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Second COBRE grant in institution's history will fund
the Center for Redox Biology and Cardiovascular Disease



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Hundreds of people came out to the 2nd annual Family Health Day at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center to take part in free cancer screenings and learn more about healthy lifestyle habits.



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As I write this communication at the beginning of the Special Session, I write with a spirit of hope. A hope that “compromise” and a focus on a brighter future will become the hallmarks of this very important legislative session.

Legislators, just like the rest of us, should not allow the past to define the future. Regardless of whether our past outcomes were positive or negative, we should all be endeavoring to improve.

In terms of improvement, I am optimistic that our pending agreement with Ochsner Health System will soon result in improved offerings to patients seeking care in the teaching hospitals and clinics in Shreveport and Monroe. There couldn't be a better time to create a stronger partnership to address the healthcare needs of our citizens.

Join me in saluting our faculty and staff whose efforts are shared in this issue of **Inside LSU Health** magazine for enriching the healthcare, medical education and research of today and the future.

In closing, please accept my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the special role you play in improving the future of our health science center.

Sincerely,

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Chancellor
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\$1.9 Million NIH National Cancer Institute Grant Awarded to Study Skin Cancer Treatment

Dr. Cherie-Ann Nathan, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, and Director of Head & Neck Surgical Oncology at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, has been awarded a five-year R01 grant for \$1.96 million from the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute to study the role of Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor-2 (FGFR-2) in the prevention and treatment of squamous cell skin cancer.

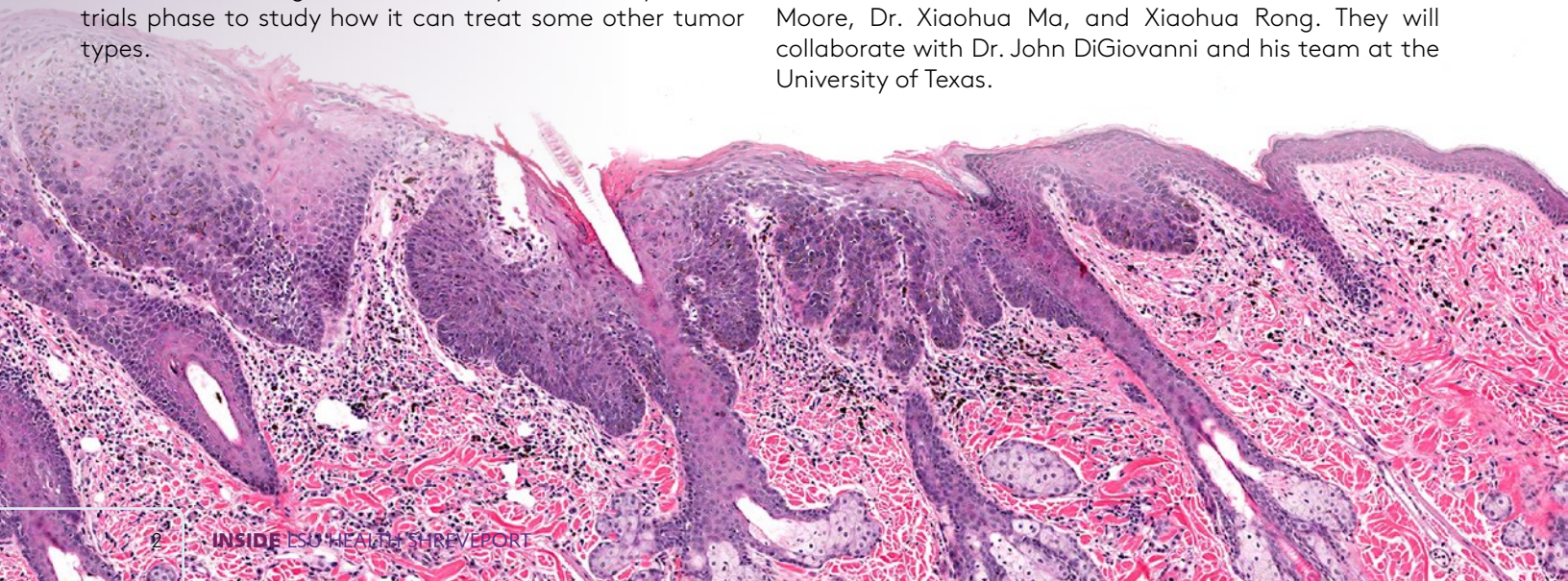
Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer, with one in five Americans developing skin cancer in their lifetime. There are three types of skin cancer. Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) is the most common type, followed by squamous cell carcinoma (SCC). Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Dr. Nathan's research will be focusing on cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (cSCC), a type of skin cancer which affects 200,000 Americans annually. Her research team will investigate the effectiveness of FGFR inhibitor AZD4547 in the formation of this type of skin cancer. AZD4547 is a drug that is currently in the early clinical trials phase to study how it can treat some other tumor types.

Fifteen percent of cSCC cases are aggressive and spread to other areas, such as lymph nodes in the neck. Increased occurrences of cSCC are due to increased exposure to Ultraviolet-B (UVB) from solar radiation as a result of depletion of the ozone layer, and the popular use of tanning beds.

In Dr. Nathan's field of work, cases of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma that affect the head and neck area are especially challenging due to the complex reconstruction of facial defects after cancer removal and because precancerous growths, such as actinic keratosis (dry, scaly patches or spots), can often affect the entire face. Because of this complexity in patients that have cSCC in head and neck areas, Dr. Nathan and her team will work to better understand the genetic alterations that lead to this type of cancer. They will look at the molecular mechanisms underlying how the skin cancer develops, and identify novel agents that stop the promotion and progression of cancer forming.

The research team includes Dr. Alok Khandelwal, Tara Moore, Dr. Xiaohua Ma, and Xiaohua Rong. They will collaborate with Dr. John DiGiovanni and his team at the University of Texas.



LSU Health Shreveport Site for National Clinical Trial

LSU Health Shreveport is one of 51 clinical sites around the country participating in the PRESERVE Trial, Predicting the Safety and Effectiveness of Inferior Vena Cava filters. Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) filters are a device that help prevent blood clots from traveling to the lungs and causing a pulmonary embolism. This is the first large-scale, multi-specialty, prospective clinical study to evaluate the use of Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) filters and related follow-up treatment in the United States.

Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Caskey, RN, Dr. Chiranjiv Virk, Dr. Horacio D'Agostino, Dr. Chaitanya Ahuja, Dr. Romulo Vea



First AREA Grant Awarded to Dr. Miriyala



Dr. Miriyala

A new National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant will help provide critical insight into the mechanisms of redox-dependent control of lysophosphatidic acid signaling caused by prenatal alcohol exposure. Dr. Sumitra Miriyala, Assistant Professor of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, has been awarded a new Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA), also known as a R15, research grant for a total of \$435,000. This AREA grant will advance new insights and understanding of redox biology control of prenatal alcohol exposure and cognitive functions that

may lead to new and better ways to detect or treat cerebrovascular dysfunction.

