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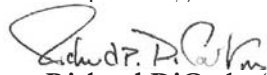
In the fall edition, I mentioned that the class of 2024 had a great match. I'm happy to report the same for the class of 2025. Again, about 50% of our graduating seniors matched to training programs in Louisiana. Of those remaining in Louisiana, the vast majority (nearly 80%) chose to train at one of our LSU programs. Of those who left the State, many are going to top programs around the country. Our programs also did very well in the match. We filled all 220 of our offered positions across New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Bogalusa, and Lake Charles. Overall, these match results are a testament to the strength of our training programs, the dedication of our faculty, and the excellence of our students. We continue to train the doctors for Louisiana's future.

We continue to make progress on many other initiatives and important projects.

- In January, we posted our strategic plan 2025-2030. With the help of the Alumni Association, we engaged an excellent consulting firm that provided guidance as we charted our course and created goals in our research, education, and clinical practice operations.
- The major laboratory renovation on floors 5, 6, and 7 of the Medical Education Building is progressing on schedule to be completed in early 2026. This will provide approximately 180,000 square feet of the best laboratory space in the State. Having this new lab space will help us recruit outstanding researchers, grow the research enterprise, and achieve our strategic goals.
- As we plan for the future of our research operations, we are reorganizing the basic science departments and creating better alignment with our research centers of excellence. This is a major project that our basic science leaders are working on, and we hope to present a plan to the Board of Supervisors in the late summer.
- We will begin utilizing the new standardized patient center in the CALS building this summer. Medical students will use this center in innovative ways to improve their skills in history taking and patient communication. We expect this program to expand to include all medical school classes and to include students in the other health sciences center schools.
- We have our LCME reaccreditation visit in October 2025, and I am happy to report that we are ahead of schedule in our preparations. We will submit thousands of pages of documents in July, and the LCME has 3 months to review our reports before coming for an intensive review of our school beginning on October 20th.
- We continue working to bring a NCI designated cancer center to Louisiana. Cancer Center Director Dr. Joe Ramos resigned in January to pursue a once in a lifetime opportunity elsewhere, and we were very fortunate to have Dr. Lucio Miele on our faculty. He has stepped into the Director role without missing a beat. We are actively recruiting clinicians and researchers to move us closer to this important designation.

These are all exciting developments that will bring us closer to our 2030 strategic goals. They also allow us to demonstrate our core values of service, excellence, and innovation daily. We would not be able to do this without the help of the Alumni Association. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully,


Richard DiCarlo ('87)
Dean

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New Head of the Department of Surgery

Dr. Malachi (Mal) Sheahan III, who served as Interim Department Head since September 2024, will be the next Head of the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Sheahan obtained his MD from Boston University School of Medicine and did his internship and residency at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York. He completed a clinical and research fellowship in pediatric cardiovascular surgery at Tufts, and a clinical fellowship in vascular surgery at Harvard/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He was recruited to LSU as an assistant professor in 2004, became program director for the vascular surgery fellowship in 2006, and became program director of the integrated vascular surgery residency in 2011. In 2014 he became division chief of vascular surgery, was promoted to the rank of professor of surgery, and he was also awarded the Claude Craighead endowed Chair of Vascular Surgery. Since then, he has built a strong clinical division that provides excellent patient care in multiple hospitals across the city, and he has built a strong residency program. Dr. Sheahan is recognized as one of the best doctors in the city and state, and he has been recognized as an outstanding teacher by students and residents. He has a national and international reputation for outstanding clinical work and scholarship: he has published 90 peer reviewed papers and 18 book chapters, and he is a highly regarded speaker at meetings and seminars worldwide. He serves the profession as an editor and reviewer for leading journals of surgery and vascular surgery, and he has held numerous leadership roles in national committees.



Dr. Sheahan

Dr. Sheahan has a strong vision for the future of the surgery department. He will prioritize the growth and excellence of existing clinical divisions, the development of new divisions, fair salaries and incentives for faculty, mentorship of junior faculty to become outstanding academic clinicians, leading a world class residency program and student clerkship, and establishing good collaborative relationships with our clinical partners and other academic institutions. We are fortunate to have him on our faculty and we are grateful that he has accepted this important position.

