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LSUHS SPRING SOCIAL

The inaugural LSU Health Shreveport Spring Social was held on April 29. The weather was perfect for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship with colleagues! Nearly 400 employees attended and enjoyed delicious food from Bistro To Geaux and dance tunes by DJ Love. Special thank you to Dr. David Lewis (pictured right) and LSUHS leadership for making this event possible to bring everyone together!



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Letter from the Interim Chancellor

Greetings from LSU Health Shreveport, where summers have become one of our busiest times of the year. This is due in part to our ever-expanding summer pipeline programs designed to expose potential students (starting in middle school) to careers offered at LSU Health Shreveport. These pipeline programs also help college students bolster their applications to highly competitive medical education programs.

I am pleased to share that our Center for Medical Education is currently on schedule to open in the Fall of 2023. Thank you to each of you who have financially supported this transformative project. Opportunities to support this project are still available and can be discussed with the LSUHS Foundation at 318-861-0855. I also extend my deepest thanks to Governor Edwards and the Louisiana Legislature for their continued support of this project during the 2022 legislative session.

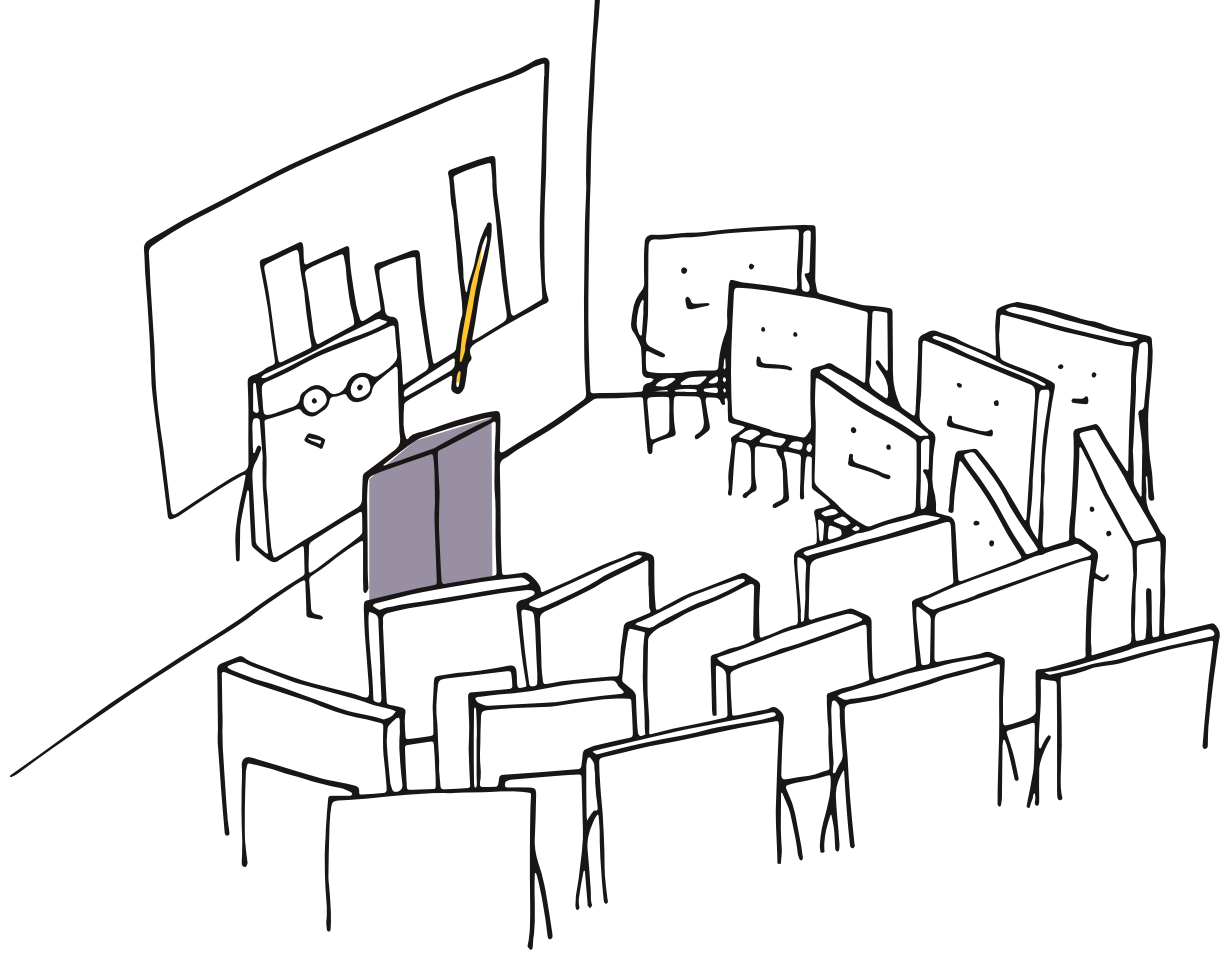
Interested applicants for our three professional schools continues to increase both in numbers and quality of applications, and for that I thank our medical education staff and faculty. A total of 593 new students be joining us by the end of July. We will also have 131 new residents and fellows coming to LSU Health Shreveport which fills all available positions. I am pleased to share that all 43 graduate medical education programs training our residents and fellows have received continued accreditation for the upcoming year.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is not impacting our daily lives to the same degree as it once was, know that we remain engaged in planning and taking the necessary steps to best position LSUHS and our community for today and the days ahead. The reality is that this pandemic is not over. We continue to monitor and provide the latest information on our website at www.lsuhs.edu/COVID19. Please take advantage of this resource for accurate information and to submit related questions or concerns.

I hope you will enjoy this issue of Inside LSU Health Shreveport magazine which provides a snapshot of numerous milestones and community outreach efforts that have occurred during the first half of 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Lewis', written in a cursive style.

David Lewis, MD, MBA
Interim Chancellor, Dean of School of Medicine



IMPACT

OVER INCOME



Dr. Kimberly McCarter holds a PhD in cell biology and anatomy and is a shining example of what the world needs more of—focused, kind, family oriented lovers of their community. She clearly understand that investing in our youth today is what determines the success of our community, state, and nation tomorrow. Dr. McCarter’s wisdom, like many, came through immense challenges and disappointments, but none of these deterring factors kept her from achieving her educational goals. Goals which changed over time as life circumstances altered her perspective.

When she was in the 5th grade Kimberly McCarter envisioned herself as a lawyer. By the time she graduated from Grambling High School that vision expanded to becoming the first Black woman to be on the Supreme Court, so off she went to Grambling State University to begin the education required to achieve her career goal. She was excited and poised for success having been an outstanding student throughout the previous twelve years. Things soon changed as Kimberly found out during her freshman year that she was pregnant. While concerns flooded her mind about how she could continue with her studies and achieve her goal of becoming the first Black woman on the Supreme Court, she remained focused and in class until she gave birth

to a baby boy a month early. With no knowledge prior to his birth that there were any issues with her baby, she was shocked to learn upon his birth that her son was gravely ill. This sweet baby boy spent his short two-month life in the NICU before passing away. It was during this time that Kimberly changed her educational pursuit from law to medicine. Three years later in the spring of 1998, Kimberly McCarter graduated from Grambling State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology having been selected to the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society.

Prior to graduating college, Kimberly visited the cadaver lab at Meharry Medical School and knew immediately that medical school was not for her. She quickly began a period of evaluation and reflection resulting in the decision to study genetic counseling. Kimberly was confident in her decision to become a genetic counselor and thoroughly researched top programs in this field. She applied to the five top programs around the United States. While she was not accepted into any of these programs directly, the University of Pittsburgh did accept her into a related undergraduate program. Kimberly went to Pittsburgh with full assurance that she would gain admission into their genetics program. Her confidence in herself was warranted and three years later in 2002 she graduated with a Master of Science in Human and Medical Genetics. She was hired promptly by her alma mater, Grambling State University, to teach biology, epidemiology, and genetics.

At this time, Kimberly was happily married with two young boys with plans to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree when her boys were a little older in age. As she began to work on her application to the Graduate School at Kansas State University in 2006, Kimberly found out she was expecting her third son. She halted her PhD program application and continued teaching at Grambling State University for six more years, all the while treasuring her healthy and happy boys. The next time that Kimberly applied to graduate school she sent an application to the School of Graduate Studies at LSU Health Shreveport. Only an hour away from Grambling, Louisiana, where both sets of grandparents lived, LSU Health Shreveport seemed very appealing — a much different perspective than she had in her younger years.

Dr. McCarter recalled going through elementary, middle, and high school, and even college, feeling like the “smart kid,” and then suddenly feeling anything but smart as she became immersed in her rigorous doctoral curriculum. When asked for a recommendation on how to deal with feelings of inadequacy, she stated, “Recognize that many others feel the same way, so build a network of others who need encouragement and help.”

That is exactly what Dr. McCarter did among her classmates. She still recalls having an “aha moment” when she realized how much easier her educational pursuit was when shared with other students. The support of her fellow classmates, whose strengths offset her weaknesses and vice versa, truly became a lifeline in 2013 when Kimberly came home to find her beloved husband had passed away. Though difficult to continue her doctoral pursuits after her husband’s death, Kimberly persevered in honor of the support he gave her to pursue an advanced degree. Dr.

McCarter also found strength, support, and peace by tapping into a higher being throughout the remaining four years of her doctoral education.

In 2017, twenty-three years after graduating from high school, Kimberly McCarter became Dr. Kimberly McCarter earning a PhD in Cell Biology and Anatomy from the School of Graduate Studies at LSU Health Shreveport.

With her hard-earned degree in hand Dr. McCarter found herself asking: “Now what?” Would she go to work for a pharmaceutical company or maybe the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention? Would she work in a lab at an academic medical center or teach at a college? The answer for Dr. McCarter would be to follow her heart, which was telling her that she needed to invest in students earlier if she was going to maximize her impact. Following her heart with a desire to impact young students, Dr. McCarter took a job at Huntington High School teaching biology, chemistry, and anatomy to 9th grade students. Today, she primarily teaches eleventh and twelfth grade students.

You can’t help but notice how Dr. McCarter’s face lights up when she talks about her job and working with students, particularly regarding teaching anatomy as many students have never studied the human body in depth before. In addition to instilling knowledge in her students, she works diligently to form meaningful relationships so she can understand what motivates them.

“Teaching high school has been the hardest but the most rewarding experience of my life. While I was not initially prepared to manage behavior, I’ve become grateful to teach this age as I find that many high school students still listen to their parents and teachers unlike most in college.”

