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## REUNIONS 2007



### GOLDEN TIGERS OF '57



# From the Alumni Office. . .



## October Is Upon Us

It's busy here. The students are all back and hard at work. A new Dean has been named. Steve Nelson, a man whom I have known for decades, is an inspired and inspiring choice. The Center for Advanced Practice is fast nearing completion, and occupancy by late December or early January is an attainable goal.

Plans for the rebuilding of the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center have been submitted to the State of Louisiana and to FEMA. If they approve them, bid documents will be submitted and bids let. We hope to begin that construction in early January 2008 and have it completed to greet the students in August 2008. It is of course a thrill a minute to deal with FEMA, so hold the good thought.

Our Fall Gala takes place on October 27, 2007. We look forward to it with success. October will also produce elections in Louisiana for Governor and legislators. We hope this will be good news for medical education. Support for our hospital is very important.

Work on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary history of the School of Medicine proceeds, though not as rapidly as planned. Funny how a little thing like a hurricane can disrupt a timetable. Our work on the rebuilding process has consumed a great deal of effort and that rebuilding is part of our history too. Our rebuilding did get another shot in the arm when the VA Hospital announced that it moved a step closer to committing to build its replacement hospital side by side with the LSU Hospital.

The Alumni Board continues to work hard for the School. We have been singularly blessed by years and years of strong leadership. But that is not so surprising when you consider that they come from the ranks of the finest alumni any school of medicine could hope to have.

Sincerely,

**Russell C. Klein ('59)**  
Associate Dean  
Alumni Affairs and Development

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Scenes from the 2007 Reunion Weekend, shown on front cover: *top*: the **Class of '57**, our new Golden Tigers; *bottom, left*: The Scientific Session gets underway; *bottom, right*: At the Scientific Session, **Paul Azar, Jr. ('70)**, *left*, presents **Larry Hollier ('68)**, Chancellor of LSUHSC, with the Alumni President's Award.

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# Committee of 100 banquet

## Hilton Honored by Committee of 100

The Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence staged its 24<sup>th</sup> annual banquet on Thursday, June 7, 2007, one day before the start of Reunion Weekend. They chose as their honoree, **Charles W. Hilton, ('76)** and created a Professorship of Medical Education in his honor. The event was presided over by **Fred Rodriguez ('75)**, Chairman of the Committee. He was assisted by Dr. Sam McClugage, Associate Dean For Admissions and Dr. Isidore Cohn Jr., Emeritus Chairman of Surgery.

Dr. Hilton who joined the faculty in 1986 after practicing and teaching in Florida rose to become Professor of Medicine in 1996.

In 1998, he was named Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and in 2000, he was promoted to Associate Dean, with responsibility for undergraduate and graduate medical education, as well as oversight of all the Area Health Education Centers.

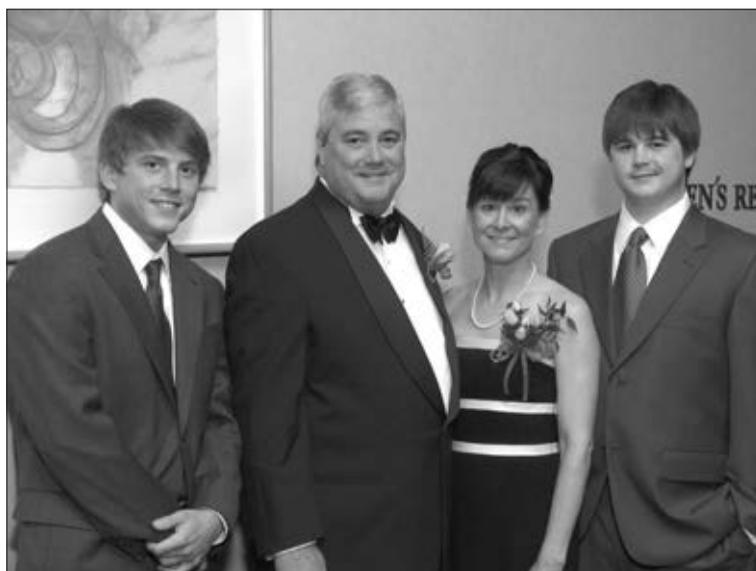
Charles was the prime mover behind the redesign of the undergraduate curriculum for the School of Medicine, which was first put to use in August 2001. He developed the Office of Medical Education Research and Design (OMERAD), which helps teachers teach and learners learn.

In the aftermath of Katrina, he was instrumental in reestablishing both undergraduate and graduate medical education programs and led the School through more than 25 accreditation site visits.

Charles is the author of 50 scientific papers, is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Laureate of the Louisiana Chapter. The LSU School of Medicine Alumnus of the Year Award in 2002, the Allen A.

Copping Award for Teaching Excellence, and the Robert S. Daniels Professorship of Medical Education are only three of his many honors.

Married to **Deborah Caruso Hilton ('98)**, they have two sons, Charles and Taylor. Taylor is attending LSU School of Medicine as a freshman.



left to right: Taylor Hilton (L-1), Charles Hilton ('76), Deborah Hilton ('98), and Charles Hilton



left to right: Gerald Berenson, MD, Earl Rozas ('64), and Marc Fisher ('85)



left to right: Harvey Gabert, Ave Maria Gabert, Cathi Fontenot ('84), and Diane Newman



left to right: Yolanda Lundsgaard, Beth Schibler, and Charles Schibler II ('92)

# Alumni Weekend A Great Success



Earl Rozas ('64), *left*, presents a 500-Club plaque to Elizabeth McDonald ('84), while Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75) looks on, at the Committee of 100 banquet.

**F**ive hundred alumni and guests from the classes of 1946, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997 returned to the School of Medicine for the 2007 reunions. Led by the Golden Anniversary Tiger Class of 1957, they divided their time between social events and continuing education.

A golf tournament presided over by Mack Thomas ('62) and John McLachlan ('62) began the festivities on Friday, June 8, 2007.



Brian Barkemeyer ('87) delivers a lecture at the Scientific Session.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel for all alumni and guests. The Hotel was the site the next day of a continental breakfast and Scientific Session for alumni. Featured speakers included Chancellor Larry Hollier ('68) speaking on "The Future of the School of Medicine", Alumni President Paul Azar ('70) giving an update in ophthalmology, and Mack Thomas ('62) speaking on "The Importance of Glycemic Control in the ICU."

At the midmorning business meeting Lee J. Monlezun ('69) was named President for 2007, Jim Leonard ('63) was named President Elect and Gerard Pena ('82) was elected Vice President, new Board Members included L. J. Mayeux ('77) and Andy Blalock ('98). The complete list of all officers and directors is listed elsewhere.

