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Dean's Corner: A Message from Dr. Nelson

Colleagues,

Please join us in thanking Dr. Robert Batson, who announced yesterday that he will step down as Department Head for Surgery.

Dr. Batson graduated from LSU School of Medicine, completed a residency in surgery at Charity Hospital, and completed a vascular surgery fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center. After his fellowship, he returned to New Orleans to serve as Chief Resident of LSU Surgery, and he was given a faculty appointment as Clinical Instructor. After his year as Chief Resident, he was appointed to LSU as Assistant Professor, and quickly rose to the rank of Professor. He also served as Program Director for Vascular Surgery, and Section Chief of Vascular Surgery before being appointed as Interim Department Head in 2010 and Department Head for Surgery in 2011. In his ten years as Department Head he has fostered the expansion of the faculty, new clinical initiatives and the growth of our training programs. He oversees the training of over 100 surgical residents and fellows per year by more than 50 faculty.

Dr. Batson holds the Isidore Cohn Jr. MD Chair in Surgery, and he has been recognized nationally as a leader in the field of vascular surgery. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the Society of Vascular Surgery, and a former president of the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society. He has also served as president of local and regional societies such as the New Orleans Surgical Society, the Surgical Association of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Batson has agreed to remain as Department Head until the search is complete and a new Department Head is appointed. He will continue to oversee all departmental operations and help ensure a smooth transition of leadership. Please join us in thanking Dr. Batson for his decades of service, and for his dedication to clinical excellence and strong training programs. We are grateful for his longstanding commitment to the LSUHSC School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

Steve Nelson, MD, CM, FCCP, FACP
Dean, LSU School of Medicine-New Orleans

Richard P. DiCarlo, MD
Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and
Institutional Affairs

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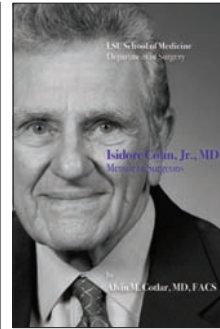
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Isidore Cohn, Jr.,
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Most LSU Health New Orleans Medical Grads to Remain in Louisiana

The Pulse article by Leslie Capo, Director of Information Services

Fifty-six percent, or 98 of 175 LSU Health New Orleans graduating medical students participating in the National Resident Match Program this year, chose to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training. Seventy-eight percent of those staying in-state will enter an LSU Health residency program. The LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine residency programs in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and Bogalusa will accept 219 new residents.

“The pandemic has starkly shown the value of dedicated and skilled physicians,” notes Dr. **Larry Hollier** (’68), Chancellor of LSU Health New Orleans. “Their valiant and tireless efforts have saved many, many lives over the past year. We are so proud of LSU Health New Orleans medical faculty and of our graduating medical students, the majority of whom will soon join these heroes to take care of Louisiana patients.”

The percentage of LSU Health New Orleans medical graduates going into primary care is 56% this year. Primary Care specialties include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Medicine-Preliminary, Medicine-Primary, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Medicine-Pediatrics. OB-GYN is not always included in primary care data; however, in some Louisiana communities the only physician is an OB-GYN.

“Match Day this year was an entirely different experience for our fourth-year medical students and their families,” adds Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine at LSU Health New Orleans. “The excitement of reaching this milestone has been tempered by this unprecedented health crisis. We could not hold a ceremony, so our medical graduates received their letters electronically. They privately celebrated

the news of where they will go to complete their medical training, and we are pleased that over half of them will stay right here at home.”

Of the 69 accredited residency and fellowship programs under LSU Health New Orleans, 35 participated in the Main NRMP Match. They are Anesthesiology, Child Neurology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine (Baton Rouge and New Orleans), Family Practice (Kenner, Bogalusa, Lafayette and Lake Charles), Internal Medicine (Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans), Interventional Radiology, Medicine-Preliminary (Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans), Neurological Surgery, Neurology, Obstetrics-Gynecology (Baton Rouge and New Orleans), Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry (Baton Rouge and New Orleans), Radiology, General Surgery, Surgery-Preliminary, Vascular Surgery, Medicine-Pediatrics, Medicine-Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics-Emergency Medicine.