— Dr. Kimberly McCarter

When asked what keeps her going as a high school science teacher, Dr. McCarter shared that wanting to be part of the solution for students striving to create a good life for themselves is her motivation.

“While I am disappointed that I can’t find time to write grants allowing me to offer some ‘extras’ to my students, the trade-off is that I get to spend my non-teaching time being the pep squad sponsor for ninth and tenth grade, which I absolutely love. My 16 surrogate daughters bring such joy to my life, all the while teaching me new ways to connect with high school students,” she said.

Dr. McCarter’s advice for a student considering pursuing a PhD in science is, “Accept that the path will be difficult and don’t put a timeline on the finish line.” She added, “Don’t be afraid to ask questions and be sure to thank those who provide you with support and encouragement on your journey.”

Thank you, Dr. McCarter, for serving as a role model through your dedication to invest in the youth of our community.



Community of CARING

When you think of LSU Health Shreveport, the first thing that comes to mind might be medical school, COVID-19 pandemic response, cutting-edge research, allied health professionals, future Nobel prize winners, an economic engine or perhaps caring for patients from all walks of life. While we hope you think of all of these important components to our institution, it is also our desire for you to think of us as “investors in the fabric of our community” as we subscribe to Coretta Scott Kings quote, “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

Since our inception, there has always been a goal and an expectation that our students and employees would choose to make a difference beyond our mission to teach, heal and discover. Thanks to LSU Health Shreveport being home to countless faculty, staff and students with hearts of gold and overflowing talents, we are working continuously to make a positive difference in the community in which we live, work and play. Here are samplings of our recent community outreach and engagement efforts.

PHOTOS (LEFT)

- 1 Camp Tiger
- 2 Cancer Survivorship Walkathon
- 3 Pars for Peds

Return of a Cancer Survivorship Walk

Did you realize that there has not been a Cancer Survivor Walk open to all area cancer survivors for the past several years since Susan G. Komen closed their local office? That all changed on June 4, 2022 when second year medical student Tanner Ward led a successful Cancer Survivor Walkathon at LSU Health Shreveport. This event was a dream come true for Tanner who has been passionate about cancer for many years.

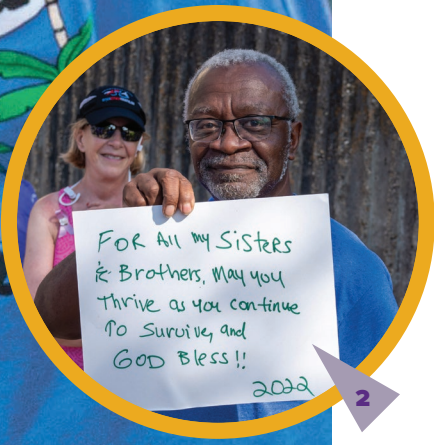
In 2021 after wrapping up a successful fundraiser for pediatric patients (See Pars for Peds below), Tanner decided to see how he could get involved with cancer patients by approaching FWCC faculty member Dr. Rupa Mahadevan (who leads the Survivorship Clinic). Dr. Mahadevan suggested that Tanner organize a walkathon as it would be a fun and productive way for survivors to be together while developing or returning to a healthy lifestyle. After a lot of thought and research, Tanner not only agreed to organize a Cancer Survivor Walkathon on National Cancer Survivor Day but to use the event as a platform to get students from all three schools at LSU Health Shreveport working on a common goal.

The June 4 Cancer Survivor Walkathon was a glorious success by all measures to include raising over \$10,000 in support for the survivorship clinic. The Walkathon attracted over 130 attendees comprised of 60 survivors along with their families, friends, LSUHS students and staff and a lot of cute dogs. Rounding out this fun event were numerous booths with products and services catering to cancer survivors with KHAM Radio keeping the tunes and encouragement coming throughout the event.

Pars for Peds

Pars for Peds was held for the first time in August of 2021 as the brainchild of second year medical students Tanner Ward and Landon Waite with support from the Class of 2024. The successful tournament raised over \$25,000 with proceeds equipping a Teen Room at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport St. Mary Medical Center, (former Schumpert hospital).

The Teen Room opened in June and provides appropriate leisure activities to enhance pediatric hospital stays. Proceeds from the 2022 Pars for Peds golf tournament will continue to benefit pediatric patients at St. Mary Medical Center through development of a play area in a covered outdoor space.





Raising funds for the American Heart Association

As cardiologists and cardiovascular researchers, Dr. Paari Dominique, Dr. Tarek Helmy and Dr. Steven Bailey clearly understand the importance of cardiovascular research which is why they were enthusiastic about taking time from their crazy busy schedules to lead the American Heart Walk the past two years. Their efforts, along with many others, yielded just under \$300,000 in support of curing heart disease. The LSUHS Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences, led by Dr. Wayne Orr, and his staff are also engaged in American Heart Association (AHA) events to include Go Red and the Heart Walk where they provide details on available clinical trials for those suffering with heart conditions, as well as sharing specifics on local research along with opportunities for students to conduct cardiovascular research in the summer.

Eat Right and Move

How do you execute a plan that you never knew you needed? With the help of Dr. Marie Vazquez-Morgan! Dr. Morgan is a physical therapist at the School of Allied Health Professions by occupation, but her doctoral degree and passion is wellness which is how she became the first Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Wellness at LSU Health Shreveport. Long before this position, Dr. Morgan was active in the community writing grants to fund programs like Eat Right and Move where many individuals were educated for the first time on the necessity not only to eat healthy but to move in order to manage their blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, etc. Dr. Morgan was also very supportive of the Cancer Survivor Walkathon serving on the planning committee and organizing the walk.

Stem Goes Red

The Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences (CCDS) also provided support for the American Heart Association's STEM GOES RED program which strives to propel young adults into rewarding STEM careers. The CCDS created a fun, educational and interactive full day agenda giving 45 students from Huntington High School access to hands-on, cutting-edge technology while also hearing from students in LSUHS three professional schools. Students rotated through research labs and clinical skill centers to get a firsthand look at the STEM working environment at an academic medical center.

Camp Tiger

For the past twenty-one years, incoming, first and second year medical students provide a free, week long camp for individuals ages 5 to 18 who are living with physical and cognitive challenges such as cystic fibrosis, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and other challenging conditions. This year's camp was held June 6-10 and yielded the largest number of attendees ever with over 80 campers and 140 volunteers. Campers enjoyed a variety of activities to include visiting Sci-Port Discovery Center, the Shreveport Aquarium, Gators and Friends, Holiday Bowling, Party Central and Hero Horse Therapy. Camp Tiger concludes with Family Day allowing only siblings and parents to join in the fun.

Center for Brain Health

The Center for Brain Health (CBH) joined forces with The Bridge allowing two local leaders in the field of Alzheimer's and dementia to create a single location where patients, their families and caregivers can receive education, support services and access to clinical trials. This resource located at 851 Olive Street in Shreveport is vital to the 92,000 Louisianians believed to be living with Alzheimer's of which 13.6% (12,512) are individuals aged 45 and older with subjective cognitive decline. 204,000 family caregivers bear the burden of the disease in Louisiana providing 318 million hours of unpaid caregiving, demonstrating the immense need for access to accurate and impactful resources.



IDEAS Day



Interactive Day of Education and Awareness of Science, also known as IDEAS, was provided as a free community event that exposes elementary and middle school children to the wonder and excitement of science. LSU Health Shreveport Science Matters Interest Group organized 38 hands-on experiments working with the LSUS Chemistry Club, SciPort, the Louisiana Addiction Research Center (LARC), and the LSUHS Center for Brain Health. Over 100 children participated in the 2022 IDEAS DAY.

Boys Puberty Workshop

Is there a Mother or Dad who really wants to talk to their son about puberty?? If so, you get multiple gold stars. If not, 2022 was your lucky year as LSU Health Shreveport medical students held their first Boys Puberty Workshop with 44 participants hailing from 25 different elementary and middle schools.

This program compliments the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) You Grow Girl Puberty Workshop which attracted over fifty attendees from throughout north Louisiana. This girls only workshop hosted by female medical students and faculty provides education about maturation and ways to promote health conscious hygiene and nutrition.

Camp Jambalaya Jubilee

Camp Jambalaya Jubilee is a weekend retreat for families with a child who has been diagnosed with juvenile arthritis. The event was supported by forty Physician Assistant (PA) students from the School of Allied Health Professions who will serve as counselors utilizing this opportunity to learn firsthand about the challenges juvenile arthritis creates for children and their families. Children and siblings (up to 18) participate in age-appropriate camp activities while parents attend small group sessions with top rheumatologists from around the country and family therapists. Dr. Umar Sarwat, Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at LSUHS and a member of the Center of Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology has actively supported Camp Jambalaya Jubilee for well over a decade.

Blood Drives

LSU Health Shreveport, in conjunction with our clinical partner Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, holds monthly blood drives on campus in an effort to meet the ongoing demand for blood and blood products. The need for blood has been especially great during the pandemic with blood donations diminishing. In addition to blood drives, bone marrow drives are held multiple times a year in hopes of identifying life-saving blood marrow donors.



Donation Drive For Ukraine

LSU Health Shreveport also partnered with Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport on a DONATION DRIVE FOR UKRAINE. This effort was led by Dr. Bohdan Zoschuk, a native Ukrainian, now a first year resident in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at LSU Health Shreveport.

Dr. Zoshchuks' passion for the immense need for food, water, hygiene and medical products, clothing and blankets led to an extremely successful donation drive with over four carloads of items being shipped to Ukraine.



Training Shreveport Police Department

Following the national attention brought on by the George Floyd tragedy, Dr. Michelle Yetman, a clinical psychologist in the School of Allied Health Professions at LSUHS, soon discovered similar incidents involving individuals with autism were occurring in parishes across Louisiana. The timing of this finding aligned with efforts by the Shreveport Police Department to create a progressive training curriculum that engaged non-

law enforcement subject matter experts to enhance SPD's knowledge and ability to deal with citizens with developmental disabilities. Enter Dr. Michelle Yetman who immediately began development of a novel training program which included video modeling. The videos featured police officers who were parents of children who had been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). These officers were committed to making sure their fellow officers knew how to correctly interact with individuals on the autism spectrum. As a voluntary service to the community, Dr. Yetman delivered biweekly lectures on proper interaction techniques with autistic individuals resulting in over 300 law enforcement officers, jailors, detectives, sergeants and individuals working in the criminal justice system gaining this desired knowledge. A key motivation for this project occurred when a close friend's son who had ASD eloped from their home, and police were called. The child, who was 4 years old and nonverbal, was ultimately safely returned to his family. Training officers how to effectively respond to such emergencies, and how to safely and correctly interact with individuals with disabilities, helps to make the Shreveport area a safer community for these individuals and their families.

