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Golden Tigers of the Class of '65

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Alumni of the Year 2014



Representing the Class of '50 at the Reunion are **Frank Incaprera**, left, and **Jorge Martinez-Lopez**



The 2014 Alumni of the Year are **Alan D. Lacoste ('75)**, left, and **Charles G. Schibler ('92)**.

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A Message from the Dean



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As we approach the ten year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina I wanted to pause and thank all of you. Ten years ago our very existence was in doubt. It is only because of your loyalty and passion for our School and Louisiana that we stand here today. And while our challenges continue, our future is secure. We have not only “recovered,” we have “redefined” ourselves. We have remained steadfast in fulfilling and strengthening our core missions of education and research while expanding our role in delivering the best of care to our citizens throughout the region. We have developed

strong partnerships with three of the outstanding healthcare providers in Louisiana, which have provided critical support for our school that has enabled us to provide our clinicians and all of our patients with access to the most advanced medical technologies. Of equal importance, these partnerships have provided the resources and the platform for training the next generation of physicians for Louisiana, the physicians who will care for your family and mine. This is an unprecedented opportunity that will shape the future of our school and the healthcare of Louisiana for many years to come. None of this would have been possible without each and every one of you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Nelson, MD
Dean, School of Medicine
LSU Health Sciences Center
New Orleans

Identities of Class of '65 members shown on the cover:

Seated, left to right: John Piker, John Hull, Bill Dimattia, Jonette, Mayer, John Ernst, Margaret Wheat-Carter, Theresa Hymel Van Der Vlugt, O'Neil Engeron, Henry McGowen, Larry McManus, Nettie Dunn Swan, Janos Voros, Linda Schlumbrecht, Gayle F. Wurzlow

Standing, left to right: Charles “Bo” Strange, Paul Sibille, Bill Dahlberg, Joe Bates, Ed Swan, David Wisdom, Michel Hirsch, Robert Sharp, Bobby Haydel, A. Keith Perron, Larry Marroy, Ron Futrell, Harold Neitzschman, David Maraist, I. Ricardo Martinez, Maurice Vick, Frederick Rodosta, Bob Haley, Roland Waguespack, Reed Fontenot, Dirk Ory, Gerald Hubbell, Bud Kennedy

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Committee of 100 Banquet

The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence comprises over 700 members who are committed to support the School of Medicine financially, initially through dedicating professorships and chairs and, most recently, to raising funds to support the LSU Cardiovascular Center of Excellence.

This year's event was held at the Hilton's Riverside Room, overlooking the Mississippi River. After a dinner of beef filet and bisque, the banquet attendees celebrated the completion of the Brian P. Jakes, Sr., Professorship of Rural Health Care. Brian is the Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center, Inc. (SELAHEC) and administers the AHEC program for his thirteen parish catchment area. Brian eloquently shared the many accomplishments of the AHEC and its role in both medical education and service delivery to rural communities in Southeast Louisiana.



Commemorating the establishment of the Brian P. Jakes, Sr., Professorship of Rural Health Care, left to right: **Larry Hollier** ('68), Beverly Jakes, Brian Jakes, and Diana Hollier

In attendance were **Larry Hollier** ('68), Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center, and wife, Diana; **Fred Rodriguez** ('75), President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee, and wife, Susan; Steve Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine, and wife, Julie; **Russell C. Klein** ('59), Emeritus Professor, and wife, Donna; **Mary Lou Applewhite** ('55) and Bob Bozeman.



left to right: **William Gullung III** ('76), Stacey Gullung, Courtney Gullung, and **Gregory Gullung** ('05)



left to right: **Jim Leonard** ('63), **Lee J. Monlezun** ('69), and **Russell Klein** ('59)



Dr. Gerald and Joan Berenson



left to right: **Christopher Nobles**, **Leslie Burregi**, **Bennie Nobles** ('71), **Nancy Nobles**, **Lisa Hibner**, and **Everett Hibner**

Committee of 100 Banquet



New Life Member, Patrick Hagen ('88)



PHOTO, LEFT

left to right: Andrea Espinoza ('00), new Life Member of the Committee of 100; Elizabeth A. McDonald ('84), President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association; Luis Espinoza ('97), new Life Member of the Committee of 100; and Fred Rodriguez ('75), Representative of the Committee of 100.



New member, Brian Jakes



New member, Gregory Savoy ('68)



New member, Patrick Savoy ('92)



New member, Keith Goodfellow ('90)

PHOTO, RIGHT

New members of the Committee of 100, left to right: Tari Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois ('83), Geri Bourgeois, Melvin Bourgeois ('61), Jeannine Thibodaux, and Donald Thibodaux ('79)



Committee of 100 Banquet



Beverly and Brian Jakes



left to right: Mike Hillinger, Kay Hillinger ('75), Fred Rodriguez ('75), Susan Rodriguez, and Letah Yang ('75)

REUNION WEEKEND 2015

Scientific Session

Over 500 alumni and guests from the classes of '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, and '05 returned to New Orleans for the 2015 reunions. Led by the Class of 1965, they spent a weekend attending social events and sharing memories. The annual golf tournament, presided over by **John McLachlan ('62)**, kicked off the festivities on Friday, June 5th. Alumni took advantage of the opportunity to tour the **Russell C. Klein, MD ('59)** – Center for Advanced Practice and the **Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD** – Student Learning Center on Friday afternoon and gained appreciation for advanced technology used in today's educational curriculum.