“LSU Health New Orleans medical graduates are in demand,” adds Dr. Cathy Lazarus, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine. “Those who pursue different experiences at this stage of their training are going to some of the most prestigious out-of-state programs. Many of them will bring the benefits of these experiences home when they return to Louisiana to practice.”

LSU Health New Orleans medical graduates who matched training programs in other states will be going to such highly regarded programs as Johns Hopkins, Emory University, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Michigan, and Stanford University, among others.

The Match, conducted annually by the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), is the primary system that matches applicants to residency programs with available positions at U.S. teaching hospitals and academic health centers. The choices of the students are entered into a software program as are the choices of the institutions with residency programs. All U.S. graduating medical students find out at the same time where they “matched” and where they will spend their years of residency training. National studies have found that a high number of physicians set up their permanent practices in the areas where they have completed their residency programs, but Louisiana is different from many states. A high percentage of LSU Health medical graduates come home to establish their practices. The vast majority of physicians providing care to the citizens of Louisiana are LSU Health-trained doctors.

The National Residency Matching Program was established in 1952 to provide an orderly and fair mechanism to match the preferences of applicants for U.S. residency positions with residency program choices of applicants. The program provides a common time for the announcement of the appointments, as well as an agreement for programs and applicants to honor the commitment to offer and accept an appointment if a match results.

Residency programs began July 1, 2021.



Exciting Recruitments Announced in Cancer Care and Research

LSU Health and the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center have recruited three nationally renowned faculty in cancer research and cancer care. This will add to LSU Health's already impressive list of researchers and clinicians, and will help the State of Louisiana in its quest to acquire NCI-designated status for cancer care.

"One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime," said Dean Steve Nelson, MD. "These three new additions to the faculty are going to bring us even closer to unlocking the secrets of cancer and position us to bring new treatments and better access to cancer care for our patients."

Dr. Nelson added that LSU Health is fighting cancer on two fronts: in the lab and at patients' bedsides.

John H. Stewart IV, MD, MBA, will be the first LSU Health/LCMC Health Cancer Center Director. He originally hails from Shreveport and received his bachelor's from Louisiana Tech before attending Howard University College of Medicine. In addition to a surgery residency, he has completed two NIH Fellowships in Surgical Oncology and Tumor Immunotherapy. Dr. Stewart served on the faculty at Wake Forest and at Duke before being recruited to University of Illinois College of Medicine, where he is Professor of Surgery, Presidential Scholar and Physician Executive of Oncology Services. In addition to his research in tumor immunotherapy, he has a strong interest in improving access and reducing inequities in cancer care.



Dr. Stewart

A joint recruit with LCMC Health, Dr. Stewart will work with clinicians and administrators at UMCNO, Children's Hospital, and throughout the LCMC Health System to expand cancer care and clinical research. He will also work strategically with population researchers to improve cancer outcomes and eliminate disparities in cancer care.

"Dr. Stewart has experience working in NCI Cancer Centers and is an accomplished clinician, researcher and administrator," said Dean Nelson. "His interest in health equity aligns with our vision for a Cancer Center in Louisiana. Additionally, given that he is from Louisiana, Dr. Stewart is personally invested in improving access and quality for the citizens of the State."

Two cancer research scientists will join the new Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology (DIO) and the Stanley S. Scott

Cancer Center. Charles Wood, PhD, and John T. West, PhD, will bring long track records of research success and tens of millions of dollars in funded research in the area of viral oncology. They will complement the DIO's current research program in viral oncology. Both will also work with faculty in the Departments of Microbiology/Immunology and Genetics and the School of Public Health.

Both Drs. Wood and West come to LSUHSC from the Nebraska Center for Virology at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, founded and led by Dr. Wood.

"We are excited to have such a successful team of investigators with international research programs join LSU Health. Cancers associated with viruses such as cervical, head and neck, Kaposi sarcoma and Merkel Cell Carcinoma, are an important cause of disease worldwide and in our state," said Augusto Ochoa, MD, Director of the LSU Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center. "Therefore, having experienced investigators that help advance our understanding of these diseases will help develop new ways to prevent, treat and cure patients with these diseases."