LSUHS Sports Medicine Residency Program

The LSUHS Sports Medicine Residency Program has been instrumental in assisting the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission in attracting national sporting events to north Louisiana by providing comprehensive COVID-19 testing, medical evaluations and on-site medical care at the 2021 & 2022 USA Boxing Tournaments, FIVB Volleyball Nations League Competition, and LaxFest - a 2 day lacrosse tournament for varsity and middle school female and male teams.

This dedicated group of physicians also serve as the Team Physicians for Centenary College of Louisiana, East Texas Baptist University, and LSU Shreveport. Additionally, the LSUHS Sports Medicine Residency Program serves as Team Physicians to the Shreveport Mudbugs and the Grambling State University Tigers working in conjunction with the LSUHS Department of Orthopaedics.



WHITE COAT Ceremony

The 20th annual White Coat Ceremony was held on March 5 at the Strand Theatre in Shreveport. At this iconic rite of passage ceremony, 149 second-year medical school students received their white coats, symbolizing their transition from classroom learning to more patient-focused training in clinical settings. In a special tradition for LSU Health Shreveport, each medical student received a note from an alumnus in the pocket of their white coat offering advice and words of encouragement as they begin the next chapter in their journey to becoming a physician. Dr. Keith White, Professor and the John C. McDonald MD Endowed Chair of Surgery, served as the keynote speaker and administered the Oath for the Class of 2024.



Match Day

On March 18, medical schools across the country held Match Day ceremonies where senior medical students learned what residency program they matched to and where they will spend the next three to seven years completing their graduate medical education training. On this highly anticipated day, graduating students participating in the 2022 Main Residency Match® celebrated their accomplishments alongside family, friends, and peers while looking ahead to the next chapter of their careers.

LSU Health Shreveport remained highly competitive at the national level, with 99.3 percent of LSUHS applicants matched to a residency position. Of this year's graduating class, 44.5 percent will stay in Louisiana, which is critical as the state faces a significant shortfall in the number of physicians needed to meet the rising healthcare demand. Of the 55.5% pursuing residencies outside the state, they will do so at prestigious programs around the country including Duke, Georgetown, Emory, Wake Forest, Case Western, Baylor, UCLA and UT Southwestern.

Match Day also reveals new physicians who will come to the Shreveport-Bossier City area for their residency training. LSU Health Shreveport successfully filled all 131 residency positions available. The Office for Graduate Medical Education welcomed new residents to LSU Health Shreveport in late June.

Match Day HIGHLIGHTS

31.2%

of the graduating class of 2022 will stay at LSU Health Shreveport for their residency.

41.8%

of graduates matched to an LSU residency site in Louisiana.

44.5%

of graduates will stay in Louisiana helping address a shortfall in physicians due to rising healthcare demands.

49.9%

of graduates are entering into primary care specialties (Internal Medicine, OBGYN, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, and Medicine-Pediatrics).

LSU President Dr. William F. Tate IV and
LSU Health Shreveport Interim Chancellor
Dr. David Lewis congratulate
Miranda Smith



LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT **CELEBRATES** LARGEST COMMENCEMENT IN HISTORY

Graduation for all three of LSU Health Shreveport's professional schools took place in a combined ceremony held at Shreveport Convention Center on May 21. With 206 students receiving degrees, LSU Health Shreveport's largest graduating class to date celebrated the culmination of hundreds of hours work with this academic accomplishment.

LSU President Dr. William F. Tate IV gave the keynote commencement address, with Wayne Brown and Randy Morris assisting in the conferring of degrees on behalf of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in healthcare occupations is projected to grow 16 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations. Healthcare occupations are projected to add more jobs than any of the other occupational groups.

This projected growth is mainly due to an aging population, leading to greater demand for healthcare services.

Healthcare remains a driving force in the region with LSU Health Shreveport contributing over \$600 million annually to the local economy. More than 70 percent of the physicians and allied health professionals in the Shreveport-Bossier community received a portion or all of their training at LSU Health Shreveport.

Of graduating medical students, 99.3 percent matched to residency programs with 44.5 percent staying in Louisiana to complete their residency training and 31.2 percent staying in Shreveport. All of the graduates in the Schools of Allied Health Professions and Graduate Studies have accepted employment offers or will further pursue their education.

Skull Base Neurosurgery Fellowship Receives CAST Accreditation

The Skull Base Fellowship in the Department of Neurosurgery at LSU Health Shreveport has been awarded Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST) accreditation. This nationally recognized accreditation gives residents the ability to earn a certificate of specialized training and is a highly pursued and respected designation among academic neurosurgery programs.

LSU Health Shreveport becomes the first in Louisiana and one of less than 15 skull base residency programs in the country to receive this five-year accreditation. CAST is responsible for the accreditation of subspecialty training fellowships for the development and updating of subspecialty requirements.

The Department of Neurosurgery offers an excellent combination of clinical and research opportunities. The clinical component consists of all aspects of complex intracranial surgery, including endoscopic skull base surgery, aneurysm/AVM surgery, complex skull base tumors, acoustic neuroma surgery, awake craniotomy techniques, and intraventricular endoscopy. The neurosurgery team works closely with the ENT Department at LSU Health Shreveport and collaborates with them on all endoscopic and lateral skull base surgeries. The Fellow also has an opportunity to participate in radiosurgery and radiation treatment for complex skull base pathology. The research component provides the Fellow opportunities to perform a combination of anatomic-based cadaveric projects and clinical/outcomes/technique-based projects.

Learn more about the new Skull Base Neurosurgery Fellowship at www.lsuhs.edu/neurosurgery.



Redstone Residency Poster Presentation

Congratulations to the winners of the 7th Annual Redstone Residency Poster Competition. With 85 poster presentations in this year's competition, the judges had their work cut out for them. Thank you to judges Dr. Shane Barton, Dr. Surender Arora, Dr. Diana Veillon, and Dr. Terry O'Neal for their time and dedication. A special thank you as well to Robert Redstone and Redstone Securities for continued support of the LSUHS residency programs.

1ST PLACE

Dr. Kevin Smidt (PGY-4, Orthopaedic Surgery): Implementation of a Preoperative Patient Education Class for Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Patients Significantly Reduces Postoperative Narcotic Usage and Non-Home Discharge

2ND PLACE

Dr. David Janese (PGY-3, Emergency Medicine/Family Medicine): Correlations Among Evaluator's Level of Training, Assigned HEART Score, and Major Adverse Cardiac Events

3RD PLACE

Dr. Benjamin Horn (PGY-1, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics): On the Feasibility of a Telecoaching Program in Serious Illness Conversations: Creating Effective Interprofessional Relationships During COVID-19

Graduate Research Day 2022

The LSU Health Shreveport School of Graduate Studies Graduate Student Council hosted another successful Graduate Research Day on May 6. This annual event highlights the research of students and fellows in the School of Graduate Studies and allows them to network with their peers and faculty members. This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Ruhul Abid, Associate Professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Rhode Island Hospital and Brown University Warren Alpert Medical School. Dr. Abid was a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Ricky De Benedetti's lab at LSUHS in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology from 1997-2000. He has combined careers in research on cardiovascular diseases and in global health, and his work with his nonprofit organization Health and Education for All resulted in a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in 2020. It was an honor to welcome Dr. Abid back to campus to share his wisdom and guidance with our students.



Students in the School of Graduate Studies presented retiring Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Kelly Tatchell PhD, with a signed group photo at the conclusion of the 2022 Research Day.

2022 AWARD WINNERS

ABSTRACT BOOK COVER PAGE CONTEST

Ashton Jorgensen

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW POSTER PRESENTATION

Yingli Shi

SENIOR POSTER PRESENTATION

1st Place: Mychal Grames

2nd Place: Brenna Pearson

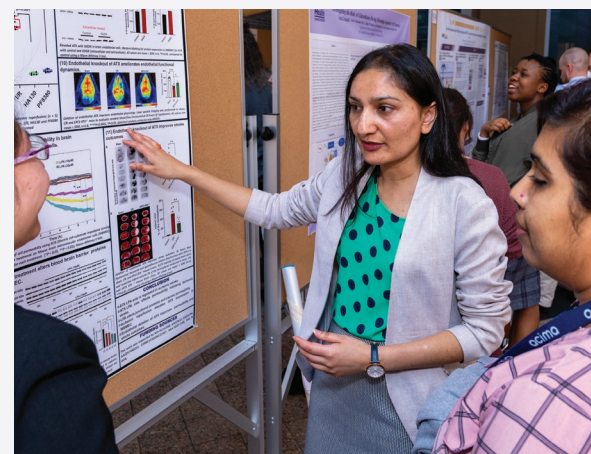
JUNIOR POSTER PRESENTATION

1st Place: Megan Butler

2nd Place: Clifton Haacker

STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATION

Christina Acosta



STUDY SHOWS FIRE EXPOSURE INCREASES HEART RISKS



New research finds that firefighters' risk of irregular heartbeat is linked to the number of on-the-job fire exposures.

A recent study funded by the National Institutes of Health and led by Dr. Paari Dominic, Associate Professor of Cardiology and Molecular and Cellular Physiology at LSU Health Shreveport, examined the association of atrial fibrillation or AFib — an irregular heart rhythm — and occupational exposure among firefighters.

According to the American Heart Association, AFib is the most common type of irregular heartbeat with at least 2.7 million people living with it in the United States. People with AFib have an increased risk of blood clots, heart failure, stroke, and other heart complications.

The study, published March 25 in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*, found that the more fires that firefighters respond to, the higher their risk of AFib. The study was conducted from 2018-19 among active firefighters throughout the U.S. and participants were recruited through five professional firefighter organizations. They completed a survey about their occupational exposure (number of fires fought per year) and about their history of heart disease. Of the 10,860 firefighters who completed the survey (93.5 percent male, and 95.5 percent were age 60 or younger), 2.9 percent of the men and 0.9 percent of the women reported a diagnosis of AFib.

After adjusting for atrial fibrillation risk factors, such as high blood pressure and smoking, researchers found a 14 percent increased risk of atrial fibrillation for every additional five fires fought annually.

Compared with people in other occupations, firefighters are known to have a disproportionately high risk of heart disease, and almost half of fatalities in on-duty firefighters result from sudden cardiac death. An increased risk of an irregular heart rhythm or arrhythmias from the ventricles, the bottom chambers of the heart, has been documented in firefighters, however, prior to this study, little was known about AFib, which is an arrhythmia involving the top chambers of the heart.

