

# A NIGHT WITH THE STARS - Purple & Gold Gala



Alumni President **Chuck Schibler** ('92) and **Beth Schibler** arrive at the Red Carpet.

**T**he LSU School of Medicine Alumni Association celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Purple and Gold Gala on October 29, 2010, at the Sheraton Grand Ballroom.

The Hollywood-themed “A Night with the Stars” served as a major fundraiser for the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice at the LSU School of Medicine. The Center provides a variety of simulation equipment to support innovative, multidisciplinary education of students, residents and healthcare providers.

Silent and live auctions featured artwork, sports paraphernalia and vacation resorts. Entertainment by The Wiseguys provided opportunities for dancing and second lines.

Photographs from the Gala are featured here and on the next two pages.



**Lee Engel** ('01) and **Astrid Engel**



*Left to right:*  
**Midge Heck** ('84),  
**David Martin, MD,**  
**Fred Cerise** ('88),  
and **Tonya Jagneau** ('98)

*Left to right:*  
**Louis Hebert** ('90),  
**George Lyons**  
( '54), and **Gerard Peña** ('82)



**Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD,** and **Marianne Cohn**

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Keith Melancon ('91) and Susan Melancon show their Live Auction winning.



Left to right: John Helmstetter (L1), Patricia Sterpu, John Wayne, Jennifer Bouso (L1), and Michael Modica (L1)



Left to right: Dara Jones (L2), Alicia Pressley (L3), and Angela Pressley (L3)



Dr. John Hunt and Gaynell Hunt



Stephen Liaw (L4) and Wenjia Wang ('10)



Rachel Chua Brown, MD, and Jim Brown III ('92)

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*Left to right:* Cathy Miller, Catherine Hudson (L2), and Weston P. Miller (74)



*Left to right:* Alfred Ruffy (61), Jack Perry Strong (51), and Mihoko Strong.



*Left to right:* Anne Monlezun, Virginia Howard, and Lee J. Monlezun (69)



*Left to right:* Brian Naccari (86), Maria Naccari, and Derek Naccari



*Left to right:*  
Bo Sanders (64),  
Nora Oates, MD,  
and Fred Lopez (90)



Gerry Calonje and Mario Calonje (59)

## Purple & Gold Gala 2011



# The Rrrroaring '20s

**SAVE THE DATE**

**October 15, 2011**



Mark your calendars now for the **6th Annual Purple & Gold Gala** scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2011. It's *The Rrrroaring '20s* at the Marriott Hotel. Proceeds will be applied to the Center for Advanced Practice. Come and enjoy live music, silent and live auctions, and a buffet dinner. Entertainment will be by the Jimmy Maxwell Orchestra.

## Camp Tiger 2011

Every summer, buses of happy children make their way around the city of New Orleans. At an age when fitting-in is hard for anyone, Camp Tiger offers an opportunity for many of our campers to "just be one of the kids," without feeling singled out by their disabilities.

Camp Tiger was founded in 1985 by first-year students from the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, School of Medicine. Its mission is to give special needs children an unforgettable summer camp experience and provide them with freedom to play, socialize, and express themselves as healthy, vibrant children. Since its inception, Camp Tiger has benefitted more than 1,500 children from the Greater New Orleans area and hopes to host over 150 children at the 2011 camp. Camp Tiger is organized and staffed each year by volunteers from

the first-year medical class, who always look forward to the opportunity to work with these exceptional children and serve the community. This year, Camp Tiger will be held May 23-27 and will feature trips to the Global Wildlife Center, New Orleans Children's Museum, Audubon Zoo, and Aquarium of the Americas. Additionally, Camp Tiger will host a special Saint's Day Experience and continue the annual tradition of a banquet and carnival at Jesuit High School for campers and their families!

Camp Tiger not only provides lasting memories and laughter, but does this free of charge. The Annual Camp Tiger Benefit Auction

helps provide the main source of funding for Camp Tiger each year. Camp Tiger's extraordinary program is now in its 26th year, and we hope to keep the good times – over twenty-five years of laughter, memories, and giving – rolling!