This is the first R15 grant for LSUHS and for Dr. Miriyala. Her three-year research project is titled, "Prenatal ethanol exposure alters lipid metabolism and cerebral microcirculation." The grant became effective on April 1, 2018.

The NIH states that goals of the AREA program are to support meritorious research, expose students to research, and strengthen the research environment of the institution awarded the grant.

New Grant Investigates Heat Shock Protein Genes



Dr. Gross

Dr. David Gross, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been awarded a new Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA), or R15, research grant for a total of \$435,000 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This is the second R15 grant awarded to LSUHS. The first was earned by Dr. Sumi Miriyala. Dr. Gross' three-year research project is titled, "Chromosomal Conformation and Nuclear Organization of Heat Shock Protein Genes," and began on May 1, 2018.

Genes that protect cells from environmental stresses fold upon themselves ('crumple') and vigorously, yet transiently, coalesce into discrete foci when a cell is exposed to high temperatures. The new NIH grant will allow Dr. Gross's lab to investigate why and how this dance of the 'heat shock' genes occurs, and how this elaborate choreography ensures proper expression of the proteins that protect a cell from life-threatening stresses.

Center for Brain Health Awarded \$69,000 Grant by The Community Foundation

Dr. Elizabeth Disbrow, Associate Professor at LSU Health Shreveport and Director of the Center for Brain Health, was awarded a \$69,780 grant by The Community Foundation of North Louisiana. Dr. Disbrow accepted the award at The Community Foundation's Annual Meeting. The grant will help support the work and research projects being conducted by Center for Brain Health researchers. The Center for Brain Health strives to expand neuroscience-related education, and provide comprehensive care for brain injuries and disorders. It is the only neuroscience research facility in the state that offers the comprehensive clinical aspects in treating patients in addition to research and educational aspects. The Center for Brain Health is one of 58 organizations presented with a Community Foundation Competitive Grant Award.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Steven Alexander, Dr. Elizabeth Disbrow, Annella Nelson, and Kere Wertin

Dr. Terry Davis Presents at American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting



Dr. Davis

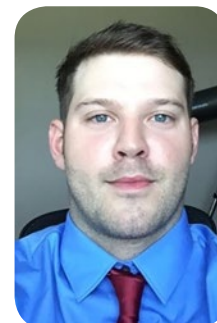
Dr. Terry Davis, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at LSU Health Shreveport and Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, and the Director of the Health Literacy Core of the Louisiana Clinical & Translational Science Center, recently presented her research at the American Association of Cancer Research Annual Meeting in Chicago. Dr. Davis' research studied groups of people in Louisiana that have cancer health disparities and their interest in participating in a clinical trial or sending samples to a biobank if they had information about the opportunities. The findings of the study told Dr. Davis and her colleagues that these communities would be interested, but don't have the proper information to know how to do so. Based on these findings, Dr. Davis suggested equipping physicians with more information about clinical trial and biobanking opportunities, and having the information presented in more easy-to-understand language with contact information to help increase participation in clinical trials. Dr. Davis' study was supported by funds from a pilot grant from the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center and in part by U54 GM104940 from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, which funds the Louisiana Clinical & Translational Science Center.

Research Project Receives \$40,000 LSU Lift² Grant

Dr. J. Steven Alexander, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and Dr. Chris Boyer, Postdoctoral Fellow in Dr. Alexander's Lab, were awarded a \$40,000 Leveraging Innovation for Technology Transfer (LIFT²) Grant for their project titled, "HALloGraft: Nanoenhanced Stem Cell Bone Grafts." Dr. Alexander and Dr. Boyer's project was one of 11 chosen by the LSU Board of Supervisors through the seventh round of LIFT² grants. This program was established to support the transfer of innovations and technologies to commercialization through proof-of-concept research. LIFT² grants are awarded to faculty across all LSU campuses on a competitive basis twice a year, and validates the market potential of the faculty's inventions.



Dr. Alexander



Dr. Boyer

Dr. Dennis O'Callaghan Retires After More Than 30 Years of Success and Dedication to LSU Health Shreveport

Dr. Dennis O'Callaghan has dedicated nearly 34 years as the Chairman of Microbiology and Immunology at LSU Health Shreveport. On March 17, Dr. O'Callaghan officially retired. He chose to retire on St. Patrick's Day in a nod to his proud Irish heritage.

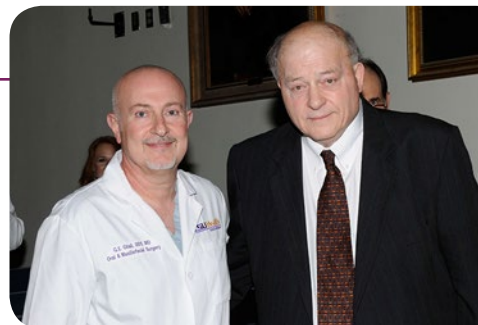
Dr. O'Callaghan has taught approximately 10,000 students, postdoctoral fellows, and medical residents throughout his career. He was named the Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at LSU Health Shreveport in 1984, a position he continued to hold until his retirement. In 2002 he was named a Boyd Professor, which is the LSU System's highest designated professorial rank. In the 60 year history of the Boyd Professors only 70 have been named, indicating this pinnacle of recognition. He is also the Willis-Knighton Endowed Chair of Microbiology, the first endowed chair at the LSU Health Shreveport campus. In honor of his many achievements and contributions, Shreveport Mayor Ollie S. Tyler deemed March 13 as "Dr. Dennis J. O'Callaghan Day."

At LSUHS, Dr. O'Callaghan developed the Doctoral Program in Microbiology and Immunology and established the Center for Molecular and Tumor Virology (CMTV), which was awarded 15 years of funding by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Center for Research Resources. His contributions to research at LSUHS are extensive. He was the first faculty member to

be awarded a NIH COBRE grant, which supported the CMTV, and has secured more than \$39 million dollars in research funding, the most of any faculty member in the history of LSU Health Shreveport.

"Whatever I have accomplished is a reflection of the caliber of my colleagues, students and post docs. I owe a special thanks to former LSU Health Sciences Center Dean Dr. Ike Muslow, who recruited me and encouraged me to continue my career in Shreveport resulting in a happy and productive life," reflected Dr. O'Callaghan.

Dr. O'Callaghan has been consistently involved in his field in a local, national and international capacity. He served two terms on the Microbiology National Board Exam Committee, and has served as an External Reviewer of doctoral students at several universities. He has served on many national panels and study sections for research agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the American Heart Association (AHA), and the American Cancer Society (ACS). He organized numerous national and international scientific meetings, including the International Herpesvirus Workshop, the American Society for Microbiology, and the American Society for Virology, of which he was a founding member, serving two years as the Program Organizer and one year as President from 2000-2001.