"Clinicians who care for firefighters need to be aware of the increased cardiovascular risk, especially the increased risk of AFib, among this unique group of individuals. The conditions that elevate their risk further, such as high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, lung disease, and sleep apnea, should be

treated aggressively. In addition, any symptoms of AFib, such as palpitations, trouble breathing, dizziness, and fatigue, should be investigated promptly," Dr. Dominic said.

According to the researchers, multiple mechanisms may be involved in the association between firefighting and AFib, including the inhalation and absorption through the skin of harmful compounds and substances produced by the combustion of materials during a fire, high physical and psychological stress, and exposure to high temperatures that can increase core body temperature and cause severe dehydration. Further clinical and translational studies are needed to explore causation and mechanisms.

The study is limited by basing the presence of atrial fibrillation and all other medical conditions on the firefighters' survey responses. However, the researchers were able to support the self-reported responses by linking them to well-established associations between atrial fibrillation and the presence of risk factors such as high blood pressure and sleep apnea, suggesting that the self-reports were accurate.

Based on the results of this study, researchers suggest future studies systematically screen firefighters for AFib to detect asymptomatic or new cases to evaluate the relationship between fire exposure and stroke risk in firefighters with AFib to allow a better understanding about which of the components of occupational exposure to fires plays a key role in causing fibrillation. The reluctance of firefighters with AFib to use blood thinners should also be examined. Blood thinners are a standard treatment for AFib; however, the medication carries an added risk of bleeding, and firefighters are concerned about their increased risk of bleeding injuries due to low-visibility firefighting situations.

"Studying firefighters, who personally make sacrifices for the safety of us all, is essential to prevent disease and death in this population that makes a big impact on the well-being of our communities," Dr. Dominic said.

Co-authors of the study are Dr. Catherine Vanchiere, Dr. Rithika Thirumal, Dr. Aditya Hendrani, Dr. Parinita Dherange, Angela Bennett, Dr. Runhua Shi, Dr. Rakesh Gopinathannair, Dr. Brian Olshansky, and Dr. Denise L. Smith. This research was supported by an Institutional Development Award from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under grant number P20GM121307 to C.G. Kevil.

MAJOR MILESTONES

for the Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats

LSU Health Shreveport's COVID-19 Strike Team has administered more than **100,000 COVID-19** vaccines since January 2021.

Over 175 individuals have been a part of the LSUHS vaccine teams comprised of physicians, nurses, nursing, medical and allied health students, and the Louisiana National Guard. These individuals have provided vaccines at over 100 locations throughout north Louisiana.

The Emerging Viral Threats (EVT) Lab at LSU Health Shreveport has processed more than **500,000 COVID-19 PCR tests**. Testing is an essential component in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests are a type of molecular test that analyzes a sample for the presence or absence of genetical material, or RNA, of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Since its authorization in February of 2020, the PCR test has been considered the "gold standard" diagnostic test for COVID-19 because of its high accuracy.

The entire CEVT team has remained dedicated and worked diligently to protect Louisiana citizens since the earliest days of the pandemic. Since it first began processing COVID-19 tests in March 2020, the EVT Lab has only continued to grow in its capabilities. In addition to testing more than 500,000 Louisiana citizens for the presence or absence of an active SARS-CoV-2 infection via PCR tests, **nearly 18,000 antigen tests** have been conducted to rapidly detect for presence of the virus and more than 4,600 serology tests have been run, which test for the presence of antibodies to the virus.

On Sunday, January 16, the Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats' (CEVT) Viral Genomics and Surveillance Lab uploaded its **10,000th sequence** to GISAID (Global Initiative on Sharing Influenza Data). The LSU Health Shreveport CEVT Sequencing Lab has worked tirelessly sequencing and tracking variants of SAR-CoV-2, the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease. The uploaded sequences from samples collected in early January were nearly all Omicron variant, the dominant variant in the U.S. attributed to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases.

The CEVT Sequencing Lab continues to be the top submitter of SARS-CoV-2 data from Louisiana to online repositories and is now looking at technologies to further increase the speed at which sequence is generated and shared. Rapid data sharing from around the globe during the COVID-19 pandemic has been through the use of the GISAID database, which now contains more than 7 million SARS-CoV-2 sequences.



INAUGURAL FEIST CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences (CCDS) awarded its first D. Neil Granger Awards for Outstanding Predoctoral Trainee, Postdoctoral Trainee and Clinical Trainee.

Dr. D. Neil Granger is the former Chair of the Department of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, and was awarded the Boyd Professorship, the highest honor bestowed by the LSU system, in 1998. As Chair of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Cardiovascular Disease and Imaging (former name of the CCDS) for more than 10 years, he positioned the CCDS to successfully apply for Center status and continued to serve on the Board of Directors until he retired. Dr. Granger

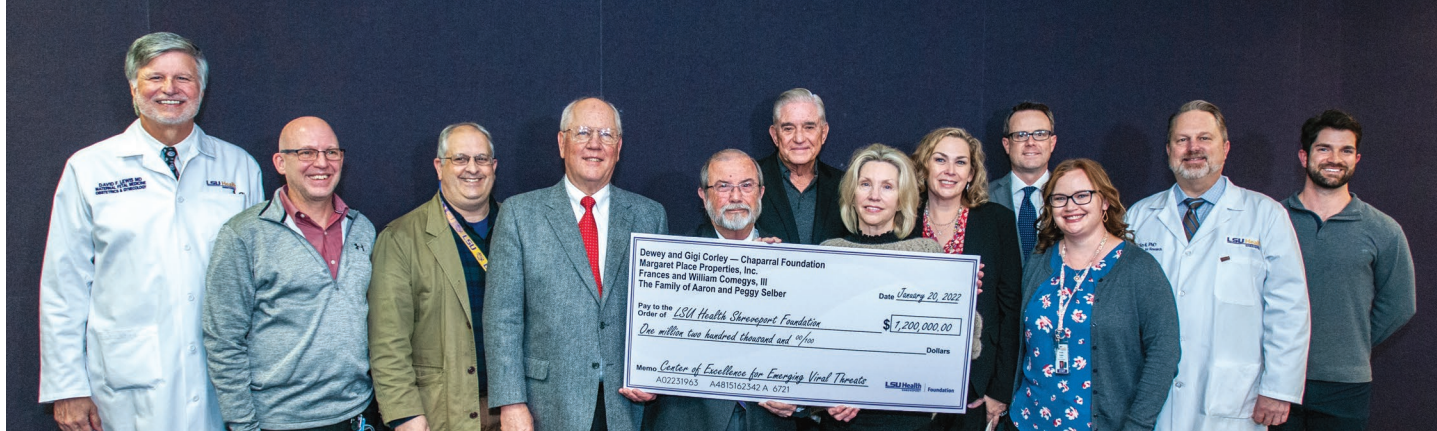
is world-renowned for his research on microcirculation, with over 600 publications, more than 80,000 citations, and continuous funding from the NIH over 35 years. He served on numerous grant review panels, and was Associate Editor for 3 journals, and Editor-in-Chief for Microcirculation. He also served as President of both the Microcirculatory Society and the American Physiological Society. Dr. Granger was honored by countless awards, including the Landis Award and Lecture from the Microcirculatory Society, the Robert Berne Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Cardiovascular Section, and the Benjamin W. Zweifach Award at the 10th World Congress for Microcirculation.

Congratulations

D. Neil Granger, PhD Award for Outstanding Predoctoral Trainee: **Gaganpreet Kaur**

D. Neil Granger, PhD Award for Outstanding Postdoctoral Trainee: **Chowdhury Abdullah, PhD**

D. Neil Granger, PhD Award for Outstanding Clinical Trainee: **Aakash Sheth, MD**



Local Business Leaders Support Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats with \$1.2 Million Gift

Dewey and Gigi Corley through their Chaparral Foundation, together with Margaret Place Properties, Inc., Frances and William Comegys, III, and the Family of Aaron and Peggy Selber, committed a combined \$1.2 million to establish the first endowment for LSU Health Shreveport's Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats (CEVT). This is the largest private gift in the CEVT's history. The group presented the gift to leadership of the CEVT and LSU Health Shreveport at a press conference on January 20. Through this historic gift, the group hopes to encourage others to support the CEVT's work and mission.

"These gifts will provide fundamental support for the CEVT for years to come as we continue to address the public health needs of the North Louisiana region and beyond," said Chris Kevil, PhD, LSU Health Shreveport's Vice Chancellor for Research. "Support through gifts like this enhance our capability to address current and future viral threats and

elevate LSU Health Shreveport's position as a national leader in viral research."

"As confident as I was in our ability to stand up a first-class lab to process COVID-19 test samples, I could never have envisioned the wide-scale impact of our services. I will be forever grateful to our lab staff, strike teams and LSUHS leadership for their early and continued support allowing us to grow and now be on the cusp of moving into a BSL3 lab in 2023," stated Andrew Yurochko, PhD, Executive Director of the Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats.

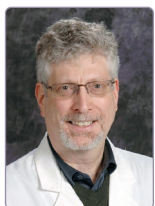
"On behalf of the entire COVID-19 Strike Team, I am thankful for these community leaders who recognize the important work being done by the CEVT," said John Vanchiere, MD, PhD, Associate Director of the CEVT and Director of the LSUHS COVID-19 Strike Team. "This gift will allow for the CEVT's continued success in combating COVID-19 and serving the community."

Dewey Corley, local businessman and long-time supporter of LSU Health Shreveport stated, "We are proud to support the important work being done right here in Shreveport at the CEVT. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the scientists at LSU Health Shreveport have remained committed to serving this community, and we hope this gift demonstrates how grateful we are for every member of the CEVT for their dedication and expertise."

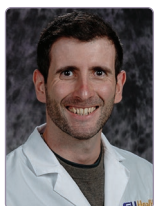
Bill Comegys, president of the local non-profit group, Margaret Place Properties, Inc., shared, "We are excited for the opportunity to support the CEVT at LSU Health Shreveport. The CEVT has become a vital resource for our community and its citizens, and we are proud to aid in its continued growth."

