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Golden Tigers of the Class of '64



Outgoing President James Brown III ('92) passes the gavel to incoming President Elizabeth A. McDonald ('84).



Matthew Carlisle, MD, demonstrates airway management in a patient in respiratory distress during a tour of the Learning Center. For story and more pictures, see page 13.

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A Message from the Dean



A Message from the Dean

We are standing on the threshold of an unprecedented opportunity that will shape the future of healthcare, education and research for our school, the city, and all of Louisiana. In less than one year from now the new University Medical Center will open. This new academic medical center represents a partnership between LCMC Health, the LSU Health Sciences Center, Tulane Medical Center and several neighboring universities focused on providing the most advanced medical technology and the highest quality of care to our patients. This academic medical center will conduct innovative research which will lead to important advances in how we care for our patients both here at home and beyond.

Equally important, LSU together with our partners have a long-standing commitment to teaching the next generation of healthcare professionals for Louisiana. In fact, our graduates account for the majority of physicians practicing in Louisiana. This new facility is essential to our mission if we are to continue to provide the workforce to meet the future health care needs of our state. Our students and residents will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and will be taught by a faculty who are themselves gifted clinicians and educators. This combined with a rich and diverse patient population will serve to strengthen our mission in advancing the health status of our patients and our community.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Nelson, MD
Dean, School of Medicine
LSU Health Sciences Center
New Orleans

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with someplace to go!*

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reunion.*

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Committee of 100 Banquet

The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence comprises over 700 individuals who have committed to financially support the LSU School of Medicine, initially, through Professorships and Chairs, and now to fund a new Cardiovascular Laboratory in support of the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence. The evening's Committee of 100 Banquet recognized new members of the Committee.

After a dinner of beef filet and bisque, Dr. George Lundberg, Editor at Large, Medscape and Chief Medical Officer and Editor in Chief, CollabRx, addressed the group about the future of medical education. His comments and perspectives were thought-provoking and challenging.

In attendance were **Larry Hollier ('68)**, Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center and wife, Diana; **Fred Rodriguez ('75)**, President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee and wife, Susan; Steve Nelson, MD, Dean of the School of Medicine and wife, Julie; **Luis Espinoza ('97)** and wife **Andrea ('00)**; **George Lyons ('54)** and his wife, Betty; Gerald Berenson, MD, with his wife, Joan, and **Tip McKnight ('60)**.



Jeannine Rozas Cook ('84), new Life Member of the Committee of 100.



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez ('75), Charles Cook ('83), and James Brown ('92)



Sylvia and Gene Louviere ('72)



George Lyons ('54) (left) and Thomas Miller ('59)



Left to right: Luis Espinoza ('97), Andrea Espinoza ('00), Dean Steve Nelson, MD, and Julie Nelson

Committee of 100 Banquet



Lee Kelley ('84), new member of the Committee of 100, displays his plaque.



Troy Middleton ('82), new member of the Committee of 100, displays his plaque.



Left to right: Renee Macaluso, Mark Juneau ('73), Jeanne Juneau, and Joseph Macaluso ('79)



Left to right: Anne Gauthier, Sanford Pailet ('62), Diane Dulitz, and Lester Dulitz ('64)



Left to right: Christin Smith, Jason Smith ('81), and Cathi Fontenot ('84), holding the plaque presented to Dr. Smith as a Double Member of the Committee of 100.



Left to right: Carl Merlin ('64), Shirley Merlin, Michael Hayman ('73), and Marina Hayman



Left to right: Tip McKnight ('60), Dr. Gerald Berenson, and Joan Berenson

Committee of 100 Banquet



Left to right: **Jack Perry Strong** ('51), **Susan Rodriguez**, **Frank Modica**, and **Mihoko Strong**



Lorry Radzikowski and **Ron Radzikowski** ('72)

REUNION WEEKEND 2014



Zee Ali ('01), speaking from the podium at the Scientific Session.

Over 500 alumni and guests from the classes of '54, '55, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99 and '04 returned to the School of Medicine for the 2014 reunions. Led by the Golden Tigers of the Class of 1964, they spent a weekend in New Orleans attending social events and sharing memories. A golf tournament presided over by **John McLachlan** ('62) and **Mack Thomas** ('62) began the festivities on Friday, June 6th.

The afternoon was available for on-campus tours of the **Russell C. Klein, MD** ('59), Center for Advanced Practice and the **Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD**, Learning Center, where alumni had a chance to re-live medical school with our simulators.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the New Orleans 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 – **Larry Hollier** ('68), who updated the group on the State of the Health Sciences Center, **Will Cefalu** ('79), who spoke about, "Pre-Diabetes: Is it already too late?" Also speaking were **Charles "Bo" Sanders** ('64), **Richard M. Lauve** ('79), and **Murtuza "Zee" Ali** ('01).