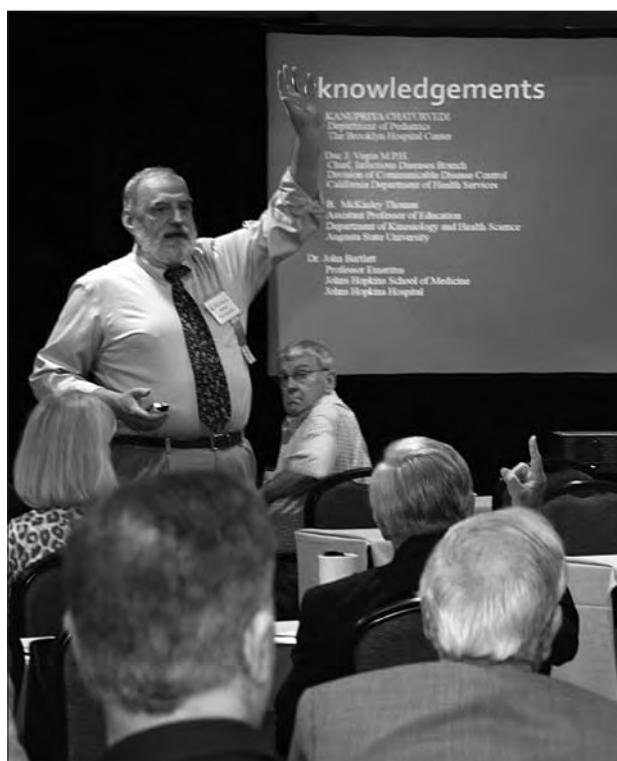


Dean Steve Nelson, updates attendees on the State of the Health Sciences Center.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel for all reunion alumni and guests. On Saturday, the Hilton was the site for the Scientific Session, with conferred CME credit to attendees. Featured speakers included: Dean Steve Nelson, who updated attendees on the State of the Health Sciences Center; **Albert Romanosky ('85)**, who spoke about emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases; **Frank Smart ('85)**, who spoke about Advanced Heart Failure; and **Charles Kennedy ('65)**, who shared "Lessons learned in Fifty Years of Practice."

At the mid-morning business meeting, **Ronald Lahasky ('90)** was elected President of the Alumni Association, **Henry Peltier ('90)** was named President-Elect, and **Dan Gallagher ('90)** was elected Vice President.

Alan Lacoste ('75) and **Charles Schibler II ('92)** were recognized as Alumni of the Year for their outstanding service to the School of Medicine, the profession and the community.



Albert Romanosky ('85) delivers his address to the Scientific Session.

REUNION WEEKEND 2015



Charles Kennedy ('65), left, and Frederick Rodosta ('65)



Outgoing President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, Elizabeth A. McDonald ('84) receives the commemorative gavel from incoming president, Ronald Lahasky ('90).



PHOTO, LEFT

Alumnus of the Year, Charles Schibler ('92), with his family, left to right, front row: Win, Tucker, and John Riley. Back row, Charles Schibler ('92) and Beth Schibler.



PHOTO, RIGHT

Alumnus of the Year, Alan Lacoste ('75), with his family.

Front row, left to right: Anna Gray, Lori Whited, Pat Lacoste, and Tarin Bowling

Back row, left to right: Jack Gray, Denise Cullen, Alan Lacoste ('75), Chad Whited, and Dr. Phil Cullen



REUNION WEEKEND 2015

Cocktail Party



left to right: Doug Smith ('80), John Richey ('70), Kitty Smith, Wes Richey ('95), and David Vajnar ('95)



PHOTO, LEFT

left to right: Maurice Vick ('65), Theresa Van Der Vlugt ('65), and Jonette Mayer ('65)



Antonio Muniz, MD, and Linda Schlumbrecht ('65)



PHOTO, LEFT

left to right: Debbie Fisher, Marc Fisher ('85), Brenda Kinard ('85), and Stephen Darbonne ('85)

REUNION WEEKEND 2015

PHOTO, RIGHT
couples, left to right:
Susan and Fred (75) Rodriguez,
Janet and Patrick (75) Tarpy, and
Dale and Keith (75) DeSonier



William Dimattia (65) and Jan Dimattia



left to right: Jessica Waguespack, Roland Waguespack III (2000), Carol Waguespack,
and Roland Waguespack, Jr. (65)



PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Stephanie Hanson
(90), Cynthia Glass (80),
Charles Chappuis (79), and
Charles Rice (80)

REUNION WEEKEND 2015



PHOTO, LEFT

couples, left to right: Robert ('65) and Brenda Haley, Lawrence ('65) and Sandra Futrell, and Reed ('65) and Mary Fontenot



Pamela Brar ('95), left, and Lisa Le ('95)



PHOTO, LEFT

Members of the Class of '90, left to right: Reggie Ardoin, Percy Colon, Graham Tujague, and Chad Aultman



PHOTO, RIGHT
Members of the Class of '85

REUNION WEEKEND 2015

Learning Center Tour

In conjunction with LSU Medical Alumni weekend, alumni were invited to return to the medical school to tour the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD (59), Center for Advanced Practice. Shown are photos of the alumni getting hands-on demonstrations from some of the Learning Center faculty. Photographs by Daryl Lofaso.



MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2016



for the following classes:
'51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76,
'81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06

June 3 and 4, 2016
New Orleans Hilton,
Poydras at the River

To volunteer to help with your 2016 reunion,
contact the Office of Alumni Affairs
at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail: ROAR@lsuhsc.edu

See you there!

ALUMNI GOLF



Ready for the tournament, left to right — **Stuart Quartemont** ('85); **Grace Van Epps Pillari** ('85); **Susan Van Epps, MD**; and **John McLachlan** ('62)

Audubon Golf Club hosted our annual Alumni Golf Tournament. It is becoming a tradition for returning graduates to start the reunion weekend with a round of golf. A good example would be **Carl Blunck** ('81), **Andre Pinac** ('81), **Danny Baker** ('81), and **Jason Smith** ('81), who have participated in all of our tournaments. All are excellent golfers who return annually for the reunion and start with a round of golf. **Ken Adatto** ('68) has fielded a team in all of our tournaments. This year he recruited **Jeff Coco** ('81), Tom Adams, DDS, and Gary Danos, MD, to join his foursome. Dr. Coco and Dr. Danos practiced at Methodist Hospital and golfed the Eastover course before it was destroyed by Katrina.

Noted in the field was Mary Grace Pollet, who was on a winning team with her father **Stephen Pollet** ('80) and brother **David Pollet** ('10), in a past tournament. Other lady golfers participating were **Grace Pillari** ('85), who brought her sister Susan Van Epps, MD, to the reunion.

First Place Three-Way Tie



First Place winners — Front row: **Stephen Pollet** ('80) and **Mary-Grace Pollet**. Back row: **Ben Wright** ('09) (left) and **David Pollet** ('10).

Both are outstanding golfers, and Susan was noted to be an accomplished bird caller, too! They teamed with **Stuart Quartemont** ('85) and **John McLachlan** ('62).

Standing out in the crowd was **Chuck Schibler** ('92), who is annually recognized as the best dressed LSU golfer.