The John and Odeal O'Callaghan Endowed Professorship in Microbiology

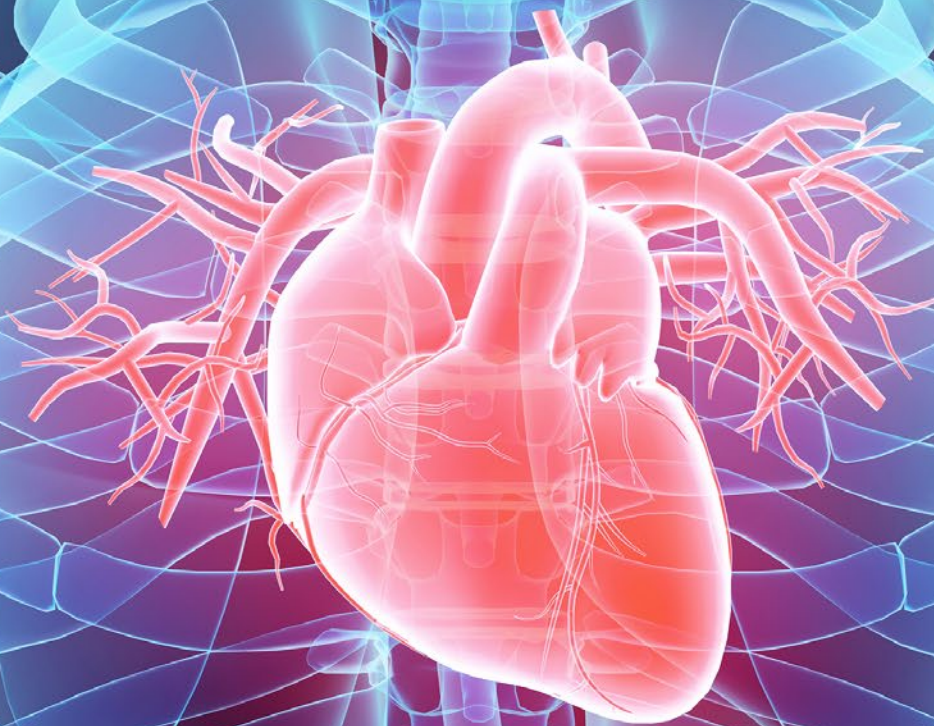
Dr. Dennis J. O'Callaghan has spearheaded a fundraising effort to establish the John and Odeal O'Callaghan Endowed Professorship in Microbiology, honoring his loving parents John and Odeal O'Callaghan. This Professorship will in perpetuity support educational enhancement, student travel and a visiting speaker series as the second endowed professorship in the Basic Sciences Department.



To make a gift, please visit
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\$10 MILLION COBRE GRANT AWARDED TO STUDY CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE



THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH HAS AWARDED LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT A FIVE-YEAR, \$10.5 MILLION CENTERS OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (COBRE) GRANT.

THE \$10,580,176 GRANT will fund the Center for Redox Biology and Cardiovascular Disease project at LSUHS and promote research on campus in the redox regulation of cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the United States, and Louisiana ranks in the top five states most affected by cardiovascular disease. The COBRE Center for Redox Biology and Cardiovascular Disease will advance new insights and understanding of redox biology control of heart and vascular disease processes, which may lead to new and better ways to detect or treat cardiovascular disease.

"This is a grant focused on redox biology and cardiovascular disease that is a culmination of work that has been ongoing in the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences," said Dr. Chris Kevil, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

The grant funding is divided over a five-year period, which is just over \$2 million a year.

The NIH's COBRE initiative aims to strengthen an institution's biomedical research infrastructure through the establishment of a thematic multi-disciplinary center. COBRE projects also enhance the ability of investigators to compete independently for complementary NIH individual research grants or other external peer-reviewed support.

The Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences at LSU Health Shreveport has assembled investigators with advanced knowledge and research expertise across several departments to address redox biology mechanisms contributing to cardiovascular disease.

The principle investigator of the project is **Chris Kevil, PhD**, Vice Chancellor for Research, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, and Professor in the Department of Pathology.

In addition to Dr. Kevil, key research personnel include **Christopher Pattillo, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology; **Manikandan Panchatcharam, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy; and **Hyung Nam, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience. Also instrumental in helping to secure the COBRE grant was **Dr. Wayne Orr**, Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences, **Dr. Karen Stokes**, Assistant Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences, and **Dr. Andrew Yurochko**, Professor and Member of the CCDS Board of Directors.

This is only the second COBRE grant in the history of LSU Health Shreveport, making Dr. Kevil the second faculty member to receive the prestigious award. Dr. Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Boyd Professor and former Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was awarded and served as principle investigator on the institution's previous COBRE grant, which supported the Center for Molecular and Tumor Virology.

The major goals of this COBRE program are to: 1) establish a strong and consistent mentorship and professional development program, 2) establish advanced research core facilities, and 3) advance mechanistic understanding of redox biology regulation of cardiovascular pathophysiology.

FOUR ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE COBRE:

1. Administrative Core, which provides support and mentorship for young faculty development (Core A)
2. Animal Models and Histology Core (Core B)
3. Redox Molecular Signaling Core (Core C)
4. Research projects led by faculty working to receive grants in this area. Current COBRE Investigators:

Investigator: Hugh Nam, PhD

"Neurogranin Regulation of Nitric Oxide Signaling in Cardiovascular Disease"

Investigator: Manikandan Panchatcharam, PhD

"Oxidative Stress Mediated Myocardial Lipid Dysfunction"

Investigator: Chris Patillo, PhD

"Glutathione Reductive Stress Regulates Arteriogenesis"

"COBRE allows money for the individual projects to push forward, but the Cores provide service, equipment and expertise to actually perform the services so that the researchers can perform their research faster, cheaper and without having to develop the expertise to do it themselves," said Dr. Wayne Orr, who serves as the Director of the Redox Molecular Signaling Core.

The theme of the grant is cardiovascular diseases, but it is open to all research investigators on campus to participate in.

The Center for Redox Biology and Cardiovascular Disease is supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number P20GM121307.



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THE COBRE CENTER FOR REDOX BIOLOGY AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE



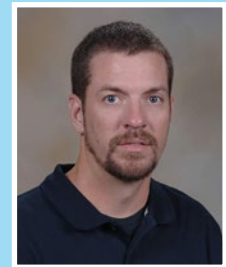
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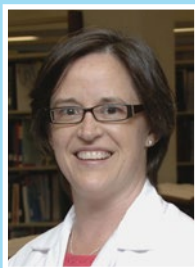
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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COBRE GRANT AND THE CENTER FOR REDOX BIOLOGY AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, VISIT WWW.LSUHSCARDIO.COM/COBRE

MATCH DAY 2018



By The Numbers:

121 Students participated
in the Match

Students who will train in
Shreveport: **29**

Students who will train in
Louisiana: **54**

Students who will train in
Primary Care: **58**





On March 16, 121 LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine students learned where they will go for their residency training during a Match Day ceremony held on campus. On Monday the week of Match Day, students received a notification from the National Resident Matching Program of the Association of American Medical Colleges, or the NRMP®, confirming if they matched with a residency program. At the ceremony a sealed envelope containing the highly anticipated news of where they matched was given to each student as their name was called in random order. Each student announced their fate and shared their excitement in front of a crowd of family, friends, faculty and fellow students.