Tribute was paid to the Golden Tigers Class of 1957 and members were presented with Golden Anniversary Diplomas at a luncheon later in the day.

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*left to right*: Christie Mintz, Dr. Harold Stokes, and Leslie Stokes. Christie Mintz and Leslie Stokes were recipients of the Robert S. Daniels, MD, Alumni Service Award, presented at the Scientific Session.



PHOTO, LEFT Gerald Berenson, MD, (*center*) displays his plaque designating him as an Honorary Alumnus, while Paul Azar, Jr. ('70) (*left*) and James Leonard ('63) (*right*) look on.



Keith Schroth (*center*), flanked by Paul Azar, Jr. ('70) (*left*) and James Leonard ('63) (*right*), displays his Special Merit Award.

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Pat Delaney ('82) speaks at the Scientific Session.

The Alumni Association next recognized a number of outstanding people with various awards. Keith Schroth, Chief Financial Officer of the School of Medicine was honored for his efforts to keep the School viable financially in the post-Katrina era. Volunteers Leslie Stokes and Christie Mintz received the Robert S. Daniels, MD, Alumni Service Award for their unstinting help in staging the 2006 Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Gala.

The President's Award for 2006 went to Dr. Larry Hollier, and Mr. Brian Jakes CEO for 14 years of the Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center that concentrates on placing physicians in rural practice was named Honorary Alumnus.

Joining Mr. Jakes as Honorary Alumnus was the much beloved Dr. Gerald Berenson, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, whose pioneering Bogalusa Heart Study has provided so many valuable insights into the early development of heart disease.

In an unprecedented move three alumni shared the title of Alumnus of the Year for 2006. Each was cited for their work in providing healthcare and education in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.



Beverly and Brian Jakes. Mr. Jakes, Director of the Southeast Area Health Education Center based in Hammond, LA, was honoree of a Professorship of Rural Health Care in 2006.

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Cathi Fontenot ('84), flanked by Paul Azar, Jr. ('70) (left), outgoing President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, and James Leonard ('63), President-Elect of the Association, accepts her plaque honoring her as Alumnus of the Year.



W. Chapman Lee ('69) (center), co-recipient of the Alumnus of the Year 2006, displays his plaque with Paul Azar, Jr. ('70) (left) and James Leonard ('63) (right).



Dwayne Thomas ('84) (center), co-recipient of the Alumnus of the Year 2006, displays his plaque with Paul Azar, Jr. ('70) (left) and James Leonard ('63) (right).



PHOTO, RIGHT  
left to right: Bob Guy ('67), Cherie Niles ('87), and Gigi Lefebvre ('87), at the Scientific Session

# REUNIONS Weekend 2007



*left to right:* Bob Menezes ('87), Cheryl Menezes, Guerard Grice ('87), Constanza Grice, Paul Yuratich ('87), and Bernice Yuratich



Rich Bragg ('92) and Susie Bragg

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Honorees were **Cathi Fontenot ('84)** the Medical Director of the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, **Dwayne Thomas ('84)** Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans and **W. Chapman Lee ('69)** Associate Dean for Earl K. Long Hospital in Baton Rouge.

All three participated in a panel discussion on Hospital Disaster Preparedness. Two other scientific topics rounded out the morning: Diagnosis of Coronary Artery Disease Via C.T. Scan by **Pat Delaney ('82)** and Prenatal Interventions – Post Natal Outcomes by **Brian Barkemeyer ('87)**.

On Saturday evening each class held a private banquet that rounded out the weekend.



*left to right:* Shirley Elliot, Clyde Elliot ('67), and Bat Brunner ('67)



*left to right:* Cherie Lee, W. Chapman Lee ('69), Larry Hollier ('68), and Diana Hollier



*left to right:* Donald Faust ('77), Mary Kay Faust, and Elaine Lanasa Yuratich ('77)

# REUNIONS Weekend 2007



Officers of LSU Medical Alumni Association and their wives pose in front of a banner advertising the Second Annual October Gala. Standing, *left to right*: incoming president **Lee J. Monlezun** ('69); outgoing president **Paul J. Azar, Jr.** ('70); and president-elect **James J. Leonard** ('63). Seated, *left to right*: Anne Monlezun, Barbara Azar, and Joyce Leonard.



*left to right*: **Joseph Tarride** ('52), Sallie Tarride, and **Tom Garvey** ('52)



*left to right*: **Diane DeFrance** ('87), Tim DeFrance, **Kat Touns** ('87), and Dorian Liepmann

**LSU Medical Alumni Golf Classic** — Golf has become a traditional part of the annual medical school reunion experience. The Audubon Park Golf Course has become the site of choice for the tournament. Course proximity to the hotels makes transportation easy. The Audubon Park setting, scenic oaks, traditional club house, and university setting is “Old New Orleans.” The course is excellently maintained and challenging but friendly to players of all ages and abilities. The scramble format makes play a team effort and allows for a social morning. The atmosphere is friendly and offers an opportunity to meet old friends for breakfast or lunch and enjoy a round of golf. Those of you who participated in the past or might be considering playing might enjoy visiting the alumni web site, where we have begun posting pictures from the past tournaments. Participation has been down since Katrina. We invite all golfers to consider coming out next year for a round of golf with old friends. Additional information is available at the Alumni Office. *Come out and play. Bring your best shots. We think you will enjoy the experience.*



**In the Golden Tigers' Den** — Shown below are some of the members of the Class of '57, receiving their 50-year certificates from **James J. Leonard** ('63) (*at right in each picture*).



**Lehrue Stevens** ('57)



**Terence Beven** ('57)



**Alvin Cotlar** ('57)



**Charles Belleau** ('57)

# REUNION CLASSES



1946

1947





1952

CLASS OF 1957 ON COVER

1962





1967

1972



1977





1982

1987





1992

1997





# Tiger Cubs - 2007



*Left to right:* Antoinette Savoie, **Anthony Savoie ('80)**, Stephanie Savoie (Cub), Susan Savoie, Suzette Savoie



Ashley Staton (Cub) (*left*) and Joannell Darnell ('80)



*Left to right:* Andrew and Thomas Schumacher, **Pam Darr ('81)**, Charles Schumacher (Cub), **Kevin Darr ('88)** (uncle of Charles) and Mary Darr



*Left to right:* **Deborah Hilton ('98)**, **Charles Hilton ('76)**, Taylor Hilton (Cub)



*Left to right:* **Michael Berger ('73)**, Jill Berger (Cub), Debra Berger, Merryl Tullier (niece)



*Left to right:* Aubrey Mansour, **Alfred A. Mansour, Jr. ('75)**, Maryetta Mansour, Ashton (Cub). Not pictured is **Alfred A. Mansour III ('05)**.