It was a beautiful day for golf. The weather was great and the greens were true. The Audubon Course is player-friendly. It is not prohibitively long but demands accuracy and good putting to score well. The handicappers had predicted that the winning team would emerge from teams that had previously won. No one predicted the winning score of 14 under. This is an excellent score for practicing physicians. For the first time in this event there was a *three-way tie* for first place. The winning teams were: **Ken Adatto** ('68); Tom Adams, DDS; Gary Danos, MD; and **Jeff Coco** ('81). Also the team of **Chuck Schibler** ('92), **Vince Forte** ('92), John Chappetta and Steve Waters. And the team of **Stephen Pollet** ('80), Mary Grace Pollet, **David Pollet** ('10), and **Ben Wright** ('09). All three teams deserve a round of applause for their outstanding round of 14 under par.



Closest to hole winner
Reed Fontenot
('65)



Long drive winner
Chris Achee ('00)

Award for closest to the hole went to **Reed Fontenot** ('65). The long drive award was presented to **Chris Achee** ('00).

Next year the tournament returns to TPC Louisiana, where we enjoyed playing in 2014. We hope that graduates coming to the next reunion will consider joining us for a round of golf. Bring your Best Game!



First Place winners, left to right — **Tom Adams, DDS**, **Jeff Coco** ('85), **Ken Adatto** ('68), and **Gary Danos, MD**



First Place winners, left to right — **Chuck Schibler** ('92) (*best dressed*), **Vince Forte** ('92), **Ken Adatto** ('68) (*host*), **Steve Waters**, and **John Chappetta**

REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1950 Tigers are pictured on the front cover.



Class of 1955



Class of 1960

REUNION CLASSES



**GOLDEN TIGERS of the Class of 1965
are pictured on the front cover.**

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Class of 1970



Class of 1975

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Class of 1980



Class of 1985

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Class of 1990



Class of 1995

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Class of 2000



Class of 2005

Tiger Cubs - Class of 2019



Ezell Bridges (left) and Keyana Varnado (Cub) [Not pictured is father, Sonseeahray Bridges ('92).]



PHOTO, LEFT

*left to right:
Janet Boudreaux,
Jordan Boudreaux
(Cub) and Ronald
Boudreaux ('85)*



*Karen Nelson (Cub) and Steve Nelson
MD, Dean, School of Medicine*



*left to right: Randa Patrick, Hayes Patrick (Cub)
and Henry Patrick ('87)*



*left to right: Chris Grenier ('87), Thomas Grenier
(Cub) and Andrea Grenier*

PHOTO, RIGHT

*left to right:
Meme Johnson, Patrick
Johnson (Cub) and Lester
Wayne Johnson ('71)*



*left to right: Jude Barber (Cub), Jada Barber, Charie Barber and Gerald
Barber ('84)*



*left to right: Elizabeth Wiedemann, Ross Wiedemann (Cub) and
Michael Wiedemann ('84)*

Tiger Cubs - Class of 2019



left to right: Madelyn Tedesco, Victor Tedesco III ('66), Alexandra Tedesco (Cub), Victor (Teddy) Tedesco IV ('88) and Sonya Tedesco



LAMMICO Scholarship

Brittany Davidson, LAMMICO Scholarship Recipient, and Shawn M. Paretti, LAMMICO Divisional Vice President of Insurance Operations

PHOTO, RIGHT

left to right:
Brian Petit ('84), Lauren
Petit (Cub) and Jan
Wampold ('84)



left to right: Merrill Laurent ('92), Morgan Laurent (Cub) and Denise Laurent



PHOTO, LEFT

left to right: Doug Pool ('66), Grayson Pool (Cub) and Elsa Pool



left to right: Bryan Quarls, Kelsey Quarls (Cub) and Kathryn Quarls ('88)



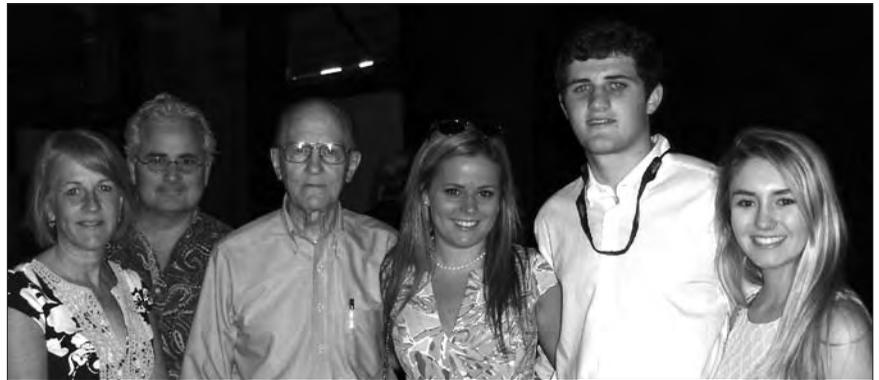
left to right: Susan Hughey Gunn ('03), Molly Lieux, Lea Ann Lieux, Caroline Lieux (Cub) Richard Lieux ('89) and Grace Gunn (2030)

MATCH DAY



Left to right: Joseph Delcarpio, PhD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs and Records; Fred Lopez ('90), Assistant Dean, Student Affairs and Records; and Steve Nelson, MD, Dean, LSUHSC School of Medicine.

Fifty-six percent, or 98 of 174 LSU Health New Orleans graduating medical students participating in the National Resident Match Program this year, chose to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training, and 85% of those staying in-state will enter an LSU residency program. LSU Health New Orleans medical graduates training in other states will be going to such prestigious programs such as Johns Hopkins, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Georgetown, Vanderbilt, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and the Medical University of South Carolina, among others.



Left to right: Laura Albert, Thomas Albert ('88), Richard Deichmann, Lauren Albert ('15) Thomas Albert III, and Alex Gruein



Candace Cutrone ('84) and Alden Littlewood ('15)



PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Mary Frances Parker, William Parker ('80), Catherine Parker ('15), and Justin Hendricks, MD



Left to right: Jayson Lavie ('14), Scott Lavie (L1), Bonnie Lavie, Jennifer Lavie ('15), and Carl "Chip" Lavie ('83)



Mike Rolfsen ('82) and Matthew Rolfsen ('15)

MATCH DAY



Left to right: Ann Molligan ('83), Harry Molligan ('83), and Christopher Molligan ('15)



Left to right: Janna Foret, Avery Cootes, Gerald Foret III ('15), and Jan Foret [Son of Gerald Foret, Jr. ('85) and Grandson of Gerald Foret, Sr. ('61)]

Reunion of the Class of 2009

Hitesh Chheda ('09), Class President, organizer of the reunion and Master of Ceremonies.