Much of the class will be staying in the State of the Louisiana for residency. Twenty-nine percent of students will be staying in Shreveport, with 45 percent of students staying in the state of Louisiana. Students also matched with prestigious programs around the country including Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, Mount Sinai, Georgetown, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Baylor Scott & White.

Match Day is also a strongly anticipated day for the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine, which learned it successfully filled all 119 residency positions available. The new group of LSUHS residents will be welcomed to Shreveport in July, where they will train at University Health and other partner hospitals.

Chancellor Dr. G. E. Ghali said about Match Day, "Today is an extraordinary day for our institution, the State of Louisiana and most importantly for our students. It is my honor to share that this year represents the most successful Match Day in the history of our health sciences center. These results are a direct reflection on the caliber and commitment of our faculty who work tirelessly in delivering the best possible education and training to our students and residents. I wish the very best to our students staying in Shreveport as well as to those who matched in programs around the country. I am confident each one of them will represent LSU Health Shreveport well and strengthen our legacy of successful medical education."

Students are randomly selected for the order in which they receive their Match Day envelopes at the ceremony. Following a tradition of LSU Health Shreveport, each student contributed a monetary gift of \$10 that went to the last student who received their envelope, in consolation for having to wait through the entire ceremony before learning their fate. This year the money, a total of \$1,060, went to David Detz who will be completing his General Surgery residency at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.





Since 1971, the LSU Health Shreveport Women's Club has been supporting the medical community in Shreveport through service and fellowship. The Club was originally organized under Mrs. Mary Reed, the wife of the first Chairman of the Department of Anatomy, Dr. Adrian Reed. Over the past 47 years, the Women's Club has grown and evolved to meet the needs of the campus, faculty and students. You'll see their friendly faces at many LSU Health Shreveport events, and volunteering with various efforts and service activities around the community. Their fundraising efforts have supported Reach Out and Read, video monitors on campus, Medical School Research Journal, Child Life Programs at the School of Allied Health Professions and University Health, Nursing Mothers Room,

Camp Tiger, and many more. Recently, the Women's Club hosted a King Cake Tasting on campus for Mardi Gras, a Purse and Jewelry Sale, and a reception for students and family members following the White Coat Ceremony.

The membership of the club includes wives of faculty, women who themselves are professional members of the faculty, wives of retired faculty, and widows of faculty. Membership is open to any woman interested in supporting LSU Health Shreveport. Various social activities are held throughout the year including Book Club, Fall and Spring Luncheons, Paint Parties, Flower Arranging Workshops, and Holiday Coffee Meetups.

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ALTY WIVES—The Southfield residence of Mrs. Marion Harwas the scene on Thursday, Sept. 1, for a coffee honoring members of

Trichel. Pictured at the coffee from left to right are: Mrs. Edgar Hull, wife of Dr. Hull, Dean of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport; Mrs. Guilford

"I love this organization of bright vibrant, interesting women all vested in supporting LSU Health Shreveport's School of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies and School of Allied Health Professions, and University Health Hospital."

- Celly Morris, President



Become a Member:

To become a member of the Women's Club, visit lsuhealthwomensclub.org

The annual dues of \$40 are used to support service activities at the medical center. For more details on the club's service projects or special events, contact President Celly Morris at marygracemorris@yahoo.com.

LSU Health Sciences Center



Shreveport Women's Club

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Class Notes

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 1987

Jimmy Brooks (MD '87) is managing partner for West Georgia Eye Care and still enjoys full-time practice. He makes time for adventure runs every now and then. He and his wife, Anne Marie, live in Columbus, Georgia.

Steve Davis (MD '87) went into the U.S. Army upon graduating LSUMC. His orthopaedic resident training was at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He later served as Chief of Orthopaedics at Fort Leonard Wood Army General Hospital. In 1997, Steve was discharged from the military and moved to Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, where he practiced. Seven years later, Steve and his family moved to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where he is currently practicing Orthopaedics. Steve and his wife, Carol, went to Kenya in 2013 on a medical mission trip with an organization called World Medical Missions.

Susan Henderson (MD '87) is semi-retired from Obstetrics & Gynecology. She and her husband, Gary, are living in Lake Village, Arkansas. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Elwyn Lyles (MD '87) is a Gastroenterologist with Smokey Mountain GI. He has been married to Angel for 32 years and they have four daughters and two grandsons. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their family.

Melanie Mattson (MD '87) has practiced at Winchester Cardiology for over 23 years. She lives and works in Winchester, Virginia and has two sons and a daughter.

Joseph Milner (MD '87) practices Neuroradiology at Diagnostic Imaging Associates in Shreveport, Louisiana. He has been married to Dana for 27 years and they have two daughters.

Carey Robinson (MD '87) and his wife, Paula, have lived in Roanoke for 24 years. They have four children and two grandchildren. Carey retired from clinical practice in 2016 and is now, along with his wife, involved with medical missions in Mexico. They are also active with their local church where Carey serves as a

teaching pastor.

Mark Wilson (MD '87) is a Nephrologist with Freedman Clinic of Internal Medicine. He and his wife, Peggy, have lived in Alexandria, Louisiana, since 1992. They have a son and a daughter. Their daughter, Sarah, graduated from LSU Medical School in Shreveport in 2016. Everyone in the family is a fan of LSU, Major League Baseball and Mardi Gras.

Donna Zappi Fox (MD '87) is a solo Pediatrician in Lafayette, Louisiana. She takes all her own calls, 24/7, and loves being available to her patients and their parents for any needs. Her two sons live in San Francisco and are actively involved in their tech field careers. They all get together often for good times. Donna enjoys life back home with a large extended family that loves to gather throughout the year.

Scott Zentner (MD '87) returned to his hometown of Monroe, Louisiana in 1992 and practices Psychiatry at Family Solutions Counseling. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at LSU Health Sciences Center, serving as preceptor and supervisor of both Psychiatry and Family Practice residents at the Shreveport and Monroe campuses. He and his wife, Maggie, have two children.

CLASS OF 1997

Frere Gremillion (MD '97) and **Rachael Tadlock** (MD '97) have been on the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 2001. After two years of General Ophthalmology practice, Frere returned to LSU New Orleans for a Retina Fellowship. He opened his first office in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 2006, followed by a second office in Covington, Louisiana. He works at the VA Medical Centers in Alexandria, Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi, once a month. He also serves as an Assistant Professor at Tulane mentoring Retina Residents and Fellows. In 2016, after 15 years of private practice in Internal Medicine, Rachael retired. Frere and Rachael have two children.

Jason D. Adams (MD '97) was commissioned a Captain in the U.S. Air Force after graduating medical

school and went on to complete an Obstetrics & Gynecology residency at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He served as staff in Obstetrics & Gynecology for two additional active-duty tours, having reached the rank of Major, and was honorably discharged in May 2005. In June 2005, he returned closer to home and started his solo private practice in Gonzales, Louisiana - Ascension Center for Women's Health. His practice thrived and now, 12 years later, has provided care for over 12,000 patients in Gonzales and the surrounding areas. Jason has been married to Andrea Adams for 24 years and they are the proud parents of three sons. Outside the office, Jason enjoys traveling with the family, golf, coaching youth athletics, and following the LSU Tigers.

