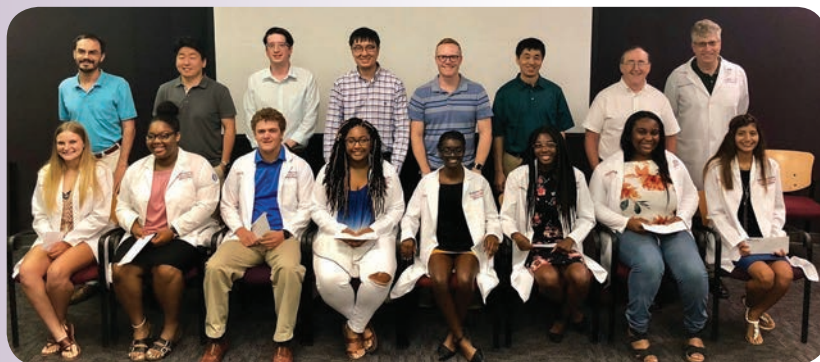
J. Steven Alexander, PhD, Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology and Medicine at LSU Health Shreveport, working with April Carpenter Elrod, PhD, Assistant Professor of Health and Exercise Physiology at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Penn., and Dr. Trevor Castor at Aphios Corporation in Woburn, Mass., discovered that the treatment of blood vessels with Bryostatin-1, a compound derived from the marine bryozoans species *Bugula neritina*, stabilizes blood vessel cells called 'endothelial' cells allowing them to stop the infiltration by white cells, which should

lead to better organ survival and many more organs being available. This will allow more organs to now be safely shipped trans-nationally and even internationally. Also important is that this drug does not need to be given to the recipient, but rather is only introduced to the donor organ during cold storage.

"The approach is nothing less than revolutionary and before very long we hope that it will be widely used as a main transplant solution," said Dr. J. Steven Alexander about the new use patent.

Previously, Bryostatin-1 was researched for treating cancer, for which it is not highly active, but consequently, has extensive human safety data.

BioStart Program Welcomes New Interns



The BioStart Program welcomed eight new interns this summer. The new BioStart Program interns are all seniors at the Biotechnology Magnet Program, a rigorous STEM program unique to Southwood High School in Shreveport. Each student is paired with a professor in the School of Graduate Studies professor, who they will work with and have as a mentor throughout the 18-week internship. Participating professors are: **Steven Alexander, PhD**, Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology;

Albert Glasscock, PhD, Assistant Professor of Cellular Biology & Anatomy; **Lynn Harrison, PhD**, Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology; **David McGee, PhD**, Associate Professor of Microbiology & Immunology; **Kenneth McMartin, PhD**, Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience; **Hyung Nam, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience; **Christopher Schmoutz, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience; and **Yunfeng Zhao, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience. The BioStart Program is generously funded by the Biomedical Research Foundation and the LSU Health Sciences Foundation Shreveport, along with many other partners.

Key Gene Identified in Deadly Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is diagnosed in about 200,000 men and **castrate resistant prostate cancer (CRPC)** accounts for about 30,000 deaths annually in the USA. Now, scientists have identified a key gene - **elf4G1** - that shows grade and stage specific upregulation in prostate cancer and is overexpressed and/or amplified in the majority of cases of CRPC. The study revealed that silencing **elf4G1** or disrupting **elf4G1** function using a chemical inhibitor sensitized CRPC to current therapies.

Almost all the deaths from prostate cancer are a result of emergence of CRPC. Now, scientists from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at LSU Health Shreveport have identified a key gene - **elf4G1** - that is overexpressed in the majority of cases of CRPC, allowing these cancer cells to rapidly respond to androgen deprivation therapies. The new findings, "Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 4 Gamma 1 (elf4G1) is upregulated during prostate cancer progression and modulates cell growth and metastasis" (SREP-18-09172) were published online in Scientific Reports in May 2018, and could lead to the identification of new approaches, therapies and a new class of drugs to target and treat CRPC. This would be a critical development in the fight against CRPC, which does not respond to any other current treatments, according to the study's lead authors Dr. Hari K. Koul, Associate Director for Basic and Translational Research at the Feist Weiller Cancer Center, Director of Hormone Related Malignancies research program, and the Carroll W. Feist Endowed Chair in Cancer and Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

"Conventional therapies produce a high rate of cure for patients with localized prostate cancer, but there is no cure once the disease has spread beyond the prostate primarily due to emergence of CRPC," says Dr. Koul, noting that resistance to androgen receptor targeted therapies accounts for almost all of the prostate cancer deaths.

Dr. Koul opines that, "There has been little progress in developing curative therapies for CRPC despite discovery of the second generation AR targeted therapies over the past two decades, and there are no curative drugs specifically for this form of cancer."

Dr. Koul and his colleagues found that the gene **elf4G1** is amplified and overexpressed in a majority of CRPC patients that allows prostate cancer cells to overcome current treatments. They also found that the silencing of this gene (using SiRNA technology) and or inhibition of function of the **elf4G1** protein made by this gene sensitized CRPC cells to antiandrogens, as well as second generation AR targeted therapies, in experimental settings. "This is quite exciting that **elf4G1** would serve as an excellent target for combination therapy with current first and/or second generation AR targeted therapies," says Dr. Koul.

Dr. Koul cautions that additional work is required for translating these laboratory findings into therapies and we plan to further explore this pathway, develop small molecular inhibitors that target **elf4G1** and conduct preclinical tests.

The members of Dr. Koul's research team that participated in this study includes Dr. Praveen Jaiswal, Sweaty Koul, Prakash ST Shanmugam.



AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship Award Supports Heart Failure Research



Dr. Shafiu Alam

Heart disease is listed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the leading cause of death in the United States. Heart failure is one type of cardiovascular disease that occurs when blood isn't pumping through the heart properly. A new American Heart Association postdoctoral fellowship award received by Dr. Shafiu Alam in the Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology at LSU Health Shreveport will help further explore how heart failure occurs and ways to prevent it.

One of the reasons for heart failure is proteotoxicity, which occurs when a protein does not fold correctly and impairs the function of a cell. Proteins play a structural and enzymatic role in our cell. For the proper

function of protein, proteins need to be properly folded. Misfolded proteins form aggregates and cause cellular toxicity, which may cause heart failure. Proper folding of proteins in the body is maintained by a family of proteins called 'chaperon' and aggregated misfolded proteins are cleared by a cellular process called 'autophagy.'

In the lab of Dr. Shenuarin Bhuiyan, who serves as Dr. Alam's mentor, they are working to discover novel strategies to prevent the proteotoxicity-induced heart failure by working on a mouse model of human desmin-related cardiomyopathy. Desmin is a structural protein that maintains the cellular structure and integrity. Mutation in desmin causes toxic protein aggregation in the cell and ultimately leads to proteotoxicity-induced heart failure. It is hypothesized that an increase in cellular chaperon protein and autophagic activity in the heart would clear or delay the protein aggregation-induced cardiomyopathy. In the lab, Dr. Alam and the team are employing novel genetic mouse models to decipher the role of chaperone protein and autophagic activation in protecting proteotoxicity-induced heart failure. Preliminary data suggests that chaperon protein has the potential to be a target for therapy of heart failure.