*Left to right:* Chammy Allen (LAMMICO Scholarship Recipient), Ashley Kay Haddad (L1), Kathy Terry

*PHOTO, RIGHT*  
*Left to right:* **William Davis ('83)**, Jane, Carter (Cub), Brett and Blair Davis



*PHOTO, LEFT*  
*Left to right:* **Steven Pflug ('89)**, Liz, Kathryn (Cub), Barbara and **Robert Pflug ('62)** (grandfather)

# Tiger Cubs - 2007



**Bert Bratton ('72)** (*far right*) with his children **Laura Bratton (Cub)** and **Clay Bratton ('95)**



**Kellin Kalil (Cub)** and her uncle, **Mario Calonje ('59)**



*Left to right:* **William J. Crookshank, Jr. ('83)**, **William J. Crookshank III (Cub)**, **Drynda Crookshank**



**Paul Douglas Slocum, Sr. ('81)**, **Paul Douglas Slocum, Jr. (Cub)**



*Left to right:* **Cindy Murphy**, **Chad Murphy (Cub)**, **Charles P. Murphy ('82)**



*Left to right:* **Gerard Broussard ('92)**, **Vernon Broussard**, **Casey Broussard (Cub)**

## NOT PICTURED

- **Minh Dao ('91)**, **Kimberly Jane Dao (Cub)**
- **Maurice L. King, Jr. ('85)**, **Maurice III** and **Ryan King (Cubs)**
- **Lloyd Klibert ('81)**, **David Klibert (Cub)**
- **Elisabeth Schonlau ('74)**, **McKenzie Mayo (Cub)** [Grandfather **James Schonlau ('39)**, deceased]. Brother is **Ray Cody Mayo (L3)**
- **Ed Neumann ('84)**, **Dianne Neumann, ('84)**, **Julie Neumann (Cub)** [Grandfather is **Joseph Crapanzano ('55)**.]
- **Janice Nugent ('95)**, **Heath Nugent (Cub)**
- **Herbert K. Plauche ('63)**, **Virginia Plauche (Cub)**
- **Leo Verlander ('79)**, **Gregory Verlander**



*Left to right:* **Melanie Lacour**, **Alisha Lacour (Cub)**, **Allen Lacour ('82)**

## Medical School Dean Selected

**Larry Hollier** ('68) has announced that Dr. Steve Nelson will succeed him as Dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Hollier will remain as Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center. Dr. Hollier assumed both positions after Katrina.

Dr. Nelson graduated from McGill University and took his internal medicine training and pulmonary/critical care training at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. He completed a Fellowship in Environmental Health at the same institution.

A faculty member here since 1984, Dr. Nelson holds a faculty appointment in the Graduate School in addition to Professorships in both Microbiology and Medicine. In Medicine he is Vice Chairman for Research and Chief of Pulmonary Disease. He is the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence at LSU and Director of the General Clinical Research Center, a joint LSU – Tulane program. He holds a clinical appointment on the Tulane faculty and is the John H Seabury Professor of Medicine at LSU. He also served on the staff of Ochsner Clinic as a consultant for 13 years.

Dr. Nelson has been awarded 23 grants for medical research, has served on the editorial board of six journals, has authored or co-authored 186 journal articles, seven monographs, 30 book chapters, and 199 scientific abstracts.

Dr. Hollier noted that Dr. Nelson had been selected after a national search that included outstanding internal and external candidates and that he looked forward to working with Dr. Nelson.



*Dr. Nelson*

# Faculty News

## Awards

*Juzar Ali, MD, FRCP(C), FCCP*, Professor of Clinical Medicine, has won the "Founders Award" for 2007 from the Louisiana Public Health Association. This award is given by the organization to an individual "for significant achievement in research or outstanding pioneering performance in public health by a Louisiana resident. This individual must have achieved statewide, national, or international recognition of achievements." Dr. Ali holds the Russell Klein Professorship of Medicine.

This year's *Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards* went to six LSU Health Sciences Center faculty members: Jerilyn Schaller, nursing; Dr. Guido DeJesus, medicine; Dr. Toby Cheramie, dentistry; Daniel Harrington, public health; Louaine Spriggs, allied health professions; and Daniel Kapusta, basic sciences.

*Dr. Edward Helm*, Professor of Surgery and Associate Dean for Community and Minority Health Education in the School of Medicine, has been named one of Minnesota State University, Mankato's Distinguished Alumni for 2007. The award recognizes graduates who have achieved high rank or honor in their professions, and have a widespread effect on their communities.

## Departmental News

### Department of Internal Medicine

*Jorge Martinez ('76)*, a longtime faculty member of the Department of Medicine, took over the responsibilities of the Internal Medicine Program Director as of July 1, 2007.

### Department of Physiology

The American Physiological Society is providing \$6,000 to help pay for seminar speakers for graduate students in this field. It follows \$75,000 that the organization raised to support students, faculty and fellows after Hurricane Katrina.

The seventh edition of *Pulmonary Physiology* by Dr. Michael G. Levitzky, interim head of physiology, has been published by McGraw-Hill. Levitzky, who also is a

## Nicolas Bazan presented ARVO's highest honor

Dr. Nicolas Bazan, Boyd Professor of the Neuroscience Center, was awarded the Proctor Medal by the Association for the Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). ARVO's highest honor, it is presented annually for outstanding research in the basic or clinical sciences relating to ophthalmology.



Dr. Bazan

physiology professor, wrote the first edition in 1982.

## Retirement

After 24 years at LSUHSC-NO, *Raj Warriar* retired from the Department of Pediatrics. In April 2007 he moved back to India to become Vice Chancellor of Manipal University ([www.manipal.edu](http://www.manipal.edu)). Manipal is in the southwest coast of India. Dr. Warriar may be reached by e-mail at [vc.mahe@manipal.edu](mailto:vc.mahe@manipal.edu) or [raj.warriar@manipal.edu](mailto:raj.warriar@manipal.edu).



## Tax Break for Older Alumni

Alumni 70 1/2 years old or older must take a withdrawal from their IRA before December 31, 2007. Federal law allows them to donate all or part to a 501(c)3 such as the LSU Medical Alumni Association. Consult your tax professional. Have your IRA custodian send the gift directly to the Alumni Association. If you take the money directly most of the tax break is lost. Please notify us if you plan to do this [telephone (504) 568-4009]. Thanks.



*Dr. Nicolas Bazan* receives ARVO's highest honor.

*Jorge Martinez ('76)* becomes Internal Medicine Program Director.

*Dr. Juzar Ali* wins the "Founders Award" for 2007

*Seventh edition of Pulmonary Physiology* by Dr. Michael G. Levitzky has been published by McGraw-Hill.