Chad Manuel (MD '97) has been living in Lafayette, Louisiana for 20 years, where he practices in Family Medicine at Acadian Family Physicians. He and his wife, Michele have been married for three years. He is proud to report that he is very healthy since a renal transplant seven years ago, for which his brother was the donor.

F. Thomas Siskron (MD '97) completed an internship in General Surgery at LSU Health Shreveport, followed by four years in the U.S. Air Force at Hill AFB, Utah as a general medical officer. In 2002, he returned to LSU Health Shreveport to complete his Urology residency. Since completion, he has been in private practice with Willis Knighton Health System. He has two sons - soon to make their transitions into their independent lives, leaving him with an empty nest and a license to travel!

Tim Talbert (MD '97) has been married to Kandi for over 20 years. They have three children. Tim has been a partner at Highland Clinic Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine since 2014. He also serves as a part-time Clinical Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics at LSU Health Shreveport, as well as Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Adult Reconstruction.

Nano Zeringue Gros (MD '97) has

been in private practice for 13 years in Ophthalmology in her hometown of Thibodaux, Louisiana. She has been married to Kevin for ten years and they have two children.

CLASS OF 2007

Sharhonda Ansley (MD '07) is currently living in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and working as an Urgent Care Pediatrician. She is married to Rarecas Williamson, and the couple has one daughter and another little one on the way!

Patrick Bonneval (MD '07) works as an Emergency Medicine physician at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Gonzales, Louisiana. He and his wife, Amy, have four daughters.

Breigh Foster (MD '07) completed her Obstetrics & Gynecology residency at Ochsner Clinic Foundation in 2011, then joined a small group practice in New Iberia, Louisiana. After practicing there for four years, she relocated to Lafayette, Louisiana, where she is a member of the eleven-physician group, Acadiana Women's Health Group. She is the Past President of the Iberia Parish Medical Society. She and her husband, Jason, have been married for 11 years and have one son.

Byron Herpich (MD '07) completed his internship and residency at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. He has been working as a Hospitalist in Jackson, Mississippi, since 2010. He and his wife, Kelly, have been married for nine years and they have three children.

Terri Holt (MD '07) completed her residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at LSU Health Shreveport and graduated in 2011. She currently lives and practices outside of Nashville in Gallatin, Tennessee. Terri started her own hospital-based practice, Sumner Women's Associates, in 2013 and is Active Staff at Sumner Regional Medical Center. She lives with her husband of ten years, Kyle, and their 2-year-old son.

Joshua Maier (MD '07) is employed as a staff Endocrinologist at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center and is Assistant Professor Medicine, Gratis,

at LSU Health Shreveport. He was recently awarded a Fellowship in the American College of Physicians (FACP) and was nominated to serve as Program Director of the Endocrinology Fellowship. He has been happily married to Emily for 13 years and they have two children.

Frank Moore (MD '07) completed his residency at the University of Colorado and a fellowship at Stanford University. He is a Pathologist in private practice in Denver, Colorado and serves as the Chairman for the Department of Pathology at Rose Medical Center in Denver and as a staff pathologist at Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Frank founded the charity "CellCyle" which raises money for leukemia and lymphoma patients. Frank is married to Mick Lewis and they enjoy biking, skiing and travel.

Mackey Quinlan (MD '07) has been married to Mickey since her first year of medical school and they now have three children. She has been working for Pierremont Pediatrics in Shreveport, Louisiana, since 2010.

Eric Thomassee (MD '07) and May Scott Thomassee (MD '07) have both been practicing in Lafayette, Louisiana, since 2015. Eric is a Cardiologist and May is a Gynecologist. They have one son.

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSION CLASS OF 1997

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Katy Abney is an Occupational Therapist who recently became a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS). These specialists work with people of all ages and abilities, exploring alternative transportation solutions for drivers with special needs. She has spent 20 years working at Roosevelt Warm Springs in rural Georgia--17 years treating clients in a hospital setting and three years working with young adult, learning-different drivers.

CLASS OF 2013 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Michael Willis, PA-C, a Certified Physician Assistant, was recently awarded a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). He is one of only two PAs in the State of Louisiana to earn a CAQ in Psychiatry since the program's inception in 2011. He currently works at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center.

SAVE THE DATE



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FALL ALUMNI REUNION

*Friday, October 5
and Saturday, October 6*



Honoring the School of Medicine Classes of 1988, 1998, & 2008

Be sure to update your email and
mailing address at
www.lsuhsfoundation.org/alumniupdate.

Baton Rouge area alumni and visiting current medical students gathered on Saturday, February 24, for an informal luncheon at Juban's Creole Restaurant.

Pictured left to right: Larry Koenig (MD, 1981), Janell Koenig, Charles Bowie (MD, 2006), Mindy Bowie (MD, 2004), Christopher VanDreumel (MSI), Nick Bergeron (MD, 2003), Jenae Dykes (MSIII), Charles deBoisblanc (MSI), Virginia Walker, Lance Dautel (MSI), Heath Garner (MSIII), and David Walker (MD, 1977).



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An Evening for Healers celebrates the emergency responders, physicians and healthcare professionals who provide healing care to patients in our area. Proceeds from the event support the Chancellor's Fund for Excellence, which addresses LSU Health Shreveport's greatest needs.

JUAN ZUNIGA & JOJO SIMS, two young community members who faced their greatest challenge in life, shared their story of recovery, and celebrated those who brought hope and healing to them and their families.

HONORED GUEST, Majority Whip Steve Scalise was recognized as "*America's Champion of Healers and Heroes*" for his support of first responders and the doctors who helped save his life.



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JoJo Sims and Dr. Marie Vasquez Morgan



*Juan Zuniga with Moe Cunningham, Dr. Patirck McGauley
and Jessica Walker of F.I.R.S.T. Chance*



*Dr. G.E. Ghali presented Congressman Steve Scalise with
his "America's Champion of Healers & Heroes" award.*

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

CENTER FOR BRAIN HEALTH ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED



LSU Health Shreveport
CENTER FOR BRAIN HEALTH

The Center for Brain Health recently received two very generous gifts.

Mrs. Winnie Patten has donated \$50,000 to support the newly created Center for Brain Health. The gift was in gratitude for the neurological rehabilitation care that Mrs. Patten's son, Bart Patten, received at the School of Allied Health's Faculty Rehabilitation Clinic. Bart sustained a traumatic brain injury in a bicycle accident six years ago. He was brought to the Level 1 Trauma Center at University Health Shreveport immediately following the accident. After receiving in-patient care out-of-state, Bart returned home without much hope of living independently. The faculty and staff of the School of Allied Health Professions Rehabilitation Clinic had other plans for him. Through their expertise and his hard work, Bart is now living and working independently.