"I am thankful to my mentor Dr. Shenuarin Bhuiyan for giving me opportunity to work on this project and who will guide me towards the success of this phenomenal research. I also express sincere gratitude to all my laboratory members for their help and contribution," said Dr. Alam.

Dr. Alam's project, "Sigmar1 autophagic function in protecting cardiac proteotoxicity," is funded for two years through his American Heart Association grant.

Disbrow Awarded Grant to Study Parkinson Disease



Dr. Elizabeth Disbrow

Dr. Elizabeth Disbrow, Director of the Center for Brain Health, is a recipient of one of 11 research grants recently awarded by the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA). The ADPA awards research grants to investigators around the country who are performing innovative Parkinson Disease research. Dr. Disbrow's project will concentrate on the study of diversity in biomarker discovery.

LSU Health Shreveport RESEARCH ON THE RISE

LSU Health Shreveport Research Funding Comparison

	FY 2017	FY 2018	Percent Change
Federal NIH Grant Total	6,824,680	12,296,006	80%
Federal non-NIH Grant Total	1,523,099	855,720	-44%
Association Grants	1,234,703	1,199,105	-3%
Other Grants (State & Private)	499,389	463,343	-7%
Total Grant Award Funding	10,081,871	14,814,174	↑ 47%

Clinical Research Update

FDA Approval of IRB- 3/18 / 4 year approval
AAHRPP Full Approval- 6/18; 5 year accreditation
325 active studies on campus
16 new Pharma; 10 more in negotiation
71 new PI initiated studies

Technology Transfer

LSU Health Shreveport Faculty have disclosed 16+ novel ideas for patent consideration
5 Start-up companies were created to license and commercialize LSU Health Shreveport technologies
Over the last 10 months, LSU Health Shreveport has received 9 USPTO patent notices of allowance for LSU Health Shreveport technologies

Ranked # 2 in LSU System in royalty collection behind the perennial leader Ag Center

Campus	Disclosures FY18 to date	Disclosures FY17	Patents Filed FY18 to date	Patents Filed FY17	Issued Patents FY18 to Date	License and Options FY18 to Date	License and Options FY17	Total Licensing Income FY18 to Date*	Total Licensing Income FY17*
LSU A&M	31	72	32	44	6	7	21	\$180,854.56	\$ 280,672.05
LSU AgCenter	20	29	9	37	1	6	5	\$ 5,798,889.38	\$ 7,996,885.94
Pennington	3	11	6	20	4	2	3	\$ 2,618.00	\$ 17,674.00
LSUHSC-NO	14	25	19	37	4	5	3	\$ 183,618.65	\$ 162,860.10
LSUHSC-Shreveport	15	24	13	36	12	0	1	\$ 3,528,493.58	\$ 357,945.47
LSU-S	0	12	1	8	1	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
	83	173	80	182	28	20	33	\$ 9,674,474.17	\$ 8,691,037.56

LSUHS Graduate Student Receives Top Award at Research Conference

Graduate student, Lucile Guion, was selected as the best presentation by a graduate student at the DNA Tumor Virus Meeting, held in Madison, Wis., July 31 through August 5. Her presentation was entitled, "Temporal Recruitment of PML Nuclear Body-Residing Proteins to Incoming HPV Genomes Following Nuclear Delivery."

This is the only award handed out by the organizers of the meeting and is sponsored by the Journal of General Virology. Lucile was selected to receive the award by Dr. Michelle Ozbun, Professor at the University of New Mexico, who was representing the Journal of General Virology at the conference.

The DNA Tumor Virus Meeting gathers all leaders in the study of viruses causing tumors in humans. Attendees convene from all over the world. This is a great honor for Lucile, and for the tumor virology program in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, and LSU Health Shreveport overall.



Student Lucile Guion with Dr. Michelle Ozbun at the DNA Tumor Virus Meeting.

Department of Defense research grant will allow neurosurgery faculty to study post-traumatic epilepsy



Dr. Hai Sun

Dr. Hai Sun, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Director of Epilepsy Surgery, has received an Epilepsy Research Program Idea Development Award from the Department of Defense Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. Dr. Sun's new \$721,641 3-year grant will fund his research project, "Evaluating Impact of Cerebral Contusions on Brain Network Dysfunction and Epileptogenesis Among Patients with Traumatic Brain Injuries."

Dr. Sun's research project focuses on how the brain develops **post-traumatic epilepsy (PTE)** as a result of an interruption in the normal recovery after a **traumatic brain injury (TBI)**.

In the general population, PTEs account for 5 percent of all epilepsy cases and 20 percent of symptomatic epilepsy. This number is understandably higher in the military population, where almost 50 percent of TBI victims, more specifically those who sustain penetrating head injuries, go on to develop PTE. In veterans, 57 percent of seizures can be linked to a TBI.

There are many risk factors, but no identifiable biomarkers to predict the development of PTE after a TBI. This makes prevention and treatment difficult, despite how prevalent PTE is.

In Dr. Sun's study, structural and functional connectivity in the brain will be looked at by studying the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) results of two groups – those with PTE and those who do not have a neurological disease. The brain network characteristics of both groups will be compared to identify significant differences. In addition, a group of participants with moderate to severe TBI will be enrolled and will be followed up with repeated MRIs, electroencephalograms (EEG) and neuropsychological tests every three months, between every six to nine months, and between every 12 to 18 months. The goal of this aspect of the study is to capture the changes of brain network parameters overtime and investigate whether the evolution of brain network observed using MRI during the recovery of a TBI differs between those who develop PTE and those who do not.

"We hope one of the most valuable outcomes of this research is to develop a robust prospective dataset where future ideas can be designed and tested," said Dr. Sun about the project. "The study results will also enhance our understanding of PTE and may help design future studies on the prevention and treatment of PTE."

The Epilepsy Research Program was initiated in 2015 to develop an understanding of the magnitude of post-traumatic epilepsy (PTE) within the military and to expand research into the basic mechanisms by which TBI produces epilepsy.



LIBRARY

Health Sciences Library Celebrates 50 Years 1968-2018

Since 1968, the LSU Health Shreveport Health Sciences Library has served as a valuable resource on campus and in the Shreveport community. The Library is the principle information resource for faculty, staff and students, providing essential resources to and services that support the mission of the health sciences center to teach, heal and discover.



Over the years as technology and the different ways students receive information has changed, the Library has adjusted accordingly. There have been many updates made to the Library over the past 50 years. The Marianne & Stafford Comegys Library Enhancement Fund has generously paid for earplugs, charging stations that support multiple devices, acrylic privacy screens, a standing desk, and new glass marker boards in study rooms. New computers were also recently installed in the two computer labs, which was made possible with the support of Dr. Jane Eggerstedt, Provost, and Dr. Dennis Wissing, Interim Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions and long-time chair of the Library advisory committee.