At the mid-morning business meeting, **Elizabeth McDonald**

('84) was named President of the Alumni Association 2014, **Ronnie Lahasky** ('90), was named President-Elect, and **Henry Peltier** ('90) was named Vice President.

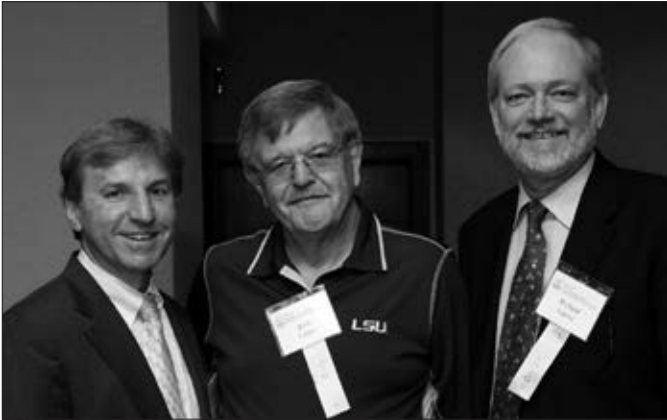
Bennie Nobles ('71) and **Rickey Ryals** ('82) were named Alumni of the Year for their outstanding service to the School, the profession and the community.

Katherine Diodene and Yolanda Lundsgaard were awarded special merit recognition for their volunteer support of alumni events such as reunions and the annual gala.



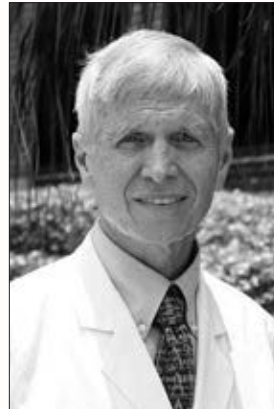
At the Scientific Session, Chancellor **Larry Hollier** ('68), presents an update on the state of the Health Sciences Center.

REUNION WEEKEND 2014



Members of the Class of 1979 (left to right): Will Cefalu ('79), Rick Foster ('79), and Richard Lauve ('79)

Alumni of the Year 2013



Bennie P. Nobles, Jr. ('71)



Rickey O. Ryals ('82)



Members of the Class of 1974 (left to right): Tom Geary ('74), Tom Ernst ('74), and Bob Robichaux ('74)



Golden Tigers gathering at the Scientific Session (left to right): Calvin Peters ('64), Earl Rozas ('64), and James Bradford ('64)



Golden Tigers Richard Schunior ('64) (left) and Bo Sanders ('64)



"Cuz" Jarrell ('54) (left) and Victor Feske ('54)



Katherine Diodene receives her Special Merit Award, presented by James Brown ('92)



Yolanda Lundsgaard displays her Special Merit Award, presented by James Brown ('92).

REUNION WEEKEND 2014



Golden Tigers earn their 50-year diplomas

Elizabeth McDonald (84), incoming President of the Medical Alumni Association, presented the 50-year diplomas to the Golden Tigers of the Class of 1964. Shown (left): Calvin Peters (64) receives his diploma from Dr. McDonald. Below are other recipients.



Gary Lafleur (64)



Karl Pizzolatto (64)



Ralph Sagrera (64)



Enoch Toler (64)



PHOTO, LEFT

Golden Tigers gather at the cocktail party (left to right): Joseph Biundo (64), Ange Lobue (64), John Imahara (64), and Glenn Fowler (64)

PHOTO, RIGHT
From the Class of '55
left to right:
Gene Dauterive (55),
L. O. Broussard (55),
Jay Halphen (55), and
Betty Halphen



REUNION WEEKEND 2014



Left to right: Ronald Daigle ('79), Tricia Cran ('83), Joe Macaluso ('79), Sr. Mary Madonna Baudier ('79), Jeannine Thibodaux, and Donald Thibodaux ('79)



PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Arthur Morel ('55), Clarice Morel, Ann Yvette de la Villesbret, and Robert Cangelosi ('54)



Jim Schnabel ('84) and Renee Savoy Harris ('84)

PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Elizabeth Burton ('94), Kevin Dole, and Virginia McDougall ('94)

REUNION WEEKEND 2014

PHOTO, RIGHT

Celebrating their ten-year reunion are (left to right) Markella Christakis ('04), Dedric Clarke ('04), and Ashley Record ('04)



Greg Meier and Evelyn Kluka Meier ('84)



ABOVE: Celebrating their fortieth reunion are (left to right): Weston Miller ('74), Mason Gilfoil ('74), and Bob Dawson ('74)



Lynn Tucker ('64) with her husband, Steve Myer

PHOTO, RIGHT

Left to right: James Leonard ('63), Maurice Bercier ('68), Anne Monlezun, and Lee Monlezun ('69)



REUNION WEEKEND 2014



PHOTO, LEFT

Rocio Calle-Rodrigue ('89) (center) displays a graduation photo featuring the three friends now at the reunion. Tara Rashid Sherwani ('89) is on the left; Sharon Delcambre-Lilly ('89) on the right. The photo on display is shown below.