*Dr. Edward Helm* named one of Minnesota State University, Mankato's Distinguished Alumni for 2007

## **Pelon family to establish superchair in microbiology, immunology & parasitology**

*Dr. William F. Pelon to be honored by establishment of superchair*

The family of the late Dr. William F. Pelon has begun the establishment of a superchair in microbiology, immunology, and parasitology in his name. Dr. Pelon's career spanned four decades and included a breakthrough discovery as part of Albert Sabin's research team at Pennsylvania, that led to the development of the oral polio vaccine; co-discovery of the first human cold virus with Bill Mogabgab at Tulane Medical Center; and finally, isolation of the first bacteriophage of *Vibrio vulnificus*.

After joining the faculty of LSUHSC, he conducted research for five years at the LSU International Center for Medical Research and Training at San Jose, Costa Rica, investigating the viral causes of diarrheal diseases among infants and young children. In New Orleans, in addition to studying biodepuration of shellfish, he carried out investigations of viral hepatitis, AIDS, and environmental pollution. He was a member of the graduate faculty of the medical center, served as the course director for microbiology at the LSU School of Dentistry and was recipient of the 'Kells' Award. Dr. Pelon died in April 2005. Upon completion, the endowed superchair will be worth \$2,000,000.

*Grant awarded for study of efficacy of simulations in enhancing teamwork and patient safety in the operating room.*

*Another step forward — design firms selected for the LSU/VA hospital.*

Dr. Pelon was beloved by all faculty, staff, and students whom he touched. Dr. Ron Luftig, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Parasitology, spoke of Dr. Pelon's "dry Kansas wit that also left you smiling." He also commented on Dr. Pelon's dedication to microbiology: "Even in his last years, when he was suffering from Parkinson's disease, he was hesitatingly plating cultures with a shaky hand, making new breakthroughs in research at the bench and being the first to grow oyster hemocytes in culture."

## **Mannequins to be studied**

For five years, LSU medical students have been testing their newly acquired skills on computerized mannequins before working on people. This can be viewed in the videos at the Learning Center web site [www.learningcenter.lsuhs.edu](http://www.learningcenter.lsuhs.edu).

The federal government is providing \$500,000 to see how effective this mode of instruction is in enhancing teamwork and patient safety in the operating room. In this grant the simulators are taken to outlying hospitals and realistic surgical scenarios are conducted in the host hospital using their staff and equipment. These devices, each of which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, can be programmed to exhibit a variety of symptoms and conditions, and they can even answer questions and scream in pain if something goes awry.

The grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—part of the Department of Health and Human Services—was awarded to Sheila Chauvin, Director of the LSUHSC's Office of Medical Education Research and Development.



## **Hospital design team announced**

At a press conference, the selection of the design firms for the LSU/VA hospital was announced. Drs. William Jenkins and Michael Butler, and Jerry Jones, Director of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control; Ron Blich, of Blich Knevel; and Mackenzie Skene of NBBJ joined Dr. Hollier to provide details about the design team and process.

The firms have extensive experience in designing both health care and academic facilities. They were selected by the Division of Administration to plan the 484-bed teaching hospital.

This is another step forward in the construction of this critical new teaching hospital in downtown New Orleans. Acquiring the 37-acre tract of land is underway. Planners say the design work will start in September and is expected to be completed by March 2009. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2009, and it is anticipated that the first patients will be admitted in December 2012.

## New graduates to address health care shortage

LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans produces Louisiana's health professional work force – 70% of the physicians, 75 % of the dentists, as well as nurses, allied health professionals, research scientists, health professions faculty and public health professional have received their education or training in LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans programs. During its first commencement back in New Orleans since the 2005 disaster, 494 students graduated from LSUHSC-NO's six professional health schools.

The School of Medicine conferred 152 Doctor of Medicine degrees. Nearly half of the graduating medical students (45%) have chosen to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training. All of the positions in LSUHSC-NO's residency programs were filled in the National Resident Match Program, so a full complement of new physicians began their graduate medical education programs on July 1, 2007.

The School of Allied Health Professions graduated 74 students. The School of Nursing had 149 graduates. The only public School of Public Health in the state graduated seven students with a master's of public health. The School of Graduate Studies conferred seven MS degrees and two PhD degrees. The state's only School of Dentistry, which is in the process of returning home to New Orleans, graduated 103 students with various dental degrees, including 58 with a doctor of dental surgery degree.



## LSUHSC physicians among N.O. Top Doctors

Through a survey by our peers nationwide, a number of LSU Health Sciences Center faculty have been named Top Doctors by *New Orleans Magazine*.

Included are: Drs. Cleveland Moore, Ricardo Sorensen, Luke Glancy, Frank Opelka, **Brian Lee ('85)**, **Elizabeth McBurney ('69)**, Lee Nesbitt, **Luis Balart ('73)**, Harold Stokes, Rebecca Clark, Michael Hagensee, David Martin, Mary Murphy, **Charles Sanders ('64)**, Mary Abell, **John Amoss ('91)**, **David Borne ('87)**, Michael Marble, Richard Coulon, Joseph Nadell, Roger Smith, Bruce Fisch, Amy Gutierrez, Austin Sumner, Stephen Deputy, Carmela Tardo, Ann Tilton, **Maria Weimer ('94)**, **Ann Chau ('88)**, Ralph Chesson, **Albert Diket ('83)**, Robert Maupin, Joseph Miller, Thomas Nolan, Andrew King, Barry Riemer, **Bill Newman ('69)**, **Brian Barkemeyer ('87)**, Raynorda Brown, Abraham Gedalia, Robert Hopkins, Duna Penn, Eberhard Schmidt-Sommerfeld, Aluizio Stopa, **Gary Glynn ('74)**, **Elliott Black ('69)**, Milton Anderson, James Barbee, Debra DePrato, Martin Drell, Mark Townsend, Juzar Ali, **Ben DeBoisblanc ('81)**, **Stephen Kantrow ('88)**, **Carol Mason ('82)**, Steve Nelson, Judd Shellito, Warren Summer, **Dwayne Thomas ('84)**, **Luis Espinoza ('97)**, **Phil Boudreaux ('78)**, Joseph Ortenberg, **Chris Winters ('88)**, and **Larry Hollier ('68)**.

*New LSUHSC graduates filling the health care gap*

*New Orleans Magazine's list of Top Doctors include many LSUHSC faculty and alumni.*

## Strong wins prestigious award

**Jack Strong ('51)**, Boyd Professor and Chairman of Pathology, has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the President's Award by the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology. The President's Award was established so that each year the President and Executive Committee would have the opportunity to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the field of pathology. This prestigious honor will be presented to Dr. Strong on March 4, 2008, during the annual meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology in Denver.