Library faculty members are seen all over campus. They are involved in teaching curriculum in all three professional schools, and they serve as liaisons to various departments and programs. Library faculty are also very involved in professional development and training, and regularly present at professional meetings and conferences. The Library is a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region, the Louisiana Library Association (LLA), the South Central Academic Medical Libraries (SCAMEL) consortium, the Louisiana Library Network (LOUIS), and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL).

BY THE NUMBERS

- **39,000 square feet** across three floors with seating for **312 users**.
- **Open 102.5 hours** a week, with 24/7 off-campus access through VPN to resources and databases.
- **49 computer workspaces**

Last year, the Health Sciences Library:

- Welcomed **84,970** visitors
- Answered **4,148** questions
- Processed **2,029** interlibrary loan requests
- Completed **565** writing consultations
- Taught **222** hours to **2,352** learners

Collection Size:

- **21,554** print books
- **4,814** Journal Subscriptions
- **1,764** E-books

Since 2001, the Library has received more than \$500,000 in grant awards.

Online at library.lsuhschs.edu and @LSUHS_Library



FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



Welcome Class of 2022! A new group of medical students arrived on campus in August ready to begin the next step on the path to becoming a Doctor of Medicine. According to a *U.S. News and World Report* annual survey, the national acceptance rate to medical school for 2017-2018 was **7** percent, showing just how competitive the field is and how hard these students have worked to arrive where they are today. Another notable number relating to this class is **136**. This is the number of students in the MS1 class, making it the largest medical school class in our institution's history. This is significant because of another number: **120,000**. This is how many physicians the United States will be short of based on demand by 2030 according to recent data published by the *Association of American Medical Colleges* (AAMC). The study determined that a growing population, especially a significant increase in the population of adults age 65 and older, can be attributed to this outlook. The supply of physicians - both primary and specialty - will not meet the demand that a growing and aging population presents.

While the year 2030 might seem far off, the time to start planning for the looming physician shortage is now, especially considering the length of training doctors require. LSU Health Shreveport is one of many medical schools around the country that recognizes this issue and working to address it. The AAMC reports medical schools have increased enrollment by nearly 30 percent since 2002, and while this is one way to address the issue of a physician shortage, the problem will need to be addressed from multiple angles with help from others. A major aspect will be federal funding for graduate medical education, which has not increased since 1997.

As a new chapter for our health sciences begins, it is important to continue focusing on the future. This includes not only growing student enrollment at LSU Health Shreveport, but also striving to provide the best possible training, and further expanding research funding and initiatives.



NEW & IMPROVED

THE CORE LEARNING CENTER'S NEW LOOK

The Core Learning Center, previously known as the Core Lab, recently got a new look. The renovation is one aspect of many campus improvement projects. The space has been updated to improve the learning and study environment. One feature is retractable walls to make the space flexible and accommodating to groups of all sizes. Several technology upgrades were made as well. A variety of activities can take place in the Core Learning Center including small group meetings, classes and study sessions.

The renovation project was supported by generous gifts made to the LSU Health Sciences Foundation in Shreveport, and The Workforce & Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Fund, which dedicates funding to Louisiana's public higher education institutions to support future workforce and innovation needs.

In addition to the Core Learning Center renovation, lecture halls in the medical school are being expanded to accommodate larger class sizes and technology enhancements. Also in the works is a redesign of the Ground Floor of the Health Sciences Library and the Testing Center.



Congratulations, Class of 2018

Two hundred and fifty-eight students recently graduated from LSU Health Shreveport. At the Spring Commencement Ceremony eight students received a PhD or Master's degree from the School of Graduate Studies; 62 students received a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate from the School of Allied Health Professions, and 122 students graduated from the School of Medicine to become Doctors of Medicine. In addition to students receiving their respective degrees, the inaugural School of Medicine graduating class was honored. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the first class of students graduating from the School of Medicine in 1973. Dr. David DeSha, Professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, gave the commencement speech.

At the Summer Commencement Ceremony the School of Allied Health Professions awarded diplomas to 63 graduates, and three students graduated from the School of Graduate Studies with their PhD. Dr. Joe McCullouch, former Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, gave the commencement speech.



New Endowments Honor Outstanding Alumni, Cherished Supporters

The creation of two endowed professorships and two endowed scholarships was recently celebrated at a ceremony held by the LSU Health Sciences Foundation. The new endowments were made possible by many generous private gifts, as well as matching dollars from the Louisiana Board of Regents through its Endowed Professorship and Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship Support Fund. A total of \$120,000 was provided from these funds which provide direct support both to our faculty and students.

The Tilakram and Bhagwanti Devi Distinguished Professorship in Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery and Training



The Devi Distinguished Professorship was fully funded in 2017 through a gift from the Sham L. Gupta family. Several members of the Gupta family are graduates of the School of Medicine. The Gupta family gave their gift in appreciation for their educational experience and in

memory of Sham Gupta's parents. This professorship will help fund expenses for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery faculty, house officers and students to travel to India, a country the Gupta family has close ties to, where they perform life-changing cleft lip and palate surgeries on children, as well as providing educational opportunities related to these surgeries. The inaugural Devi Professor is Dr. Jennifer Woerner, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the Residency Program Director, and the Fellowship Director of the Craniofacial and Cleft Surgery program.

Alice Coleman Endowed Professorship in Pediatric Rheumatology



Alice Coleman was a business leader who was active in property management and downtown Shreveport real estate development for many years. She was diagnosed in the mid-1960's with rheumatoid

arthritis, a disease which, at that time, had very few treatment options. Alice is described as a woman who broke every glass ceiling imaginable, and who led with professionalism and courage despite suffering from her arthritis. After her passing in 2008, gifts were given to establish an endowment in her honor. With the matching funds from the Board of Regents, the Alice Coleman Professorship was created to support the work of

a Pediatric Rheumatologist. The inaugural Coleman Professor is Dr. Sarwat Umer, Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, the Director of the Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic and the Associate Program Director of the Rheumatology Fellowship.

Charles G. Hargon, Jr. MD Memorial Scholarship for Medical Students



After the passing of Dr. Charles "Chad" G. Hargon, Jr., School of Medicine alumni and former fellow at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, friends and family turned their grief into giving back

so that Dr. Hargon's legacy could live on. Dr. Hargon's LSU fraternity brothers, along with his loving family, friends, and colleagues from across the nation, made it possible for the Charles G. Hargon, Jr. MD Memorial Scholarship for Medical Students to be created. This scholarship will help cover the cost of tuition for a medical student who displays outstanding moral character and dedication to serving their community.

Sandra and Jerry Martin Endowed Scholarship for Medical Students



Dr. Cindy Martin, a graduate of the School of Medicine who has gone on to become Assistant Professor of Medicine, Co-Director of the Adult Congenital and Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic, and Director and

Endowed Scholar of the Lillehei Heart Institute at the University of Minnesota, wanted to find a way to give back to her alma mater and invest in future generations of physicians. Dr. Martin's wish was to accomplish the following: support LSU Health Shreveport; honor her parents Sandra and Jerry, who are educators in the small town of Ashland, Louisiana; and inspire future generations of young people from small towns like Ashland in North Louisiana to pursue a career in medicine. The Sandra and Jerry Martin Endowed Scholarship for Medical Students provides the School of Medicine Admissions Committee with a needed tool in recruiting top students to Shreveport.