Mrs. Patten's gift created the D. H. Patten Family Endowed Lectureship in Neuroscience. The endowed lectureship will fund visiting lecturers with the goal of enhancing the Center for Brain Health.

In addition to Mrs. Patten's gift, the Zadeck Family Foundation is making a pledge of a \$150,000 gift over three years. The donation will be used to establish an endowed fund known as the Zadeck Family Foundation Endowment for Neuroscience Research.

The Zadeck Family Foundation Endowment's purpose will be to make intramural grant funding available for researchers associated with the Center for Brain Health, with the intent to support CBH researchers in their efforts to secure long-term sources of research funding. Both basic science researchers and clinical science researchers will be supported through the endowment.

The Center for Brain Health offers a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to treating brain disorders and expands neuroscience research at LSUHS, bringing together both clinicians and researchers from the Schools of Medicine, Allied Health Professions, and Graduate Studies.

"Uniting our three professional schools, the Center for Brain Health is the only neuroscience research facility in

the state that offers the comprehensive clinical aspects in treating patients. The goal of the CBH is to provide the best medical care and neurological rehabilitation to restore patients back to the maximum level of function possible after brain injury or disease. I am confident the research supported by these funds will do just that," stated M. Suzanne Tinsley, PhD, PT, NCS, Parks Endowed Professor of Neurological Rehabilitation.

"My family is blessed to be in a position to make contributions that will strengthen the healthcare and research available in our community. I do so because my family and I are deeply grateful that we can access world-class healthcare right here where we live. I've known for many years that LSU Health is a tremendous asset to our community and I want to do my part to see that it remains strong. I encourage others to support this important institution," shared Donald J. Zadeck.

LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor G. E. Ghali expressed his personal appreciation to the Patten and Zadeck families for their continued generous support of LSU Health Shreveport.



Mr. & Mrs. Donald Zadeck

SINGH RECEIVES BOARD CERTIFICATION FROM ABLM IN LIFESTYLE MEDICINE



Dr. Jennifer Singh

Jennifer Singh, MD, LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Physician Assistant Program Medical Director, has become Board Certified in Lifestyle Medicine by the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine (ABLM).

She is among the 204 physicians and 43 PhD/Masters-level health clinicians who have become the first medical professionals globally to be certified as Diplomates of the ABLM/American

College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) and the International Board of Lifestyle Medicine. She is also the first Doctor of Medicine in the State of Louisiana to be Board Certified in Lifestyle Medicine. To complete the certification, Dr. Singh completed online and live continuing education hours, submitted case studies, and took a written exam.

Lifestyle Medicine, defined by the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, is the use of evidence-based lifestyle approaches, such as a predominantly whole food, plant-based diet, physical activity, adequate sleep, stress management, tobacco cessation, and other non-drug modalities, to prevent, treat, and, oftentimes, reverse chronic disease.

Despite advances in medicine, Americans are still suffering and dying from diseases that are preventable. Lifestyle Medicine targets the underlying causes and offers patients skills and knowledge to protect their health and fight disease. As much as 80 percent of chronic disease in the United States, such as diabetes, obesity, heart disease, stroke, and cancer, can be prevented or treated by changing diet and other daily habits.

"The most rewarding aspect for me has been helping patients not just improve their numbers, but really improve their quality of life – they feel so much better, which is not always the case with writing prescriptions. It's been very rewarding," said Dr. Singh about her work with Lifestyle Medicine.

Dr. Singh received her Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana Tech, then attended LSU Health Shreveport where she completed a combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency. She previously served on faculty in the Department of Medicine and Pediatrics at LSU Health Shreveport.

She is also certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics.



Kevin Flood and Susan Moffitt

PHILANTHROPY DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Association of Fundraising Professionals North Louisiana Chapter hosted National Philanthropy Day on Nov. 15, 2017. LSU Health Shreveport was well-represented with two top award recipients. Kevin Flood, President of the LSU Health Sciences Foundation Shreveport, was recognized as the Outstanding Fundraising Professional. Susan Moffitt, Chairman of An Evening for Healers 2017, was recognized as the Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer. Susan secured over \$100,000 in new sponsorship for Evening for Healers and has a long history of support for LSU Health Shreveport.

FAMILY MEDICINE CLINIC RECOGNIZED BY NCQA

The LSUHS Family Medicine Clinic and Residency Program in Alexandria has been awarded recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Program. The practice has received this recognition by the NCQA for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly-coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.



FEIST-WEILLER CANCER CENTER BMT PROGRAM RECEIVES RE-ACCREDITATION

The Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) program at LSU Health Shreveport's Feist-Weiller Cancer Center recently acquired re-accreditation by AABB, the Association for Advancing Transfusion and Cellular Therapies Worldwide. AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks) is the global leader in standards development, accreditation, and implementation of quality systems in transfusion medicine and cellular therapies.

NEW TREATMENTS OFFERED AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The LSU Health Shreveport Children's Hospital at University Health is one of only a few hospitals to offer treatment for rare neurodegenerative diseases, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and Infantile Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Eteplirsen (EXONDYS 51) is indicated for the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in patients who have a confirmed mutation of the DMD gene that is amenable to EXONDYS 51 skipping. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on an increase in dystrophin in skeletal muscle observed in some patients treated with EXONDYS 51. The Children's Hospital one of only a handful of hospitals offering Nusinersen (Spinraza), a groundbreaking drug for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, an often fatal disease that affects muscular strength and ability to move and breathe. Dr. Rosario Maria S. Riel-Romero is the Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurology, Director of Child Neurology and Director of Ark-La-Tex Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.

HERNIA REPAIR DEVICE RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A device created at LSU Health Shreveport to help repair hernias has been named one of the Top 100 entries of the NASA Tech Briefs Create the Future 2017 Design Contest. The Mesh Sprayer Device (MSD); Liquefied Mesh Delivery System was one of more than 12,000 product design ideas submitted to the contest. The Mesh Sprayer Device was developed by Dr. Alireza Hamidian, previous Chief Surgery Resident at LSU Health Shreveport; Dr. F. Dean Griffen, Professor of Clinical Surgery; and Dr. David Ballard, former Surgery Resident. The device is provisionally patented through LSUHSC-S-2017-003. A previous entry, a chest tube also designed by Drs. Hamidian and Ballard, along with Radiology Chairman Dr. Horacio D'Agostino, was named one of the top 100 designs out of more than 22,000 submissions in 2016.



Dr. F. Dean Griffen and Dr. Alireza Hamidian

LSU CONDUCTS ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

The Economics & Policy Research Group at the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business recently conducted an economic impact study of all eight LSU campuses on the State of Louisiana. The total economic impact of LSU totals \$5.1 billion, averaging to \$1,097 per Louisiana citizen. Findings for LSU Health Shreveport specifically showed a total contribution of \$595.4 million in economic impact, \$310.2 million in total earnings and 4,608 total jobs, 2,443 of which are direct employment. LSUHSC 2016 graduates will enjoy increased lifetime earnings of \$412 million combined. The total economic impact in Caddo Parish totals \$765,043,677.