*Camp Tiger 2011: Give Till it Feels Good.*

*The Annual Camp Tiger Benefit Auction is the largest fundraiser that supports Camp Tiger. This year's auction, "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler: Let the Good Times Roll," will be held on Friday, March 25th from 7-11 pm at the New Orleans Museum of Art, 1 Collin Diboll Circle (City Park at Esplanade).*

*Tickets (\$30 each) may be purchased at the door or on our website, [www.lsuhschool.edu/camptiger](http://www.lsuhschool.edu/camptiger). Live auction Tickets are an additional \$5. Questions, please email Erin Cahill at [camptiger@lsuhschool.edu](mailto:camptiger@lsuhschool.edu).*

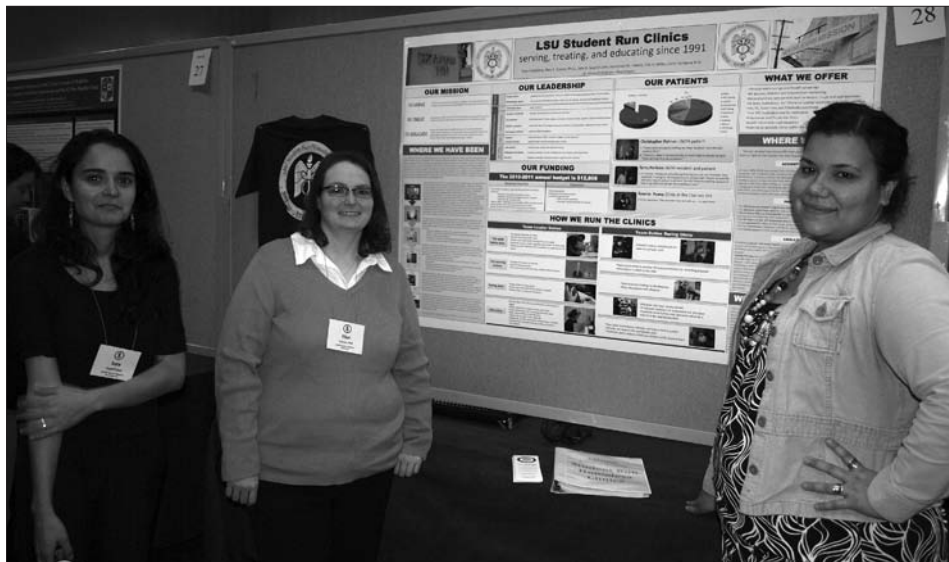
## Update on LSU Student-Run Clinics

Just over one year ago, the LSU Student Run Homeless Clinics reopened their doors after a needed, post-Katrina overhaul. Since then, the clinics have seen and treated hundreds of patients, and involved over 150 medical students in volunteering. Community need, volunteer physicians, and students are always pushing the clinics forward – looking for ways to increase efficiency and expand services.

After sending two students to the Society for Student-Run Free Clinics conference in 2010, LSU was invited to present at this year's SRFC Conference. Seven members of LSU's Student Run Homeless clinic volunteer force attended this year's conference in Houston, TX, in January 2011. There, second-year medical students from LSU presented a poster outlining the changes that have taken place in the clinics – physically and administratively – in recent years. Another group of LSU medical students gave an oral presentation and ran a question-and-answer session on the development and progress the clinics have made, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Attendance at the conference was partially funded by the office of the Dean of the School of Medicine.



Renford Cindass and Karmynah Hilaire make a presentation at the SRFC conference.



Standing with the poster presentation are (left to right): Sara Saad El-Dien (L1), Ellen Connor (L2), and Tara Castellano (L2)

The poster, presented by Tara Castellano and Ellen Connor, provided a timeline of events that led to the closing of the clinics after Hurricane Katrina, and the subsequent reopening of the clinics on January 30, 2010. The poster's primary goal was to present the newly developed clinic model and to highlight successes that the clinics have achieved since reopening.

Nearly forty schools were represented in the poster presentations, displaying various clinic models. "What stood out about our clinics, compared with the other models," said Tara Castellano, "is that we have been able to take care of 80% of our patients in-house – saving our patients' valuable time, and decreasing the burden on local emergency rooms." Other schools were impressed with the LSU's executive board organization and the successful partnership that had been developed and maintained with both the Dean's office and the greater LSUHSC community.