Class Notes

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 1973

Ken Harrison, and his wife, Debbie, have three children. Their two daughters, Emily and Sarah both live in Austin, Texas with their families including the Harrisons' three young grandchildren. Their son, Ross, lives in Houston, Texas.

Tim Hart began to volunteer on a the non-profit Samaritan Counseling Center board after retiring. Fundraising was his interest as all non-profits need a revenue stream. He had experience in this as he was involved in the Medical Society Golf Classic and the Louisiana's National Kidney Foundation's golf tournament. He soon became interested in sporting clays. He shot in some fundraisers and saw just how easy it was to put on and how effective a fundraiser event it was. The Samaritan Open, a sporting clays event, is in its 9th year and it has raised over \$200,000 for the Samaritan Counseling Center's Client Care Fund. People with limited resources are still able to get the help needed. He and his wife, Betsy, live in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Greg Heroman has been married to Valerie for 43 years. They have three children and three grandchildren. He retired from OB-GYN solo practice in December 2017, and is currently a full-time OB/GYN Hospitalist at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, where he was previously Chief of Staff and an Associate Clinical Professor for the LSU OB-GYN Residents. In his leisure time, he enjoys golf and the company of good friends. Greg is an LSU fan to the core. GEAX TIGERS!

Jeff Janies served as a ten year member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Hospital Foundation, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, including Chairman, prior to retirement. During his career, he has also enjoyed being Chief of Staff and Chief of Clinical Service as well as a member of the Executive Committee for several years. Jeff served as Chairman of Credentials and currently serves on the Bylaws Committee for Woman's Hospital. He was President CEO and Medical Director of the Co-Management of Surgical Services at Woman's

Hospital for several years as well. Now that he has retired, he and Lynell, his wonderful wife of almost 49 years, are able to spend much more time together. They also spend more time with their three children and four grandchildren. Jeff enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf. Jeff and Lynell are both looking forward to seeing dear old friends.

Richard Kamm is a retired physician with a wonderful wife. He enjoys his model railroads and programming microcontrollers.

Bob Little has continued his strong interest in overseas missionary work. He has made frequent trips to Central America and India. He serves as medical director of a long-term neurologic rehabilitation unit. He continues to have a strong interest in prayer for areas locally, regionally, and nationally.

Tandy McElwee is retired and enjoying a quiet life with family and friends.

Carl Richard has been in private practice in Kaplan, Louisiana since 1976. He is an active staff member of the Acadia General Hospital in Crowley, Louisiana, and a past Chief of Staff of that hospital. Carl also farms rice, beans, and crawfish on their family farm. He loves to hunt ducks, dove, and deer in Texas. Carl's favorite pastime is bass fishing in the farm pond.

Harry Vorhaben is retired and living in Slidell, Louisiana, with his wife, Mary. They have four children and ten grandchildren. Harry was in a private practice of general surgery for two years, then spent thirty-five years in Emergency Medicine, followed by twelve years as the department Medical Director. He is the past president of the JPMS Medical Society and a delegate to Louisiana State Medical Society.

Billy Washburne retired in January of this year from private practice in Allergy-Immunology at Highland Clinic in Shreveport. He is looking forward to spending more of his newly-found spare time traveling, gardening, reading, hiking, and following LSU sports, as well as continuing to serve as gratis faculty in the Department of Pediatrics at LSU Health Shreveport. He and his wife, Frances, have been

married for 54 years, and have two adult children, Joe and Emily, and four grandchildren. Billy and Frances are looking forward to more leisurely time with their family in his retirement days ahead.

Mark Wicks has been retired since 2006. He is certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine. Mark is a former President of the LMH medical staff and Suburban Pulmonary and Sleep Associates. Currently, Mark serves in an advisory position for Suburban Pulmonary. Mark and Dawn have been married for 36 years and have two children. Their son, Mark, lives in Washington, D.C., and works at the Federal Reserve Bank. Their daughter, Robyn, also lives in Washington, D.C., and is a broker at UBS.

CLASS OF 1978

Diana Di Iulio Bienvenu and **Steve Bienvenu** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Both are Department of Pediatrics faculty members at LSU Health Shreveport where Diana is Director of the Normal Newborn Nursery and Steve is Director of the Pediatric Clinic. They have two children, John and Ryan. John graduated from LSU Health Shreveport thirty years after his parents, and is an adult gastroenterologist at LSUHSC. He and his wife Andrea have two boys, ages nine months and four years. Ryan is a biomedical engineer and working as senior R&D engineer with Medtronic in Santa Rosa, California. Diana loves to read and take pictures of family members, particularly grandchildren. Steve enjoys the grandchildren, amateur radio, electronics, hunting and fishing, and attempting to grow dahlias.

Bruce Brouillette and his wife, Marcia, recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Bruce has enjoyed a wonderful family practice for the last 20 years with Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport. Their son, Andrew, recently completed LSU Dental School.

David Clemons has a private Dermatology practice in Shreveport. He and his wife, Dr. Carol S. Clemons, have been married for 43 years. She has an Ophthalmology practice in Shreveport, The Shreveport Eye Clinic, where she is a cornea specialist. They have four daughters who are all married and eight grandchildren. Their oldest, Susannah and husband, Harold Bicknell, have a daughter Caroline who is nine months old. Dr. Elizabeth Clemons and Patrick Garrett have three children. Elizabeth also practices Dermatology in Shreveport, Louisiana. Dr. Mary Catherine Clemons and her husband, Steve Lindemayer, have three children. She practices Oculoplastic Surgery and Neuro-Ophthalmology in Shreveport, Louisiana. Their youngest daughter, Amanda is married to Harry Stafford Johnson and they have a son, Reese, who is 15 months old. Amanda sells residential real estate for Coldwell Banker, is currently working on the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's premier fundraising event, Christmas in the Sky, and is a provisional member of the Junior League of Shreveport Bossier.

Steven Conrad and his wife, Mona, have been in Shreveport since 1986 and have been married for 44 years. Steve is a Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics and Surgery at LSU Health Shreveport, where he practices adult and pediatric critical care, and emergency medicine. He and Mona have three children. Their oldest, David, and his wife live in Dallas where he practices intellectual property law. Lesley is a gynecological oncologist with Emory University. She and her husband have been in Atlanta, Georgia, since 2017. Their youngest, Taylor, and his wife live in Brooklyn, New York where he is a resident in internal medicine/emergency medicine.

David Deas retired at the end of 2017, after 35 and a half years with Christus Health System - Schumpert and Highland Hospitals. He served as Chief of Anesthesia in 1987, as well as a year in the 1990's and also served as Chief of Anesthesia during the years of 2001 to 2016. He and Toni have four children and

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six grandchildren. His hobbies are hiking, playing golf, photography, and travel. He also enjoys hanging out in Estes Park, Colorado. He and Toni were married in 2009 and currently live on Cross Lake in Shreveport.