Dr. Strong is the principal investigator of the PDAY (Pathobiological Determinants of Atherosclerosis in Youth) Study, the longest running and most comprehensive source of information in the U.S. about how early heart disease begins in young people and how it progresses. Dr. Strong was the first person in the world to conclusively document the relationship of smoking to atherosclerosis.



*Dr. Strong*

*United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology confer President's Award on Jack Strong ('51).*



## “WHO DAT” CAMP TIGER 2007

Eighty-seven campers boarded the buses for a week of adventure during Camp Tiger 2007. The theme this year was “Who Dat.” LSUHSC’s Camp Tiger, a free week-long summer day camp for mentally and physically challenged children, is run by first-year students at LSUHSC’s School of Medicine. For the campers, Camp Tiger may be their only chance during the summer to socialize with other children without being singled out for their disabilities. The first-year medical students look forward to the opportunity to work with these exceptional children and give back to the community.

Carrying on the tradition begun by the freshman class of 1985, LSUHSC first-year medical students, on their own, plan all of the activities, raise necessary funds, solicit donations for activities and supplies and then volunteer their time and energy to serve as camp counselors. The estimated cost to fund 80 campers is \$45,000-\$50,000. This year around 60 first-year medical students, the largest number ever to participate, raised close to \$80,000 and were able to take 87 campers. To date, Camp Tiger has served more than 700 children. Besides beginning the LSU Health Sciences Center tradition of community outreach, Camp Tiger gives these medical students an opportunity to begin dealing with some of the rare medical conditions they may encounter during their professional careers, and it gives the campers the chance to experience the same summertime as other kids, many for the first time in their lives.

The week’s activities included visits to the Abita Springs Quail Farm on the North Shore, the Global Wildlife Center in Folsom, Kids Sports and Laser Tag in Metairie, the Louisiana Children’s Museum, the Audubon Zoo, the IMAX Theater, and the Aquarium of the Americas. They also went on a Zoo Cruise, went bowling and were treated to a carnival at Audubon Park. It was a rewarding week for both the children and their medical student counselors.



Bea Abene-Cottingham, part-time business manager for the Alcohol Research Center, and her dog Rhett visit with a young Camp Tiger camper. Rhett was rescued from a “no save” shelter and now thrives as a family pet and a happy participant in the Visiting Pet Program, in which he visits nursing homes and hospitals. The motto for the Visiting Pet Program could well fit Camp Tiger: “Bringing Love and Leaving Smiles.”

## Mayo Clinic establishes professorship to honor Dr. Hollier

Larry H. Hollier ('68), Chancellor of LSUHSC-NO and Dean of LSUSM, has received a lasting tribute from the Mayo Clinic. The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, one of the most highly regarded academic medical centers in the world, has established the Larry H. Hollier Visiting Professorship in Vascular Surgery to honor the founder of its Division of Vascular Surgery. Each year, a distinguished scholar will be invited to Rochester as the Larry H. Hollier Visiting Professor in Vascular Surgery.

As the first to be appointed to his namesake professorship, Dr. Hollier was honored at a black-tie reception celebrating the inauguration of this enduring recognition of his influence on the education and practice of vascular surgery at Mayo.



Peter Glociczki, MD, left, Professor and Chair, Division of Vascular Surgery, and Director of the Gonda Vascular Center at Mayo Clinic, congratulates Larry H. Hollier ('68) and presents him with the plaque commemorating his Professorship in Vascular Surgery.

*Larry H. Hollier  
Visiting Professorship in  
Vascular Surgery  
established at Mayo  
Clinic*

## New program to address mental health needs

A grant in the amount of \$749,695 from the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation is funding a program developed by the Department of Psychiatry at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to enhance mental health services and capacity in Katrina-affected areas and to better meet mental health needs following future disasters. The New Orleans Metropolitan Area Family Resiliency Project will be led by co-principal investigators Howard Osofsky, MD, PhD, Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans and Joy Osofsky, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, Head of Pediatric Mental Health, and Director of LSUHSC's Violence Intervention Program. The program will:

- enhance, provide, and evaluate critically needed evidence-based behavioral and mental health services for children and their families in school settings and for first responders and families in New Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines parishes;
- conduct training for mental health professionals and others on evidence-based intervention protocols through the implementation of Learning Collaboratives

in the Gulf Region in collaboration with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network;

- develop Youth Leadership summer and year-round programs to support youth resilience, build self-efficacy, and decrease risky behaviors;
- develop prevention and intervention strategies that can be used as a knowledge base for future disasters and to inform policy decisions;
- develop a collaborative base with other public health and service agencies in the heavily impacted areas to re-establish needed infrastructure, increase collaborative efforts, and enhance service accessibility for children and families; and
- conduct awareness-building training for child-serving professionals and first responder counselors to increase their knowledge, capacity, and ability to make appropriate referrals.

*New mental health  
services boosted by  
funding from the  
Robert Woods Johnson  
Foundation.*



## Two named to top LSU System posts

*Dr. John Lombardi becomes President of the LSU System.*

Dr. John Lombardi has been named to succeed Dr. William Jenkins as President of the LSU System. Prior to his appointment, he served as Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts. He had previously served as the President of the University of Florida and Vice President of Johns Hopkins University.

In these two latter positions, he worked with healthcare related activities. A historian by training, Dr. Lombardi is nationally recognized as an expert in higher education

*Fred Cerise ('88) named Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education.*

**Fred Cerise ('88)** was recently named Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education by the LSU Board of Supervisors. Prior to this appointment he had served in Governor Kathleen Blanco's administration as Secretary of Health and Hospitals and before that was Medical Director of Earl K Long Hospital.

In his newly created position, Dr. Cerise will be responsible for overseeing the public hospitals operated by the LSU System and the Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and New Orleans.

*Matching funds for endowed chair and fifteen professorships*

**Roxane Townsend ('92)** has been named to replace Dr. Cerise. She has been Deputy Secretary for several years overseeing numerous programs run by the agency.

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## Endowed chair and professorships valued at \$2.7 million

In September LSUHSC received matching funds for an endowed chair and 15 professorships from the Board of Regents.

The awards include the \$1 million William H. Stewart, MD, Endowed Chair for Pediatrics, the Alan Robson, MD, Professorship in Pediatric Nephrology, the Bollinger Family Endowed Professorship in Alzheimer's Disease, the Eduardo Marvez-Valls, MD, Professorship of Emergency Medicine, the John Ey, MD, Professorship in Hospitalist Pediatrics, the Nicolas G. Bazan, MD, Professorship in Emergency Medicine, the Percy Rosenbaum, MD, Professorship of Pediatrics, the Richard M. Paddison, MD, Memorial Professorship of Neurology, the Richard Ashman, PhD, Professorship of Physiology, and the Louis R. Cabiran, MD, Professorship of Medicine.

