

A Message from the Dean



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We have heard much lately about “leadership” and the critical importance of strong leaders during times of crisis. As we are all painfully aware Louisiana has been challenged by more than its fair share of crises during the past few years. And fortunately we have benefitted from the strong leadership that both our elected officials and citizens have shown during these most difficult of times. When a devastating hurricane lands on our shores or an environmental disaster threatens our very livelihood and way of life these events are readily identifiable as a crisis that demand immediate action from our elected officials. However, there is

another crisis that is facing our state. The time has come to address the crisis that now threatens medical education in Louisiana. Our city was once recognized as a center of excellence for medical education and training. This reputation and recognition was built upon the foundation of a world-class hospital. We now have an extraordinary opportunity to reinvent ourselves and once again become a leader in medical education and innovative patient care. My primary responsibility as Dean of the School of Medicine is to provide compassionate and skilled physicians for Louisiana. In point of fact, LSU provides the overwhelming majority of physicians for our state. Our students are exceptional and are aggressively recruited by our neighboring states and across the country. If a state-of-the-art academic hospital is not in our future, our students will decide in increasing numbers to continue their training outside of Louisiana. It is time for our community and elected officials to stand up and support the construction of the new academic medical center.

Sincerely,

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The Rrrroaring '20s
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*And the winner is...
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Committee of 100 banquet

The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence is comprised of over 700 individuals who have committed to financially support the LSU School of Medicine through Professorships and Chairs. On June 9, 2011, the group celebrated its success in raising over \$50 Million in endowments as well as the 80th Anniversary of the LSU School of Medicine, established in 1931 by Governor Huey P. Long.

The evening's event recognized new members of the Committee, including Patricia and Thomas Paulsen from California. After a dinner of shrimp bisque and beef filet, **Russell Klein ('59)**, author of *A History of LSU School of Medicine - New Orleans*, covered highlights of the School's rich and colorful history



Left to right: **Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75)**, Representative of the Committee of 100, and **Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92)**, President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, pose with **Patricia I. Paulsen ('82)** and **Thomas Paulsen** as they display their plaque in recognition of becoming Life Members of the Committee of 100.

In attendance were **Bernard Samuels ('57)**, one of the founders of the Committee of 100, and his wife, Jeannine; **Larry Hollier ('68)**, Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center, and wife, Diana; **Lee J. Monlezun ('69)**, Co-Alumnus of the Year, with wife, Anne; **James Leonard ('63)**, Co-Alumnus of the Year, with wife, Joyce; **Fred Rodriguez ('75)**, President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee; **Charles Schibler II ('92)**, Past President of the Alumni Association, with wife, Beth; **Bobby Brousse ('86)** and wife, Linda; **Cathi Fontenot ('84)**, Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs and Mistress of Ceremonies for the event, and husband, Frank Modica; Dr. Harvey Gabert and wife, Ave Maria; **George Lyons ('54)** and wife, Betty; Dr. Robert Marier and wife, Joanne; **Janine Parker ('86)** with husband, Mike; **Earl Rozas ('64)** and wife, Beth; **Mack Thomas ('62)** and wife, Victoria; **Charles "Bo" Sanders ('64)** and wife, Julia; **Jack Strong ('51)** and wife, Mihoko; and **Jeff Sketchler ('86)** and wife, Shelly.



A sixty-year reunion at the Committee of 100 banquet, and still going strong (left to right): **Mihoko Strong**, **Charles H. Turner ('51)**, **Suzanne Turner**, and **Jack Perry Strong ('51)**

NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 100 AND THE 500 CLUB



New Life Members Committee of 100

David D. Alfery ('76)
Patricia Ingraham Paulsen ('82)
and Thomas C. Paulsen, MD

New Regular Members Committee of 100

Gregory F. Dobard ('91)
James S. Dugal ('58)
Edison J. Foret ('01)
Sander J. Gothard ('95)
Christopher P. Grenier ('87)
Ludwig C. Heintz ('80)
P. David Kearns ('79)
Richard A. Keller ('86) and
Judy Keller
Henry M. Peltier ('90)
Jay R. Silverstein ('01)
Jeffrey J. Sketchler ('86)
Renick P. Webb ('83)
William J. Woessner ('72)

New 500 Club Members

Keith P. Samuels ('89)
Penny G. Viator ('84)

At the Committee of 100 Banquet...



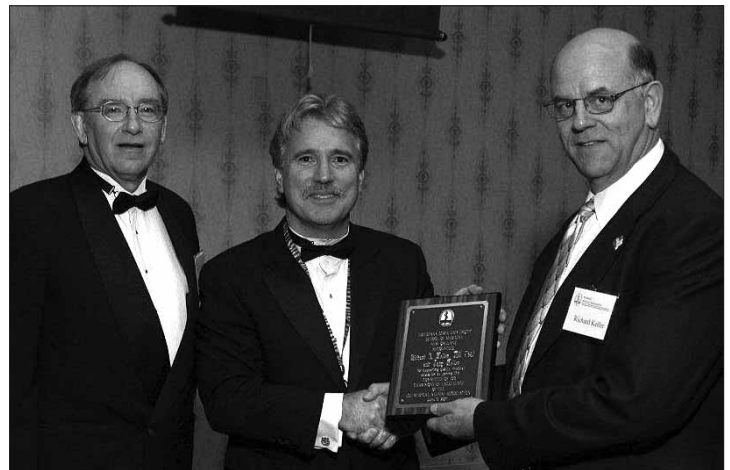
Jeffery J. Sketchler ('86) (right) is presented his plaque for joining the Committee of 100, showing his support of quality medical education. Looking on are Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75) (left), Representative of the Committee of 100, and Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92) (center), President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association.