For more information about the CEVT and giving opportunities, visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/cevt

LSU Health Shreveport Professor And Postdoc WIN 2021 Louisiana Startup Prize



Arganum Transplant Solutions was named the winner of Louisiana Startup Prize 2021: Focus on Health. Founded by **J. Steven Alexander, PhD**, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology at LSU Health Shreveport, and **Ricardo Costa, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow at LSU Health Shreveport, Arganum Transplant Solutions aims to transform the organ preservation market by providing a method to convert 'marginal' donor organs into 'acceptable/optimal' organs by preventing post-implant inflammation which causes transplantation failure, called 'delayed graft failure'.



Arganum Transplant Solutions was one of four finalists for this year's Startup Prize, which focused on health and health innovation startup companies. To qualify for the finals, entrepreneurs needed to have a health-focused business, such as a medical or surgical device, therapeutic, health technology, health service, or drug research, and attend one of the Mentor Events. Dr. Costa, CEO of Arganum Transplant Solutions, and Dr. Alexander, President of Arganum Transplant Solutions, presented their final business plans and pitch to the Startup Prize panel of judges December 10-12. As the winner of the competition, they receive \$10,000 cash and a variety of professional services to further expand their company.

LSU Health Shreveport Holds Fourth Annual Research Celebration Honoring Excellence in Research

LSU Health Shreveport leadership, faculty, staff, students and community supporters gathered to honor researchers, scientists and community members at the fourth annual Research Celebration on Thursday, April 28. Individuals were honored with Office of Research Excellence Awards in recognition of their research and academic achievements, as well as supporting the advancement of research at LSUHS. Dr. Chris Kevil, Vice Chancellor for Research, also highlighted new research faculty members and exciting developments on the horizon that will continue to facilitate research growth on our campus and beyond.



Office of Research Excellence Award WINNERS

Excellence in Extramural Funding Award: **Dr. Karen Stokes, Dr. Wayne Orr, and Dr. Lynn Harrison**

Excellence in Translational Research Award: **Dr. Sushil Jain**

Excellence in Innovation Award: **Dr. Ricardo Costa and Dr. Giovanni Solitro**

Excellence in Scholarly Activity: **Dr. Yuping Wang, Dr. Andrew Yurochko, Dr. Chris Kevil, Dr. Alan Kaye, Dr. Sushil Jain, Dr. Shile Huang**

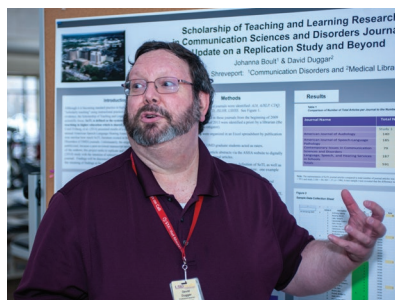
Research Rising Star: **Dr. Art Yurdagül and Dr. Oren Rom**

Community Champion Award: **Roy O. Martin III & Kathy Kilpatrick Martin and Dewey Corley**



School of Allied Health Professions RESEARCH NIGHT

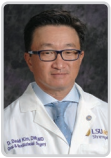
The Grants & Research Committee of the LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions hosted a Research Night event on March 17. The event showcased 22 poster abstracts from all programs ranging from Health and Wellness Intervention for Head Start Teachers, Pre-Pandemic Evaluation of the State of Staffing Levels in Respiratory Care Professionals, Diagnosis of Deep Vein Thrombosis in Mechanical Hip Pain, and many more topics.



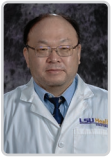
HONORS & APPOINTMENTS



Joseph Dedrick Jordan, MD, PhD, was named the new Chair of the Department of Neurology. Dr. Jordan comes to LSU Health Shreveport from Duke University where he served as Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Vice Chair of Strategy and Analytics, and as Medical Director of the Neuroscience Clinical Service Unit. As a neurointensivist, Dr. Jordan focuses on taking care of patients with acute neurological illness with common diagnoses of traumatic brain injury, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intraparenchymal hemorrhage, ischemic stroke, status epilepticus, and acute neuromuscular weakness. Funding sources for his research include the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Department of Defense (DOD), numerous pharma companies, UNC Cancer Research Fund, and the V Foundation for Cancer Research.



David Kim, DMD, MD, FACS, was selected through a national search to serve as the Chair of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Kim served successfully as the interim chair since April 2021. He will continue his 15-year tenure as the Director of the Head and Neck Surgery and Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship and will also continue in his role as Chief of the Division of the Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery which he began in 2014. He holds the distinction of the Edward and Freeda Green Professorship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.



Hidehiro Takei, MD, was selected to serve as the Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology. Prior to joining the faculty at LSU Health Shreveport in 2021, Dr. Takei served as a Chairman and Director of Anatomic Pathology at Asahikawa Medical University Hospital in Japan for five years. His previous experience includes serving as Director of Autopsy Services and Program Director of Molecular Genetic Pathology at Houston Methodist Hospital and as an Assistant Professor at Weill Cornell Medical College. His expertise and board certifications are in the areas of cytopathology, neuropathology, and molecular genetic pathology.



Jason Bodily, PhD, was selected as Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Bodily joined the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at LSU Health Shreveport as an Assistant Professor in 2011 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2019. Since joining the LSUHS faculty, Dr. Bodily has been a mentor to many graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and has been a mentor for high school, undergraduate and medical students through the SMART, Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and Medical Student Research Programs over the years. The focus of Dr. Bodily's research is human papillomaviruses (HPVs), which are the causative agents of cervical and other cancers.



Grace Nickels, EdD, was named as the new Sexual Assault and Violence Education (SAVE) Officer at LSU Health Shreveport, overseeing the SAVE Program and providing educational and support services to the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Medicine, and Graduate Studies.



James Morris, MD, FAGG, FACP, AGAF, Associate Professor of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, has been named the inaugural Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Veterans Affairs at LSU Health Shreveport. He will serve as the liaison between Graduate Medical Education (GME), LSUHS Department Chairs, and Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport. Dr. Morris will also support the Designated Institution Officer and the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance in the development of operation and capital planning for GME activities.



R. Shane Barton, MD, MPH, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Thomas Norris MD Endowed Professor, has been named the inaugural Assistant Dean for Faculty Development. In this role, Dr. Barton will serve as the liaison between the School of Medicine, departments, and faculty to identify the resources, priorities, and infrastructure to advance professional development opportunities. He will lead the newly established Office of Professional Development at LSUHS which will promote an environment that facilitates excellence, effective teamwork, outstanding service, and productivity.



Alan D. Kaye, MD, PhD, DABA, DABPM, DABIPP, FASA, Professor of Anesthesiology and Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neurosciences, was selected as the 2022 recipient of the prestigious Racz Excellence Award by the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP).



Sarah Thayer, MD, PhD, Director Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, was appointed to the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board by Governor John Bel Edwards. The Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board serves to determine policy for the Louisiana Tumor Registry and distribute state funds for cancer research. Dr. Thayer will serve as the representative for LSU Health Shreveport on the Board.



Ellen Friday, PhD, received her Qualification in Biorepository Science (QBRS) from the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER). Dr. Friday is among the first 100 people globally to pass the QBRS exam and receive this credential, a distinction among biorepository science professionals.

HONORS & APPOINTMENTS



James Cotelingam, MD, Professor of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, and Director of Clinical Pathology, was selected as a 2021 recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. The honor is based on career longevity, philanthropic endeavors, and lasting contributions to society. Only a small percentage of the 1.5 million eligible individuals are selected for this honor. Dr. Cotelingam was one of nine recipients of this prestigious award, which was featured in The Wall Street Journal.



Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, was inducted as the 2021-2022 President of the Association of Academic Departments of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (AADO-HNS).



Majed Jeroudi, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, was the recipient of the 2021 Joseph Bocchini, Jr. Award from the Northwest Louisiana Pediatric Society for his displays of Humanism in Pediatrics.



Ryan Jones, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, was the recipient of the 2021 Dr. William H. Haynie, Sr. award from the Northwest Louisiana Pediatric Society, which years of service and commitment to children of the Northwest Louisiana region.

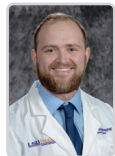


The **LSU Health Shreveport COVID-19 Strike Team** was the recipient of the 2021 Dr. Donald G Mack Award from the Northwest Louisiana Pediatric Society in recognition of the countless pediatric lives saved by their administration of COVID-19 vaccines to children ages 5 and up. The LSUHS COVID-19 Strike Team was also honored by The Red Mass Society of Shreveport at the annual Red Mass held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on May 6. "This year's honoree adds to the strong legacy of the Shreveport Red Mass. To honor a group such as the LSU Health Shreveport COVID-19 Strike Team, locally based with national and international significance, which has done so much to help so many during a very difficult time, is indeed one of the highlights of our 25-year history. To have Dr. Vanchiere and his group celebrating with us will make this year's Red Mass particularly meaningful," said Larry Pettiette, Red Mass Chairman. Since 1993, the Red Mass has been celebrated annually at Holy Trinity Catholic Church the first week of May in recognition of National Law Week. The Mass is

attended by judges, lawyers, government officials and persons of faith for the purpose of invoking God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice and is sponsored locally by the Red Mass Society of Shreveport, which is dedicated to works of charity and other community projects.



Julie Esparza, MLS, AHIP, Associate Director and Librarian/Professor of Medical Library Science, was the recipient of the 2022 President's Award from the Medical Library Association. The President's Award is given to an MLA member, selected by the association's officers and Board of Directors, for a notable or important contribution made during the past association year. The contribution must have enhanced the profession of health sciences librarianship or furthered the objectives of the association. Ms. Esparza was recognized for her role in co-authoring "Partner with Hospital Librarians to Improve Patient Care," an advocacy statement aimed at hospital administrators to encourage ongoing funding and support of hospital libraries and their staffs.



Aaron Sheppard, MSII, has been selected to participate in the 2022-2023 class of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP). The MRSP is a year-long residential research immersion program for future clinician-scientists who are current medical, dental, and veterinary students that advances health by inspiring careers in biomedical research. Aaron is one of 50 students from across the country selected for this prestigious program this year and the first medical student from LSUHS to participate.