*Richard DiCarlo, MD, Dean
LSU Health School of Medicine at New Orleans*



TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH PAST ISSUES OF MEDICINEWS

Medicinews is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! This long-standing publication chronicles the history of the LSU School of Medicine and the Medical Alumni Association as it unfolded. Thanks to the staff at LSU Health Libraries, all issues of *Medicinews* have been archived on the LSU Health Digital Scholar website.

We encourage you to visit the site and take a stroll down memory lane.

<https://digitalscholar.lsuhschool.edu/medicinews/>



Thought Leaders

Dr. Steve Nelson Chancellor, LSU Health New Orleans

By Jeremy Marshall, New Orleans Magazine, November 2024

Dr. Steve Nelson, Chancellor of LSU Health New Orleans, has been a cornerstone of medical leadership in Louisiana since 1984 when he joined the faculty of the medical school at LSU Health New Orleans. In this capacity, Dr. Nelson oversees Louisiana's largest health university, which includes schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, allied health, and graduate health studies, which employs nearly 3,500 and which has an annual economic impact approaching \$2B.

"Throughout my years at LSU, I have consistently focused on educating future healthcare professionals who practice and serve in Louisiana, promoting the health of our citizens, and facilitating the translation of scientific discovery to the bedside," says Dr. Nelson.

During his 14 years as Dean of the School of Medicine and two as Interim Chancellor, Dr. Nelson rebuilt LSU Health's research portfolio, optimized and expanded its academic programs, strengthened its financial health, enhanced its philanthropic and community relationships, instilled a culture of trust and accountability, and obtained significant resources for infrastructure improvements supporting educational, research and clinical missions. In 2024, as the newly appointed Chancellor, Dr. Nelson has already led the launch of LSU Health New Orleans' 2028 strategic plan.

"As a people-centered, health-focused organization at LSU Health New Orleans, we focus our research purposefully with the goal to impact the unique health issues prevalent in our own state," says Dr. Nelson.

Dr. Nelson is leading the charge to transform education and training to better reflect new knowledge and innovative teaching models. He has led two successful reaccreditation renewals for LSU School of Medicine during his tenure as Dean, the first of which was only two years after Hurricane Katrina. With his leadership, LSU continues its focus on wellness, prevention, chronic disease management, and finding ways to deliver the right care at the right place at the right time. To accomplish these goals, he launched the Institute on Biomedical Education and Innovation to better inform and train the next generation of healthcare providers.

Another one of Dr. Nelson's goals is for LSU Health New Orleans to be awarded a Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and become recognized as an NCI-designated Cancer Center.

"Louisiana is one of only a few states with an extremely high cancer incidence that lacks an NCI-designated Cancer Center. NCI Cancer Centers provide the highest quality of patient care and conduct research that advances the next cure," says Dr. Nelson.



Dr. Nelson

To achieve this goal, LSU Health New Orleans has already garnered exceptional institutional, political, and community support. Together, LCMC and LSU Health have committed over \$100 million toward this goal and operate the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center. In addition to positively impacting the health of patients and communities, achieving the NCI-designation will contribute billions to the regional economy and create thousands of jobs.

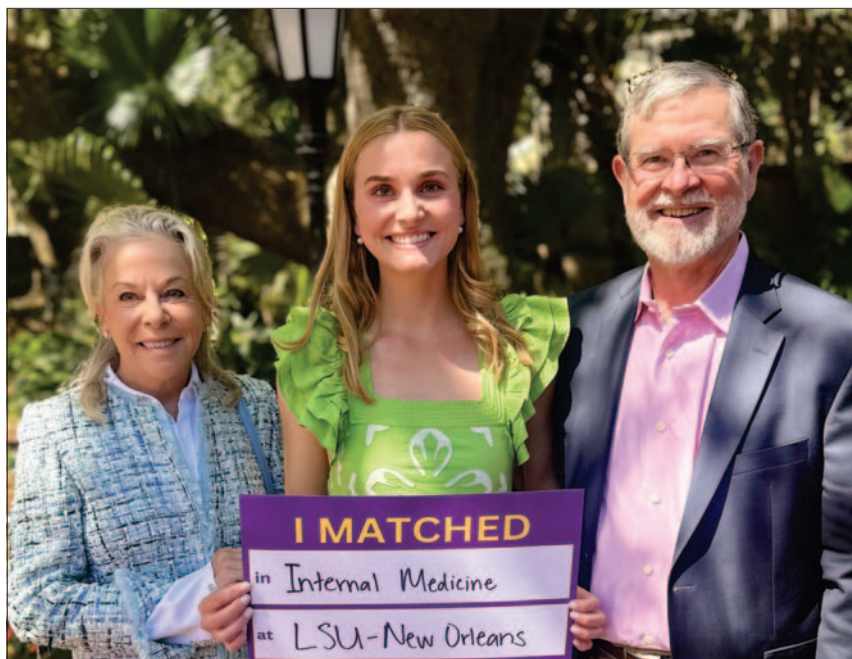
Leader Tip

At LSU Health New Orleans, we focus our research purposefully with the goal to impact the unique health issues prevalent in our own state.