On the first weekend of August, LSUHSC hosted the School of Medicine Class of 2009 for a very special "6 Year Reunion." The highlight of the festivities was a cocktail fundraiser held on Saturday, August 1st. Close to \$10,000 was raised in support of the Dr. Matthew Matherne Foundation and the West Monroe Civitan Smiles Park, two charities close to the hearts of members of the class. Honorary recognition was also bestowed upon Dr. Joseph Delcarpio, Miss Bobbie Millet, and Miss Lindy Mills of the Student Affairs Office for their service and contributions to LSUHSC. An academic CME event entitled "Katrina: Lessons Learned in Medicine" was put



left to right: Diana Thien ('09), Le Nguyen-Johnson ('09), Bobbie Millet, Lindy Mills, Dr. Joseph Delcarpio, Hitesh Chheda ('09), and Steven Starks ('09)

on that same morning in conjunction with the fundraiser, and a commemoration was observed for the ten-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. For those interested in donating to these charities, please contact Hitesh Chheda at hchhed@gmail.com.

LSU Residents recognized at LSU Interim Hospital awards



Nominated candidates for the Intern and Resident of the Year gather for the luncheon in their honor.



Janis Letourneau, MD, and LSU Intern of the Year, Michael Modica ('14)

LSU Interim Hospital hosted its annual Intern and Resident of the Year Luncheon at the Windsor Court Hotel on May 29, 2015. Each year the hospital accepts nominations for interns and residents of the year from each department. Candidates should demonstrate dedication to the care of patients, an interest in teaching students and residents and an interest in research. Members of the ILH Executive and Credentials Committee select the award winners and certificates were presented to all LSU nominees.

The Office of Graduate Medical Education congratulates and recognizes **Michael Modica** ('14), Department of Internal Medicine, for receiving the 2014-2015 LSU Intern of the Year Award and Dr. **Jaclyn Spiegel**, Department of Internal Medicine, as the 2014-2015 LSU Resident of the Year.

(Photography by José L. García, II)



Janis Letourneau, MD, and LSU Resident of the Year, Jaclyn Spiegel, MD

LSU Health New Orleans-led project improves mental health after oil spill

The Louisiana Mental and Behavioral Health Capacity Project, conceived and directed by the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, reports significant strides over the past year in improving the mental health and resilience of the people and communities most affected by the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill. The project is tasked with increasing access to services for people directly injured by the oil spill, as well as the larger affected communities. Its co-leaders are Howard Osofsky, MD, PhD, LSU Health New Orleans Professor and Chair of Psychiatry, and

Joy Osofsky, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Public Health and Head of the Division of Pediatric Mental Health at LSU Health New Orleans.

The Project is part of the Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, developed jointly by BP and the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee as part of the Deepwater Horizon Medical Benefits Class Action Settlement, which was approved by the U.S. District Court in New Orleans on January 11, 2013, and became effective on February 12, 2014.

The Louisiana Mental and Behavioral Health Capacity Project has worked collaboratively at more than 31 sites in the seven highly impacted parishes designated by the court – Cameron, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Orleans, St. Bernard, and Terrebonne. Since funding began, the Project has provided 60,736 services and is making a real difference. Patients have demonstrated decreases in negative mental health symptoms such as anxiety, depression and PTSD, and increases in resilience, physical health, as well as emotional and behavioral functioning.

Keith A. Collins ('00) Memorial Scholarship

Beloved pediatrician **Keith Andrew Collins ('00)** died on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at the age of 45, after a 3 1/2 month battle with cholangiocarcinoma. Keith was a graduate of LSU School of Medicine - New Orleans Class of 2000 and the recipient of the prestigious Chancellor's Award for integrity, character, and service. He completed his pediatric residency at LSU and Children's Hospital. Keith was a well-respected and beloved member of the medical community as well as a doting husband and father of six and active member of his church and community. He established Collins Pediatrics in 2005, caring for many children in the Metairie area and growing that practice to include a recently opened second location in Lakeview. As such, he was recognized as a New Orleans Magazine Top Doctor and voted by Nola Baby and Family readers as Best Pediatrician. Keith was very involved in community service, serving as a member of the East Jefferson General Hospital Board of Directors, past president and active member of St. Catherine of Siena Men's Club, and member of several carnival krewes. Keith is survived by his wife, Jennifer Babin Collins, and their six children, Caroline, Andrew, Julianne, Analiese, Christian, and Kyle.



Dr. Collins

Classmates and colleagues from the Class of 2000 have established an endowed scholarship in his memory, the **Keith A. Collins, MD ('00), Memorial Scholarship**. All members of the LSU Medicine family are invited to donate to this worthy cause. Tax-deductible donations can be made by checking the appropriate box on the enclosed response card and mailing it in the envelope provided to the Alumni Office. You can also make an online donation by going to the alumni website http://www.medschool.lsuhsoc.edu/alumni_affairs/ and choosing the **Keith A. Collins, MD ('00), Scholarship**.

Cardiovascular Center Update



Dr. David Lefer, Director of the LSU Cardiovascular Center of Excellence, thanks Mary Lou Applewhite ('55) for her generosity.

Mary Lou Applewhite ('55), LSU Health Alum and LSU Health Foundation Board Member, enabled the LSU Cardiovascular Center of Excellence to showcase its labs and research by generously hosting a reception on campus this month. Alumni and community members were able to see first-hand what the Cardiovascular (CV) Center promises for the future of healthcare for the region.

Tours of the Cardiovascular Center labs allowed the alumni and visitors to see for themselves the world class labs where groundbreaking research is happening at LSU Health.

An NIH Program grant has designated the LSU Cardiovascular Center of Excellence as a study center for "Functional Cardiometabolomics," a National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute study. This five-year multi-center grant, in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, is investigating how dietary metabolites enhance the severity of heart attacks and heart failure. This is just an example of one of the studies taking place at the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence right now.