Tom Deas continued in the US Air Force after medical school and completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center (WHMC) in San Antonio, Texas, and, subsequently a Fellowship in Gastroenterology. Following Air Force retirement in 1991, Tom joined a gastroenterology practice in Fort Worth, Texas. After 23 years, Tom retired from his clinical practice in 2014 and is currently Vice President of Physician Engagement with North Texas Specialty Physicians, an IPA which manages full-risk Medicare Advantage programs. He and his wife Deborah have two children. Their daughter, Laura is a high school science teacher. She and her husband, Craig, live in Lucas, Texas, and gave them three wonderful grandchildren. Their son, Brian, is a USAF test pilot in Denver. He and his wife Kristi also gave them three wonderful grandchildren. Tom is an avid cyclist, and Deborah is engaged in mentoring elementary school children in Read to Win and Kids' Hope programs.

Jeff Eggart and his wife, Jeanne Fourrier Eggart, have lived in coastal South Carolina since 1985. Jeff practiced OB/GYN until 2010 and has practiced Clinical Lipidology with a cardiovascular group for the past seven years. They have raised five children. Their oldest son, Daniel, after finishing a Neurosurgery residency in New Orleans, has returned to Pawleys Island. Their youngest son, Laurence, begins a residency in Periodontics in Colorado and intends to join his mother's dental practice. Their daughter, Elise, recently had her first child. She works as a Bain consultant and lives with her husband in Dallas. Jeff and Jeanne had also raised two Haitian children, Nathalie who is a physician's assistant and Pierre, who after graduating in computer science and mathematics, completed his MBA and works with a local university.

Scotty Hermann has been in private practice in Waco, Texas since 1982. He survived a plane crash in 1995 and officiates Division I NCAA Basketball in his spare time.

Karl LeBlanc is credited with the performance of the world's first laparoscopic incisional hernia repair. He is Past President and a Founding member of the Americas Hernia Society. Karl has authored or edited six textbooks in surgery, published over 125 papers and has been an invited speaker at national and international surgical congresses on hernia topics and surgery. He is also a member of the SAGES Hernia Task Force.

Paul Matherne and his wife, Vicki, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 17, 2017. On May 21, 2016, Paul was ordained a Deacon of the Catholic Church. He has enjoyed each month preparing and giving a monthly homily at his parish church and has been honored to assist at the funerals of his own patients. Paul says, "It was a joy to baptize my granddaughter last September.

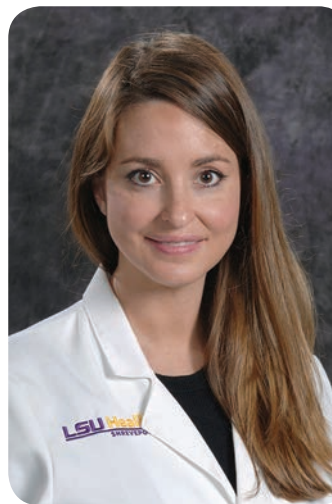
Barron O'Neal has been married to his wife, Mary, for 31 years. They have four children who all have jobs ("Yea!"). Two of their children are married, but no grandchildren yet. Barron is a plastic surgeon and has had the same business partner and medical assistant for 33 years. He has no plan to retire any time soon. He said, "Mary will not let him."

Bill Overdyke and his wife, Mitzie, have four children – all of whom are married and living in Shreveport, Louisiana. They also have six grandchildren. In their spare time, they enjoy playing golf, hunting, fishing and traveling.

CLASS OF 1984

Antonio Nelson retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in July 2003, after 26 years of service. He now lives in the Washington D.C. area and practices Diagnostic Radiologist.

LSU Health Shreveport is proud to welcome back **Elizabeth Lindley Wadhwa, MD, MS**, Class of 2012 alumna, as Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatrics Hematology/Oncology. After graduating from LSU Health Shreveport, Dr. Wadhwa completed a pediatric internship at Children's Hospital of New Orleans, a pediatric residency with a clinical research focus at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University Medical Center, and a fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at the University of California San Francisco, where she was Chief Fellow.



SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

CLASS OF 1999

Marla Lofton Moore (MPAS, 1999) works at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in the Otolaryngology department. She is a Distinguished Fellow of AAPA, a Certified Preceptor of AAPA, the Past President of LAPA and the Past President of Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. She and her husband, Kyle, live in Shreveport, Louisiana, and have three sons ages 15, 13 and 9.

CLASS OF 2011

Rebecca Eskew Clawson (MPAS, 2011) in Urgent Care in Shreveport, Louisiana. She and her husband,

Charles have a 5-year-daughter and a 2-year-old son.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

CLASS OF 2005

Trent Wierick and his wife **Molly Wierick**, a graduate of the SAHP in Occupational Therapy, are Shreveport natives. They have one daughter, Mary Caroline, and have been living in Shreveport since graduating from their respective programs in 2005. Trent is a co-owner in The EDGE Physical Therapy along with his classmate, Anna (Means) Moore. Together they specialize in orthopaedic and sports related injuries. Trent also works with college and professional athletes for performance enhancement programs. Trent enjoys exercise and playing golf and has completed ten marathons and two Ironman competitions since graduation.

Anna Moore married her husband **Dr. Justin Moore**, a 2009 LSU School of Medicine graduate, in 2011. They have been living in Shreveport together since completion of his Emergency Medicine residency in 2013. They have two daughters, Taylor and Mary Steele Moore. Anna is co-owner of The EDGE Physical Therapy along with classmate, Trent Wierick. She received her Orthopaedic Specialty Certification in 2009 and works with a variety of orthopaedic and sports injuries. Anna enjoys running and has completed ten marathons and four Ironman competitions.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Corie Robinson, PhD, a recent graduate of the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience, accepted a position as Toxicology Study Director at Covance, a global contract research organization located in Madison, Wisconsin. Corie will be designing and directing toxicology studies along with a team of scientists from various industry clients in preclinical drug development.

Class Notes

Legacy REUNION

*The Classes of
1973 and 1978
celebrated their
45- and 40-year
reunions in
May 2018.*



UPCOMING EVENTS



Northwest Louisiana Area
Thursday, October 18

Greater New Orleans Area
Saturday, November 10

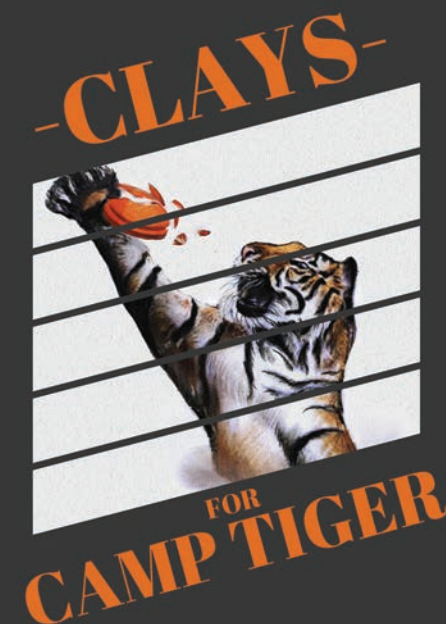
Visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/cheersandbeers for details and to RSVP.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Shreveport Gun Club

Visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/ClaysforCT to register.