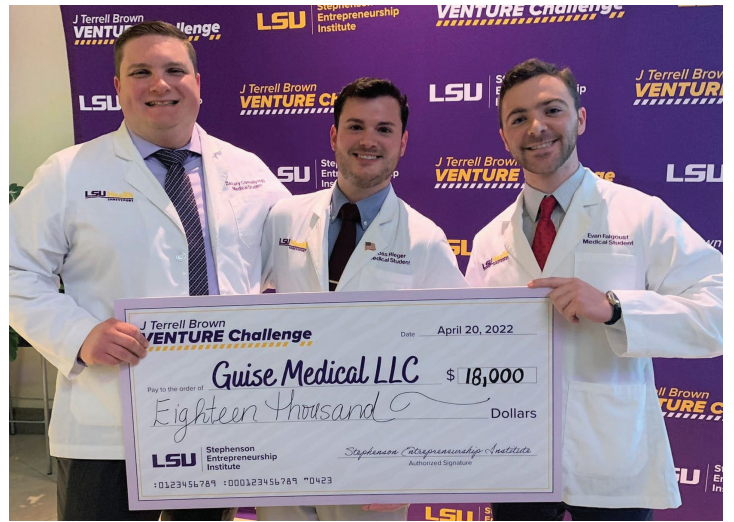


Oren Rom, PhD, RD, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, received the 2022 Irvine H. Page Junior Faculty Research Award. This prestigious award, sponsored by the American Heart Association's Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATVB Council), recognizes investigators in the formative years of their faculty careers who have the potential to become future leaders in cardiovascular research. Dr. Rom was initially selected as one of three finalists for the Page Award in April and presented his research during a special session on May 13 at the ATVB Council's Vascular Discovery: From Genes to Medicine Scientific Sessions in Seattle, Washington. Finalists of the award were assessed on the quality and originality of the submitted manuscript, the quality of the oral presentation and response to questions, publication and funding record, and service to the scientific community and the American Heart Association.



Dr. Robert Moore is retiring after more than 25 years of service to LSUHS Family Medicine Program in Alexandria. Dr. Moore served as the Family Medicine Alexandria Residency Program Director for the last six years.

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 Zachary Connelly, PhD, Co-Founder
 Ross Rieger, Co-Founder
 Evan Falgoust, Co-Founder



LSU Health Shreveport Medical Students **WIN** 2022 J Terrell Brown Venture Challenge

Guise Medical LLC won first place in the 2022 J Terrell Brown Venture Challenge for their patented MED-pal device—decorative covers that disguise syringes and help alleviate the stress of needles during children’s medical visits. Their first-place finish came with an \$18,000 award.

LSU Health Shreveport medical students Zachary Connelly, Ross Rieger and Evan Falgoust are the student founders behind Guise Medical. They are the first team from outside the flagship LSU campus to enter the contest. Along with Chief Design Officer Kevin Malone, these medical students are on their journey as aspiring physicians with a passion for creating the best possible patient experience. Their invention started as an idea to comfort children due to the widespread fear of doctor’s office visits because of the looming needlestick.

The J Terrell Brown Venture Challenge, held by the LSU Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute, is an annual business plan pitch competition open to all on-campus students in the LSU system. Students must submit an application and a two-minute pitch video explaining their existing business or idea for a new venture. Entrants selected to move to the next round prepare an executive business plan. Following evaluation of the business plans, three finalists are chosen to pitch live to a panel of judges. This year the total prize pool was \$30,000. The competition was sponsored by Jones Walker and GMFS.

For more information about the J Terrell Brown Venture Challenge, visit lsu.edu/business/venture. To learn more about Guise Medical, visit guisemedical.com.



Allen A. Copping Excellence
 in Teaching Award for Clinical Science

Paari Dominic, MD
 Associate Professor of Cardiology



Allen A. Copping Excellence
 in Teaching Award for Basic Sciences

Matthew Woolard, PhD
 Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology,
 O’Callaghan Family Endowed Professor in Microbiology



Allen A. Copping Excellence
 in Teaching Award for Allied Health Professions

Lauren Rachal Sant, PT, DPT, NCS
 Instructor of Physical Therapy,
 Neurologic Residency Program Director

2022 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award is given each year to selected individuals who are “uniquely gifted in imparting knowledge, possess a lifelong quest for discovery, lead by example, foster a sense of caring and compassion, and inspire the young men and women in whose capable hands will rest the health and well-being of the people of Louisiana.” Recipients are nominated by students and peers, and are chosen by a committee of their leaders, colleagues and students based strictly on their academic teaching. The Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award is given at both LSU system health science center campuses in Shreveport and New Orleans and is the highest teaching award. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Allen A. Copping, former Chancellor of LSU Medical Center and President of the LSU System.

2021 Employee Excellence Award WINNERS

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation is pleased to join LSU Health Shreveport in recognizing the 2021 Employee Excellence Award winners. These outstanding LSUHS employees are raising the standard of excellence for our institution and community. Nominated by their peers, winners were chosen based on their dedication, excellence in attitude, skills, and work ethic. Thank you to Campus Federal Credit Union for their partnership to help recognize and celebrate our 2021 Employee Excellence Award winners.

Ryan Alexander – Computer Services
Teresa Ball – Family Medicine Residency - Alexandria
Jessica Cote – Departments of Neurology & Neurosurgery
Edith Evans – School of Allied Health Professions Rehabilitation Clinic
Dr. Alexander Gomelsky – Department of Urology
Kevin Hayes – Printing Services
Lauren Lafitte – Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Leisa Oglesby – Graduate Medical Education
Stephanie Saunders – Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine
Dr. John Vanchiere – Department of Pediatrics, Clinical Trials Office, and COVID-19 Strike Team
Captain Jamie Walker – University Police Department

Congratulations Employee Service Award HONOREES

Congratulations to the 167 Employee Service Award Honorees for 2021! These individuals have contributed more than 2,835 years of service to our institution. Their dedication and efforts support the successes of LSU Health Shreveport and help sustain our mission to teach, heal and discover.

20 YEARS

Ryan Alexander
Teresa Ball
Dr. Lauren Beal
Shannon Brewer
Gerald Brown
Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia
Tracy Calvert
Dr. Paul Cooper
Dr. Donald Elmajian
Jason Fortenberry
LaTonya Franklin
Tonerical Gardner
Dr. Thomas Gates
Dr. Xin Gu
Darren Guin
Ulander Holloway
Shanna Jones
Loretta Lee
Sandra Mack
Debra Mathews
Steven McAlister
Dr. Jennifer Olson-Rodriguez
Megail Parsons
Paula Polk
Flatariun Rice
Xiaohua Rong
Ronny Stader
Dr. Roberta Steed
Michael Stroud

25 YEARS

Lizbeth Antee
Rickey Bendow
Michelle Chaupetta
Dwayne Clayton
Joe Elzen
William Haacker
Gail Harris
Monica Henderson
Jeffrey Howells
Leshonda Lindsey
Arnita Lister
Dr. Sherry Luther
Marvis Mason
Jason Roberts
James Spitz
Jamie Walker
Edward White
Timothy Young

30 YEARS

Dr. Jo Alley
Lisa Booth
Dr. Lynda Britton
Charles Burke
Edith Evans
Annie Hall
Dr. Sandra Hayes
Peggy Holloway
Dalvern Jenkins
Dawn Napper
Lorraine Post
Dr. Susan Veillon

35 YEARS

Tony Britton
Dr. Steven Conrad
Dr. Nicholas Goeders
Dr. David Gross
Lorri Johnson
Dr. John Mata
Dr. Glenn Mills

40 YEARS

Dr. Richard Cavell
Dr. Terry Davis
Dr. Sushil Jain
Dr. Alan Richards
Shelia Rogers

45 YEARS

Carolyn Cannon
Cathy Couvillon
Carol Peterson



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Michelle Self, MD
*Nancy Jane Sentell Seale
 Professorship for Palliative Care*

Steven Bailey, MD, MSCAI, MACP, FACC, FAHA
*Malcolm W. Feist Endowed Chair
 in Interventional Cardiology*

Karina Sulaiman, MD
*J. Woodfin Wilson, MD Endowed Professorship
 in Internal Medicine*

Christopher Haas, MD
*Paul Winder, MD Endowed Professorship
 in Dermatology*

Tarek Helmy, MD
Joe E. Houlebek MD Endowed Professorship in Medicine

Department of Medicine **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

On December 17, 2021, the LSU Health Shreveport Foundation recognized the formal investitures of an endowed chair and four professorships in the LSU Health Shreveport Department of Medicine. Endowed chairs and professorships are the highest honor that can be bestowed on a faculty member and have a two-fold purpose: to provide recognition of our best and brightest, and to provide crucial funding of the holder’s work or to support an academic department’s specific needs.

Congratulations to these distinguished faculty members and thank you to the many donors who made these endowments possible. To learn more about the endowed chair and professorships in the Department of Medicine and/or to view more photos from the investiture ceremony, visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/med-investiture.

2022 GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Thirty-two new members were inducted into the LSU Health Shreveport chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) during the School of Medicine’s White Coat Ceremony on March 5, 2022. GHHS recognizes medical students, residents and faculty who practice compassionate, patient-centered care and who serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine. Members are peer nominated based on their commitment to providing the highest level of patient care, which they are responsible for continuing beyond their selection throughout their careers. There are more than 180 GHHS chapters in medical schools and residency programs around the world comprised of nearly 45,000 medical students, physicians, and other healthcare leaders.

FACULTY INDUCTEES

James Cotelingam, MD
 Terry Lairmore, MD
 Chiranjiv Virk, MD
 Michael Yim, MD

HOUSE OFFICER INDUCTEES

Beatriz Briones, MD
 Sean Holmes, MD
 Sam Igbinedion, MD
 Chris Oglesby, MD
 Connor Eckholdt, MD
 Kristie Searcy, MD

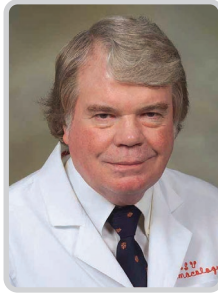
STUDENT INDUCTEES

Sarah Bertrand
 Andee Fontenot
 Taylor Jeannsonne
 Kyle Lewis
 Kendall Lewis
 Ali Zeringue
 Hillary Savage
 Meredith Nelson
 Grace Ann McCurdy
 Alexa Tafaro
 Asad Mussarat
 Maggie Ross
 Katherine Russo
 Catherine Loehr
 Kerigan Bowman
 Brady Rice
 Hannah Logan
 Wybra Price
 Hunter Hines
 Ashley Barras
 Lauren Rando
 Weldon Furr

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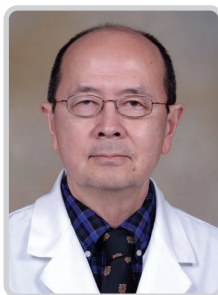
Adrian J. Dunn, PhD

Adrian J. Dunn, PhD, left earthly life on the evening of May 9, 2022, ending a long period of suffering secondary to dementia. He was 78. Dr. Dunn was born in London, England on June 16, 1943. In 1968 he received a PhD in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge where he was a scholarship student. He continued research in the neurosciences at the Institute of Genetics and Biophysics in Naples, Italy before arriving in the United States in January 1970 as a young Postdoctoral Fellow in the Biochemistry Department at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. It was during this period that he met Glenda Bradley. In 1973, after completing his training at UNC, they married and began life together in Gainesville, Florida where he took up a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He built a successful academic career there, which led to an invitation in 1988 to become Chairman of what was then known as the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at LSU Health Shreveport. In 2003 he was awarded the prestigious title of Boyd Professor, highest academic rank in the LSU system and one of only four awarded in the history of LSU Health Shreveport. In 2007 he accepted the unexpected opportunity to serve at the University of Hawaii in the Psychology Department, with a joint appointment in the Pacific Biosciences Research Center. He retired in 2013. Having maintained an affection for Shreveport and the beautiful South Highlands neighborhood, the Dunn's returned in late 2020.