Murtuza Ali ('01), Associate Director of Clinical Medicine & Program Director, Interventional Cardiology Fellowship, shows off the technology in the new CV labs.



Mrs. Cynthia Glancy, along with Susan and Fred ('75) Rodriguez, listen intently to Erminia Donnarumma, PhD, post-doctorate fellow, explaining her role in the Center.

Faculty News

Ann Tilton, professor of neurology and pediatrics, and section chairwoman of child neurology, has been elected chairwoman of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Tilton also serves as Director of the Rehabilitation Center at Children's Hospital of New Orleans and Director of the Comprehensive Spasticity Program.

Elizabeth (Terry) Fontham, DrPH, Emeritus Professor and Founding Dean of the LSU Health New Orleans School of Public Health, has seen her life's work come full circle. On April 22, 2015, New Orleans implemented a smoke-free ordinance for the city. Dr. Fontham, a cancer epidemiologist with a special interest in tobacco and nutrition-related cancers, helped to confirm the risk of lung cancer associated with involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

Dr. Fontham's work changed national public policy and the way America lives – no more smoking on airplanes, in classrooms, or in restaurants, for the most part. The research and the laws that resulted have saved thousands of lives and not just from cancer. Her LSU Health New Orleans pathology colleague, **Jack Strong ('51)**, was the first to link cigarette smoke to heart disease.

LSU students named Schweitzer fellows

Five LSU Health New Orleans students have been named to the 2015-16 class of Albert Schweitzer fellows. Hunter Hopkins and Samatha Karlin, second-year students at the School of Medicine, are addressing the health care of women and children who live below the poverty level. Other LSU students in the program are Kanayo Okeke-Eweni, a student in the health policy and systems management master's degree program at the School of Public Health, and Angelica Singh and Joann Tran, third-year students at the School of Dentistry.

Purple & Gold Gala 2015

**Saturday
October 24, 2015**
at the
**Hilton New Orleans
Riverside**

*music provided by
Louisiana Spice*

*for ticket information call
504/568-4009*



Endovascular Surgery Simulation Laboratory

Having been to most of my class of '63 alumni reunions, I enjoyed seeing old classmates but never took advantage of visiting the Medical School, seeing the learning center, and the many changes that have taken place over the years since we finished training.

At the encouragement of the alumni office and a gentle nudge from Chancellor **Larry Hollier ('68)**, my wife Becky and I visited the school early this year. Needless to say we were "blown away" with the facility, the Student Center, the Learning Center, the various labs and the wide array of technological applications involved.

As a 1963 graduate, my medical education and clinical training were unequalled. I was able to establish a successful practice, provide for my family, and enjoy a successful professional career. Yet, I've always felt indebted to LSU for giving me the tools.

Now I feel it is incumbent upon me to do my share so that the students, residents, and fellows of today have the same opportunities.

The state is struggling to balance the budget and we continuously hear of across-the-board cuts to education. As far as I know, there is no hedge fund manager like John Paulson with \$400 M to donate to our school.

Accordingly, Becky and I are pleased and honored to establish a fund in support of the Endovascular Surgery Simulation Laboratory. We encourage all alumni to make their own financial commitment in support of LSU Medicine.

Warren Gottsegen ('63)

LSU Medical Students Community Outreach

Student Run Homeless Clinics

The Student Run Homeless Clinics are fully organized and staffed teams of medical students who are dedicated to providing a foundation of basic quality healthcare to the underserved and disadvantaged of the New Orleans community. We offer a myriad of clinical services to heal patients as well as to provide referrals for specialized care within the LSUHSC Healthcare System. The students are divided between two independent clinics: New Orleans Mission and Ozanam Inn. This past year we had nearly 1000 visits between the two clinics. Our primary goal in treating our patients is to treat, to serve, and to educate this vulnerable population in New Orleans. If you would like to donate to the Student Run Homeless Clinics please input your donation through the LSUHSC Foundation (LSUHealthfoundation.org) and designate Student Run Homeless Clinics. Also, we are always looking for physicians and residents to volunteer at the clinics whenever they can. If you would like more information or have questions please contact the clinic director of Ozanam Inn, Garrett Whipple (swhipp@lsuhsc.edu), or the clinic director of the New Orleans Mission, Hartman Brunt (hbrunt@lsuhsc.edu)

N.O.W.S. Outreach Program

The N.O.W.S. Outreach Program is a new, student-run organization that addresses the health care and health

education needs of women and children living in poverty. Through educational programs and health clinics, we aim to encourage women and their children at the New Orleans Women's Shelter (N.O.W.S.) to take-charge of their health while transitioning to self-sufficiency. We are currently fundraising for basic medical supplies, over-the-counter medications like Tylenol, and flu shots. A \$10 donation provides much-needed medication for an ill woman who otherwise could not afford it, and a \$20 donation gives a child a flu shot. Please consider donating to the N.O.W.S. Clinic; we need your help! We are also in need of LSU doctors and nurse practitioners who are willing to donate a couple hours of their time to work with students at one or more of our Saturday morning clinics. For more information or to donate, visit www.NOWSoutreach.org.

LSU Health New Orleans students plant sustainable vegetable garden

A campus garden that will boost the supply of fresh vegetables and fruits available at LSU Health New Orleans' Tiger Den Café officially opened on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 12:00 noon at 1542 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. Among those invited to sow the first seeds were Chancellor **Larry Hollier** ('68); Joseph Moerschbaecher, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies; Dean G. Smith, PhD, MPH, Dean of the School of Public Health; student Jenna Richlie, who is

President of Students for Sustainability and a Master Gardener; and Parkway Partners' Susannah Burley.

Students from LSU Health New Orleans' six professional schools have turned the once-vacant lot next to the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine into a raised-bed vegetable garden to promote greater consumption of fresh, organic produce in the university's cafeterias. Students who live on campus will also have the opportunity to trade garden maintenance for fresh produce.

The Raised Root Garden will make the LSU Health New Orleans downtown campus more environmentally friendly and promote sustainable education throughout both the academic and surrounding communities. The 18-bed garden was built under the direction of LSU Health New Orleans School of Public Health faculty to assure ecological safety, and the garden is expected to be approved as an LSU Master Gardener Project Site for additional horticultural consultation. The garden will also have benches, allowing all of LSU Health New Orleans students, staff, and faculty to enjoy a nearby green area.

