



Mid Year

Because of the generosity of the LSU Medical Alumni Association membership and other donors, the Center for Advanced Practice is now in full use. Later this year it will be named the Russell C. Klein Center for Advanced Practice. It is a fitting tribute to the man who has been our leader and mentor.

Congratulations, Russell, from all of the Alumni. We wish you well in your new endeavors.

Cathi Fontenot ('84) has been chosen to lead the Alumni Association. We have spoken about the expectations for our organization. Cathi is an outstanding member of our group, a past President of the Alumni Association and she is well prepared to move us into the future. I know I speak for all of our members in wishing her well and offering all our support and confidence.

As we are very aware, the economic climate in our country is changing. Now more than ever we need all of you to keep your donations coming. Help us to make the School of Medicine better than ever.

Dr. Steve Nelson, our Dean, is working on a new strategic plan. Some exciting things will be happening because of that. The faculty is as dedicated and excited as they have ever been. With Steve's leadership, the School is on the move.

Thank you all again for everything you do. I promise to do my best and the Board is committed to doing the same. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Leonard '63".

James Leonard ('63)
President

Purple, Gold, Rock & Roll

Alumni Association Stages Third Annual Fall Gala

More than 600 alumni, faculty and Association guests gathered at the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom on October 17, 2008, to celebrate the Association's Third Annual Fall Gala.

With the Alex Peña Quartet (Alex Peña, Sasha Masakowski, Jesse Morrow, Paul Thibodeaux) as the warm-up act and Vince Vance and the Valiants as the main attraction, "Purple, Gold, Rock and Roll" became a huge fun-filled success.

50's costumes were the order of the day with poodle skirts, and outlandish tuxedo jackets in abundance. Several Elvis impersonators were spotted along with some more sedately dressed attendees.



Entertainer Vince Vance (*center*) gives hugs to Charles C. Mary, Jr. ('61) and his wife Lynn.



Donna and Russell C. Klein ('59) display their '50s threads, complete with a pink poodle purse.

It was an open bar, buffet-style dining, and bunny hops lead by Vince Vance himself, and a number of alumni and faculty lured onto the stage by the Valiants, in this case the nubile female Valiants, for group sing-alongs.

It was a silent auction of 199 items and a live auction of a dozen more including major pieces of LSU memorabilia contributed by Jessica Montegudo ('76) and Jack Andonie ('62) respectively. Major pieces of art were donated by A. J. Friedman ('76), Warren Plauché ('57), "Hank" Stoer ('43), Donna Klein, Cathi Fontenot ('84), Sam Scurria ('61), Mary Ann deBoisblanc, Jeff Joseph ('86), George Rodrigue, Hal Bienvenu ('79) and Mike Schutté ('79), Dr. and Mrs. Hal Stokes, Dr. and Mrs. James Leonard ('63), Dr. and Mrs. Henry Peltier ('90), Dr. and Mrs. Lee J. Monlezun ('69), and Dr. and Mrs. Chuck Schibler ('92). In all more than 140 individuals or businesses contributed to the auction.

The evening was a huge financial success, netting over \$100,000 for the Center for Advanced Practice. It closed with a duet by Russell Klein ('59) and Vince Vance bidding the guests goodbye with a rendition of the sign off song of the "Mickey Mouse Club."

Plans are well underway for Fall Gala IV scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel.

At the Patron Party...



Lee J. Monlezun ('69) (*left*), with Dr. Harold Stokes



Left to right: James J. Leonard ('63), President of the Alumni Association; Bennie P. Nobles ('71); and Joyce Leonard



Robert C. Batson ('71) and Dr. Susan McSherry

October 2008 Gala

At the Patron Party...



Left to right: Helene Lopez; Honorary Alumnus Dr. Alfredo Lopez-S; Maria Eugenia Vargas; and Dr. Alfonso Vargas, the Leslie Lewinter-Suskind and Robert Suskind Professor for International Collaboration in Pediatrics.



R. Ranney Mize (*center*), Julius H. Mullins Professor of Cell Biology, is flanked by Marianne Cohn and Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr.