MATCH DAY

Match Day results, revealed at a celebration attended by 188 LSU Health New Orleans graduating medical students and their families on March 25, 2025, showed that 50% of graduates will remain in Louisiana for residency training. Of those, 80% will enter an LSU Health residency program. The 50% of LSU Health New Orleans graduates who matched residency programs in other states will be attending some of the most prestigious out-of-state programs, such as Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Duke, Yale, Emory, Vanderbilt, Stanford, UC San Diego, NYU and others.



Dr. Lois Mailander, Emma Cole ('25) and John Cole ('81)



Clair Carr ('25) and Susan Taylor ('89)



Denise Goodfellow Kerut ('91) and Christian Kerut ('25)



Lana Forte, Vincent Forte ('92), Michael Forte ('25) and Kallie Davis

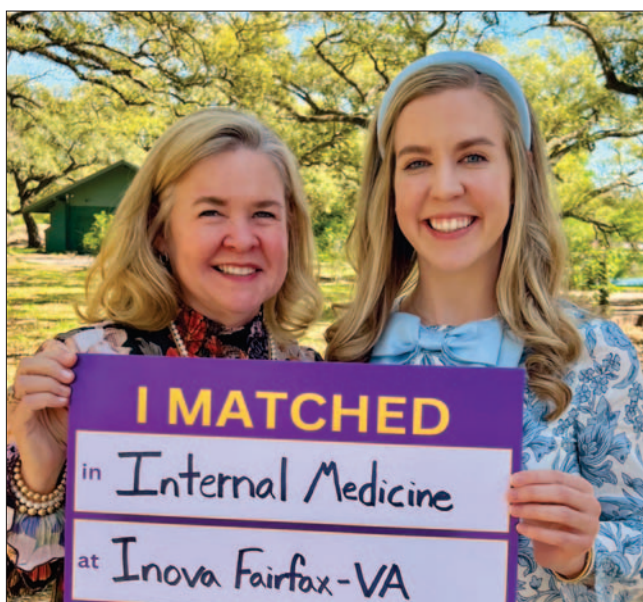
MATCH DAY



Joe Travis ('88) and Harrison Travis ('25)



Jack Saux III ('91), Claire Saux ('25) and Josephine Everly



Mary Ingram Long ('94) and Elizabeth Long ('25)



Richard Landry ('78) grandfather, Madeline Lechtenberg Stewart ('25) and Keith Lechtenberg ('00)

Tigerlines

1957

J. Kingsley Fife, Pacific Palisades, CA – “I’m 93 and my LSU medical education has afforded me the opportunity to have a wonderful life. From handling OB/GYN care for all our military bases in Turkey, to passing on my expertise to eager future doctors at UCLA. I’ve had thousands of deliveries, my patients running the gamut from waitresses to celebrities. The secret to my longevity? Marry a wonderful woman who is 13 years your junior. She’ll keep you young.”

Sam Holladay, Springhill, LA – “My wife, Frances, died May 12, 2024, at age 74. I am 96 now. My balance has not been good for the past year and I use a walker all the time. Had a small pontine infarct, otherwise I’m okay. Suspect most of my class have died.”

Arthur A. Mauterer, Amite, LA – “It’s been a fantastic journey. I graduated in 1957 at 23 years old; practiced surgery for 35 years, FACS. Then I practiced internal medicine for 12 years, then got tired and started addiction medicine in 2004. Will be 92 years old in July 2025. Ran into **Alvin Cotlar** (’57) in Biloxi/Gulfport.”

1961

Wayne G. Elliott, El Dorado, AR – “The Elliott Foundation pays tuition for medical students and has been for years. I was the President of the Arkansas Board of Medical Examiners, which licenses new physicians. Our lab had the first 12-channel chemistry analyzer in the state, as well as a gas chromatograph.”