The project is the first of a new LSU Health New Orleans student organization, Students for Sustainability. Parkway Partners has been instrumental in getting this project off the ground, and student organizers have already been approached by organizations such as Liberty's Kitchen and Second Harvest Food Bank to host outreach programs for the surrounding community.

LSU Health New Orleans medical student research wins first place — Cristina Terhoeve, a second-year student at the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, has won first place in the Poster Competition at the 2015 Southern Regional Meeting of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation recently held in New Orleans.

The goal of the study presented on the poster was to determine the mechanism by which alcohol decreases bone density resulting in osteoporosis. Fat cells and bone-forming cells originate from a common precursor. Terhoeve found that increasing amounts of alcohol in the diet over long periods of time resulted in more precursors becoming fat cells than bone cells. The stem cells extracted from these fat cells had reduced plasticity. As well, she found that the body responds to this reduced bone density and plasticity by turning on genes that produce proteins involved in metabolism and bone formation, which may be the body's attempt to compensate.

From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. In June we enjoyed a very successful reunion weekend, commencing with our annual Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence banquet, which honored new members as well as Brian Jakes and his completed professorship, recognizing leaders in rural health.

Reunion weekend celebrated the 50th year Class of 1965 with our usual luncheon and awarding of 50th anniversary diplomas. This reunion class seemed exceptionally “youthful” and most took the streetcar from the Hilton to their Saturday dinner at Brennan’s Restaurant.

The Capital Campaign for the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence is going well and we are planning our Annual Purple & Gold Gala, which will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. The Gala is a great opportunity to connect with friends and classmates (non-alumni are strongly encouraged to attend) – so buy a table and spend a terrific weekend in New Orleans.

As always, many thanks for your support of this Association and, therefore, our great School.

Your visits and calls are always welcome. In addition to our great campus, we now also have a beautiful new University Medical Center to spotlight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathi Fontenot".

Cathi Fontenot ('84)
Associate Dean
for Alumni Affairs and
Development

Tigerlines

'54

Robert Cangelosi, New Orleans, LA – “Ran eye clinic on Medical Mission to Granada, Nicaragua, with the Sovereign Order of Malta the first week of March 2015. Yearly event for me since 2001.”

'55

Willie Bienvenu, Lafayette, LA – “Graduated 60 years ago. Married 60 years ago. We have six children, twelve grandchildren (granddaughter, Olivia Daigle, is third-year medical school enrolled at LSUHSC – Shreveport), three great-grandchildren. I retired December 31, 1995 – ‘Loving it.’”

'57

Alvin Cotlar, Gulfport, MS – “Still practicing at the Biloxi, VA, scrubbing with residents and enjoying treating veterans. I married last November and hope to bring her to my 60th reunion in 2017.”

Joel Smason, Los Angeles, CA – “Best regards.”

'60

Salvador Cefalu, Raleigh, NC – “Sorry – I could not come to 55th year reunion – will wait to see the pictures. Don't do social media.”

'61

Frank Wagner, New Orleans, LA – “Having fun playing music with **Ken Veca's** ('61) Big Band & others. See www.docsdrummingworld.com for video clips.”

'62

Dudley Baker, Belton, TX – “Retired after 51 years in medicine and 41 years at Scott & White Healthcare in Texas. Now producing grass-fed beef at Baker Ranch.”

'63

Seth Novoselsky, Hendersonville, NC – “Still enjoying life in the mountains of Western North Carolina.”

Donald Smith, Shreveport, LA – Still in active practice of neurosurgery with the LSUHSC Shreveport. “So far I have three sons who are physicians, one daughter who is a junior at the LSU Medical School here in Shreveport. Also one grandson physician, another in medical school in Alabama and two more in pre-med applying to medical schools. Enjoying every minute.”

'64

Joseph Babin, Clever, MO – “Looking forward to full retirement as of June 1st.”

Tiger in the News

Joe Bates ('65), the developer of a program to help improve treatment methods for those who live with conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and depression has won the 2015 Intellectual Benefits to Society Award given by the Mensa Education and Research Foundation. He received the award from Foundation President Dave Remine at the 2015 American Mensa Annual Gathering in Louisville. With a fifty-year career in psychiatry, child psychiatry and pediatric medicine, Dr. Bates, of Tyler, TX, joined Mensa two years ago at age 72.

'65

Andre Perron, Lafayette, LA – Retired from direct patient care – December 2014.

'67

Larry Cowley, Blacksburg, VA – “Has anyone else noticed how much closer our class of '67 has moved toward the front page of the ‘Honor Roll’ in the *LSU Medicinews*? And congratulations to the two living members of the '43 class who are still donating. (If we live that long most of us will be in our mid-nineties!) With the death of another one of our class members, **Will Ploger** ('67), who was a member of the ‘Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence.’ I am inspired to follow his example in making a larger donation for the next ten years and challenge all members of our '67 class to do the same. We paid such a reasonable price for a truly great medical education, and this becomes more obvious to me with each passing year.”

'68

Phil Daspit, Paradise Valley, AZ – “Now five years out from retirement from otologic/neurotologic practice. I still chair the IRB at my hospital – have done so since 1990. Looking forward to 2018 reunion!”

2016 Spring Opportunities for Alumni to Earn CME

LSU School of Medicine is hosting several opportunities for LSU Alumni to return to campus to participate in CME courses in the coming year.

- January 30, 2016—LSU Department of Anesthesiology-Ultrasound Guided Regional Block Course
- January 30-31, 2016—LSU Department of Neurosurgery-Peripheral Nerve Course-*The Kline Legacy*
- February 13, 2016—LSU Department of Otorhinolaryngology Sialendoscopy Course
- March 4, 2016—LSU Medicine-Gastroenterology hosts its first Irritable Bowel Disease course
- March 7, 2016—LSU Medicine-Gastroenterology 7th Annual ERCP and Therapeutic Endoscopy Course

These CME activities feature LSU and other nationally known faculty. All courses are held in the Isidore Cohn Jr., MD, Student Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD ('59), Center for Advanced Practice.

For more information on any of the courses, visit Continuing Education on the LSU School of Medicine website or call 504-568-2000.