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

**\$595.4
MILLION**

LSU Health
SHREVEPORT



LSU System President, F. King Alexander, visited the LSU Health Shreveport campus on Feb. 5, 2018, for his talk, "LSU 2025: Challenge Accepted," which discussed the University's role in Louisiana and around the country.

DR. JORDAN RECOGNIZED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A PHYSICIAN

Paul A. Jordan, MD, FRCP(C), FACP, was recently recognized by the Shreveport Medical Society Alliance for his 50 years of service as a physician. Dr. Jordan has been the Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at LSU Health Shreveport for the past 20 years. He received his Doctor of Medicine medical degree from the University of Toronto and has been medically licensed in the State of Louisiana since 1982. Dr. Jordan joined the LSU Health Shreveport faculty in 1993 as an Assistant of Professor of Medicine, and was named Chief of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Section and Associate Professor in 1998. He is a member of Shreveport Medical Society, Louisiana State Medical Society, American Gastroenterological Association, American College of Gastroenterology, Louisiana Gastroenterology Society, and Association of American Physicians and Surgeons.



Dr. Paul Jordan

RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS RECEIVE RE-ACCREDITATION BY ACGME & CODA

The following LSU Health Shreveport Residency and Fellowship Programs have received continued accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA):

- Forensic and Child Psychiatry
- Adolescent Psychiatry
- Anesthesia and Pain Management
- Radiology
- Family Medicine-Alexandria
- Family Medicine-Shreveport
- Emergency Medicine
- Surgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Family Medicine-Monroe
- Family Medicine-Rural
- Internal Medicine
- Hematology and Medical Oncology
- Neurology
- Sleep Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Medicine/Pediatrics
- Pediatric Medicine
- Otolaryngology
- Neurosurgery
- Asthma-Allergy Program
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Interventional Cardiology
- Gastroenterology
- Nephrology
- Critical Care Medicine
- Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Rheumatology
- Urology
- Pulmonary Disease
- Infectious Disease
- Pathology
- Ophthalmology
- Cytopathology
- Colon & Rectal Surgery
- Oral Surgery (CODA)
- Oral Surgery-Craniofacial (CODA)

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is an independent, not-for-profit, physician-led organization that sets and monitors the professional educational standards essential in preparing physicians to deliver safe, high-quality medical care to all Americans.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredits dental and dental-related education programs. CODA develops and administers standards of these programs that serve oral healthcare needs.

LSU Health Shreveport is home to 41 accredited programs, with 22 Accredited Residency Training Programs and 19 Accredited Fellowship Training Programs. There are 564 House Officers (473 Residents and 91 Fellows).



Neesha Siriwardane and Manon Doucet decided to shave their heads together on Geaux Bald Shave Day.

GEAUX BALD SHAVE DAY 2018

More than 30 students, faculty and community members took part in Geaux Bald's Shave Day on March 9. Participants braved the shave to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which supports childhood cancer research. Research for childhood cancers are consistently underfunded. Many shaves had personal reasons for shaving their heads and showing their support for kids that have been diagnosed with cancer. Geaux Bald raised nearly \$50,000 this year.

ULTRASOUND BOOTCAMP

The Department of Radiology hosted its first Ultrasound Bootcamp in November. The Ultrasound Bootcamp was held to help increase practicing physicians' knowledge of and skill in using ultrasound to enhance patient care and treatment. Physicians from the Shreveport and Bossier City area learned to use and apply the techniques of knobology, needle localization/thoracentesis, FAST exam, DVT ultrasound, and central venous access.



Dr. Horacio D'Agostino teaches participants at the Ultrasound Bootcamp.

ROBOTIC LUNG SURGERY NOW OFFERED



Dr. Vyas Rao

Dr. Vyas Ramuhalli Rao, Interim Division Chief of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery, is performing Robotic Assisted Lung Surgeries with small incisions for patients with lung cancer and other ailments in the chest. Robotic assisted surgery greatly minimizes the post-operative discomfort to the patients as they have only small band-aid sized incisions in the chest wall. Robotic assisted

lobectomy is a complex operation, done with these small incisions. Previously, these operations were done by big thoracotomy incisions with extended pain and morbidity to the patients. The incisions made for robotic surgery are barely visible. The amount of pain experienced in conventional thoracotomy hardly exists in the robotic assisted cases. Full cancer operation with lobectomy and thoracic lymphadenectomy can be done by robotic assistance, with exceptional acceptance to the patients. This particular robotic surgery is offered in only a few centers around the country.



The LSU Health Shreveport chapter of Alpha Eta Honor Society welcomed 22 new members.

ALPHA ETA HONOR SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 2017 Alpha Eta inductees! Alpha Eta is the National Honor Society of the Allied Health Professions whose members represent the top ten percent of graduates of Allied Health Schools and Colleges. LSU Health Shreveport is one of 64 chapters nationwide.

Faculty Nominee: Tim Gilmore, MHS, RRT-NPS, AE-C

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology: Contessa Hall and LaDestinae McKay

Bachelor of Cardiopulmonary Science: Carleigh Brunson and Diana Draker

Master of Physician Assistant Studies: Jennifer Stewart, Allison Messonnier, and Casey LeBlanc

Master of Communication Disorders: Rebecca Durr, Ethan Hyatt, and Julie Scalfano

Master of Occupational Therapy: Sasha Kotowych, Hannah Krumpelbeck, Savannah Robinson, Lauren Sherman, and Janeé Thornton

Doctor of Physical Therapy: Michael Bass, Justin Bass, Abbey Falgoust, Caleb McEntire, Jackson McNeal, and Shea Rogers

IN MEMORIAM

DANIEL R. GARCEAU, JR., who served as the Chief Financial Officer of the LSU Health Foundation for five years, passed away on Nov. 8, 2017, at the age of 53. Danny fought a 16-month dignified and faith-filled battle against cancer. Danny was a graduate of Jesuit High School and Louisiana Tech University. After receiving his Master's in Public Accounting, Danny spent the first decade of his CPA career in Dallas working with top national/international accounting firms. He eventually returned home to Shreveport, working an additional 15 years with KPMG before becoming the CFO for the LSU Health Shreveport Foundation where he served with distinction. Danny is remembered as a consummate professional, personable, and an ardent believer in the work of the LSU Health Sciences Center.

SUSAN ARMSTRONG, Senior In-House Counsel for LSU Health Shreveport, passed away on Jan. 29, 2018. Mrs. Armstrong was employed at LSU Health on three different occasions for a total of 33 years of dedicated service. She served as an RN in the Medical and Coronary Intensive Care Units, a Nurse Manager in the ICU, and Assistant Hospital Administrator, and ultimately as a Compliance Officer for both the Shreveport and Monroe campuses. She was the Senior In-House Counsel for seven and a half years. Her contributions were immeasurable to our institution.