At the Gala...



Diana and Larry Hollier ('68) on the dance floor



Beth and Charles G. Schibler II ('92) examine the silent auction list.



Earl Rozas ('64) (*standing*) poses with son Darren Rozas and daughter Jeannine Rozas Cook ('84).



Left to right: Beverly Jakes, Brian Jakes, Monica Monica ('80), Dr. Sam McCluggage, Katherine St. Amant ('77), and Dan Long ('76).



Jennifer and Henry Peltier ('90)

Faculty News

*New chairman of the
Department of Genetics:
Dr. Jay K. Kolls*

*New members of the
Department of Surgery:
Melanie Edwards, MD
Saju Joseph, MD
Jane Wey, MD*

*New member,
Department of Neurology:
Jesus Lovera, MD, MsPH*

*Dr. Jean Jacob appointed
Director of Research
Development in the School of
Medicine Office of Research*

*Daniel Nuss ('81) becomes
President of the North
American Skull Base Society.*

*Elizabeth T. H. (Terry)
Fontham, MPH, DrPH,
Dean of School of Public
Health, became the first
non-physician elected
national President of the
American Cancer Society.*

Appointments

Melanie Edwards, MD, a thoracic surgeon, has joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Edwards will concentrate on thoracic surgery and thoracic oncology and will be practicing at LSU Interim Hospital and Ochsner-Baptist.

Saju Joseph, MD, has joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery. He will be developing a hepatobiliary service at the LSU Interim Hospital and will be part of the existing NOLA NETS surgical team in Kenner, LA, where he will help develop a variety of novel therapies for patients with widespread liver malignancies.

Jane Wey, MD, a surgical oncologist, has joined the faculty in the Department of Surgery. She will focus her interests on gastrointestinal malignancies using minimally invasive and advanced surgical techniques and will be practicing at LSU Interim Hospital, Touro, and Ochsner-Baptist. She will also be involved in clinical research and is organizing the Tumor Board at LSU Interim Hospital.

Jesus Lovera, MD, MsPH, has been appointed to the faculty of the Department of Neurology. His clinical practice and research efforts are devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of multiple sclerosis. His current research focuses on evaluating neuroprotective therapies in MS using advanced MRI techniques.

Dr. Jean Jacob, Professor of Ophthalmology, has been appointed Director of Research Development in the School of Medicine Office of Research. She is a senior faculty leader and an accomplished laboratory scientist.

Awards

Jane E. Parker, JD, MBA, RN, Assistant Professor for Clinical Family Medicine and Assistant Director for Community and Minority Health Education, has been given the Group on Student Affairs-Minority Affairs Section (GSA-MAS) Service Award by the Association of American Medical Colleges in recognition of having provided substantial contributions to the GSA-MAS and its educational mission.

Head of Genetics Department

Dr. Jay K. Kolls has been appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Genetics. A pediatric pulmonologist and immunologist, Kolls led the LSUHSC gene therapy program for six years before being recruited by Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh as chief of the division of pediatric pulmonology. In 2006, he was the first professor to occupy the Neils K. Jerne Endowed Chair in Immunology at the University of Pittsburgh. Kolls is an elected member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the American Association of Physicians. He completed a residency in medicine/pediatrics and a research fellowship at LSUHSC-NO and with Dr. Bruce Beutler at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX, before joining the LSUHSC faculty in 1991.

David G. Kline, MD, former Boyd Professor and Head of Neurosurgery now retired, received the Founders Laurel from the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The award is given for sustained contributions to educational neurosurgery nationally and internationally. There have been only four other recipients.