Dr. Marilyn Zimny created four professorships through her estate: the H. Adele Spence Professorship of Graduate Studies, the Herbert C. Dessauer Professorship in Graduate Studies, the L. Alien Barker Professorship in Graduate Studies and the Robert F. Dyer Professorship of Graduate Studies.

Double professorships are the G. John Buddingh, MD, Professorship in Microbiology and the Louis Levy II, MD (M'43) Professorship of Research Cardiology.

## AOA inducts two new members

*James J. Leonard ('63) and Lee J. Monlezun ('69) inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha.*

Two LSUSM alumni were recently inducted into the AOA. Inductees **James J. Leonard ('63)**, President-Elect of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, and **Lee J. Monlezun ('69)**, President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, were chosen for the national medical honor society in recognition of their outstanding record in medical education and patient care.



AOA inductees **James J. Leonard ('63)**, *left*, and **Lee J. Monlezun ('69)**, *right*, are shown flanking **Russell C. Klein ('59)** (*center*), Associate Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development.

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'43

**William B. Liles**, Monroe, LA – Three sons, all MDs practicing in Monroe; one grandson – surgery resident in Shreveport, grand-daughter-in-law – resident psychiatry in Shreveport.

'54

**Robert Turner**, Fort Worth, TX – “I’m the only one left standing from our freshman class apartment. Many memories with John Floyd, Eddie Askew, and Joe Moreland. The contribution enclosed is given in their memory.”

'55

**Santo J. LoCoco**, Franklinton, LA – “Enjoying empty nest on chicken farm in Franklinton, LA, after having kids at home for 50 years.”

'56

**Martin Klein**, El Paso, TX – Retired from the practice of pediatrics in June 2006 after 47 full years. “We moved from New Orleans to El Paso to be near our children and grandchildren.”

'57

**Joel Smason**, Los Angeles, CA – Retired as an orthopaedic surgeon since December 31, 1999. “Best wishes to all

for 2007 and the coming years – unfortunately I’m unable to make the June Reunion.”

'62

**Joe Reynolds**, Bastrop, LA – “Grandchild #15 was born on March 24, 2007. Five children and their spouses went on a cruise with us in March 2007.”

'66

**Robert Clawson**, Seattle, WA – “Still happily practicing orthopedic surgery in Seattle, Washington.”

'67

**Larry Cowley**, Blacksburg, VA – President of Virginia Society of Otolaryngology in 2007.

'68

**Stephen Rando**, Macon, GA – “Retiring after 33 years as a radiologist in Macon, GA, at a 400+ bed community/teaching hospital. I have been with the same group and same wife. We have four children and eight grandchildren. Going to the mountains of western North Carolina, but will keep my condo in New Orleans in the French Quarter and hope to spend more time there.”

## Tigers in the News

**Robert R. Gullett, Jr. ('69)** has been named Associate Vice-Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Northwest Campus. He completed the J&J UCLA healthcare executive program this summer.

'69

**Doris Medlin**, Hampstead, NC – “I sold my campground in Columbia, MS, post-Katrina and relocated to North Carolina. Hobbies are now boating, stained glass, Koi pond and travel. I retired in 2000.”

'70

**R. Parker Griffith**, Huntsville, AL – Elected to the Alabama State Senate, District 7. **Robert L. Baird ('70)**, Campaign Advisor; **Raymond Sheppard ('70)**, Financial Contributor; **Thomas H. Griffith ('66)**, Campaign Advisor.

'71

**Bennie Nobles**, New Orleans, LA – “Still in full-time OB-Gyn practice and blessed with health. I was privileged to go to the Congo in Africa for two weeks in February on a mission trip. The people are a blessing and beautiful. Difficult to see the effects of poverty and war – illnesses we could not help.”

'72

**Champ Baker**, Columbus, GA – President of American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) meeting in Calgary, Canada, July 2007. “Son Champ Baker, III, now 5<sup>th</sup> year Resident Orthopedics in Pittsburgh – to do sports fellowship (RUSH) and join me in practice in August 2008.”

## Tigers in the News

**Everett Lucas Drewes ('42)** is now home again in New Orleans, tending his orchids, after a Katrina odyssey. His wife Postelle had suffered a stroke several months before the hurricane. As the storm approached, the agency that had been helping him care for his wife in their home could not permit their personnel to stay “on the job” because of the evacuation orders. Before leaving, the workers tried to move the couple to safer quarters. The Super Dome was not able to receive them, but, before leaving them, the staff was considering moving them to the Hyatt Regency. At this point, family members, all out of town, lost contact with Dr. Drewes for the entire week after the hurricane. The story was later pieced together – a rescue crew responded to Dr. Drewes’ Navy signal by mirror, a bus driver drove the couple to a hospital, a worker would not allow the elderly couple to be separated and found temporary housing for them, and then friends took them into their home for many months.

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## News from the Web

**Russell Blaylock** ('71), Ridgeland, MS [blay6307@bellsouth.net]

“Hello fellow docs. I am now retired from neurosurgical practice but deeply involved in research and writing. I have a newsletter—*The Blaylock Wellness Report*—and have written three books and chapters in three medical textbooks. I am still writing peer-reviewed medical articles and popular articles for a number of publications. In addition, I do interviews on TV and have done over 100 syndicated radio interviews. Some retirement. My old neurosurgical teacher, Dr. Ludwig Kempe, is now 93 years old and living in the mountains of North Carolina. We have remained close personal friends. My wife of 36 years, Diane, and I have 2 sons, Ron and Damien. We have three grandchildren, the latest a girl born this month. All healthy. My website is [www.russellblaylockmd.com](http://www.russellblaylockmd.com). Visit it for more information. There are a number of you guys I would like to hear from. Sad to hear about the Katrina disaster.

## Tigers in the News

The Certifying Commission in Medical Management awarded **Fanancy L Anzalone** ('81) the status of Certified Physician Executive (CPE) in recognition of his educational achievements, demonstrated stature as a physician, and experience in the field of medical management. Dr. Anzalone is the Medical Director for American Airlines, Miami Area, which covers the Southeast United States, Central, and South American, and the Caribbean.

## '73

**Steve Mahorney**, Morganton, NC – “Downsizing. Just moved into smaller home. Jeff is with Duke University Press in Durham. Jim has graduated from Film School and is doing movies and TV.”