Tigerlines

Tiger in the News

We, the OSR to the AAMC representatives of LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans, have chosen **Bennett deBoisblanc ('81)** as this year's national nominee for the AAMC Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award. We appreciate those who helped with his nomination and congratulate Dr. deBoisblanc for his commitment to the spirit of humanism on our campus. As such, he will be present at this year's white coat ceremony and will give a speech on the importance of humanism in medicine. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Your OSR to the AAMC
Representatives

Laura Rachal, Class of 2015
Abigail Schoenfelt, Class of 2016
Daniel Nelson, Class of 2017
Kelsey Bradbury, Class of 2018

Did you know?

LSUHSC has the distinction of having the most Board-Certified Occupational Medicine physicians in any one medical school class in the country. The class of 1983 has four. **Bob Bourgeois, Peter Casten, Pam Hymel and Robert Weien**. No other medical school has any class with more than two.

What Better Dream Job for a Physician?

Occupational Medicine is part of Preventive Medicine—physicians are trained in preventing illness and injury in the workplace, in treating patients and helping them return to work. Occupational Medicine as a specialty has the highest satisfaction with work-life balance. **Pam Hymel ('83)** is the



Dr. Casten

VP, Chief Medical Officer of Walt Disney Parks & Resorts. **Peter Casten ('83)** is the Medical Director for Mercedes Benz. **Robert Weien ('83)** has flown in military jets and helicopters. **Bob Bourgeois ('83)** was a Disney physician, worked with SeaWorld veterinarians and married a Shamu Trainer. All four were board-certified in other specialties before becoming "Occ Docs."



Dr. Hymel

If you'd like to know more about Occupational and Environmental Medicine you can go on line to the American College of Occupational & Environmental Medicine web site: www.acoem.org.

'69

Charles Field, Pepeekeo, HI – "Moved to Hawaii – finally!"

Myron Jacobs, St. Louis, MO – Completed internship at the Touro Infirmary and moved to St. Louis in 1970. Completed internal medicine residency and pulmonary fellowship at Jewish Hospital of St. Louis and Barnes Hospital with Washington University of St. Louis. Established the pulmonary medicine department at Christian Hospital Northwest in 1974 and at Christian Hospital Northeast the next year. "The department originally had four employees. Under my direction the department grew to more than 100 employees. The department provides university level of sophistication at a community hospital. The department now has four full-time pulmonologist, three nurse practitioners, and one PA. The department offers more state-of-the-art services than are available at any other community hospital in Metropolitan St. Louis. The hospital has a breathing center, pulmonary rehabilitation department, asthma center, center of

pulmonary hypertension, interventional pulmonology performing such procedures as percutaneous tracheostomy, endobronchial ultrasound bronchoscopy, navigational bronchoscopy, neodymium YAG laser treatment of endobronchial lung cancer, fiducial placement for endobronchial radiation, and PleurX catheter placement. A lung cancer program in coordination with the oncologists and radiation oncologists is part of the department."

Myron achieved board certification in internal medicine, pulmonary disease, and critical care. He maintains academic appointment at Washington University Medical School and has been named to the list of the best doctors in St. Louis. He has been primary or contributing author on many articles published in the medical journals.

He was recently honored with the award as Doctor of the Year at Christian Hospital Northeast, where he continues to work full-time as director of the pulmonary department. He also services as chair of continuing medical education committee.

He and his wife Randee, have three daughters and five grandchildren.

'71

Bennie Nobles, Kenner, LA – "I pray for everyone to be in good health and joyful! Grateful to be able to work and assist in caring for patients and their families. Thankful for the wonderful education we received at LSUHSC, which so well prepared us to accomplish our mission in life. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our reunion, God willing, next year on our 45th!"

Family is well with my wonderful wife and children. Blessed with seven grandchildren."

Jud Tillinghast, Scottsdale, AZ – "I was voted the American Thoracic Society Arizona Chapter Pulmonary Clinician of the Year and was one of four finalist for the National Society award."

'75

Fred Rodriguez, Jr., Metairie, LA – "I retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 37 years, and am now teaching principles of quality management (i.e., the

Tigerlines

Tiger in the News

Lovick Thomas ('89) was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR) at a formal convocation ceremony during the ACR 2015 meeting May 17–21, 2015, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Thomas is a staff radiologist at Rural Radiology Associates in Lakewood, CO. He is president and owner of High Desert Imaging, P.C., in Santa Fe, NM, and staff radiologist at Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, NM.

EQUIP Program) through the LSU SOM Graduate Medical Education Office at the new University Medical Center. Also continue to teach medical students and residents in the department of pathology. Wife Susan received the Richard Gaiennie Award from Grace House New Orleans for her work with women in recovery. Daughter Kathy taught art abroad at the UNO Innsbruck Austria Summer Program. Semi-retirement allows for the grandkids in Cincinnati and Atlanta to get visited more often."

'80

Pat Flanagan, Waukesha, WI – "Unlike Bruce Jenner, I have never doubted the phenotypic effects of my personality, nor have I ever wanted to be on a box of Wheaties. My wife, **Marcy McAdoo ('85)**, and I are fine. We have four grown children and I still have my Adam's apple."

'81

Susan Edelman, Palo Alto, CA – "My new book, *Be Your Own Brand of Sexy: A New Sexual Revolution for Women*, won the 2015 Grand Prize of the Beverly Hills International Book Awards and first place in their relationships category! It got a rave review from Forward Reviews and was highlighted in their summer issue. Hope you're all well!"

H. Carson McKowen, Austin, TX – "Graduated from the University of Texas School of Law – Class of 2005. Practicing law full-time at Ardoin, McKowen & Ory, LLC in Thibodaux, LA."

Simon Ward III, Charlotte, NC – "Sandy is the Mecklenburg County Medical Society President for 2015."

'82

Gary Bienvenu, Clarksville, TN – "Premature retirement secondary to multiple myeloma with stem cell transplant; currently cancer-free and doing fine. Traveling and going after my 'bucket list.' Spending lots of time with family & friends. 'Time' has become very precious."

Scott Greenberg, Winter Park, FL – "Loving life in Winter Park, FL. So proud to be a member of the LSU Family!"

'83

Carolyn Fruthaler-Holley, Spring, TX – "Retired and Loving It!"

'85

Hank Wedig, Wilcox, AZ – "Retired in Arizona!"