1965

Charles W. Kennedy, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX – “Orthopaedic Surgeon”

O’Neil J. Engeron, Houma, LA – “Donated office and property to battered women and children, all office equipment to a medical mission in New Orleans, and library and DVDs to the Plastic Surgery Dept. at LSU. Married, to the same woman for 59-1/2 years with whom I had 3 children — a doctor, a lawyer, and a great realtor. I retired in September 2022. Current age-related problems make retired life boring beyond belief, and not for sissies.”

Reed A. Fontenot, Lake Charles, LA – “Enjoying the good life since retirement in 2010. I am still able to keep a single-digit handicap on the golf course. Looking forward to the 60-year reunion.”

Linda A. Schlumbrecht, Venice, FL – “Continue to work locums for Florida Cancer Specialists.”

1967

Larry A. Cowley, Blacksburg, VA – “I am always proud to see children of alumni attending LSU Medical School. Congratulations to Mary Lipscomb for her professional achievements.”

James T. Evans, Bluffton, SC – “Awarded Volunteer Physician of the Year at Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine. <https://bjvim.org>. Doing general practice and mentoring PA and NP students.”

1968

William D. Bailey, Benton, LA – “Had to have triple coronary bypass.

Should extend life span by 8-10 years.”

Herbert Marks, Folsom, LA – “Still retired and still alive. Survived a severe case of COVID-19 with pneumonia and hospitalization. Kids and grandkids have successful careers and are doing well.”

1970

Parker Griffith, Huntsville, AL – “Retired in 1992 and entered politics; former State Senator and US Congressman. Missing **Len Baird** and **Ray Sheppard**. Great docs, great classmates.”

Victor Gunderson, Jr., Bay St. Louis, MS – “Loving life on the Gulf of America in Bay St Louis.”

Stan Robinson, Lafayette, LA – “Completed my internship in Virginia and residency in Shreveport, LA. Spent two years in the Air Force and 20 years in private practice in Spokane, WA. Followed by about 15 years with Rockwood Clinic (multi-specialty). Retired in 2021, then moved back to Louisiana after 50+ years in Spokane.”

1971

Phillip B. Bandel, Yantis, TX – “Retired dermasurgeon chasing four grandkids. We like to travel. We will circumnavigate Japan late March 2025, then Tahiti to Hawaii, and on to Alaska and Vancouver. Then to Calgary for the Rotary International Convention. We live on the third green of The Links Golf Course, adjacent to the famous Lake Fork noted by bass fishermen. Hope to see y’all at the reunion next year!”

1972

Edmund Nagem, Jr., Salem, SC –
“Retirement gets better every year!”

1975

Paul E. LaRose, Gulf Breeze, FL –
“Retired for four years, staying busy with volunteer medical work and enjoying five grandkids.”

Johnny M. Tooke, Casper, WY –
“Retired from family practice.”

1976

E. Benson Scott, West Monroe, LA –
“Working for the VA in primary care for the last 15 years. Working with 10 N.P. teams, seeing high-risk high-high-need veterans in their homes. Two kids, three grandkids, and enjoying the benefits of getting older. Thankful and blessed.”

1978

Randall Lincoln Brown, Greenland, NH –
“Retired from 40 year practice in ophthalmology. Dividing time between New Hampshire seacoast and the mountains. Enjoying time with grandchildren locally and in North Carolina.”

1980

Joanell M. Darnell, Metairie, LA –
“My daughter, Dr. **Ashley Staton**, a graduate of LSU Medical School (2011), was an Ochsner MD Anderson Cancer Center 2024 Visionaries of the Year candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She is on the team of Bone Marrow Transplant Physicians at Ochsner Hospital. She did her fellowship at Emory, residency at Ochsner and undergraduate at Stanford.”

~ In Memoriam ~

Dr. David Kline

Dr. David Kline, who had been Head of the Department of Neurosurgery for many years, passed away on September 20, 2024, in South Carolina. Born in Philadelphia on October 13, 1934, Dr. Kline dedicated his life to advancing the field of neurosurgery, particularly in peripheral nerve surgery. He received his A.B. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1956, and his MD in 1960. His illustrious career began at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and Walter Reed General Hospital, where he established a peripheral nerve injury research laboratory. He completed his neurosurgery training at the University of Michigan under Edgar Kahn and Richard Schneider, and further developed intraoperative methods for evaluating nerve lesions in Elizabeth Crosby's laboratory.