Dr. Wood is the current Lewis Lehr/3M University Distinguished Professor and Director of the Nebraska Center for Virology. He has been instrumental in advancing the quality, diversity, and growth of research at UNL by strongly connecting to academic programs and engaging regional, national and international partners. In addition to serving as the Director of the research center, he was also the principal investigator and Co-PI of several multi-center and multi-national collaborative projects, including serving as PI of a Fogarty International training program on HIV, and a virology training program.



Dr. Wood

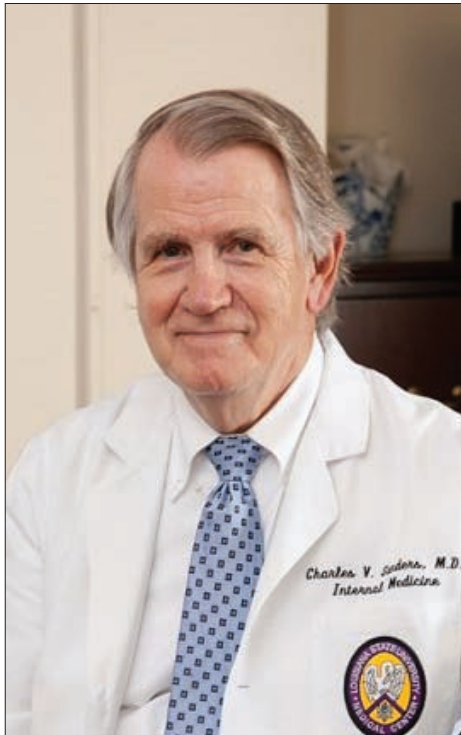


Dr. West

Dr. West's experience has focused on retroviral and herpetic pathogen infection, immune dysregulation, and neoplastic growth, as well as interests in various aspects of virology including viral evolution, vaccine design, regulation of RNA processing and translation, and viral pathogenesis.

All three are expected to start in the summer and fall of 2021.

Retirement of an Icon



Dr. Sanders

Dr. Charles (Bo) Sanders ('64) is a living legend both in the LSU School of Medicine as well as the entire medical profession, particularly among practitioners of internal medicine and infectious diseases.

He decided to retire in August 2021. Dr. Sanders has been a member of the LSU faculty his entire professional career. Graduating from the LSU School of Medicine in 1964, he completed his internal medicine residency in 1969 and completed his fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He joined the LSU Department of Medicine in 1970, advancing in rank and responsibility over the years. He became chief of the section of infectious disease in 1975, and the Edgar Hull Professor and Chair of Medicine in 1989, becoming the longest reigning chair of medicine in the country.

Dr. Sanders is a revered teacher who has inspired thousands of students, residents, and fellows with his love of medicine.

He has authored 180 original peer reviewed papers, 31 book chapters and a book.

The endowed Charles V. Sanders, MD ('64) Chair of Medicine was established by the Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence in 2009. Contributions can be directed to the LSU Health Foundation.

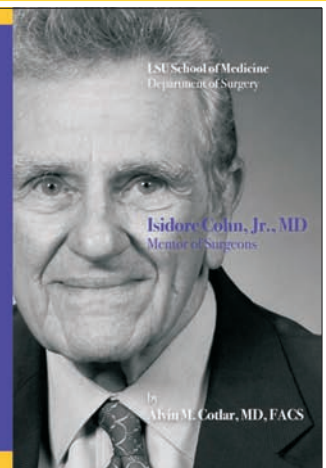
He was greatly influenced by Sir William Osler, particularly with his philosophy that “medicine should begin with the patient, continue with the patient, and end with the patient.” He is truly a gentleman, a scholar and a “teacher’s teacher.”

Just Published!



Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD

Mentor of Surgeons



Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD – Mentor of Surgeons, has just been released. Written by Alvin M. Cotlar, Colonel, USAF MC (retired), MD (LSU Class of '57), who spent research and clinical time with Dr. Cohn, the book is a compelling biography of the renowned Chair of the LSU Department of Surgery (1962-1989) and includes profiles of many of his colleagues.