## '74

**Steve William**, Hammond, LA – Completing 29 years of radiology practice at North Oaks Medical Center; now part-time. “My daughter Kelly, a sophomore at Rhodes in Memphis, spent her spring semester in Seville, Spain; is fluent in Spanish. My son, Michael, was starting guard on Louisiana 2007 2A state basketball championship team, St. Thomas Aquinas. He will attend LSU (BR) this fall, invited as a freshman into the E.J. Ourso School of Business. Go Tigers!”

## Tigers in the News

**Richard W. Waguespack** ('75) has been selected effective September, 2007, to serve as Coordinator for Socioeconomic Affairs of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. As such, he will also serve on the Academy's Foundation Board of Directors.

## '75

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**Michael Manuel**, Alexandria, LA – Radiologist in Alexandria since 2005. “Enjoying son Nicholas, born in 1999.”

## '79

**Jim Bradburn**, Anthem, AZ – “Happily retired as of March 2007. Playing lots of golf. Living in Phoenix and Ruidoso, New Mexico, depending on the season.”

**Ken Stubbs**, Natchez, MS – Once again, for the 34<sup>th</sup> straight year, failed in his try as power forward for the Boston Celtics. “Naturally bald is cool” the coach was quoted to say, “but we only take shaved bald heads”. Stubbs reports no contemplated discrimination suit.

## '80

**Thomas Krefft**, Slidell, LA – “May God bless Dr. Randall and his family for his kindness and his giving.”

## '81

**Carl Blunck**, Mobile, AL – “Too many blessing to enumerate. Go Tigers.”

## '82

**Robert Davis**, Houma, LA – “Doing great – building big occupational medical complex with multi-dimensional imaging center in Houma. Dana and I are doing fine. Children – Robin Claire graduates June 2007 from Washington and Lee University, Virginia (neuro major) – accepted all over but will enter LSU Medical School-Shreveport in August 2007. Hunter Davis, son, accepted at Virginia Military Institute for August 2007 – full-fledge pilot – desires to be a JAG and fly F-22's. Still hunting and fishing, eating crawfish and crabs and bleed purple and gold – does it get any better?”

## '83

**Ronnie Alvarez**, Birmingham, AL – Starting 25<sup>th</sup> year at UAB in Division Gyn Oncology. “Oldest child, Melanie, is getting married this summer. Mitchell is pre-med at Auburn. Meredith is in high school. Denise is pretty as ever. Miss seeing all our Tiger Friends.”

**Keith Alan Bourgeois**, Houston, TX – Elected for 4<sup>th</sup> time Executive Board of Harris County Medical Society, which is the largest county medical society in the United States with a membership of

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slightly more than 10,000 physicians and medical students; elected as Chair of the Harris County Medical Society, Delegation to the Texas Medical Association. Elected Board Member of Hospital Partners of America, St. Joseph Medical Center, which is Houston's oldest hospital and is located downtown. This full-service hospital encourages physician equity ownership and currently has approximately 80 physicians' shareholders with plans to sell up to 30% of the hospital to doctors for the past 10-years. Ophthalmology surgery is limited to retina & vitreous.

Married to Kelly Bert Bourgeois, MD, Anesthesiology, with 11- and 9-year-old boys and 7-year-old girl (Alan, Brian & Camille).

**Wayne Slocum**, Tupelo, MS – "I don't know how much punishment I can take. The Medical School floods. They move LSU football to Thursday in Starkville. I even have a child at Ole Miss."

## Tigers in the News

**Terence Flotte ('86)**, formerly Chairman of Pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine, has been named Dean and Executive Deputy Chancellor of University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, MA. Dr. Flotte was director of the Florida medical school's gene therapy center and founded its Genetics Institute. He established a division of cellular and molecular therapy, and created a congenital heart disease center. In 2005, he received the Society for Pediatric Research's E. Mead Johnson Award for Outstanding Scientific Contributions. He plans to continue his research at UMass.

## '86

**Lori Palazzo**, Georgetown, TX – "Recently moved to Georgetown, Texas (just north of Austin) and love it here. Starting solo practice in October 2007 on Main Street. Two girls, 12 and 7,

enjoying country life and horseback riding lessons."

## '87

**Susan Davis Wyrick**, Charlotte, NC – "Daughter, Jenny, headed to LSU – Baton Rouge – far from home. I guess I raised her right – Geaux Tigers!"

**Gigi Lefebvre**, St. Petersburg, FL – "Closed my practice of 15+ years October 2005. Opened a new 'cash only' practice November 2005, and also began doing clinical trials research at that time."

## '88

**Paul & Kathleen (Ingraham) Castellanos**, Birmingham, AL – "Paul and I are in Birmingham, AL with our five kids. Paul is a laryngologist at UAB, and I am doing volunteer work as a physician at a crisis pregnancy center. We welcome any visitors if you're up this way. Geaux Tigers!"

## '91

**Paul Vaughn**, Mesa, AZ – "This year I've welcomed Dr. Brett Siegrist, a former LSU General Surgery Resident and Vascular Fellow, to my vascular surgery practice in the Phoenix Metro Area."

## '94

**William Freeman**, Prairieville, LA – "We have moved back to Baton Rouge and I am now working at Earl K. Long Hospital as faculty for the Emergency Medicine Residency. I have been named the Director of the Emergency Department at Earl K. Long."

## '95

**Drew and Beth Clarke**, New Iberia, LA – "Settled down in New Iberia (Beth's hometown) since August 2003, raising our two boys, Forrest (6) and Zachary (3) – Beth is working part-time in office-based ENT; Drew is in private internal medicine practice, with an

emphasis on prevention and nutrition. If you're in the area, give a call!"

## '00

**Andrea Girod Espinoza and Luis M. Espinoza ('97)**, New Orleans, LA – Both remain in private practice in New Orleans. "We recently celebrated the birth of our second child – Elyana, born January 2007. Big Brother Manny (2 years old), grandparents **Tyrone Girod ('76)**, Dr. Luis Espinoza, Chief of Rheumatology, Dr. Carmen Espinoza and staff in the Department of Pathology, and **Gabriela Espinoza ('00)** are all enjoying the new addition!"

## '01

**Benjamin Canales**, Minneapolis, MN – Completed fellowship training in endourology and laparoscopy at the University of Minnesota in June 2007 and has taken a faculty position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology at the University of Florida at Gainesville. **Muna Thaliji Canales, MD, MS ('01)** completed fellowship training in nephrology at the University of Minnesota and has taken a faculty position as Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. They are settling into their new home with their 18-month-old daughter Layla.

