

From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. 2014 has, so far, been highlighted by our annual reunion weekend in June. The weekend commenced with our Committee of 100 banquet, which recognized new members, as well as “re-committed” members who continue to serve our Alma Mater with financial commitments. This allows the office to support our School in so many ways.

Reunion weekend recognized the 50th reunion attendees with our usual luncheon celebrating the Class of 1964. The Class of '64 demonstrated their generosity and dedication to LSU by raising \$30,000 to create a scholarship in their honor, to award each year to a deserving student. A great precedent set by them; hopefully, other classes will consider such a project.

We have begun the Capital Campaign to raise \$2.5 million for the vascular laboratory for the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence – and are actively planning for the Annual Purple and Gold Gala. This year, the Gala will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. This is a great time to connect with friends – *buy a table and spend a great weekend in New Orleans.*

Thanks, as usual, for your support. Please call or stop by this office when you can. I would love to show you our campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathi Fontenot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Tiger in the News



Dr. Klein

Russell C. Klein ('59) was chosen as one of the 2014 honorees for the New Orleans CityBusiness' annual Health Care Heroes program. Launched in 2007, Health Care Heroes honors health care professionals in the New Orleans area in six categories: animal care, first responder, nurse, physician, professional and volunteer. Honorees are selected based on industry achievement and community impact. The winners were highlighted in a special publication as part of the May 16th issue of CityBusiness, and they were celebrated at a May 9th luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

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James J. Leonard ('63), Thibodaux, LA, has recently been named Chairman of the LSU Health Foundation New Orleans. The Foundation was formed in 1988 and organized as a nonprofit, tax-exempt, public charity to support and promote the charitable, scientific and educational mission of the LSU Health Sciences Center.

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T. L. McNeely, Crowley, LA – “Out to pasture except volunteer physician for the nonprofit Hospice of Acadiana. Products of Drs. Hull, Akenhead and Rives are becoming scarce except in the obituaries.”

'55

S. Adelle Drane-Bosch, Pikesville, MD – “Very ill for most of the past year due to internal bleeding. Finally found the source of bleeding due to hemangiomas in the jejunum. The past three weeks show no obvious signs of continued bleeding!

Clinically I am probably cured. I am happy to join the 1955 group again. I am now 82½ years old! I hope to see you when I am 100.”

'57

Alvin M. Cotlar, Gulfport, MS – “Still seeing clinic and operating at Biloxi VA. Somehow, retiring at soon-to-be 82 does not appeal to me.”

Guy J. Guarino, Hickory, NC – “Always enjoying each publication – Enjoy reading about the newcomers and of course the old ones also.”

Warren C. Plauche, Snellville, GA – “I'm O.K. now but boy has it been a bad year – three vessel bypass, colon

polyps, GI bleed from diverticulae, etc. Base problems – 81 years old, diabetic and hypertensive and thrombocytopenic – phooey. Good things – published four books – three children's; one semi-adult and painted umpteen watercolors, some pretty good. Holding out for granddaughter's wedding in late May. Otherwise little bon appetite.”

Joel B. Smason, Los Angeles, CA – “Lost my sweet Evelyne after 52 years of happiness. I have four children, three grandchildren. Best wishes.”

'60

Salvador J. Cefalu, Raleigh, NC – “Although the practice of medicine is a nightmare today, I still get nostalgic when I remember how it was in the past! Miss it at times. Am I getting old? Greetings to all my friends.”

'65

John E. Sorrells Jr, Lake Charles, LA – “Retired!”

'69

Elizabeth McBurney, Lafayette, LA – Moved to Lafayette in 2013 – Practicing three days a week and teaching at LSU once a month.

'71

Bennie Nobles, New Orleans, LA – “I pray that all of our classmates are well and prospering. (Jeremiah 29:11)”

'73

Jon S. Palmintier, Broussard, LA – “Loving retirement and loving being back home in Louisiana.”