National Society President

Daniel Nuss ('81), FACS, Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, has been installed as President of the North American Skull Base Society. Dr. Nuss' clinical practice includes management of cranial base tumors as well as traditional head and neck oncology, and he has a special interest in reconstructive problems of the skull base, especially with regard to repair of cerebrospinal fluid leaks and encephaloceles presenting in the sino-nasal tract, using endoscopic and minimally invasive techniques. The next annual meeting of the North American Skull Base Society in New Orleans

Making History

Elizabeth T. H. (Terry) Fontham, MPH, DrPH, Dean of School of Public Health, became the first non-physician elected national President of the American Cancer Society

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when she was inducted at a special ceremony during the Society's National Assembly Meeting on November 20, 2008, in New York City. She is also the first epidemiologist and the third woman to serve as president in the organization's 96-year history.

In October 2008, she was also one of two recipients of the prestigious 2008 Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Health. The Alton Ochsner Award is supported by the Ochsner Clinic Foundation and recognizes outstanding scientific achievements that have provided pivotal insights into the biological and clinical mechanisms that relate tobacco consumption to human disease. Dr. Fontham has made significant contributions in establishing the risk of lung cancer associated with involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

She has been on the LSUHSC faculty since 1980, is the first Dean of LSUHSC's School of Public Health, and is also Professor of Epidemiology as well as Professor of Pathology in LSUHSC's School of Medicine. She is Associate Director of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center and is Senior Consultant Epidemiologist to the Louisiana Office of Public Health.

Fellowship

Dwayne Thomas ('84), MMM, FCCP, FACP, Associate Dean of Health Quality and Patient Safety, will become the first research fellow in Public Health Policy at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Thomas is the first Louisianian to participate in the program. The Institute was established by former US Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher to develop a core of leaders to address policy issues related to health care quality, access, and health promotion that can reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

Former Faculty

M. Renee Simar, PhD, formerly an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Section on Clinical Pharmacology at LSUHSC-NO, has joined the Pediatric Research Team of INC Research, a therapeutically focused contract research organization (CRO) with a process for delivering reliable results. As the company's principal pediatric strategist, Dr. Simar will be leading the INC Research pediatric team in developing program strategy and considerations for clinical trials in neonates, children and adolescents.

Winner of the 2008 Alton Ochsner Award — Elizabeth T. H. (Terry) Fontham, MPH, DrPH

Dwayne Thomas ('84) becomes first research fellow in Public Health Policy at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Winner of the Gabe Kruks Memorial HIV/AIDS Service Award — C. Lynn Besch ('79)

Winner of the AIDS Education and Training Centers Award — Ronald D. Wilcox, MD

National Awards

Two members of the faculty are among seven recipients of awards presented by the US Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration to outstanding HIV/AIDS health care providers for their exceptional achievements in providing health care services to medically under-served Americans living with HIV/AIDS.

C. Lynn Besch ('79), Chief of the HIV Division of Infectious Diseases and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine, has been awarded the Gabe Kruks Memorial HIV/AIDS Service Award for her exceptional leadership, persistence, and ingenuity in re-establishing HIV medical services in the New Orleans area in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Ronald D. Wilcox, MD, Director/Principal Investigator of the Delta Region AIDS Education and Training Center and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine, was given the AIDS Education and Training Centers Award for his ingenuity, innovation and dedication in rebuilding the Delta AETC after Hurricane Katrina and re-establishing it as the premier provider of quality training in HIV/AIDS treatment and care in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.

New Interim Medical Director at LSU Interim Hospital (MCLNO)

Dr. Juzar Ali became the Interim Medical Director at the LSU Interim Hospital on November 1, 2008. Dr. Ali joined the LSU faculty in October 1991, where he continues to hold an appointment in the Section of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine. He has been a Professor of Clinical Medicine since July 2001 and currently holds the Russell Klein Professorship of Medicine in the department. Dr. Ali has been recognized with multiple teaching awards from students and house officers and continues his clinical and research activities while increasing his administrative duties.



Dr. Ali

Dr. Juzar Ali becomes new Interim Medical Director at LSU Interim Hospital.

Partnership with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center being negotiated.