Dr. Cotlar tells the story of the transformation of the department from its founding in 1931 into a program of national and academic distinction.

Illustrated in color, 290 pages, hardbound with the seal of LSUHSC embossed in the cover.

Unsigned copy is \$39.95, signed and numbered copy is: \$44.95.

To place orders, email ROAR@lsuhsc.edu or call the Alumni Office at: (504) 568-4029. —Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Two Hurricanes, a Pandemic and a 100-Year Freeze and Still Running at 100%

On August 27, 2020, at 1:00 a.m., Hurricane Laura came on shore. Much of Lake Charles was completely destroyed. Water, sewer, natural gas interrupted for extensive time. On August 27, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., LSU invoked the LSU School of Medicine New Orleans—GME *Extreme Emergent Situation and Disaster Policy*—and informed the ACGME of extreme damage including major damage to the Family Practice Center (a required element of the program) and the city’s loss of power necessitating the transfer out of patients on an emergent basis. The ACGMEs normal response would be to close the program and relocate residents to other programs in order to protect the residents’ education. It was expected that would be the outcome given the inoperable educational facilities. On September 2, and working out of her new office in a truck with no internet, Dr. Danette Null prepared a very detailed report on the personal and educational status of all trainees, their families, their homes and other info. She also detailed an immediate plan for going forward at one week, two weeks, and thereafter. It was an amazing document that truly saved the program. Under the circumstances where there was no power, water, any support services, this was an extraordinary response. She had a plan and a place for each resident. One day later she submitted a detailed rotational plan for each and every resident including housing and supervisor arrangements.

Only one week after landfall, a formal presentation was made to the Executive Director of the IRC of the ACGME and the Executive Director of the Resident Review. The ACGME was so impressed with the organization and thoroughness of the plan not only did they not close the program but they essentially just said update them on how could they help.

On September 15 LDH allowed the hospital to reopen and residents returned to some services. One day later the hospital powered down to go back on the electric grid. On September 24—less than one month after landfall—the program was back in Lake Charles Memorial. By the end of November, and

despite Hurricane Delta, the whole operation was fully functional.

I mentioned two hurricanes and a pandemic in the title. With the pandemic they had the usual problems but an additional issue came up. As you recall, the pandemic caused severe disruptions in the “global supply chain.” We all experienced it when ordering office supplies or dog treats or whatever Amazon was bringing to our houses every day. But trying to refurbish a hospital and Family Practice Center was a logistical nightmare as anyone who has tried to order furniture knows. And, just last week they received their annual Letter of Notification from the ACGME. This is the letter where they tell you if your program is on probation (or worse), under Warning or just gives you a list of citations to correct. The program was not closed, not put on probation and didn’t even receive one citation. Truly remarkable.

In all my years (24) of being over GME I have never witnessed such a renaissance. We all had our issues with Katrina, but few of us had a decimated program up and running in a week! Given the circumstances, Dr. Null’s actions represent the absolute finest in professionalism, determination, resourcefulness, command of the situation and tireless effort on the part of her residents and their families. She has my highest possible recommendation for Honorary Alumna of the Year

Sincerely,

Charles Hilton, MD
Associate Dean and Designated Institutional Official

*Honorary
Alumna of the Year*



Dr. Danette Null



Dr. Avegno

Alumna of the Year

Jennifer Avegno, MD ('01) has been selected as Alumna of the Year by the LSU Medical Alumni Board.

Dr. Avegno completed her residency in Emergency Medicine in 2005 and has served as Associate Emergency Medicine Program Director and Clerkship Director at LSU. She has served as Director of the New Orleans Health Department since 2018. She is currently the Incident Commander of the New Orleans COVID Pandemic Response and has spent countless hours serving as a regional advisor to both governmental and healthcare agencies. She has been named Person of the Year by the Urban League of Louisiana and Woman of the Year by the Girl Scouts of Louisiana and has received numerous teaching awards from residents and students. The Alumni Association is proud to recognize Jennifer for her service to the LSU Medical School and our community.