HENRY G. HANLEY, MD passed away March 10, 2018. Dr. Hanley practiced medicine for 52 years. Prior to being in private practice, he was a Professor of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at LSU Health Shreveport for 22 years. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Medical Examiners in Interventional Cardiology from 2003-2013. Dr. Hanley served many statewide organizations in Louisiana, including being President and Governor of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, and President of the American Heart Association, Louisiana Affiliate.

MICHAEL RAWLS MOORE, SR., MD, passed away at the age of 69 on Nov. 23, 2017. Dr. Moore and his family moved to Shreveport in 1980. He practiced in Hematology and Oncology at Willis-Knighton, and became a Clinical Associate Professor at LSU Health Shreveport in 1996.

MICHAEL F. BERRY, MD, passed away suddenly on Feb. 11, 2018. Dr. Berry earned his medical degree from LSU Health Shreveport, and went on to complete a Residency and Fellowship in Interventional Radiology at UAMS in Little Rock, Ark. He was a devoted family man, loving husband, and dedicated physician.

FACULTY HONORS & ELECTIONS



Martin Sapp, PhD, Mingyu Ding Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was named the Interim Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.



Oleg Y. Chernyshev, MD, PhD, FAASM, Assistant Professor of Neurology, achieved the status of Fellow with the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).



Annella Nelson was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Development.



John Maloy was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Management.



Eric Thomas, MD, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, was named Chief of the General Internal Medicine Section.



Samina Hayat, MD, FACP, FACR, CCD, Professor of Medicine, was named Chief of the Rheumatology Section.



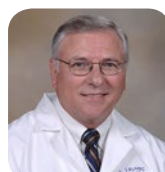
Emily Weidman-Evans, PharmD, BC-ADM, CPE, Clinical Associate Professor, received the School of Allied Health Professions 2017 Faculty Research Award.



Lindsay Michel, MPH, RRT, Director of Clinical Education, received the School of Allied Health Professions 2017 New Faculty Award.



Gretchen Reeks, MA, LOTR, C/NDT, Assistant Professor, received the School of Allied Health Professions 2017 Service Award.



Marlyn P. Langford, PhD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, was appointed to the Membership Committee of the International Society for Eye Research.



Rosario Maria S. Riel-Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAN, FACNS, Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, was elected as Chair of the Global Health Section of the Academy of Neurology for the 2018-2020 term.



Alberto Simoncini, MD, Radiology Professor and Director of Musculoskeletal Radiology, was awarded the 2018 Outstanding Teacher Award from the Association of University Radiologists/American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology.



Christina Notarrianni, MD, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery and Residency Program Director, was elected President-Elect/1st Vice President of the Shreveport Medical Society.

NEW FACULTY

Vinh Nguyen, MD, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine

Joshua Hollis, MS, Instructor-Clinical, Psychiatry

Erin Reardon, BA, MFA, MLIS, Reference Librarian, Medical Library

Andrew Meram, MD, Assistant Professor, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Karl Bilderback, MD, Associate Professor-Clinical, Orthopaedics

Nazih Khater, MD, Assistant Professor-Clinical, Urology

Nancy Silverblatt, MD, Assistant Professor-Clinical, Psychiatry

Shreedhar Kulkarni, MD, Assistant Professor-Clinical, Internal Medicine

Raymond A. Coghlan, MD, Associate Professor-Clinical, Medicine-Infectious Disease

Radhakrishna Baliga, MD, Professor, Pediatrics

R. Keith White, MD, Professor-Clinical Specialist, Surgery

Luis del Pozo Yauner, MD, Assistant Professor, Pathology

Charles M. Loblano III, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Orthopaedics

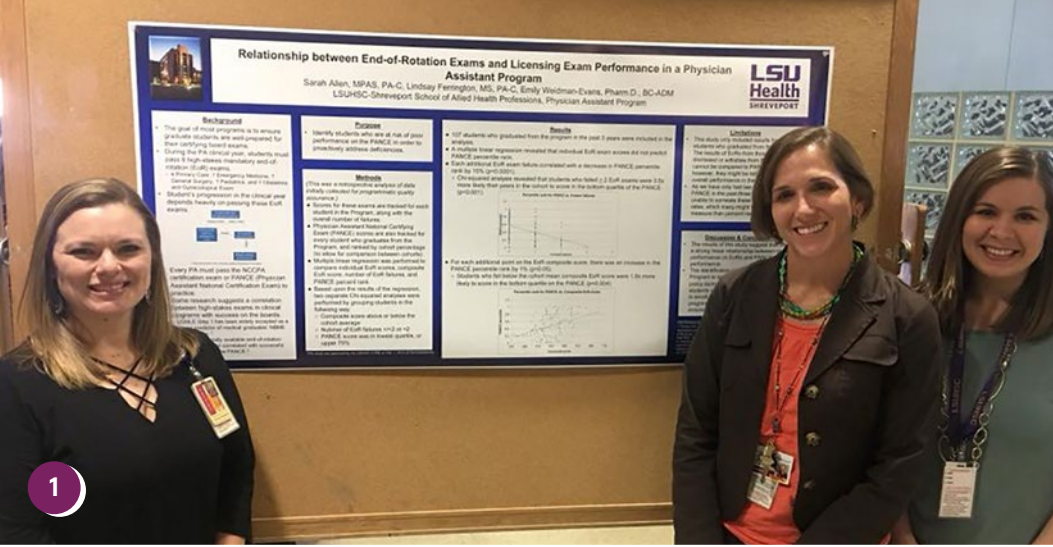
Adijat O. Olanrewaju, MD, Instructor-Clinical Specialist, Pediatrics

Edward L. Morgan, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Orthopaedics

Lauren Rachal, DPT, Instructor-Clinical Specialist

Justine Tripp, MD, Assistant Professor-Clinical, Emergency Medicine

Lawenica Evans, OT, Instructor-Clinical Specialist



CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

1 The School of Allied Health Professions hosted a poster presentation session featuring research conducted by faculty.

2 Mini Med School participants practice how to pack a wound at a session taught by F.I.R.S.T. Chance.

3 Dr. Joseph Bocchini spoke at the Tots to Teens Pediatric Center Five Year Celebration.

4 The Resident Council led the Caddo Heights Elementary School Toy Drive and delivered more than 400 toys to Pre-K through 5th grade students.

5 Rev. Matt Rawle and Kyle Denton from Asbury United Methodist in Bossier City presented a \$2,500 donation for breast cancer research

to Dr. Gary Burton in honor of a church member, and friend, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

6 Medical Students Against Addiction (MSAA) President, Tierra Range, presented a check to Dr. Nicholas Goeders, MSAA faculty co-advisor, to benefit his and his wife's ministry, Loving Solutions.

7 Science Matters hosted the 2nd annual I.D.E.A.S. event on Feb. 3.

8 Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences leadership and researchers were recognized at the Northwest Louisiana Go Red for Women Luncheon.

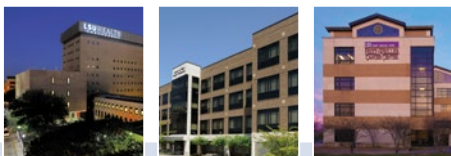


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