'75

Fred H. Rodriguez, Metairie, LA — Serving in 2014 as the President of the University of New Orleans Alumni Association and as the President of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) Board of

Tiger in the News

Walter S. Culpepper III ('72) hard at work on his second major novel (working title: *Payout*), a medical thriller featuring a brilliant research psychiatrist whose life has taken a dark turn. The book will be completed sometime in 2015. On June 20, 2014, Dr. Culpepper appeared on the popular New Orleans arts and entertainment television show, *Steppin' Out*, where he and Peggy Scott Laborde discussed his novel, *The Replacement Son*, and the events that inspired the story, with particular attention to its New Orleans and WWII roots.

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Dr. DeSonier

Keith DeSonier ('75) of Lake Charles was elected to the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) Hall of Fame at its annual House of Delegates meeting, Saturday, February 1, 2014, in Baton Rouge. The LSMS established its Hall of Fame to recognize members, both living and deceased, who have contributed long-term meritorious service and valuable leadership to the LSMS.

Currently, Dr. DeSonier is the chair of the LSMS Council on Legislation as well as the LSMS' political action committee, LAMPAC. He has held various leadership positions with the LSMS over the last 30 years, including president, chair of the Board of Councilors, and 7th District Councilor. He has also served on numerous

LSMS committees and represents physicians at the local level by remaining active with the Calcasieu Parish Medical Society.

His positive influence is evident through his work as chair of the Louisiana Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA). Through his efforts and leadership at the national level, Louisiana physicians are well represented on important health care reform issues and have influenced federal policy and legislation with the ultimate goal of protecting the patient-physician relationship.

Directors. Was nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award by LSU School of Medicine Aesculapian Society. New grandson, Henry P. Rodriguez, born April 14, 2014, in Atlanta

'76

Galen R. Smith, Kingsport, TN – “After 30 years of Orthopaedic Surgery, with subspecialization in spinal surgery, I ‘downshifted’ to office practice only on 4/1/2014. I volunteered to join the US Army in 2003 to help out with the war effort. I was deployed as an Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon in Iraq in 2004, to the Army’s only Trauma Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, in 2006, and to Afghanistan in 2009/2010. I was proud to serve and help our brave

fighting men in both war theatres. HUA!!”

'79

Jim Bradburn, Anthem/Flagstaff, AZ – “Still happily retired and married in Arizona. Enjoying flying, golfing, mountain biking and our golden retriever. I’m very appreciative of the opportunities LSUMC offered me.”

Jay Brooks, Baton Rouge, LA – Practicing Hematology/Oncology in Baton Rouge. Named Ochsner Health System physician leader in 2013. “Enjoy practice with Ochsner for 27 years in Baton Rouge.”

'80

Richard Martinez, Denver, CO – Robert D. Miller Endowed Professor of Psychiatry and Law at the University of Colorado – Denver School of Medicine and Director of Forensic Psychiatry Training.

'81

Eric Bloomfield, Rochester, MN – “I will be turning 60 this year! Where did the time go? We just had the coldest winter ever! Fortunately, we made some trips down South to warm up. Family is growing with two daughters, two Clydesdale and two Newfoundlands. Wife, Heidi Chua, MD, a colorectal surgeon, is a ‘Tiger’ alum also... but she is from the University of Missouri.”

Pat Flynn, Memphis, TN – Youngest daughter, Sarah Heston, graduated from University of Tennessee Health Science Center and entering Pediatric Residency at UT.

'86

Greg Jolissaint, DC-Baltimore Area – “Achieved ‘Certified Physician Executive’ status. Now serving as the CMO for the Military & Veterans Health Division of General Dynamics Information Technology. Debby graduated from Catholic University of America as a family nurse practitioner in May 2014. Debby and I just returned from Lourdes, France, after supporting Wounded Warriors making their pilgrimage to Lourdes. All is well, but we miss South Louisiana!!”

... Tiger on the WEB ...

At TEDxBirmingham, an independently organized event in the spirit of the TED Conferences, **Pat Hymel** ('98) gave a talk with a great message about how to rethink failure, using an experience of his while a resident at Charity Hospital. Access his talk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoDYTYSeuN8>.

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Brig. General **Charles Chappuis** ('79) has been appointed the Louisiana National Guard's assistant adjutant for air. He oversees more than 1,500 airmen in the Louisiana Air National Guard. He was commissioned in the Louisiana Air National Guard in 1998 and served as flight surgeon for the 159th Medical Squadron, a unit in the 159th Fighter Wing. He later commanded the 159th Medical Group. He and his wife, **Cynthia Glass** ('80) have two daughters, Courtney and Catherine.