REUNIONS in 2021

Class of 1966



Rendezvous at Galatoire's

REUNIONS in 2021

Class of 1970



Meeting at Antoine's

Golden Tigers - Class of 1971



Meeting at Arnaud's

REUNIONS in 2021

Class of 1981



Meeting at Ralph's

Class of 1981 with a grin



Having fun at Ralph's

REUNIONS in 2021

Class of 1990



Enjoying a reunion at Muriel's

Tiger Cubs

PHOTO, RIGHT

Dr. Edmund Kerut, Denise Goodfellow Kerut ('91), Christian Kerut (cub), and Annie Molchan



PHOTO, LEFT

Dr. Lois Mailander, Emma Cole (cub), and John Cole ('81)



Jimmy Long, Mary Ingram Long ('94), Elizabeth Long (cub), Mary Grace Long and Anne Michelle Long

Tiger Cubs



Joe Travis, ('88), Cynthia Travis, Harrison Travis (cub) and Halley Travis



Claire Carr (cub) and Susan Taylor ('89)

PHOTO, RIGHT:

Lana Forte, Michael Forte (cub) and Vincent Forte ('92)



PHOTO, LEFT:

Josephine Everly, V. Claire Saux (cub) and Jay Saux ('91)

Tiger Cubs



Felton Winfield ('94), Matthew Winfield (cub), Danielle Winfield and Autumn Winfield



Madeline Lechtenberg (cub) and Keith Lechtenberg ('00)



Steven Granier ('92), Mallory Granier (cub) and Patricia Granier ('93)



Alex Anderson, Mary Anderson, Ashlyn Anderson (cub) and Derek Anderson ('93)

Tigerlines

'55

Mary Lou Applewhite, Metairie, LA – “Thanks to Dr. Fontenot, JoAnn, Carmen, Virginia, Rusty and many volunteers for making our reunions memorable.”

'57

J. Kingsley Fife, Pacific Palisades, CA – “The Pacific Palisades fires came close to us, but the rains came, and we were saved. My wife & I are wearing our masks faithfully; glad the pandemic is winding down. Enjoying retirement and in good health but miss seeing my ‘ole classmates from the Class of ‘57.

Samuel Holladay, Springhill, LA – “Looking forward to 65th anniversary in 2022. Hope some of us can get together.”

Fred Thomas, Perry, LA – “Happily healthy and retired with wife, Nancy.”

'60

Salvador Cefalu, Raleigh, NC – “Got vaccinated with Pfizer twice – can hug family now.”

'62

Ronald Padgett, Lafayette, LA – “Retired from Pathology practice 3 years ago. (Boarded in AP & CP.) Active in Addiction Recovery Programs, Objective and Subjective (Boarded in Addiction Medicine.) Active in property development, tree farming and hay production. Resting – not much.

'63

Benjamin Haley, Ruston, LA – Retired in 2003 – “I am a happy guy!”

'66

Robert Clawson, Hunts Point, WA – Retired 12-31-2020 after 47 years as

an Orthopaedic Surgeon private practice 37 years. Academic affiliation with University of Washington 10 years.

Albert Devillier, Poplarville, MS – “85 and still alive! Been living Gulf Coast life for several years but moving back to my country life to enjoy nature and wildlife with my wife, Judy!”

'68

Herbert Marks, Mandeville, LA – “Retired eight years now due to health reasons. Still doing some consulting. Lunching with old friends. Hobbies – painting and lecturing about Civil War Medicine.”

Charles Olivier, Lafayette, LA – “Retired for two years. Learning about motorhomes and traveling visiting grandkids.”

'70

Tom Quaid, Baton Rouge, LA – Retired from 32-year practice with Louisiana Cardiology Associates in 2009. “Now a busy full-time artist (Heart 2 Art) working mainly in oil portraits – a dream come true. Check out some of my stuff on Instagram @tpquaidstudio. Susie and I (53 years) have six grandchildren and are grateful for a wonderful life together.”

'73

John Hybart, Pensacola, FL – “Finally ‘persuaded’ myself to retire from Emergency Medicine after 45 years at Sacred Heart Pensacola. Started with (2) other ED docs in group – now 22 full-time (and not enough)! Very appreciative of my health and my family.”