## Tigers in the News

**Alfred Mansour ('05)**, resident in Orthopaedic Surgery, was recently chosen by Vanderbilt University School of Medicine students to receive the CANDLE (Caring, Advocating, Nurturing,



Dr. Mansour

Determination, Leadership and Empathy) Award. The honor is given to individuals who have devoted themselves to teaching and mentoring.

## Deaths

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| <p><b>1940</b> Edgar P. Breaux<br/> <b>1945</b> Maurice Duplantis<br/> <b>1946</b> Edward M. Foster<br/> <b>1947</b> Sol Freeman<br/>             Eulalie Palmer<br/> <b>1950</b> Bernard Doughty<br/>             James H. French<br/>             Alvin Vignes<br/> <b>1951</b> Mary E. Kleinpeter<br/> <b>1952</b> Bernard Fruge<br/>             Culpepper McCuller</p> | <p><b>1953</b> Edward J. Brown<br/>             Grady A. Dugas<br/>             William F. Kliesch<br/>             George A. Perry<br/>             Loree R. Young<br/> <b>1954</b> Myles K. Gaupp<br/> <b>1955</b> Marvin K. Soileau<br/> <b>1956</b> Oliver E. Gilliland<br/>             Donald J. Sekinger<br/> <b>1964</b> Merlin Allen<br/> <b>1965</b> Kenneth K. Birchard<br/> <b>1967</b> Ellis O. Cooper</p> | <p><b>1968</b> Donald A. Winkler<br/>             William M. McCaa<br/> <b>1969</b> William Hackney<br/> <b>1970</b> John B. Luke<br/>             John Schenken<br/> <b>1979</b> John Andrus</p> <p>Joe E. Holoubek, MD,<br/>         Honorary Alumnus and<br/>         long-time supporter of the<br/>         LSU School of Medicine<br/>         New Orleans, and husband<br/>         of the late Alice B. Holoubek<br/>         died on May 17, 2007.</p> |
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### *~ In Memoriam ~*

#### *Dr. John Davies Jackson, Jr.*

Dr. John Davies Jackson, Jr., a native of Danville, KY, and a resident of New Orleans, LA, for 59 years, died in April 2007 at the age of 84. He was a clinical professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at LSUHSC. The Department of Neurosurgery Library bears his name.

After service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Dr. Jackson received his undergraduate degree from Centre College and graduated from Tulane Medical School in 1952. Following internship at Charity Hospital and general surgery training at Jackson Memorial in Miami, he returned to Charity Hospital and Ochsner Foundation Hospital, completing a neurosurgical residency at Tulane. He had additional training with Mr. Harvey Jackson at Queen's Square Hospital in London. He was a member of the Ochsner Clinic Department of Neurosurgery for 15 years. While at Ochsner, he introduced numerous new procedures including posterior lumbar interbody fusion and anterior cervical interbody fusion with bone bank bone. In order to insure that his patients would have access to bone bank bone for fusions, he helped establish the non-profit Southern Transplant Service.

Dr. Jackson was a member of the medical advisory committee for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, beginning in 1972 and serving as chair from 1978 until 2004, under six gubernatorial appointments. At his retirement in 2002, he received recognition from the Louisiana State Medical Society for his fifty years of medical practice.

#### *Dr. Charles A. White Jr.*

Dr. Charles A. White, Jr., chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at LSUHSC from 1980 until his retirement in 1992, died in May 2007 of complications from a stroke. A San Diego native who grew up in San Francisco, Dr. White began his medical career in veterinary medicine, having graduated in 1945 from Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He began his practice of veterinary medicine in Mesa, AZ, where fate altered his career choice. According to his widow, Suzan Alikadi White, a friendship with an obstetrician-gynecologist piqued his interest in that field. He subsequently enrolled in the University of Utah School of Medicine, graduating in 1955. After an internship at the University of Utah, Dr. White had a residency at the University of Iowa, where he became a full professor in the medical school. Before coming to head the department of obstetrics and gynecology at LSUHSC, he was chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the West Virginia University School of Medicine from 1974 to 1980.

Dr. White was a former president of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of the Southern Obstetrics & Gynecology Seminars. He was a former vice president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology and of the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

The sights and sounds of our first ever Gala in October 2006 was enjoyed by over 400 alumni and other guests. Some were returning to New Orleans for the first time since Hurricane Katrina. We also heard there that it was Governor Huey Long who raised the \$2 million to construct the LSU School of Medicine at 1542 Tulane Avenue. The first MD graduates enrolled in the year 1931. Now, over 8,000 graduates have finished our school and have practiced in all parts of the world, and we have trained many others in our residency programs.

Our Diamond Jubilee, 75<sup>th</sup> year, certainly gave us some insight to our past, as we embark on the next 75 years. Last year's Gala reequipped the Cohn Learning Center for our medical students.

This one center alone has been the primary reason that some of our top applicants have chosen to come to the LSU School of Medicine.

This year, our 76<sup>th</sup>, we will concentrate on funding our Center for Advanced Practice. This Center is being built by and for our alumni and residents as it will serve as our continuing medical education center for now and many years to come.

Our Alumni Board is strong and completely committed to our school. **Russell Klein ('59)** and his staff know, handle and deal with any and all aspects of our Alumni Programs. As Chancellor, **Larry Hollier ('68)** has been our beacon and guiding light, through the trials and tribulations of the past 2 years. He is the force behind the planned LSU-VA teaching hospitals, which will serve us for years to come.

Our school, faculty, staff, students and residents are alive and well. LSU School of Medicine and the five other Schools (dental, nursing, public health, allied health and graduate studies) will all remain and stay in New Orleans.

Come enjoy the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Gala, with a 1,000 seating. Tickets are going fast, so make plans to attend our Gala this year or your reunion in June 2008, if you're having one.

Honored and proud to be your President for 2007 - 2008.

Sincerely,

**Lee J. Monlezun ('69)**  
President

REUNION WEEKEND PHOTOS FROM BACK COVER: *top, left: Frank Incaprera ('50), left, with George Lyons ('54) at the Committee of 100 banquet; top, right: Bernard Samuels ('57), left, receives his 50th anniversary diploma from James J. Leonard ('63) at the 50-year luncheon; bottom, left: Mack Thomas ('62) speaks at the Scientific Session; middle, right: Bert Bratton ('72) and Linda Bratton at the cocktail party; bottom, right: Louis Cucinotta ('62) and Marcia Cucinotta at the Committee of 100 banquet.*

The LSU Tiger Garden silk flower arrangement is available for purchase. See order form insert. Proceeds will be donated to LSU Medical Alumni Association's fund for the Center for Advanced Practice.



*Say LSU  
with flowers!*

*See order form, inside.*

*Photos from the  
2007 Reunion  
Weekend. See  
inside back cover  
for captions.*