In 1967, Dr. Kline joined Louisiana State University School of Medicine. He became head of the division of neurosurgery in 1971 and was appointed professor of surgery in 1975. In 1976, he became chairman of the newly founded Department of Neurosurgery. His exceptional contributions were recognized in 1995 when he was named Boyd Professor, one of only eight such professors at LSUHSC.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kline trained 41 neurosurgeons and over 60 fellows in peripheral nerve surgery. His leadership extended to numerous professional organizations, including:

- Secretary and President of the New Orleans Neurologic Society
- Founder, Secretary, and President of the Louisiana Neurosurgical Society
- Secretary and President of the Southern Neurosurgical Society
- Secretary and Chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery
- Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the Society of Neurological Surgeons
- Founding member of the Sunderland Society
- Corresponding or Honorary member of the American Association of Hand Surgery, Canadian Neurosurgery Society, and the German Neurosurgery Society.

Dr. Kline's contributions to the field were widely recognized. He received the Cushing Medal, the highest recognition from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, in 2006. He was also awarded the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Founders Award and the NSA Gold Medal. A prolific author, Dr. Kline published over 350 articles and chapters, along with two books. He served on numerous editorial boards, shaping the discourse in neurosurgery for decades.

Dr. Kline's passing marks the end of an era in neurosurgery. His legacy lives on through the countless surgeons he trained, the patients he treated, and the advancements he made in the field. He will be deeply missed by his wife Nell, and children Susan, Robert, and Nancy, colleagues at LSUHSC, and the entire neurosurgical community.

Tigerlines

Jon V. Schellack, Baton Rouge, LA – “The Vascular Clinic (**Jon Schellack** ‘80), **London Guidry** ‘04), **Taylor Gwin** ‘08), and Wajeeh Irfan) welcomes our new partner, **Madeline Dills** ‘24), vascular surgeon, to our practice.”

Melvin L. Triay III, Metairie, LA – “Retired, but still working a little.”

1981

Gary B. Harrelson, Auburn, AL – “Retired. Spend my time traveling, playing golf, and working on my land and garden.”

1983

Stephanie F. Cave, Baton Rouge, LA – “Practicing family medicine in Baton Rouge.”

Cheryl L. Neu, Lafayette, LA – “Enjoying my eighth year of retirement. Doing lots of traveling. Still have a few more national parks left to see. Golfing three days a week and helping with granddaughters two days a week.”

Wayne A. Slocum, New Orleans, LA – “Retired, having fun in NOLA.”

1984

Patrick I. Borgen, Brooklyn, NY – “Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Maimonides Medical Center. Founder and Director of the Brooklyn Breast Cancer Project.”

Terry P. Murphy, Boston, MA – “Susan and I have been in Boston/Cambridge since 2017. Susan is at Harvard, and I’m doing pediatric palliative medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital. It was fun seeing familiar faces at our 40th reunion in June 2024.”

1985

Robert G. Anding, Houston, TX – “Retired in 2023 – I can’t believe how much I enjoy it. I spent last summer on a bicycle trip from Seattle, Washington, to Washington D.C., building and repairing homes for those in need along the way. I’m gearing up for a similar trip across Alaska this coming summer. Looking forward to the reunion in June.”

Paul R. Ingraham, Hood River, OR – “After 35 great years of practicing internal medicine in the Phoenix, Arizona, area, we have relocated to the beautiful Pacific Northwest, and I am enjoying practicing in Hood River, Oregon, with Providence Internal Medicine.”

1988

Darlene L. Mashman, Atlanta, GA – “Enjoying the cooler weather here in Atlanta! All is good.”

1990

Camille C. Pitre, Cut Off, LA – “Expecting my first grandchild, Emelia, from son Mathieu and wife Lauren. My daughter, Emilie, is illustrating her third children’s book. I am semi-retired and working on a simple life. Expecting lots of travel to Portland, OR, to see Emelia!”

1992

Bill Basco, Chattanooga, TN– “On October 1, 2024, I became the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Chattanooga. I am looking forward to growing the department in a burgeoning city and serving the population of the greater Chattanooga area.”