Cynthia Glass ('80) and Charles Chappuis ('79) are shown here at the Alumni Reunion.

'88

Jimmie McCready, Panama City Beach, FL – “Engaged to awesome young lady, Jamie. Part-time ER work in Panama City (22 years) and Apalachicola, FL. Heading into 8th year coaching youth football – 11-12 year olds PCB Dolphins – League Champs in 2013. Next stop the NFL.”

Michael Seicshnaydre, Gulfport, MS – Aimee, my wife, the physical therapist (LSU Allied Health-Class of 1988), and I are still enjoying life as Tiger Fans on Mississippi Gulf Coast. I am now specializing in Cosmetic Rhinoplasty.”

Tiger in the News

Sidney “Beau” Raymond ('97) has been named the Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) of East Jefferson General Hospital. In addition to the CMIO role, Dr. Raymond serves EJGH as the Medical Director for the East Jefferson Physicians Group and is a past Chief of Medical Staff. He is also a practicing Board Certified Internal Medicine physician.

As CMIO, Dr. Raymond leads efforts to advance Information Technology systems that support patient care and research as well as directs the design of clinical pathway models through interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses and administrative leaders. He also chairs the Clinical Advisory Group and collaborates with the hospital's Chief Information Officer to develop technical and application implementation strategies while assisting with the development of ongoing strategic plans for clinical information systems.

Dr. Raymond also serves as Chair of the East Jefferson General Hospital Chapter and as a member of the Regional Board of Directors for Gulf South Quality Network and is the President of the Jefferson Parish Medical Society.



Dr. Raymond

'89

Michael Halle, Springfield, VA – “Go Tigers!”

Ann Patterson, Sitka, AK – “Living and working in beautiful Sitka, Alaska. Providing much needed care to Alaska Natives. Recently named OR Clinical Director. Come visit soon!”

'91

Joe Miller, Fort Smith, AR – Retired from clinical practice in December. “Taking 18 months off to get my master's in business. Studying is harder than I remember!”

'92

Craig M. Gauthier, New Iberia, LA – “Still fighting to maintain independence as a solo practitioner in Ob/Gyn while watching many sell their practices to hospitals. I hope all of you are doing well; especially in lieu of hearing the loss of our classmate **Chris Bodin** ('92). Come visit!”

Kathleen A. Robertson, New Orleans, LA – Chief of Orthopaedics at VA New Orleans.

Tiger in the News

NOTE: The following news item was presented with erroneous information in the spring 2014 issue of *LSU Medicinews*. We regret the error. –*The Editor*

Keith DeSonier ('75) was unanimously selected to receive the 2014 Jerome C. Goldstein, MD, Public Service Award by the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNSF). The award recognizes members for commitment and achievement in service, either to the public or to other organizations, when such service promises to improve patient welfare. Dr. DeSonier is an otolaryngologist in Lake Charles, LA.

Tigerlines

DECEASED

1941

Frederick A. Marx

1944

Wilbur G. Wells

1945

Harold J. Jacobs

1948

Nicholas J. Olivier
John N. Straub
John Fries

1956

Donald T. Crochet
E. Ralph Lupin

1961

Francis E. Harrington

1962

Isadore D. Brickman

1964

Daniel R. Scullin

1969

Joseph E. Stolfi

1975

John B. Middleton

☞ In Memoriam ☜

Dr. Rowena Spencer, 91, pioneering pediatric surgeon, died on May 13, 2014. She was a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at LSU School of Medicine from 1952 to 1968. Dr. Spencer was the first woman surgeon in Louisiana, the first pediatric surgeon of either gender in the state, and the first woman to hold a full-time faculty appointment in the Department of Surgery at LSUSoM. She was profiled in *Louisiana Women: Their Lives and Times*, which was published in 2009.

Dr. Frederick H. Kastan, 87, internationally recognized cell biologist and historian of science and medicine, died on April 14, 2014, after a lengthy illness. During his twenty-seven years of service in the Department of Anatomy at LSU School of Medicine, Dr. Kastan rose to prominence for his work in biologic staining, histochemistry, tissue culture, and the history of medicine. His books include *One Hundred Years of Histochemistry in Germany* and *The History of Staining*.