'74

Stephen Williams, Hammond, LA – Retired on 6/30/2019 after practicing Diagnostic Radiology for 41 years. “Enjoying retirement, with many

interests and hobbies to keep me busy. Best wishes to all!”

'76

Joseph Elfert, Crowley, LA – Retired Sept 2020.

'79

Jim Bradburn, Scottsdale, AZ – “Enjoying retirement in Scottsdale playing golf and flying my motor glider. Currently recovering from total knee replacement surgery.”

'81

Eric Bloomfield, Rochester, MN – “Sorry could not make reunion ‘40’! Our plans call for a move to St Augustine, FL! I will continue part-time in Rochester! ‘45’ will be on my calendar. Our family consists of two girls, four Clydesdale horses, and two Newfoundland dogs!”

'82

James Crawford, Roanoke, VA – “Still practicing Anesthesiology in Roanoke, VA – 750 bed Level I Trauma Center – 50+ partners in my group.”

'83

Kirk Banquer, Hattiesburg, MS – Retired from full-time surgery practice on Jan 1. “Welcomed our first grandchild, Elsie, April 12. Jody and I are looking forward to resume traveling again.”

John Steven Cooper, Murrieta, CA – “2020 was a year of triumphs and heroes. Son, Michael Newton Cooper, MD, finished Tulane Medical School (Yeah, a Greenie) and started a Plastic Surgery Residency at LAC/USC Gen Hospital. Daughter, Taylor Nichole Newton Cooper, RN, fought through grade IV perinatal brain hemorrhage related learning disability to complete

Tigerlines

Los Angeles County Allied School of Nursing at LAC/USC Gen Hosp and NCLEX to obtain CA state licensure. Wife, Kim Newton, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, LAC/USC Gen Hosp, traced COVID exposures in spite of her own high-risk medical conditions. All four of us worked the Front Line and they are my Heroes.”

Michael Jackson, McCormick, SC – “As of tomorrow (July 30th), I will be officially retired. Hard to believe I first walked the halls at 1542 Tulane Avenue 42 years ago. Wow, has medicine changed! I have 35 years of practice under my belt, in addition to residency and med school. Just finished 18 months of Covid-19 practice. I was exposed and quarantined 4 times. Luckily, I never got it or was asymptomatic and didn’t know.

“Now I am contemplating what’s next. More time with my wife, Jamie, of almost 40 years, visiting my three sons and grandchildren, travel, hanging out at the lake, honing my woodworking skills, and taking up golf, top the list. The choices are endless as I hang up my stethoscope on the coat rack at the office for the last time. I will not miss insurance, managed care, medicine being treated as a commodity to be bought and sold for profit by big corporations and the countless ways that intrude on the doctor-patient relationship. I will miss my patients, the relationships we built and the opportunity to improve their health and lives. It’s been an honor. Thanks more than words can say to LSUMC for starting me down this path. Looking forward to seeing everybody at the 40th reunion in 2023!”

Herbert Mayer, Metairie, LA – “Cheryl and I have been married for 33 fantastic years. We have four children. Philip, Loyola Law graduate, Gabrielle RN, LSU School of Nursing now pursuing medical School,

Stephanie, applying into medical school, and Annaliese going economics – business route. Proud Tiger family.”

Wayne Slocum, Tupelo, MS – “Getting close to quitting time!!!”

’84

Michael Hayward, Monroe, LA – “Daughter, Christiana Hayward, MD, Shreveport 2016 after IM Residency at Baylor in Houston is now doing a fellowship in Los Angeles in Pulmonary/Critical Care. Daughter, Annelies applying to medical school.”

Roslyn Tabor, Baton Rouge, LA – “Happily retired family doctor. Spent two years as locum tenens (great fun), five as a hospital employee, and 25 in private practice (nine in Las Vegas and 16 in Baton Rouge) – Loving my free time to travel!!”

’86

Hope Ruhe, New Orleans, LA – “Still practicing Ob/Gyn – a bit slower now, still love it! Both sons chose medicine – older son Kevin Wong, is an interventional radiologist (pediatric), and younger son Jason Wong, is a flight surgeon in the Navy.