Mardjohan "John" Hardjasudarma, MD, MPH

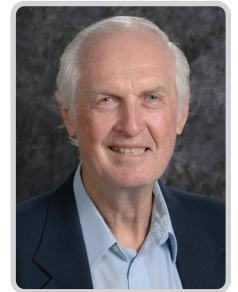
Dr. Mardjohan "John" Hardjasudarma passed away peacefully at the age of 78 on June 15, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born on October 15, 1943 in Jakarta, Indonesia. He came to America with his wife, Sheanny, in 1971 and returned to Indonesia after he completed his MPH at the University of Pittsburgh, Penn. He returned to the U.S. with Sheanny in 1975 and completed his Radiology Residency at Shadyside Hospital, followed by a fellowship in Neuroradiology at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh. Dr. Hardjasudarma served in the Department of Radiology at LSU Health Shreveport and was a Professor of Neuroradiology. He loved to teach serving as the Radiology Residency Program Director for 16 years and was Acting Chairman in 1992. Dr. Hardjasudarma published numerous papers in Radiology and Neuroradiology, and he was Board Certified for the Canadian and the American Board in Neuroradiology. He was actively involved with the Rotary and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. His childhood hobby was "Stamp Collecting and Front Covers of the



Netherlands Indies," which he continued to enjoy until he wasn't able to do this any longer due to Parkinson's. He published numerous articles in the American, Canadian, and Netherlands Philatelic magazines. In May 2006, the American Society for Netherlands Philately presented him with The Johannes de Kruyf Award in recognition and appreciation of his selfless devotion and outstanding contributions to Netherlands Philately. He was intrigued by the history and wealth of information behind every series of stamps and covers which he enjoyed collecting and publishing articles about them in various philatelic magazines. Dr. Hardjasudarma was a caring and happy individual and a dedicated father to Chris and a loving husband to Sheanny. He was a God-loving man who was loved dearly by his family and friends alike, who will miss him tremendously.

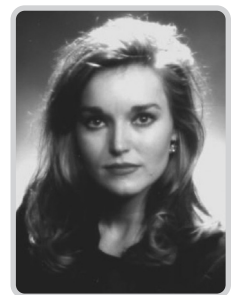
Brent C. Reed, PhD

Brent C. Reed, PhD, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, recently passed away from a heart attack shortly after being diagnosed with Influenza A. Dr. Reed was a faculty member at LSU Health Shreveport for over 33 years. He retired from LSUHS in 2021. His research focus was cellular functions of GLUT1CBP (GIPC). Historically, his lab was interested in identifying structural domains and protein interactions that confer the characteristic transport kinetics, membrane targeting, and insulin responsiveness that differentiate the behavior of the homologous glucose transporters, and his most recent work focused on examining the function of GLUT1CBP in regulating the distribution and movement of GLUT1 and other interacting proteins within the cell.



Lynn Maxey Vincent, MD

Lynn Maxey Vincent, MD, passed away in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 16, 2022, surrounded by her husband and children. Lynn was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on October 1, 1964. She graduated from Minden High School in 1982 and obtained her bachelor's degree from LSU in Baton Rouge in 1986. While at LSU, Lynn was active in Pi Beta Phi sorority, where she took on various leadership roles, and also served on the staff of state Senator Foster Campbell. Following her graduation from LSU, Lynn worked as a paralegal and then as a pharmaceutical sales representative before deciding to attend medical school. She enrolled at LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine and graduated in 2000. She practiced medicine in Springhill, Ruston and Dallas. During her time in medical school, Lynn met fellow student Jared M. Vincent, MD. The two married in 1999 and remained so until her death. During her residency at Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans, Lynn learned she was expecting twins. In 2002, she gave birth to Ingalls Corbin Vincent and Larsen Adler Vincent. Her children were her greatest joy, and she was tremendously proud of their many achievements.

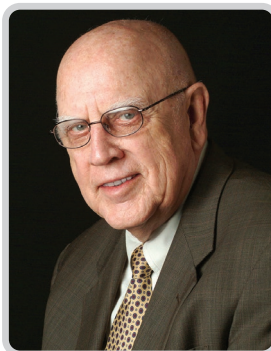


LASTING LEGACIES

POSTHUMOUS HONORS BESTOWED ON PIONEERING FACULTY

Dr. John C. McDonald Recognized for Contributions as Transplant Surgeon

The late John C. McDonald, MD, first Chancellor of LSU Health Shreveport, was awarded the 2022 Pioneer Award by the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) at the American Transplant Congress in Boston on June 5, 2022. The ASTS Pioneer award is the most distinguished award bestowed upon an individual by the ASTS for a significant contribution to the field of transplantation.



Trauma Center while head of the Department of Surgery. He integrated the Overton Brooks Veterans Administration Medical Center and the E.A. Conway Hospital into the surgical residency program at LSU Health Shreveport in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In 1989, the Willis-Knighton Medical Center became an affiliated institution and the primary hospital for the transplantation program.

Dr. McDonald earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi College in 1951 and his Medical Degree from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1955. After earning his medical degree, he interned at Confederate Memorial Medical Center, now Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport hospital. Before taking his general surgery residency at State University of New York at Buffalo, Dr. McDonald served two years as Flight Surgeon in the U.S. Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base in Trenton, NJ.

Dr. McDonald considered teaching to be his true calling. For more than 50 years, he taught more than 100 medical residents in general surgery and mentored hundreds of medical students. Even after he became Chancellor, he still met once a week with the surgery residents to review cases. In 2004, his accomplishments were recognized with the establishment of the John C. McDonald, MD, Endowed Chair in Surgery.

In 1968, he came back to Louisiana for a faculty appointment at the Tulane University School of Medicine, where he remained until 1977, when he moved to Shreveport to become Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine. As head of surgery at the academic health center, Dr. McDonald expanded the educational, research and patient care dimensions of the institution. Not only did Dr. McDonald bring organ transplantation to northwest Louisiana, he also established the Regional Burn Center and Level One

Appointed in November 2000 as the first Shreveport Chancellor of the LSU Health Shreveport, Dr. McDonald not only was chief executive officer of the campus but also simultaneously served as the Dean of the School of Medicine. Under his leadership, the LSU Health Shreveport embarked upon an unprecedented decade of growth across north and central Louisiana. During his tenure, state leaders coined the term “the Shreveport model” in praise of the excellence of LSU Health Shreveport. It was under Dr. McDonald’s leadership as Chancellor that the LSU Health Shreveport expanded to include three professional schools.

Dr. Alice Holoubek Inducted into LSU College of Science Hall of Distinction

The LSU College of Science’s Hall of Distinction posthumously recognized Dr. Alice Baker Holoubek as one of the 2022 honorees. The Hall of Distinction honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in their endless pursuit of excellence and fervent dedication to scientific leadership. Through their extraordinary achievements, outstanding characters, and commitments to their communities, the college’s honorees have established lasting legacies of excellence in their individual fields.



Affectionately known as “Dr. Alice,” Dr. Holoubek was a pioneering woman physician, medical educator, civic leader, and humanitarian. Dr. Holoubek defied social convention and pursued a career in medicine, when, in the 1930s, women were considered “poor” candidates for the profession. A true servant to the state of Louisiana, Dr. Holoubek persevered, despite grave illness, and launched a lifetime of service to the ailing and the less privileged. The eighth woman to graduate from LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans, she interned at Charity Hospital; completed graduate training at LSU; and worked as an assistant professor of medicine during World War II, teaching medical students preparing for wartime service. Relocating with her husband and children to North

Louisiana, she became the third woman admitted to the Shreveport Medical Society. Dr. Holoubek practiced internal medicine for more than 40 years and authored or co-authored 25 articles in medical and religious journals and chapters in four books. Dr. Holoubek, along with her husband, Dr. Joe Holoubek, led a 20-year push for graduate medical education in Shreveport that culminated in the founding of the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine in Shreveport in 1965, where she served as clinical assistant professor of medicine for 20 years and on the admissions committee for six years. Dr. Holoubek was a member of the local and state medical societies, Louisiana Heart Society, American Heart Association, American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the National Federation of Catholic Physicians Guilds.

In 1993, she was named one of Shreveport’s “Women Who Have Made a Difference” in recognition of her lasting contributions. Pope John Paul II named her Pontifical Domina of the Order of St. Gregory the Great for service to the Catholic Church in 1997. The Alice Baker Holoubek, MD Professorship of Medicine was established at her alma mater in 2008.

ALUMNI NOTES

Phillip A. Rozeman, MD

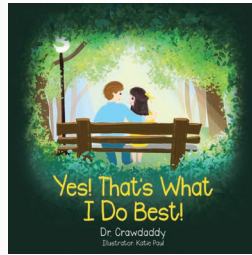
School of Medicine, Class of 1979

Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) named Dr. Phillip Rozeman the 2021 recipient of the organization's Robert B. Hamm Award for Distinguished Public Service. Dr. Rozeman is a former CABL Board Member and alum of CABL's Leadership Louisiana program. He was recognized for his work to improve educational opportunities for students across Louisiana. Dr. Rozeman is the founder of the Alliance for Education and Education's Next Horizon, and co-founder of the Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education and Magnolia School of Excellence Charter School. He has served on numerous state-level commissions and task forces focusing on education issues, and he is a founding physician of Willis-Knighton Cardiology currently practicing in Shreveport and Minden.

Carey Robinson, MD

School of Medicine, Class of 1987

Dr. Carey Robinson wrote a children's book titled *Yes! That's What I Do Best*. After graduating from the LSU Health Shreveport's School of Medicine in 1987, Carey completed an ophthalmology residency training program and shortly thereafter began practicing ophthalmology. He was forced into retirement a few years ago after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Under the pseudonym "Dr. Crawdaddy," the name his grandchildren bestowed upon him, Carey wanted to create a dialogue around Parkinson's disease. Dr. Robinson hopes that the book will deliver an encouraging message to children and parents alike. Since retiring in Roanoke, Virginia in 2016, he reflects warmly and gratefully on 25 years of medical practice.