Cultivating Unity in Diversity



Office of Diversity Affairs

Debbie Chandler, MD

Associate Professor and
Vice Chair, Department of
Anesthesiology

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Marisa Roberson

Director of Diversity Affairs

Shunerica Hill

Coordinator of Diversity Affairs

The students, residents, fellows, faculty and staff of LSU Health Shreveport all have a different background and may not all come from the same place, but together they make up a community of healthcare professionals that is rich in culture and diversity. The Office of Diversity Affairs plays an active role in improving science education for minority and traditionally under-represented student groups by offering scholarship, research, and mentoring opportunities. Their outreach efforts extend beyond the LSUHSC-S students and into our community. Currently, the department oversees pipeline programs designed to provide academic, financial, social and emotional support, and encouragement to local and state minority, underrepresented, and disadvantaged students. The programs benefit the future decisions to career opportunities in medicine, allied health professions, or research.

The Jumpstart Summer Enrichment Program (JSEP) and the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (UGRAP) are both eight-week programs for local high school students, and undergraduate students from colleges and universities from around the state. Selected participants are given the unique opportunity to work alongside a doctor or scientist in a research laboratory. Throughout the program they get hands-on experience and gain valuable insight to what working in a hospital and laboratory is like. The program concludes each summer with a poster session where students show off their projects.

The Education Familiarization Program is a MCAT prep course to help students become comfortable with and best prepare for the exam. The Pre-Matriculation Enrichment Program is a six-week program for incoming first-year medical students that helps them prepare for and become familiar with medical school.

In addition to these important pipeline programs that are held each summer, the Office of Diversity Affairs hosts event throughout the year that encourages the campus to come together and celebrate the various traditions and heritages of their peers.

Dr. Chandler (far left) and Marisa Roberson (far right) with 2018 JSEP & UGRAP students.





On April 19, faculty, staff and students joined together to celebrate cultures from around the world at the annual Diversity Celebration Day. The day was hosted by the Office of Diversity Affairs, which takes an active role to improve science education for minority students at LSUHS by offering scholarship, research, and mentoring opportunities.

"Diversity Celebration Day is one of our annual celebrations to acknowledge our individuality and differences, as well as our common interests. It helps to unite and educate us about each other, beyond our everyday encounters, in the school or workplace," said Marisa Roberson, Director of Diversity Affairs. "Although we are diverse individuals, we must not forget to be inclusive with one another. One of my favorite quotes is, 'Diversity is being invited to the party. Inclusion is being asked to dance.' From Verna Myers."

In 2017, Dr. Debbie Chandler, the newly appointed Assistant Dean of Diversity Affairs, brought her knowledge and experience, as well as her own brand of charisma and empathy to the Office of Diversity Affairs in order to better address the needs of our minority medical students, residents, fellows, faculty and staff. When Dr. Chandler reflects on diversity, she shares a quote by Malcolm Forbes: "Diversity, the act of thinking independently together."

Cultures and countries that participated in Diversity Celebration Day included: Philippines, Turkey, Nigeria, East Pakistan, West Pakistan, India, Ethiopia, Turkey, Trinidad, Haiti, Argentina, LGBT, South Louisiana, Russia, Egypt, Indonesia and Student National Medical Association (SNMA). Each booth displayed a variety of items, such as clothing and jewelry, food samplings and historical artifacts to represent their culture and country.

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 ALLEN A. COPPING EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS

The 2018 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to two deserving faculty members at graduation on May 26. This prestigious award recognizes those whose teaching skill sets the standard for excellence in academic performance. It is the highest teaching award in the School of Medicine.

Lucy Robinson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was awarded the 2018 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award for Basic Science.

Lauren Beal, MD, Associate Professor, Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, was awarded 2018 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award for Clinical Sciences.

Stephanie Blackburn, MHS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Program Director and Assistant Professor of Clinical Laboratory Science, was awarded the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award for Allied Health Professions.



Stephanie Blackburn with Chancellor G.E. Ghali and Interim Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, Dr. Dennis Wissing



Dr. Lucy Robinson with Dr. Jay Marion, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs



Dr. Lauren Beal with Dr. Jay Marion, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

5K RUN RAISES \$10,000 TO FUND CLEFT LIP AND PALATE SURGERIES

The 3 Miles for Free Smiles 5K run held in March raised \$10,000 for the LSU Health Sciences Foundation Shreveport and Shriners Hospital. The Foundation and Shriners will share the proceeds raised by the 3 Miles for Free Smiles 5K, hosted by Shreveport Bossier Family Dental Care, which will go towards maxillofacial surgeries specifically to repair cleft lip and palates.



NEUROSURGERY RESIDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL SNS BOOT CAMP IN HOUSTON

New PGY1 Neurosurgery residents Amey Sarvardekar, MD; Danielle Terrell, MD; and Garrett Whipple, MD, recently participated in the 10th Annual Neurosurgery Intern Boot Camp hosted by the Society of Neurological Surgeons (SNS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) at Baylor School of Medicine in Houston, Texas. The Houston boot camp is one of six held around the country. Each incoming neurosurgical resident throughout the country attends the intern boot camp in their region. The goal of the boot camp is to provide fundamental knowledge and skills training that is essential for the transition of medical students to active Neurosurgical residents at the beginning of their training programs.

Dr. Gregory Zipfel, the SNS PGY1 Boot Camp National Course Director from Washington University oversaw the operations of the boot camp program this year. The Houston Boot Camp was organized and led by Drs. Ganesh Rao and Bruce Ehni, two faculty members from Baylor College of Medicine. They directed an intensive prescribed curriculum vetted by The Society of Neurological Surgeons Committee on Resident Education (CoRE) that is designed to introduce important principles of neurosurgical care to PGY1 residents. The two-day boot camp was comprised of lecture and hands-on lab sessions designed to educate the residents on professionalism, communications, hierarchical supervision, and basic procedural skills relevant to Neurosurgical residency.

Dr. Bharat Guthikonda presented a short introduction of the Professionalism and Safety session. The Professionalism and Safety and Clinical Communications sessions were followed immediately by group sessions that were comprised of demonstrations of various procedures and unstable patient scenarios, finishing with small groups of emergency case scenarios.



CHERNYSHEV NAMED PATIENT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR



Dr. Chernyshev

Dr. Oleg Chernyshev, Assistant Professor of Neurology at LSU Health Shreveport and StrokeNet Director for the Center for Brain Health, was named the Kenneth M. Viste Jr., MD Patient Advocate of the Year by the American Association of Neurology.

Each year, the Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD Patient Advocate of the Year Award, sponsored by the American Academy of Neurology, recognizes one Neurologist who exemplifies Dr. Viste's leadership and commitment to advocating for the patient community.