’88

Paul & Kathleen Castellanos, Lima, OH – “We are now enjoying the cornfields of Lima, Ohio, but missing the gumbo of New Orleans!”

Steve Kaufman, Minneapolis, MN – “I am now back at the University of Minnesota after my return from the State University of New York in New York City. I had a great time as the Vice-Chairman and Professor of Ophthalmology, conducting research and teaching residents, and living in Manhattan for five years. Living in the middle of New York City was fantastic.

“My wife (Valette), an LSU school of Nursing graduate, is working here as an OR nurse after raising our two boys. I am now the Professor and Vice-Chairman of Ophthalmology, Medical Director of M-Health and Fairview Hospital Corporation - Eye Care Services, and Director of Cornea and Refractive Surgery at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I never completely got used to the hot New Orleans summers so the below zero Minnesota winters are a nice change. Best regards to all.”

Jimmie McCready, Panama City Beach, FL – “30 years as an Emergency Room doc, slowly coming to an end. Life in Panama City Beach is excellent! Surfs up! Looking for the Tigers to bounce back and have a stellar year. Peace to all.”

’90

John Martin, Lafayette, LA – “Still living in Lafayette, LA. Four kids aged 10 – 16 and growing up fast! Also running Boston Marathon this year for 4th time!”

’96

Kevin Hargrave, Lafayette, LA – “Daughter Sophie graduated from St. Louis University, Madrid, Spain. Son is at LSU, Baton Rouge, and Stephen is a senior at St. Thomas More. Life is good!!”

’14

Jennifer Broussard Miller, Charlottesville, VA – “My husband **Bahnsen Miller** (’11) and I welcomed our daughter, Eleanor, on February 20, 2021. I am starting my transplant hepatology fellowship and Bahnsen is a hospitalist at UVA.”

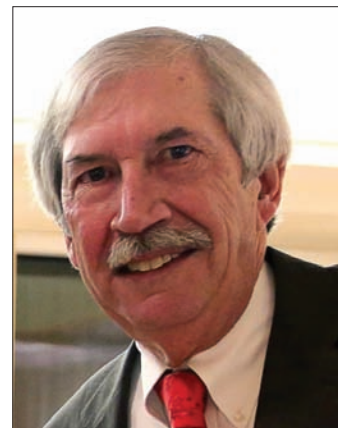
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~ In Memoriam ~

Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, PhD, who recently retired as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, passed away July 1, 2021, from complications of esophageal cancer.

The son of the late Geraldine (Stack) Moerschbaecher and Joseph M. Moerschbaecher Jr., Joe was born February 12, 1949, in South Bend, Indiana.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Loyola University, Chicago. While still in school, Joe was a research associate in behavioral pharmacology at Abbott Laboratories. He received a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology at the American University in Washington, DC, and then worked as a research associate in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. After Joe completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Pharmacology at Georgetown University Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, he joined the faculty as a research assistant professor. LSU Health Sciences Center recruited him, and he joined its faculty as an assistant professor of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics in 1983.



Dr. Moerschbaecher

His remarkable nearly four-decade career at LSU Health Sciences Center was filled with visionary leadership and accomplishment. He rose through the ranks as an associate and full professor to lead the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and in 1991, he was also appointed Co-Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence, which he helped found. In 1998, Chancellor Merv Trail, MD, appointed Joe as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. He led Academic Affairs and the graduate school on both the New Orleans and Shreveport campuses as Shreveport was under LSU Health New Orleans' administration at that time.

Joe was extensively published in peer-reviewed journals. He also wrote numerous chapters in textbooks. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded him millions of dollars in research grant funding throughout his career. He was an award-winning teacher, continuous NIH study section participant, and a member of almost 40 different LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans committees. Joe also played a key role in founding the LSU Health New Orleans School of Public Health. He served on the boards of the New Orleans BioInnovation Center and the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, as well as the Chair of the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee. Joe served in multiple capacities for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and from 2010-2012, was the President of the Behavioral Pharmacology Society.

