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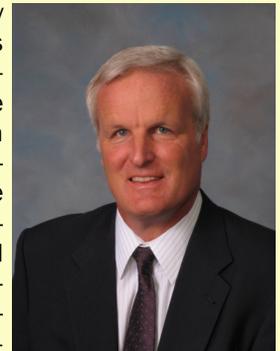
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(Above): Dr. Vander Heide posing with Clotile at the Annual Residents Team Building Event at Zephyrs Field.

Chairman's Corner

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed three new faculty members and they have seamlessly integrated themselves into our Department. We are in the busiest portion of our recruiting season for next academic year's new residents; we have identified some outstanding candidates! Construction on the new academic medical center is progressing at an amazing rate. We have been given a June 16, 2015 date for the official opening of the new academic medical center. As always, to help you keep up with the progress, we have included a link to the construction camera on the right side of our Departmental homepage. As you consider your charitable donations this year, please consider making a donation to the Department. We will be happy to work with you in directing your donation to the area of the Department you desire. Your generosity allows for the enrichment and expansion of our programs. I wish all of you a blessed holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year. Please take the time to visit our webpage www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pathology to keep abreast of the latest news in our Department.



Richard S. Vander Heide, M.D., Ph.D.
Jack Perry Strong Professor and Department Head

2012 Emma Moss Lecturer

On November 27-28, 2012, the Department hosted the 2012 Emma Sadler Moss Lecturer. This year's invited speaker was Gene Siegal, M.D. Dr. Siegal is the Robert W. Mowry Endowed Professor of Pathology and Director of the Division of Anatomic Pathology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Executive Vice-Chair of Pathology in the UAB Health System.

The Emma Moss lectureship has been a recurring event for the Department of Pathology, whereby recognized national and international leaders in pathology are invited to LSU to address the second year medical students during their pathology course. During

his visit, Dr. Siegal presented a talk to the second-year medical students entitled "Bone Neoplasia in the 21st Century - Using Fibrous Dysplasia as the Model for How Far We've Come" and a talk to the LSU Pathology Faculty entitled "Adenoviral Based Gene Therapy & Oncotherapy: Are We Anywhere?". In addition, Dr. Siegal presented a lecture entitled "Diagnostic Challenges: It's not just the Pathologists Who are Bizarre!" to the LSU and Tulane Pathology Residency Programs.



(Above): Dr. Gene Siegal with LSU Pathology Residents

Residents Corner



(Above): LSU Pathology Faculty and Residents at the Annual Residents Dinner

On June 21, 2012 the Residency program wished its graduate, **Dr. Amy Collinsworth** continued success as she concluded her four years as an anatomic and clinical pathology resident at LSU. Also joining us in celebrating with Dr. Collinsworth were both of her parents and husband, Otis. Dr. Collinsworth began a gastrointestinal and liver pathology fellowship at the University of Florida College of Medicine in July 2012.

Good news from our recent graduates! **Dr. Amy Collinsworth** ('12) passed both portions of her Core Pathology Boards, **Dr. Kirk Bourgeois** ('11) passed his Molecular Pathology fellowship boards and **Dr. Jeffrey Springer** ('11) passed his Forensic Pathology fellowship boards. Congratulations to all.

The Program would like to express its thanks to outgoing Chief resident, **Dr. Matt Safley**, for his year of hard work and leadership. His enthusiasm for teaching, positive outlook and eagerness for recruiting will be missed. The position of Pathology Chief Resident will be transitioned to rising seniors, **Dr. Brad Cheek** and **Dr. Kelley Sherling** in the New Year. A warm welcome and hearty congratulations to them as they take the lead.

Dr. Bart Farris was honored by the residency program with the 2012 Residency Education and Commitment Award. He was presented with the award in June by the Chief Resident, Dr. Matt Safley.

And finally, the Program expresses its humble and sincere gratitude to **Ms. Ann Deshotels** and the entire Deshotels family for their generous donation to the training program. In loving memory of program alum, **Dr. Seldon J. Deshotels Jr.**, the family has created the Pathology Residency Support Fund within the LSU Foundation. With this generous gift, the program has been able to order twelve new Olympus microscopes for the Pathology residents. Stay tuned to the Residency website for pictures. There is a lot of excitement in the air; and it sure does feel like there really is a Santa Claus!



(Above): Matt Safley, D.O. presenting Bart Farris, M.D. with the 2012 Residency Education and Commitment Award.

On behalf of the whole program: cheers to all who work with us and support us day after day. It is a team effort. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Robin McGoey, M.D.
Residency Program Director

(Top Row Left to Right): Theresa Nuttli, MD, (HO-II), Harry Porterfield, D.O., (HO-I), Caroline Alquist, M.D., Ph.D., (HO-II), Brad Cheek, MD, (HO-III), Tong Yang, M.D., (HO-II), Matt Safley, D.O., (HO-IV), (Bottom Row Left to Right): Supriya Donthamsetty, D.O., (HO-I), Kelley Sherling, M.D., (HO-III), and Christian Tsao, M.D., (HO-1)



Announcements & Accolades

Congratulations to **Randall Craver, M.D.**, and **William P. Newman III, M.D.** for being named two of the [“Best Doctors” in Pathology by New Orleans Magazine](#). We appreciate your dedication to the Department and to the field of pathology.