An oral presentation titled "Reestablishing the LSUHSC-New Orleans Student-Run Homeless Clinics Post-Katrina: Forming University and Community Partnerships," was given by Class of 2013 President, Renford Cindass, and Clinic Treasurer, Karmynah Hilaire. The presentation outlined many of the problems that the New Orleans community faced after Hurricane Katrina, including a 50% increase in the homeless population and decreased availability of shelters and medical care. LSU students have worked hard to build partnerships with local clinics and community outreach centers, as we all

re-open our doors. Representative from other schools were interested to know how we function within the greater LSU system, and how we have established relationships with non-LSU clinics.

At the conference, LSU representatives attended a variety of presentations given by students and professors from various medical schools and student-run clinics across the globe. Their goal was to find new and innovative ideas to bring home to LSU. Looking to the future, they hope to expand their women's health services and establish an interdisciplinary model to include the LSU Schools of Nursing and Public Health. There are also future opportunities to collaborate with other student run free clinics from University of Florida, University of California in San Diego, and Harvard, to establish longitudinal studies that follow the greater impact that student run free clinics as a combined force.

The Society of Student Run Free Clinics Conference united great minds from different disciplines with ideas of improving healthcare in underserved populations. The conference expounded on opportunities that could possibly be incorporated into the LSU Student Run Homeless clinics, research collaborations to improve our practices, and ways to raise additional funding.

*For more information about the LSU student-run free clinics and how you can donate or volunteer, please visit [www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/hclinic](http://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/hclinic).*

# The Student Learning Center in action...



Shown below and to the right are recent photographs of dynamic activities taking place at the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center.

*Photographs by Daryl Lofaso*



## MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS — 2011

for the following classes:  
'46, '51, '55, '56, '61,  
'66, '71, '76, '81, '86,  
'91, '96, '01

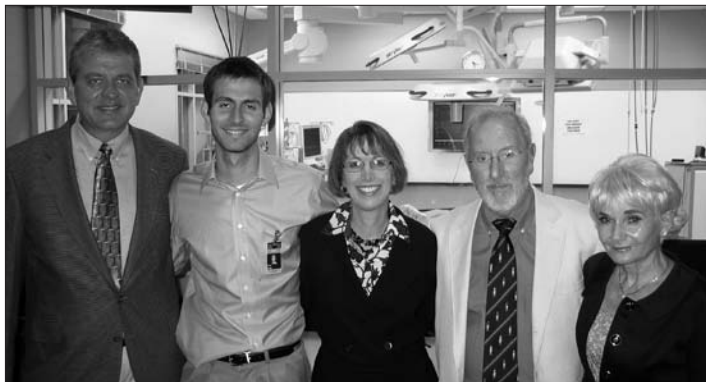
June 10 and 11, 2011  
New Orleans Hilton,  
Poydras at the River

To volunteer to help with your 2011  
reunion, contact the Office of Alumni  
Affairs at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail:  
[ROAR@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:ROAR@lsuhsc.edu)

*See you there!*



# Tiger Cubs — Class of 1014



*left to right:* John Tosh ('84), Adam Tosh (cub), Deborah Tosh ('87), Ward Sudderth ('62) (grandfather), Erna Sudderth



*left to right:* Tyler Sicard, Kaitlen Sicard (cub), Kristen Sicard (cub), Karen Sicard, David Sicard ('90)



Jayson Lavie (cub), Chip Lavie ('83)



*left to right:* Diane Garitty, Mickey Garitty (cub), Jim Garitty ('80)



*left to right:* Vernon Carriere ('81), Stephen Carriere (cub), Andre Carriere



*left to right:* Edmee Blistine, Donna Daniel, Kristen Talbot (cub), Charles Daniel ('79)



*left to right:* Lisa Smith ('83), Elizabeth Smith (cub), Kirk Smith ('83)



Daniel Naul (cub) [son of Obie Naul ('73) (deceased)], Fay Naul



*left to right:* Jessica Schultis, Joelle Schultis, Jamie Schultis (cub), Eric Schultis ('77), Michael Schultis



*left to right:* John Rupley, Mary Alice Rupley, Katie Rupley (cub), Daniel Rupley ('80), Anne Rupley

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*left to right:* Catherine Rachal, Lander Coscart, Aimee Coscart (cub), **Paul Rachal ('83)**, Maria Rachal