Joe Moerschbaecher was instrumental in LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans' response to and recovery from the devastating flooding after Hurricane Katrina.

As a member of Pete Fountain's Half-Fast Walking Club, Joe looked forward to donning each year's colorful suit and taking to the streets on Mardi Gras morning, of course, stopping at watering holes along the way. There was nothing Joe loved more than dancing with his beloved Bern. They would be the first on and last off the dancefloor at the annual LSU School of Medicine Gala. He relished his fishing trips with his brother and relaxing and reading for fun on his Florida beach. Joe is survived by his wife of 48 years, Bernadette Moerschbaecher of Metairie, Louisiana, sons Joseph Moerschbaecher, IV, of Brevard, North Carolina, and Matthew Moerschbaecher, PhD, of Metairie, Louisiana, as well as sisters Mary McDonald (Patrick) of Long Beach, Indiana, and Patricia Frett (Robert) of McHenry, Illinois, a brother, William Moerschbaecher (Amy) of Presque Isle, Wisconsin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life and contributions to LSU Health Sciences Center will soon be displayed in the Ische Library on campus.

Deceased

Dec-43

Hubert C. Ashman

1952

Gerard W. Jauchler
David D Thibaut

1953

Purnell W. Choppin

1955

Edwin Walker
Abner Landry
Santo J. LoCoco

1956

Samuel Jonas Stagg, Jr.
Idolphus C. Turnley

1957

Jere D. Melilli

1958

Hamp S. Pratt

1959

Roy L. Gregory

1960

Harry J. Kellerman
James J. Murtagh
James A. Meyers

1961

William A. Martin
Charles T. O'Connor
Lee T. Popejoy
Leopold Richard, Jr.
Patrick J. Sullivan

1963

Donald H. DeLoach
Corbett LeBouef
Seth P. Novoselsky
Herbert K. Plauche
Arnold Roufa

1966

Valentine A. Earhart

1967

Charles N. Aprill

1968

William D. Pelletier
G. Havarad Albright

1969

Robert S. Conte

1971

James R. Edgar

1972

Susan G. Sabatier

1979

Jack A. Hurst
Tristan R. Schultis

1986

Michael T. Ferry

1993

Scott T. Fowler

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~ In Memoriam ~

Luis R. Espinoza, MD (July 3, 1943–March 29, 2020)

Dr. Luis R. Espinoza was a dedicated mentor, distinguished researcher and role model to rheumatologists worldwide.



Dr. Espinoza

A native of Pisco, Perú, Dr. Espinoza graduated from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in 1968. He then migrated to the U.S. where he completed his internship at Jersey City Medical Center and his training in internal medicine and rheumatology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, Mo., and McGill University Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada.

After completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Rockefeller University, New York City, he returned to McGill for his first faculty position.

Dr. Espinoza was recruited to be an associate professor in the Division of Rheumatology at the University of South Florida School of Medicine in 1975.

In 1990, he became professor and director of the Section of Rheumatology at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, a position he held until his untimely death.

In the days and the morning prior to his death, Luis was still taking calls from concerned patients, despite circumstances that would have crippled most. This reflects his dedication to his patients, who infused him with energy.

In recognition of his service to the LSU School of Medicine, the Alumni Board voted to name Dr. Espinoza an Honorary Alumnus.

From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. Despite the challenges of the current pandemic, our medical school is continuing its work to educate students and residents. Those in clinical rotations continue to provide care in hospitals and clinics, and students in the first and second years learn through a hybrid experience of face-to-face and virtual groups.

Once again, in 2021, we had to forego the full reunion weekend due to group number restrictions in New Orleans although a few classes did choose to have dinners at local venues.

At the time of this publication, we are still planning to celebrate our Purple and Gold Gala on November 13, 2021, at the historic Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. We have learned over the past eighteen months, however, that flexibility will be necessary and we will keep you updated through our website at: LSUHSC.edu.

Thanks, as always, for your support of the School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathi Fontenot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathi Fontenot ('84)
Associate Dean
for Alumni Affairs and
Development

**Orthopedic residents training in the Cadaveric Lab
in the Russell C. Klein ('59), MD, Center for Advanced Practice.**



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