Stephen M. Weimer, Metairie, LA – “I hope my classmates are doing well. In July 2024, I was promoted

Leadership Roles

Our alumni at LSU School of Medicine, New Orleans, hold impressive leadership roles compared with other medical schools across the country. Including only students who graduated after 1979, here are comparative data pulled from AAMC on the number of Chairs/Acting Chairs/Co-Chairs/Interim Chairs:

- **LSUSM-NO** ranked 38th nationally, with **19 alumni serving as chairs** at U.S. medical schools (out of 150 medical schools). The ranking was 18th out of the total of just public medical schools.
- **Tulane School of Medicine:** Ranked 67th, with **14 alumni as chairs**.
- **LSU Shreveport:** Ranked 100th, with **7 alumni as chairs**.

— Submitted by
Ramnarayan Paragi Gururaja, MD
Medical School Administration /
Office of Faculty and Institutional Affairs
LSU School of Medicine, New Orleans

to Professor of Pediatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine.”

1995

Sanket A. Vyas, Bellaire, TX – “Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Tulane University.”

Pamila K. Brar, Neptune Beach, FL – “I am the Medical Director for Mayo Clinic Jacksonville’s new Longevity Clinic!”

1996

David S. Burkett, San Antonio, TX – “Was Assistant Professor of Medicine with LSU-Shreveport from 2013 to 2023. I returned home to Texas in 2023. Practice Cardiology and Electrophysiology; completed my Cardiology residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and my EP fellowship at Northwestern School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois.”

2007

Ann L. Jennerich, Seattle, WA – “I am an Associate Professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine and a faculty member in the Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence at the University of Washington. My research focuses on the quality of care and communication provided to seriously ill patients and their family members, with a specific interest in transitions of care. Currently supported by an NHLBI R01. My scholarly work has been recognized by the Society of Critical Care Medicine in the form of two Presidential Citations and by the American Thoracic Society (ATS), in the form of the Ziskind Clinical

~ In Memoriam ~



Dr. Todd and friend

Chester Lee Todd (1962) was born and grew up in Monroe, Louisiana. After attending Louisiana Tech in Ruston, he finished his degree at LSU Medical School. During medical school he made a summer mission trip to a TB hospital in Mbeya, Tanzania, where he fell in love with Africa. After graduation he completed his internship and surgery residency in Shreveport at Confederate Memorial Medical Center (now LSU Health Science Center).

In 1969, he returned to Mbeya where he ran the 100-bed TB hospital he had visited during medical school. Later, he and his family were stationed in Kigoma, Tanzania, on Lake Tanganyika. There he

provided mobile clinics by distributing medicine and supplies by boat to small villages up and down the lake.

In 1979 he returned to the United States, settling in Rocksprings, Texas, where for the next 42 years he tirelessly served the community. Because he served in Rocksprings for so long, he often treated multiple generations in the same family. He provided the only medical care in the county, and chose to continue serving the community long past retirement age until alternative medical care was available locally. He finally retired in 2021 at age 84 and passed away peacefully in 2024.

Research Scholar Award and appointment as an ATS Fellow.

2008

Nathan R. Bolden, Chicago, IL – “We welcomed twins—Rocco and Mila—to our family in October 2024.”

2010

James “Buddy” Leithead, New Orleans, LA – “Bariatric and General Surgeon.”

2013

Clayton A. Alfonso, Durham, NC – “I was promoted to Associate Professor of OBGYN at Duke Health.”

2015

Madelyn T. Crist, Fairhope, AL – “Private practice anesthesiologist in Fairhope, AL. Mom of a three-year-old boy and one on the way in June 2025!”

Former Resident

1994

Radomysl Twardowski, Sioux Falls, SD – “Wellness, fitness educator and coach; MBA Degree, 2021. My memoir *A Journey Through Life and History* was published in November 2024 with Indigo River Publishing (LSU period mentioned in detail in the book).”

Deceased

1946

Walter B. Comeaux, Jr.

1948

Ramon W. Vera Sanchez

1954

Leonard A. Cheramie, Jr.
George D. Edwards, Jr.

1956

James W. Jackson, Sr.

1957

Lehrue Stevens, Jr.

1958

Winston P. Riehl

1960

Gary G. Daniel
Donald E. Texada

1962

Charles C. Bertrand
Stephen D. Bourgeois
Clem M. Doxey
Chester L. Todd
John Wright

1963

Billy L. Bickham

1964

Carrol J. Guinn
Ralph C. Sagera, Jr.