Kevin Gallagher, MD

School of Medicine, Class of 2009

Dr. Kevin Gallagher joined Hematology/Oncology Associates at Willis-Knighton Cancer Center in Shreveport. After graduating medical school, Dr. Gallagher completed his internal medicine residency at LSU Health Shreveport, as well as a hematology/oncology fellowship where he served as chief fellow. Dr. Gallagher is board certified in internal medicine, hematology, and oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Beth Ward, PT, DPT

School of Allied Health Professions, Class of 2002

Dr. Beth Ward graduated with a Masters in Physical Therapy from LSU Health Shreveport in 2002. That year she was also inducted into the Alpha Eta National Honor Society for Allied Health. Dr. Ward continued her education and received her DPT from the LSUHS School of Allied Health Professions in 2010. She loves to train students clinically and has acted as an American Physical Therapy Association-trained clinical instructor in her jobs at LSU Health Shreveport in acute care and later in home health. Her primary work focus has been the cardiopulmonary, neuro, and geriatric patient populations. Dr. Ward has been a proud member of APTA and APTA-Louisiana since she was a student in 2000. She has given back to the profession by serving as Shreveport District Chair for two terms, Membership Chair of Louisiana Physical Therapy Association (LPTA) for two terms, and was elected President of LPTA and served from 2011-2015. In 2015, at age 55, Beth was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer, despite the fact that she had never smoked. She managed to work through the chemo and radiation treatments with recurrences of the cancer three times. Late effects of treatments caused her to resign from home health in July 2020. She continues to speak yearly to students in their oncology training, shedding a personal light both as a clinician and a patient. Currently, Dr. Ward is planning a 20th Class Reunion for her class this summer.

Tony Alexander, PT

School of Allied Health Professions, Class of 1984

Tony Alexander received his first degree in Physical Therapy from LSU Health Shreveport in 1984. His specialty is lower extremity biomechanics with a sub-specialty in orthopedics and sports medicine. He lectured nationally and internationally for 23 years on lower extremity biomechanics: "When the Foot Hits the Ground Everything Changes." Fun Fact: He has a biomechanical law named after him, "Alexander's Law!" This states, 1) If you find a biomechanical abnormality on one side of the body in one plane, look for the biomechanical correction on the same side in the same plane, and 2) If you don't find the biomechanical correction on the same side, look to the other side but stay in the same plane. In 1998, Tony participated as a Second-Degree Black Belt on an Olympic Tae Kwon Do training team that went to Seoul, South Korea.

School of Medicine Class Reunions

Visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/alumni for details. For questions, please contact Mary M. Cobb, Director of Alumni Relations at 318-675-6065 or mcobb@lsuhsfoundation.org.

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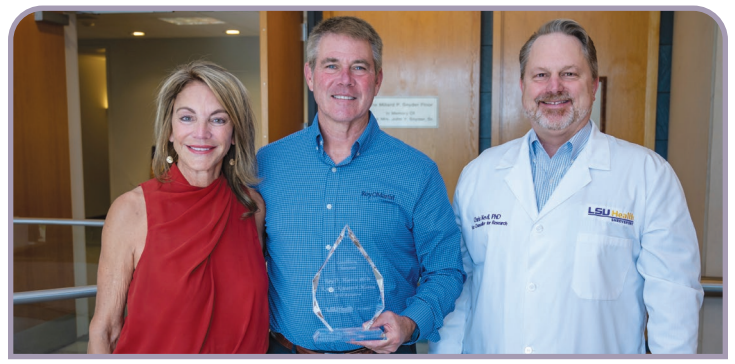
Dr. John Storment made a generous gift to Feist-Weiller Cancer Center to create the Storment Technology in Medicine Endowment, which will fund the creation and ongoing needs of the Storment Technology Center on the third floor of FWCC. The gift honors his father, Lt. Col. John Worrell Storment, who received treatment through Feist-Weiller's Blood & Marrow Transplant program.

Dr. Storment, an LSU Health Shreveport alumnus, is a fertility specialist with clinics in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and Covington. During his visit he also presented at Hematology/Oncology and Obstetrics & Gynecology Grand Rounds on fertility preservation options for cancer patients.



Over \$56K Raised on Give for Good Day

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation had a successful Give for Good, raising \$56,668 from 118 donors for LSU Health Shreveport students and programs. Powered by the Community Foundation of North Louisiana, Give for Good is a fundraising event held each May to highlight nonprofits across the region. Of the gifts received by community members, alumni, and faculty, over \$40,000 will support scholarships for incoming medical students at LSUHS. These gifts are essential to increasing access to medical education and relieving the burden of excessive debt. Fellows currently training at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center raised over \$2,000 to establish a fund to support patients once they've completed cancer treatment. The fund will offer wellness education and assistance to help them transition to a healthy lifestyle. In addition, \$10,515 will support the Joseph McCulloch, PhD Endowment at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP), the first general endowment at the SAHP to benefit students across all programs. The SAHP and the LSUHS Foundation hosted a fundraising event to complete the endowment at Great Raft Brewing with karaoke, a prize pull, and food trucks. Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Give for Good on May 2, 2023.



Martin Gift Offers Support for Research

Roy O. Martin III and Kathy Kilpatrick Martin made a \$500,000 gift to the Center for Medical Education as part of a larger LSU system-wide gift supporting top capital priorities for the Fierce for the Future Campaign, the most significant campaign for higher education in the history of Louisiana. The Martins' donation will be directed to the Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats (CEVT) to be housed on the top floor of the Center for Medical Education.

The Kathy and Roy O. Martin III CEVT Training Lab will be named in their honor and will be a specially equipped facility allowing students to work alongside LSU Health Shreveport scientists to conduct the crucial research required to address current and future viral threats. The Martins' investment in this lab will be central to establishing the Shreveport-Bossier region as an attractive location for long-term biotech investment.

The Martins toured the Center for Medical Education in April to view the construction progress. Before the tour, Vice Chancellor for Research Chris Kevil, PhD, presented the Martins with the Community Champion Research Excellence Award from the LSUHS Office of Research for their generosity and dedication to the future of research at LSU Health Shreveport.

White Coat Scholarship Campaign Opens Doors

LSU Health Shreveport is committed to easing the burden of debt for our students and expanding access to medical education. Launched in the summer of 2021, the White Coat Scholarship Campaign allows LSU Health Shreveport to award need-based scholarships to deserving and gifted students with diverse life experiences, including those from underserved or rural communities. As the School of Medicine class size continues to grow to address the physician shortage, so must the opportunities for students to attend medical school and become the physicians of the future. In its inaugural year, the campaign raised over \$200,000, enabling LSUHS to award ten \$20,000 scholarships to students in the School of Medicine Class of 2026. The Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to the hundreds of medical alumni and community members who made these scholarships possible. The Foundation will continue fundraising efforts toward the White Coat Scholarship Campaign to create more scholarships for each entering class of students. **Learn more about how you can support students by making a gift to the White Coat Scholarship Campaign at www.lsuhsfoundation.org/wccs.**





Construction on the Center for Medical Education, a \$74 million public-private partnership with the state of Louisiana, began in July 2021 and is set to conclude in the Fall of 2023. LEMOINE, who was awarded the competitive construction contract by the state, is just over 360 days into construction.



Celebrating

A CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE

at the CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION



The LSU Health Sciences Foundation of Shreveport hosted a Topping Out Ceremony celebrating the final structural beam being placed at the Center for Medical Education at LSU Health Shreveport on Wednesday, March 30.

The invitation-only event included top donors to the Center for Medical Education, state and local leaders, LSU Health Shreveport senior leadership, and LSUHS student representatives, who signed the final beam before it was lifted and secured onto the building.



The Center for Medical Education is LSU Health Shreveport's top fundraising priority and is part of LSU's system-wide Fierce for the Future Campaign announced in 2019. The Center for Medical Education will allow LSU Health Shreveport to increase its medical school class size by 33% to address the healthcare shortage in Northwest Louisiana and the state.

Ochsner LSU Health System of North Louisiana, a partnership formed in 2018 between Ochsner Health and LSU Health Shreveport, announced an additional \$8 million gift to the Center for Medical Education at the ceremony.



The Center for Medical Education will also be the new home to the Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats (CEVT), allowing significant expansion of its research capabilities and impact in the region and state. As the 6th-largest employer in the Shreveport-Bossier MSA with a direct economic impact of nearly \$600 million, the Center for Medical Education will further impact LSU Health Shreveport's economic growth for the region.

Giving opportunities remain available for the Center for Medical Education including brick pavers for \$250 and auditorium seats for \$1,000. To learn more please visit lsuhsfoundation.org/meb or call the Foundation at 318-861-0855.



FEIST-WEILLER CANCER CENTER

TAKES FLIGHT

AT LIFE SAVERS 2022



For more than 20 years, supporters have gathered at Life Savers to celebrate and raise vital funds for Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Feist-Weiller Cancer Center. This cherished event returned on June 16 for the first time in person in nearly three years. The theme – Taking Flight – symbolized not only the re-introduction of the event but also bold new visions for the future of Feist-Weiller as it welcomed Dr. Sarah Thayer, who was named director of FWCC last year.



Through the generous support of sponsors, donors, and attendees, Life Savers 2022 raised much-needed funds for Feist-Weiller Cancer Center. The event included nearly 300 attendees dressed to the Pan-Am inspired theme at the Shreveport Downtown Airport. In addition, Chef Blake Jackson created custom flights of food inspired by Rio, Hong Kong, and Rome. Guests also bid on exclusive travel items in the silent auction, including a week in Hawaii, a weekend spent in a luxury airplane hangar condo in Fort Worth, and a local date night complete with a sunset flight across Shreveport-Bossier.

Thank you to our sponsors, party-goers, and volunteers for making this year's event a success. Stay tuned for more information coming soon on Life Savers 2023!





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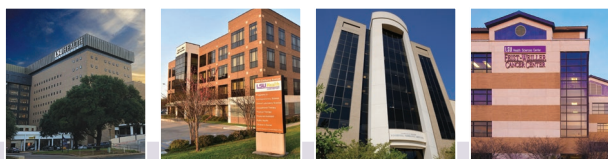
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As space is limited, individual tickets will be available starting July 28, 2022.