STROKE TEAM RECOGNIZED FOR PATIENT CARE



The University Health Shreveport Stroke Team 1 was recognized by the the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's with the Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Silver Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes a hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence. The team is led by Dr. Oleg Chernyshev (Medical Director) and Dr. Hugo H. Cuellar (Medical Co-Director).

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: ALLERGY EDUCATION IN MONGOLIA

By invitation and support by the World Allergy Organization (WAO), Dr. Sami Bahna, Professor of Pediatrics & Medicine and Chief of Allergy & Immunology Section, along with two other speakers contributed to allergy education in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in June. Forty-five young physicians from Mongolia and neighboring countries pursuing a career in Allergy or related specialties attended the World Allergy Training School Program created by the WAO and the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology for developing countries. Dr. Bahna lectured on "Allergic & Non-Allergic Drug Reactions" and "Not Every Food Allergy is Allergy," and demonstrated hands-on allergy procedure. He gave a lecture titled, "Systemic Hypersensitivities to Corticosteroids" during the annual conference of the Mongolian Society of Allergy.



Dr. Sami Bahna teaches attendees at the World Allergy Training School Program.

CONFERENCE ROOM DEDICATED TO HONOR BELOVED SHREVEPORT ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON



Dr. John C. Hardin, III, and wife, Sally Hope Hardin; grandchildren, Michelle Hope Hardin and John C. Hardin, IV, with Dr. G. E. Ghali.

The Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Conference Room at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine was dedicated today to Dr. John C. Hardin, Jr., his wife, Quay, and their children John C. Hardin, IV (Johnny) and Michelle Hardin Lamb.

Dr. Hardin made tremendous contributions as a mentor, role-model and Southern gentleman to the health science center in Shreveport. He spent countless hours mentoring students and residents in both the General Surgery and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Departments. In honor of the Hardin family's contributions to surgical excellence and in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Hardin, the Oral & Maxillofacial Conference Room will forever be named the John C. Hardin & Quay Hardin Conference Center. Additionally, this portrait of the Hardin's will grace the walls of this educational center.

DR. OLMEDO FINALIST FOR MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMAN AWARD

Dr. Margaret Olmedo, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Associate Professor and Residency Program Director, was named a finalist for the 2018 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Award. Finalists are selected by a community panel and exemplify qualities of a leader, and also give back in the community. Dr. Olmedo and her fellow finalists were honored at the Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Award Luncheon on Sept. 21. Dr. Peggy Murphy, last year's Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Award winner, was the Master of Ceremonies at this year's luncheon.

Dr. Peggy Murphy and Dr. Margaret Olmedo at the 2018 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Award luncheon.



MSIII STUDENT REPRESENTS LSUHS AT NATIONAL AHEC CONFERENCE



Student representatives at the National AHEC Organization Conference, AHEC on the Hill: Diversity, Distribution and Practice Transformation

Hunter Hall, MSIII, represented the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program Office – Shreveport in Washington, D.C. at the National AHEC Organization Conference, AHEC on the Hill: Diversity, Distribution and Practice Transformation, in July. Hunter was one of six students representing various health professions who came from rural or under-represented backgrounds. The students served as panelists at the Diversity Plenary. Hunter plans to complete a residency in Internal Medicine and establish a practice extending to multiple rural communities in North Louisiana. Hunter participated in various AHEC Programs in high school, undergrad, and medical school, and looks forward to participating in the AHEC fourth year selective/elective rotation.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

The retirements of three beloved faculty members were celebrated recently.

Dr. Sandra Roerig, former Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Associate Dean of Research, retired in April after nearly three decades with the health sciences center. Her passion for graduate students and postdoctoral students was well-known, and she was an integral part of many organizations on campus that helped initiate positive change on campus over the years.

Dr. F. Dean Griffen, Albert Sklar Endowed Professor of Clinical Surgery, retired in June after dedicating more than 50 years to caring for patients and teaching future physicians. Dr. Griffen had a profound impact many coworkers, students and patients over the years, and will remain a gratis faculty member.

Dr. Joseph M. McCulloch, Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, retired on June 30, 2018, after dedicated 38 years to the health sciences center. Over 38 years, he saw 1,731 Allied Health students graduate and was a mentor to many faculty members and students. Under his leadership, the new School of Allied Health Professions building and Rehabilitation Clinic was constructed, and the Wound Management Residency Program was created, the first post-professional residency in Wound Management in the country. In honor of Dr. McCulloch's dedication, the Joseph McCulloch PhD Endowment was created to support the LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions. To make a gift to this endowment, visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org.





SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM CHANGES NAME TO MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

On May 23, the Louisiana Board of Regents approved a name change for the Clinical Laboratory Science degree and program at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions.

Beginning with the 2018 summer semester, the name of the degree changed from “Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology” to “Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science.” Additionally, the program has been renamed the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program.

While the curriculum will not be modified, the name change reflects the paradigm shift in the medical laboratory science profession. Program graduates that take and pass the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification examination are certified as Medical Laboratory Scientists. Prospective employers often seek out ASCP certified MLS to work in the clinical laboratory setting.

Moreover, the name change better serves graduates as it distinguishes their level of education. The name Medical Laboratory Scientist indicates a four-year degree whereas the Medical Laboratory Technician indicates those with a two-year degree.

The MLS Program at LSUHS is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. The program prepares students to use biomedical technology to perform laboratory testing on biological specimens for accurate diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of disease.

The program consists of 65 hours of pre-requisite courses that can be taken at any accredited college with an additional 55 hours of professional courses that are completed at LSU Health Shreveport. The total curriculum is 16 months in length, which includes four months at an affiliated clinical site. The MLS program admits new students three times per year.

Program outcomes, based on average scores from the graduating classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017, include a 97 percent board certification pass rate on the first attempt, and 100 percent employment rate within six months of graduation.

For further information, contact the MLS Program Director, Stephanie Blackburn, MHS, MLS (ASCP)CM at sblack@lsuhsc.edu. Tours of the campus and clinical laboratory are available to prospective students upon request.

EGGERSTEDT NAMED INAUGURAL PROVOST OF LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT



Dr. Eggerstedt

Dr. Jane Eggerstedt has been appointed as Provost of LSU Health Shreveport. She is the first Provost in the history of the health sciences center. Dr. Eggerstedt has been at LSU Health Shreveport since 1986. She successfully led the team that delivered the re-accreditation of the institution, developed a medical school curriculum that addresses the changing ways students learn, and established the Clinical Skills Center and the Surgical Skills Lab,

and has been instrumental in many other campus improvements. As Provost, Dr. Eggerstedt will serve as the chief academic officer of LSUHS and will provide executive leadership for all academic programs.