The Department would like to personally thank **P. David Kearns, M.D.** for his generous donations. Your financial support will help the Department enhance our mission of teaching, research and patient care. Thank you again for your support!

Caroline Raasch Alquist, M.D., Ph.D., (HO-II) had a manuscript entitled: “Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy: Cavitory White Matter Lesions” accepted for publication. She has also had a histologic image published on the cover of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society and an original research project on postmortem blood cultures accepted for oral presentation at the Southern Regional meeting of the American Federation for Medical Research in February 2013. In addition, Dr. Alquist presented a poster entitled, “Expression of anti-apoptotic Survivin in cases of Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy affecting the brainstem” at the 2012 ASCP National Conference.

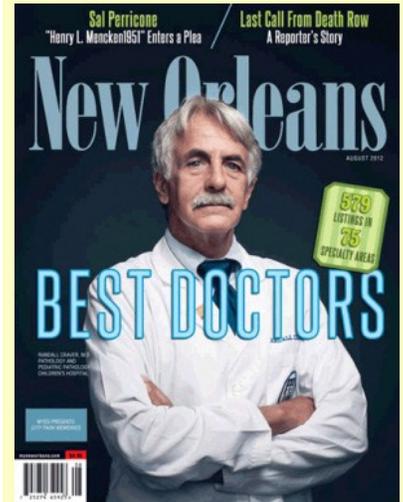
Brad Cheek, M.D., (HO-III) along with **Mike Leroy, M.D., (HO-IV)** had a manuscript entitled, “Splenic Nodules at Autopsy” accepted for publication.

Supriya Donthamsetty, D.O., (HO-I) will be presenting her work on post mortem blood cultures as an platform presentation at the Southern Regional meeting of the American Federation for Medical Research in February 2013. She was also the recipient of the travel award grant for the meeting.

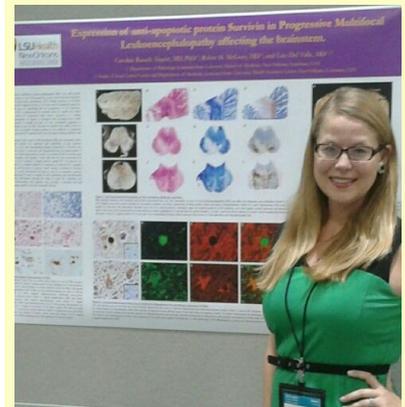
Theresa Nuttli, M.D., (HO-II) along with **Kelley Sherling, M.D., (HO-III)** had a manuscript entitled, “Left Ventricular Noncompaction Cardiomyopathy” accepted for publication.

Kelley Sherling, M.D., (HO-III) also presented a poster entitled, “An Unusual Mimic of Pulmonary Thromboembolism” at the 2012 Chest National meeting.

Tong Yang, M.D., (HO-II) had a manuscript entitled, “Evaluation of a faculty development program aimed at increasing residents” published in the Journal of Graduate Medical Education.



(ABOVE): Randall Craver, M.D., Professor of Pathology at LSUHSC on the cover of New Orleans Magazine's “Best Doctor's” Issue



(ABOVE): Caroline Raasch Alquist, M.D., Ph.D. (HO-II) displaying her poster “Expression of anti-apoptotic Survivin in cases of Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy affecting the brainstem”.

(Right): Congratulations to **Kelley Sherling, M.D., (HO-III)** on the birth of her son Behr Daniel Sherling. Behr was born on June 6, 2012, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces and 22 inches long.



(Left): Congratulations to **Harry Porterfield, D.O., (HO-I)** on the birth of his son Kepler Porterfield. Kepler was born on October 6, 2012, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 20 inches long.



Announcements and Accolades Cont'd

Elizabeth Chipley Booth recently retired in October 2012 after 30 years as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in the Pathology Department at Charity Hospital/Interim LSU Hospital. Chipley started her career in Immunology, but after a brief maternity break she joined the staff of the Microbiology Section where she quickly became an indispensable member of the team. Any Pathologist who rotated through the Laboratory during her tenure as a Teaching/Training Supervisor can attest to her knowledge and skills. She is remembered by all who studied Infectious Diseases in the last 20 years for her enthusiastic contributions to weekly ID Conference/plate rounds. Chipley's sense of humor and dedication to Quality Microbiology and Health Care will be missed!



(Above) Joyce Majonos, Elizabeth "Chipley" Booth, and Richard Vander Heide, MD, PhD.



(Above) Adler Voltaire, Joyce Majonos, Cyndie Eicher, and Richard Vander Heide, MD, PhD.

Cynthia Eicher, ILH Blood Bank Manager 2, completed her 38th year at the Medical Center in December 2012. She has had a very active role in Blood Bank professional activities and has served internally on several multi-disciplinary committees. Cyndie trains the Specialist in Blood Banking Program as well as at the LSU Dept. of Clinical Laboratory Science. She has also chaired the Immunohematology Technical Work Group for standardization of HCSD laboratories for several years. She will be dearly missed!

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