Charles V. "Bo" Sanders ('64) (left) shares a moment with Cindy Woessner and new Committee of 100 member William J. Woessner ('72).



Scott Habetz ('00) and Julie Habetz



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92), and new Committee of 100 member Richard Keller ('86)



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92), and new Committee of 100 member Jay Silverstein ('01)



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92), and new Committee of 100 member Gregory Dobard ('91)

REUNION WEEKEND 2011

Over 500 alumni and guests from the classes of 1946, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001 returned to the school of medicine for the 2011 reunions on June 11. Led by the Golden Tigers of the Class of 1961, they spent a weekend in New Orleans attending social events and sharing old times. A golf tournament presided over by **John McLachlan ('62)** and **Mack Thomas ('62)** and began the festivities on Friday, June 10.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the Hilton Riverside for all reunion alumni and guests. The Hilton was the site the following day for the Scientific Session which conferred CME credit to its attendees and featured speakers such as **Chancellor Larry Hollier ('68)** who updated the group on the State of the Health Science Center and **Richard Lauve ('79)**, who spoke about "Healthcare Reform and Its Impact on the Future of Medicine."

At the midmorning business meeting, **Lee Domangue ('76)** was named President of the Alumni Association for 2011, **Charles Thomas ('93)** was named President-elect, and **James Brown ('92)** was named Vice-President.



Honorary Alumna of the Year, the Honorable Jackie Clarkson (with bouquet), poses with her family at the Scientific Session.

James J. Leonard ('63) and **Lee J. Monlezun ('69)** were recognized as Alumni of the Year for their outstanding contributions to the School of Medicine. The Honorable Jackie Clarkson was named Honorary Alumna of the LSU School of Medicine for her stalwart support of the School and for advocating passionately for women's healthcare initiatives.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



James J. Leonard ('63)



Lee J. Monlezun ('69)



Scientific Session in progress

REUNION WEEKEND 2011

At the Cocktail Party...



Left to right: Debra Sommers, Howard Sommers ('71), Bruce Gordon ('71), Taylor Robinson ('71), and Bob Barnes ('71)



Left to right: Maureen Hewitt ('01), Sam Foster ('01), and Michael Wang ('01)



left to right: Rick Keppel ('81), Ro Risa Reina ('81), and Vernon Carriere ('81)



left to right: Jim Stanford ('61), Alma Weilbaecher, David Weilbaecher ('61), Will Johnson ('61), and Sherry Johnson



Reminiscing at the cocktail party are, left to right: Corey Rene Amos, Louise Gombako-Amos ('01), Gerald Falchook ('01), Carolyn Shulman, Roslmi Foster



PHOTO, LEFT Golden Tigers include (left to right): Ken Veca ('61), Dewitt Bolton ('61), and Jesse Roberts ('61).

PHOTO, RIGHT left to right: Timothy Trainor ('86), Drew Daigle ('86), David Moreland ('86), Steven Lantier ('86), and Lisa Lantier



REUNION WEEKEND 2011



PHOTO, LEFT
 Left to right: Marie Vidrine, Macy Vidrine ('01),
 Kellie Schmeeckle ('01), Zee Ali ('01), and Jairo
 Santanilla ('01)



left to right: Tammy Lockett-Benjamin ('96), Cara
 Sturgeon, and John Sturgeon ('96)



PHOTO, LEFT
 left to right: Jesse Hano ('61), William "Al"
 Martin ('61), Hugh King ('61), and Dianne King



left to right: Scott Dillon, Peggy Battalora ('86), Sandra Stine-Dillon ('86), Paul
 Konovodoff, Lori Palazzo ('86), and Kyle Bryan ('86)



Left to right: Johnny Boudreaux ('86), Scott Lanoux
 ('86), and Sharon Lanoux



Left to right: Claudia Rholdon, Roger Rholdon ('76), and
 John Fraiche ('76)



left to right: Joseph Barreca ('56), Shirley Barreca, Donald Crochet ('56), Mary
 Gremillion, and Alton Mark Parker ('56)

REUNION WEEKEND 2011



PHOTO, LEFT
Alsan Bellard ('96)
and Missy Binder Adams ('96)



The Class of '56 gather at the Cocktail Party.

PHOTO, RIGHT
Denise Goodfellow Kerut ('91)
and Ken Kerut, MD



Left to right: Tim Sorrels ('66), Ed Domingue ('66), Rex Applewhite ('66), Pete Blanchard ('66), Fletcher Sutton ('66), and Louis Montelaro ('66)



Left to right: Chris Blunck, Carl Blunck ('81), Renee Schuller, Hans Schuller ('81), Debbie Pinac, and Pete Pinac ('81)



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Saturday, October 15, 2011

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