'86

Allyson Mayeux, Marshfield, WI – "Back in practice at the Marshfield Clinic in internal medicine and teaching residents. **Gary Mayeux ('84)** still practicing G.I. at the Clinic. Son **Gary Mayeux, Jr ('10)**, manning the ER in Minneapolis. Hoping to have another Tiger soon – Son Charlie, a sophomore at University of Minnesota. Still cheering the Tigers on in the Midwest!"

'88

Darlene Mashman, Atlanta, GA – "Doing well in Atlanta, GA. In a very busy practice with great colleagues. We have three fantastic children; one in college and two in high school."

Michael Seicshnaydre, Gulfport, MS – "Proud to say that my first son is now a Tiger Freshman – Fall 2015! Geaux Tigers!"

'90

Staci Fischer, Bristol, RI – Working for the Clinical Learning Environment Review program at ACGME – after 15 years at Brown.

'92

Chris Rao, Stuart, FL – "Daughter Tina going to FSU (AWE!). After writing two

Family Day

LSUHSC School of Medicine students held their annual Family Weekend in March. Alumni of LSU and all families of students were invited to attend all events.



The Hart family at Family Day. Left to right: Jennifer Hart, Spencer (cub), and Stuart Hart ('88)

The weekend started on the 27th with the Camp Tiger Benefit Auction held at Messina's Terminal on The Lakefront. The auction is the largest fundraising source for Camp Tiger. On the 28th, the students hosted their families with tours of the campus, class skits and a lunch reception. The weekend ended on the 29th with the Tiger Run 5K at Audubon Park.

Included in the Family Agenda was a hands-on experience in the Learning Center.



One young observer may be destined for medical school in a few years.

Tigerlines

DECEASED

1941

Wynton H. Carroll

1943 December

O'Neill L. Pollingue
Ulysses H. Stoer

1944

Joseph G. Nasca

1945

Paul Finkelstein

1946

Wiley N. Price
William A. Yancey

1947

Gerard H. Hilbert
Clay A. Waggenpack

1948

Jay Guyol Chetta
Frank S. Normann
James W. Wilson

1949

Philip J. Culotta

1950

George W. Sibley

1951

Lionel G. Barraza
Millard Byrd
Joe D. Crawford
Thomas D. Davis

1953

Morton Brown
William E. Smith

1954

Donald R. Berry
Michael J. Hirsch

1955

Dickinson Thomae
Sallye J. Toniette

1956

Edmund H. Crane
Richard W. Ziegler

1957

Don F. Carlos
Edward H. DeMouy
Dominick M. Lago
Vernon L. McCord

1958

Hayden E. Mayeaux
Robert N. Pavy

1959

Robert W. Davis

1960

William A. Marmande

1961

Roscoe L. Van Zandt

1963

Michael W. Fakouri
Mary E. Hawkins
Edward F. Kramer

1964

James C. Odom

1965

John H. Chidlow
Donald J. McArthur

1968

Robert E. Hanchey
Rollin D. Morgan

1970

Roger W. Deal

1972

Sidney B. Gray

1973

Edward A. Abernathy
William K. Hardin

1979

Wayne E. Breen

1983

John Otemaa

1997

David C. Greeson

2000

Keith A. Collins
Daniel R. Nightingale

*See page 23 for information
about the Keith A. Collins
(200) Memorial Scholarship*

books, *The Midlife Health Guide for Women* (and ...*Men*) I am now the Medical Director of WellMed in the Treasure Coast of Florida."

'04

Suzanna Connick Jamison, Roanoke, VA – Promoted in the Army Reserves to Lieutenant Colonel.

James Parker, Covington, LA – Currently working in Hammond at North Oaks Medical Center in Diagnostic and Interventional Cardiology.

'07

L'Issa Gates, Marrero, LA – Pediatrician & Partner at Westside Clinics, AMC in Marrero, LA. Has been recognized by the West St. Tammany YMCA as a

Northshore Hero for providing outstanding medical and community services to the Greater New Orleans region.

'12

Garett Seeba, Webster, TX – Completed Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency in June 2015. Joining a private practice in the Houston, TX, area. Plan to affiliate with Houston Methodist St. John & Clear Lake Regional Medical Center.

Residency – '07

Lea Blackwell, Fort Myers, FL – "I received a patent for a postoperative surgical bra, 'Blackwell Bra,' in 7/2014. I graduated from LSUHSC – New Orleans Surgery."

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is with great honor and privilege that I have the opportunity to write this LSU Medical Alumni presidential address. With all of my past predecessors including the most recent former president, **Elizabeth A. McDonald ('84)**, I would like to personally thank her for her guidance and outstanding job. Along with the famous **Russell C. Klein ('59)**, I feel humble to follow in their footsteps and hopeful that I am able to fit into their shoes (but I will not wear Dr. Elizabeth McDonald's high heels unless I am forced to do so).

We are about to go on a journey onto a new ship for LSU Medicine. Since the inception of LSU Medical School all of our forefathers up to the year of 2005 have had some connection to Charity Hospital as our stomping grounds and our learning platform for our medical knowledge. We all have fond memories of working on the wards, x-rays strategically placed under the patients' mattress, eating in the cafeteria in the basement, playing basketball on the top floor and sleeping in the call rooms waiting to go to the emergency room to admit and treat patients. Who remembers that the telemetry patient had a very small monitor that had a rhythm strip on it next to the patient's bed?

As of August 1, 2015, the new ship of LSU Medical School, University Medical Center New Orleans, was launched. It is a 444-bed state-of-the-art facility that has been designed to withstand adverse weather events and be self-sufficient, with emergency power for up to seven days. UMC will play a vital role in training future generations of physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers who train at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. This will be our new Flagship for LSU Medical Center. This ship is due in large part to the gallant efforts of our chancellor **Larry H. Hollier ('68)**.

The LSU School of Medicine needs your support. I encourage everyone to join the Committee of 100. It is a pledge of only \$1,000 per year for 10 years. That equals only \$83.33 per month or \$20.83 per week or \$4.16 per day, which is equal to not drinking one Starbucks coffee per week!!!! Please skip the coffee and give your support to the LSU Medical School that helped to make you the great physician you are today!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Lahasky M.D.".

Ronald M. Lahasky ('90)
President
LSU Medical Alumni Association



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