*left to right:* Venkat Subramaniam, Yamuna Narayanan, Dr. C.H. Narayanan (grandfather), Mohan Narayanan (cub) [son of V. Chitra Narayanan ('81)], Pramilla Subramaniam ('78) (aunt)



*left to right:* **Cathi Fontenot ('84)**, Michael Modica (cub), Frank Modica



**Joseph Fernandez ('85)**, Marc Fernandez (cub)



**Wayne Pharo ('81)**, Austin Pharo (cub)

PHOTO, RIGHT

*left to right:* Dr. Joseph Ortenberg (Professor, Clinical Urology, LSUSOM), Robin Ortenberg (cub), **Karen Ortenberg ('95)**



PHOTO, LEFT

*left to right:* **Rebecca Accardo ('82)**, Kate Accardo (cub), **Nick Accardo ('80)**



*left to right:* Donna Fraiche, **John Fraiche ('76)**, CoCo Fraiche (cub), **Geoff Fraiche ('07)**



*left to right:* Megan Maher, **Brian Maher ('74)**, Mary Maher (cub), Barbara Maher, Thomas Maher. [grandfather, **Frederick Maher ('46)** (deceased)]





**Dear Alumni,**

As we move into the new year, I certainly hope all alumni had fulfilling holidays. We finished 2010 on a very strong note, with our largest Purple and Gold Gala to date, increased enthusiasm for the LSU School of Medicine Alumni Association, and marked new awareness and giving from our alumni base. The gala has remained our single largest event fundraiser and continues to exceed each year. Keep this event on your schedule for the new year ahead. Regional alumni events are underway with the intent being to update alumni on progress and projects at the School of Medicine.

The Center for Advanced Practice remains viable and filled to scheduling capacity. This center remains the dominant teaching facility in the country. Due to alumni support, the center provides magnificent tools for training and attracts Fortune 500 business. The students and the School of Medicine have benefited tremendously. We are very close to retiring the debt with less than 500 thousand dollars remaining. The debt reduction has been steady and, with

dedicated giving, this facility will soon be financially relieved.

I would like to address a growing concern that all of us have in the State of Louisiana regarding higher education, and brief our alumni who live out of state and may not know the concerns. When all is said, we face a very real budget deficit that will affect higher education through monetary cuts in this legislative session and beyond. We are looking at a long-term problem. There is no windfall around the corner. Getting the new hospital funded, bonded, and built in this environment will be a challenge. I have a few suggestions on which I would like to elaborate.

Through personal experiences, I can tell you that legislators will listen and act on emails from their district. They will also listen to our trained doctors who live out of state. The average bill in the state legislature may get five calls, letters, or emails at most. Our alumni physicians are very well respected voters and carry much influence. Emailing your legislators (both house and senate) will get their attention. Tell them the importance of the LSU School of Medicine and your experiences. Most importantly, tell them what you expect from them now. Point out who is treating them NOW – where you were trained, and how this must be preserved for the future. For those out of state, let them know how much your school is respected. Log on to La.gov and send your message. Call those you know and demand an audience with them in person or on the phone. I assure you, the legislators will listen to all physicians in the state (not just New Orleans) and from all over the country. These legislators are eager to learn. The school can lobby, but believe me our voices hit home. Keep in mind that a majority of our legislative body is very green and will be overwhelmed. Make your message stick with them.

Dr. Nelson has repeated a funny yet pitiful story that is worth sharing. He was asked by a legislator, as a serious question, what our medical school graduation rate is as a way to measure the School's success or failure! This tells you that some of our governing body have no barometer on reading how or where our state doctors come from, much less learn and absorb what it actually takes to run a successful, vital medical school. Providing the best, well-trained physicians who will mostly stay in state is what we do. Thankfully, this is not across the legislative board – and many, such as our House Speaker Jim Tucker, do understand needs and roles and are willing to listen. This is not a message to grossly underestimate our legislators' abilities, but to educate them in an area where there is a void that needs filling.

In closing, our alumni have been fabulous. There are many ways to support your LSU School of Medicine. Educate the people of this state on what care we provide across all parishes and the need to keep this physician pipeline growing. As always, a big thank you for your continued generous financial support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles C. Schibler II".

Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92)  
President  
LSU Medical Alumni Association