'02

Stacy Drury, New Orleans, LA – “**Tom Ewing** ('00) and I co-founded with Dr. Michael Scheering, a new 501c(3) nonprofit organization called Kid Catch Foundation to enhance access to child mental health services in Louisiana.”

'06

Lauren de Moreno, Lexington, KY – “I will be starting a solo ENT practice with Natchitoches Medical Specialists in Natchitoches, LA, in September 2014. Very excited to be moving back to Louisiana!”

'07

L'Issa L. Gates, Marrero, LA – Listed as a Person to Watch and

named a Healthcare Hero by New Orleans City Business Magazine.

'09

Marshall R. Naquin, Lafayette, LA – “Just moved back to Lafayette with my wife Susan. Working for Schumacher Group in Breaux Bridge and Alexandria.”

Residency

Richard A. Vinroot Jr., Emergency Medicine, Class of 2008 – Lt. Commander Richard A. Vinroot, Jr., a physician at Ochsner Health Systems, is currently serving in the United States Navy Medical Corps as a Trauma Team Leader. His current posting is in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

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Continuing Medical Education

Continuing Medical education (CME) is required for every physician to maintain a medical license. We are most fortunate at LSU School of Medicine New Orleans (LSU) , because earning CME credit is much more interactive thanks to the LSU Isidore Cohn Jr. MD Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein MD ('59) Center for Advanced Practice funded in large part by generous donations from our alumni. These centers have revolutionized undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education since their openings. A wonderful overview of our two center's functions including videos can be found at www.learningcenter.lsuhsoc.edu.

Also unique to LSU is the location of undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education in one office and location. On any given day in the learning centers you may see medical, nursing or PA students learning new procedures on simulated task trainers, residents running mock codes and practicing team training using high fidelity simulators, and visiting physicians learning a new procedure on cadaveric specimens in the Center for Advanced Practice.

The CME office provides physicians with opportunities to earn *AMA/PRA Category 1™* credit through certification of these eligible activities. Whether attending one of the 12 certified grand rounds activities happening across campus, or registering for a one-day course taught by LSU Faculty, learning is more interactive than it ever has been at LSU due, in large part, to our two centers.

Vinod Dasa, MD, Orthopaedic faculty and frequent user of the Learning Center for his Orthopaedics for Primary Care course said *"The course continually sells-out because we keep the learner engaged the whole time. Being able to move from the classroom to the simulation lab and then to the cadaver lab all in one day gives the attendees the confidence to implement what they learned in their practice."*

Annual CME certified courses by the Section of Gastroenterology, Department of Anesthesia, and a new Sigmoidoscopy course by the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, have all been successful faculty driven additions to LSU's commitment to teaching and made possible by our ability to provide both state-of-the-art simulation in the Learning Centers and CME for these activities.

CME is continuing to evolve to meet our physician's needs. As meeting and maintaining appropriate licensing and certification requirements becomes more complex, the CME office responds with new ways to earn valuable CME credit. In 2013 the AMA announced faculty physicians could begin earning CME credit for their teaching activities. This enables our CME office to award credit to physicians involved in the teaching of our medical students and residents and recognize the additional time and commitment involved in teaching.

The recent implementation for Maintenance of Certification is a new challenge our physicians face. LSU CME is currently investigating the requirements for becoming an American Board of Medical Specialties Portfolio Sponsor. Portfolio Sponsorship would enable physicians to participate in specified Part IV activities to satisfy their quality improvement/performance improvement board recertification requirements. Working on specific LSU portfolio sponsored projects will improve the quality of the care we provide for our patients while making improvements to our medical school.

LSU's CME office reaches across the Health Sciences Center beyond the learning centers' walls and into the various schools on campus and the local community as well. CME works closely with the LSU Nursing School to offer both CME and CNE credit on a number of professional development activities each year as well as LSU School of Public Health and LSU's Human Development Center designed activities.

For a list of all CME certified activities, please visit http://www.medschool.lsuhsoc.edu/medical_education/cme/

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Laura J. Bell, Director of CME at lbell@lsuhsoc.edu or 504-568-2002.