Negotiations with Our Lady of the Lake underway

Rather building a new hospital to replace the antiquated Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LSU is negotiating a deal with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Known locally as "the Lake," the facility on Essen Lane would become LSU's teaching hospital and home to medical education programs. Earl K. Long Medical, which serves the poor and uninsured, would close and its traditional patients would be admitted to the Lake. A new modern clinic is under construction on Airline Highway near EKL. LSU System Vice President Fred Cerise ('88) said that the Lake had previously expressed interest in developing "strong graduate medical education programs and were willing to talk about doing a real partnership with LSU." LSU operates Baton Rouge-based physician training programs in obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine and emergency medicine out of Earl K. Long Medical Center

programs, as well as a commitment to pediatric care. The only other Level 1 Trauma Center in Louisiana is at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.



Rural Scholars Track Program gets statewide honor

Louisiana State University's program that promotes rural health care throughout the state was named the best in the state by the Louisiana Rural Health Association. The Rural Scholars Track Program, the first of its kind in the state, was established in 2002 to recruit students who want to practice primary-care medicine. Participants, who must agree to practice in rural Louisiana, spend their first two years with classmates in New Orleans and the last two at the University Medical Center in Lafayette. "We are educating and training increasing numbers of exceptional young people to meet the medical needs of rural Louisiana, and we are grateful for the Louisiana Rural Health Association's affirmation of our access," said LSUHSC-NO Chancellor Larry H. Hollier ('68), who accepted the award.



Key contributor to Alzheimer's disease process identified by LSU scientists

Walter J. Lukiw, PhD, Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Ophthalmology at LSUHSC-NO, is the lead author of a paper identifying, for the first time, a specific function of a fragment of ribonucleic acid, once thought

LSU Hospital wins Level 1 Trauma Center designation.

LSU Hospital wins Level 1 designation for emergency room

The American College of Surgeons has declared the Interim LSU Public Hospital, at 2021 Perdido St., a Level 1 Trauma Center. The announcement was made in December 2008 after a rigorous October inspection of the hospital and its data. Even though the team's focus was on the emergency department, the designation applies to the entire hospital, formerly called University Hospital. In addition to having beds and equipment, plus a full complement of surgical specialists on hand, a Level 1 Trauma Center must have strong education, research and community outreach

The Rural Scholars Track Program is lauded.



LSU scientists identify key contributor to Alzheimer's disease process.

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Regents match funding for LSUHSC chairs and professorships worth \$3.6 million

LSUHSC-NO received matching funds valued at \$3.6 million for endowed chairs for eminent scholars and endowed professorships from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Sally Clausen, along with Regents Dr. Harold Stokes, Dr. Ingrid Labat, and Robert Bruno presented LSUHSC School of Medicine Associate Dean Dr. Janis Letourneau with a check in the amount of \$1,440,000 in matching funds from the FY 2008 Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund to support 16 endowed professorships and one endowed chair. LSU Health Sciences Center's Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Public Health raised \$60,000 per professorship for a total value of \$100,000 each for the single professorships, \$120,000 for a total value of \$200,000 for the double professorships, \$180,000 for a total value of \$300,000 for the triple professorships and \$600,000 for a total value of \$1 million for the endowed chair. The 60% base was raised with contributions from the LSU Medical Alumni Association, the Committee of 100, the Johnson Foundation, Tulsa Dental Company, Cancer Crusaders, Zuppardo's, as well as faculty, staff, patients, family, friends, and loved ones. The following chair and professorships were awarded.

- The Mervin L. Trail, MD, Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Oncology
- The Tucker H. Couvillon III Professorship for Nursing Research in Parkinson's Disease
- The Leslie Lewinter-Suskind and Robert Suskind, MD, Professorship for International Pediatric Collaboration, a double professorship
- The Children's Hospital Professorship of Pediatric Research, a triple professorship
- The Nelson K. Ordway Professorship of Pediatric Research, a triple professorship
- The Bettina C. Hilman, MD, Professorship of Pediatric Allergy/Immunology, a double professorship
- The Johnson Foundation Professorship in Endodontics
- The Tulsa Dental Professorship in Endodontics
- The Howard Buechner, MD ('43), Professorship of Medicine, a triple professorship
- The Raja W. Dhurandhar, MD, Professorship of Cardiology
- The Charles Hilton, MD ('76), Professorship of Medical Education
- The Alice Baker Holoubek, MD ('38), Endowed Professorship
- The William A. Rock, Jr., MD ('69), Professorship in Clinical Pathology
- The Charles L. Brown, Jr., MD, Professorship of Health Promotion
- The Frances Zuppardo Professorship of Cancer Research
- The Cancer Crusaders Professorship of Research, a double professorship