1965

G. Gary Brooks
Donald R. Cowick
Norman L. Davidson, Sr.
James L. Hines
David E. Mouton
Larry J. Marroy
Arthur W. Owens
Otis E. Payne
Phillip H. Rye

1966

Judson R. Schoendorf
Robert M. Toupes

1967

Christopher D. Meyers
Carlton Russ Greer

1968

Floyd A. Guidry, Jr.

1970

John V. Richey

1971

Lawrence J. Danna

1973

Kenneth D. Piker

1975

James J. Gaspard, Jr.

1976

Thomas C. Wooldridge

1978

K. William Harter

1980

J. Bayard Miller

1981

Timothy P. Maher

1989

Lynn R. Fassy

1991

Tania White-Jackson

~ In Memoriam ~

Lynn Raymond Fassy (1989) passed away in Sarasota, FL, on April 8, 2025. He was the preeminent pain specialist in Sarasota, FL, from 1993 to 2015, when he had to retire due to severe back and neck pain following his own back fusions. Retiring was so difficult for him because he loved his work and, especially, helping people.

Lynn leaves behind a son, Christian Lynn Fassy, of Celebration, FL, Lynn's mother Theresa Piazza Fassy, and a brother Frank Fassy, both of New Orleans, LA. In the photograph, right, Dr. Fassy is shown with Sheba, his black Labrador Retriever.



~ In Memoriam ~

Tania Alyssa White Jackson (1991) was born in Shreveport, LA. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA. Following her graduation from LSU School of Medicine and her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Tulane University, she moved to Richardson, TX, where she practiced with other medical professionals before opening her private practice in Plano, TX, in 2001. Her 24-year marriage with Gary Wayne Jackson was marked by love and support, creating a nurturing home for their three children, Thomas, Grant and Alyssa. During her illness, she never wavered from her faith and etched a strong memory in the hearts and minds of the Prayer Warriors with her vibrant, joyful, infectious spirit, beautiful smile and zest for life.



Dr. Jackson

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From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

The last several months have been spent planning for the Reunions in June. The celebratory weekend was held at the New Orleans Sheraton Hotel downtown. It included a Committee of 100 'Thank You' dinner, a Reunion Cocktail reception, a Scientific Session, and individual Class

Reunions held at venues across the city.

The Class of 1975 was also honored with a special luncheon where each received a 50-year diploma.

Over the last year, this office has worked diligently to increase our electronic communications for reunion planning as well as online giving, in hopes of relying less on traditional print communications. For more information, check out our redesigned alumni website at www.medschool.lsuhsu.edu/alumni_affairs.

Annual dues as well as donations can be made through the website, as well as submitting Tigerlines (updates or any information about you that you would like to share) and information about joining the Committee of 100. Check it out.

As always feel free to contact the Alumni Office with any questions or concerns. Emily Riemer and Joy Matthews can frequently answer any questions you might have, and I am always available.

Geaux Tigers!
Cathi Fontenot

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

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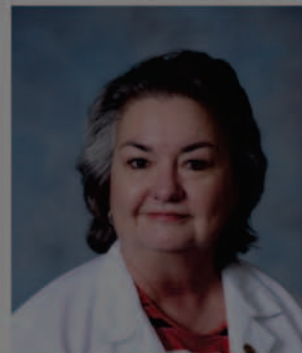
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Office of Alumni Affairs

The **LSU Medical Alumni Association** was officially formed in 1985. The first general meeting was held in June 1986, when **Julius Mullins ('36)** was elected President and a set of by-laws was adopted. Membership dues and contributions to the organization help to support outreach programs, facility improvements, and ongoing communication with alumni, faculty, public officials, and other key stakeholders.

Governed by a board of directors comprised of LSU Medical School alumni, the association meets four times annually. One of these meetings aligns with the general



Direct Online Giving Now Available

Our website now features an online giving platform that simplifies how you can support our mission, ensuring quick and secure processing within minutes. You can pay your dues, make an additional gift, or fulfill your Committee of 100 pledge. One-time and recurring payment options are available.

Additional Features of our New Website:



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Do you have news to share? Let your classmates know about the big and small milestones in your life by sharing them in the Tigerlines section of Medicinews. A digital form is available for easy submission.



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Do you know an LSU School of Medicine graduate who deserves to be recognized for their contributions to the LSU SOM and the community? You can now make those nominations on our digital form.



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