HORTON APPOINTED TO LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



Dr. Horton

Dr. Rita Y. Horton, Department of Psychiatry Chair at LSU Health Shreveport, has been appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME). Dr. Horton is the first LSU Health Shreveport representative on the Board. Prior to the 2018 legislative session, the health sciences center in Shreveport did not have a guaranteed appointee to the board. This matter was resolved through

House Bill 778, which was signed into law as Act 599, and increased the number of Board members of the LSBME from 7 to 10.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. LEONARD WESLEY BUNCH passed away on May 27 at the age of 86. Leonard graduated from LSU Medical School in New Orleans in 1957 and later completed his residency in Dermatology in Shreveport. He entered private practice in Monroe in 1961. He was beloved by his patients for his thorough and compassionate approach to medicine.

DR. JAMES OLIVER MANNING passed peacefully on May 27. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, James attended Tulane University for medical school, and completed his residency and internship in Orthopaedics in Shreveport. He practiced for one year at the Highland Clinic in Shreveport before returning home to Jackson, Mississippi, to join Central Orthopaedic Clinic. He was well-known and loved by the many people he treated and worked with as an orthopaedic surgeon. He co-founded Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, and performed the state's first total knee replacement.

DR. JAMES MICHAEL EPPINETTE, beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, father-in-law, and dear friend passed away on May 27. He received his medical degree from LSU Health Shreveport in 1985, and was the Chief Resident of Family Practice from July 1988-June 1989. He worked many years in private practice at Drew Outpatient Clinic. James was on staff at St. Francis Medical Center as a Hospitalist and as Medical Director of Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care at the time of his passing. He was caring and compassionate in his career and was adored by the thousands of patients he has come in contact with over the years.

DR. HANS DENNIS SOMMER, passed away peacefully with family by his side the morning of April 15, 2018, due to heart failure. He was in hospice care in Nashville, TN. He was 83 years old. He was a pre-med student at Centenary College and went on to graduate from LSU Health New Orleans Medical School in 1960. Dr. Sommer then became an Otolaryngology resident at Confederate Memorial in Shreveport. He married his wife, Emily Frances Harris, in 1961 and moved to St. Louis, Missouri, to continue his residency at Washington University - St. Louis. Dr. Sommer practiced medicine until 1995, when he retired at the age of 61. He continued to receive the New England Journal of Medicine until the day he died.

DR. TOM BROOKS RAY, passed away on May 8, 2018. After serving in the U.S. Army, Tom went to the University of Texas, where he earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology. He accepted a position as staff psychologist at the Waco VA Hospital. where he met his wife, Helen. They moved to Shreveport in 1957, where he was the Chief Psychologist at the VA Medical Center for 31 years. He also had an appointment as Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the LSU School of Medicine.

FACULTY HONORS & ELECTIONS



David F. Lewis, MD, MBA, FACOG, has been appointed as Dean of the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine.



Charles Fox, MD, has been named Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs.



Jeff Reynolds has been appointed as Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance.



Dennis Wissing, has been named Interim Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions.



Will Olmstadt has been named Executive Director of the Health Sciences Library.



Susan Dunn, PT, PhD, was elected to a second term as President of the American Physical Therapy Association.



Martin Sapp, PhD, was named Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.



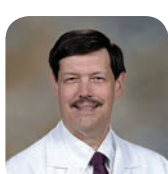
Kelly Tatchell, PhD, has been named Assistant Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.



G. E. Ghali, MD, was appointed Chair of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' Education Committee.



Joseph A. Bocchini, Jr., MD, was elected President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.



J. Arthur Saus, MD, has received the distinction of Fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Saus is the first anesthesiologist at LSU Health Shreveport to achieve this distinction.

NEW FACULTY

Keisha Bonyfield - Instructor-Clinical Specialist, Neurosurgery

Julie Harrison - Instructor-Clinical Specialist, Neurosurgery

Pooja Basnet, PhD - Instructor-Clinical Specialist, Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery

George Mina, MD - Assistant Professor, Cardiology

Ugorji Okorie - Instructor-Clinical Specialist, Internal Medicine

Faith Good - Instructor-Clinical Specialist, Neurosurgery

David Chambers, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor, Pulmonary and Critical Care

Emily Neeley, MD - Assistant Professor, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Mickie Hamiter, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery

Sasikumar Kilaikode Cheruveettara, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatrics

Rebecca Price - Instructor - Clinical Specialist, Occupational Therapy

John Morgan, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology

Oluwayemisi M. Ojemakinde, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor, Radiology

Brent Chang, MD - Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery

Haidy Galous, MD - Clinical Assistant Professor, Arthritis & Rheumatology



CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

1 AT&T Louisiana contributed \$5,000 in support of the LSU Health Sciences Foundation. A check presentation was held on May 25.

2 The first Paintball with a Purpose was held on April 28. Faculty, staff and students from LSU Health Shreveport and University Health hospital came together for a day of paint-splattered fun to support equipment for patients.

3 Dr. Chris Keivl, Vice Chancellor for Research, spoke to the Rotary Club of Shreveport.

4 LSU Day at the Capitol was held in Baton Rouge on April 17. Students and faculty conducted bone density, reach, glaucoma, and balance assessment tests for Louisiana legislators.

5 Dr. Mark Ryan, Dr. Thomas Arnold, and Knox Andress with the Louisiana Poison Control Center taught an Advanced Hazardous Materials Life Support (AHLS) course on May 21 and 22 to more than 70 attendees.

6 Miss USA 2017, Kara McCullough, and Miss Teen USA 2017, Sophia Dominguez-Heithoff, visited the St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center and met with Dr. Majed Jeroudi, Dr. Paige Bundrick, and Dr. G. E. Ghali.

7 School of Allied Health Professions students enjoyed a relaxing night of fun and good food before beginning their rotation at the SGA's annual Crawfish Boil on April 9.

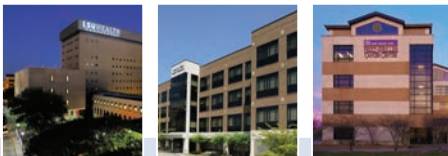


School of Medicine

School of Graduate Studies

School of Allied Health Professions

Feist-Weiller Cancer Center



Commissioner Jay Dardenne emceed the press conference in Shreveport.



Ochsner Health System & LSU Health Shreveport Join Forces to Improve Healthcare in North Louisiana



Chancellor G. E. Ghali along with LSU President F. King Alexander thanked LSU Board of Supervisors members for their support at the press conference in Monroe.



The State of Louisiana, the LSU Board of Supervisors on behalf of LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport and the LSUHSC-S Faculty Group Practice, and Ochsner Health System finalized the Public Private Partnership Agreement in Shreveport and Monroe on Sept. 24. Ochsner and

LSU Health Shreveport will jointly form **Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport** to oversee and coordinate activities between the health sciences center and the healthcare delivery system. Under the new structure, LSU will continue to successfully oversee the LSUHSC-S School of Medicine, School of Allied Health Professions, School of Graduate Studies, Graduate Medical Education, and research initiatives. Ochsner Health System will manage the operations of the partner hospitals and clinics in Shreveport and Monroe.



Ochsner Health System President and CEO Warner Thomas, LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor G. E. Ghali and LSU President F. King Alexander at a reception following the announcement.

Look for additional details on this exciting new partnership that goes into effect on Oct. 1 in the next issue of Inside LSU Health.