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to be no more than a byproduct, in regulating inflammation and the development of Alzheimer's disease. The paper, *An NF-kB-sensitive micro RNA-146a-mediated inflammatory circuit in Alzheimer's disease and in stressed human brain cells*, was published in the November 14, 2008, issue of *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*. Dr. Lukiw's lab at the Neuroscience Center of Excellence has shown that this microRNA, called miRNA-146a, is found in increased amounts in stressed human brain cells and in Alzheimer's disease, and that it plays a crucial role in the regulation of inflammation and disease-related neuropathology thought to be integral to the Alzheimer's disease process.

New AOA members

Beta of Louisiana Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha welcomed the following new members joining the chapter as seniors:

Jacques Ancelet	Suzy Gallien Kingston
Elizabeth Ball	Cody Mayo
Joseph Bergeron	Russell Russo
Scott Francioni	Blake Saltaformaggio
Evan Gwyn	Steve Schneider
Seth Hayes	Charles Smith
Melissa Hester	Joshua Wilensky
David Karam	

Resident News

1984
 LSU Plastic Surgery
 Thomas Zaydon, Jr., MD, FACS
 Appointed Chief of Plastic Surgery at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Florida (2008).



Tiger Cubs 2008

LAMMACO Scholarship Winner



Left to right: Chammy Allen, Manager Business Development LAMMICO; LAMMICO Scholarship Recipient, Jacob Lessing; Tara Byrd, Marketing Representative, LAMMICO



left to right: Alan Stolier ('70), Helene Augustin ('80), Emily Augustin Burgin (Cub), David Burgin ('80), Jeanne Stolier



PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Dr. Patricia Molina (Professor and Chairman, Physiology), Miguel Molina (Cub), Miguel Molina, MD



left to right: Maureen Doucet, Madeline Doucet, Donald Doucet ('82), Ashley Doucet (Cub), Gerald Bordelon



left to right: Robert E. Owens ('75), Jane Owens, Robert P. Owens (Cub), Dr. Jessica Owens

PHOTO, RIGHT
left to right: Charles Beck ('76), Ariana Beck (Cub), Elizabeth Beck



PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Sophia Cenac (Cub), Joseph Cenac ('79), Sandra Cenac



left to right: Donald Brignac ('81), Theresa Brignac (Cub), Philip Brignac, Janet Brignac



PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Kelly Edwards (Cub), Martha Sabatier Hoag ('83), Warren Hoag, Madeline Hoag (in front)



left to right: Charles Haymon, Veronique Haymon (Cub), Marie Louise Haymon ('88)

PHOTO, RIGHT
left to right: William Anderson ('82), Scott Anderson (Cub), Jayne Anderson



left to right: Stephen Goodwin ('79), Lindsey Goodwin (Cub), Anise Goodwin



left to right: Joseph Gallagher III, Patricia Gallagher (Cub), Ruthanne Gallagher ('78)




left to right: William Farrell ('74), Clare Farrell (Cub), Erin Farrell ('06), Marlene Farrell



left to right: Harry Molligan III ('83), Harry Molligan IV (Cub), Ann Leslie Molligan ('83)

Not pictured

<i>Cub</i>	<i>Parent(s)/Relative</i>	
Nathan Bolton	John Bolton ('83)	
Blair Budden	Jeff Budden ('81)	
Brett Budden	Jeff Budden ('81)	
Kevin Gipson	Gretchen M. Yandle ('07)	
Leonard Glade	Susan Glade ('81), Leonard Glade ('80) and grandson of Morris Klinger (Dec. '43)	