PHOTO, RIGHT

William Rock ('69), Vannie Rock, Michael Bourgeois ('69), and Mary Bourgeois



PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Minnie Cook, Ewing Cook ('69), Russell Klein ('59), and Donna Klein

REUNION WEEKEND 2014

PHOTO, RIGHT

Left to right: Charles Cook ('83), Jeannine Rozas Cook ('84), Ray Fontenot ('84), and Karen Fontenot



Left to right: Al Merlin ('64), Sandy Anderson, and Andy Anderson ('64)



James Brown ('92) is flanked by Anne Monlezun (left) and Joyce Leonard.

MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2015



for the following classes:
'50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75,
'80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05

June 5 and 6, 2015
New Orleans Hilton,
Poydras at the River

To volunteer to help with your 2015 reunion,
contact the Office of Alumni Affairs
at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail: ROAR@lsuhsc.edu

See you there!

REUNION WEEKEND 2014

Tour of the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD ('59), Center for Advanced Practice

In conjunction with LSU Medical Alumni weekend, alumni were invited to return to the medical school to tour the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD (59), Center for Advanced practice. Shown are photos of the alumni getting hands-on demonstrations from some of the Learning Center faculty. Photographs by Daryl Lofaso.



PHOTO, LEFT

Vladimir Kiselov, MD, demonstrates the vascular surgery simulator, doing stent placement.



PHOTO, RIGHT

John Paige, MD, shows a video of nursing and medical students participating in a patient safety team training module.



PHOTO, LEFT

Vadym Rusnak, MD, and Vladimir Kiselov, MD, give further information on the vascular surgery simulator, doing stent replacement.

ALUMNI GOLF



Golfers from the Class of 1964 (left to right): **Ralph** ('64) and **Kathy Sagrera**, **Lynn Tucker** ('64), and **Steve Myer**

Our 20th annual alumni golf tournament was hosted by T.P.C. Louisiana June 6, 2014. The difficult Pete Dye Course presented a formidable challenge. The course was impeccably groomed and the full beauty of Louisiana's natural scenery was on display.

There was an air of excitement noted as the golfers arrived early to prepare for the challenge. After all, most amateur golfers don't play every day on a PGA tournament course.

Most early arrivals grabbed breakfast and moved to the excellent practice area. Some gathered near the large carved alligator logo. Noticed in the gathering were student guests Robert Nuss (L2), Luke Townsend (L2) and Gabe Lensing (L2). Saints players headed by all pro tackle Zach Strief stood out in the crowd. The Class of 1964 was represented by **Lynn Tucker** ('64), **Steve Myer**, **Ralph** ('64) and **Kathy Sagrera**. LSU Chief of Orthopedics Dr. Andy King was seen discussing putting with **Lee Kelley** ('84) from Atlanta.

There had been concern that the course would prove too difficult. The golfers laughed at this, rose to the occasion and posted outstanding scores. Judging from the scores, the field was loaded with golfing talent.

Trophies and awards were distributed at lunch. The winning team of **Albert Diket** ('83), **Lloyd Klibert** ('81), **Tim Maher** ('81) and **Marshall St. Amant** ('84) posted a 61. Second place trophies were awarded to Dr. Andy King, **Bill Sherman** ('05), **Matthew Delarosa** ('13) and **John McLachlan** ('62). Capturing third place was the team of **Chip Uffman** ('04), **Adam Whatley** ('04) and **Brett Hutchinson** ('04). Brian Young (a Saints coach) won the long drive contest. Tom Adams (DDS) and **Louis Hebert** ('84) won closest to the hole awards.

The tournament is always fun and affords the players a good opportunity to reconnect with their classmates. Please consider playing in the tournament when you return for your reunion.

First Place



First-place winners (left to right): **Albert Diket** ('83), **Lloyd Klibert** ('81), **Tim Maher** ('81) and **Marshall St. Amant** ('84)

Second Place



Second-place winners (left to right): **John McLachlan** ('62), **Dr. Andy King**, **Matthew Delarosa** ('13), and **Bill Sherman** ('05)

Third Place



Third-place winners (left to right): **Adam Whatley** ('04), **Chip Uffman** ('04), and **Brett Hutchinson** ('04)

REUNION CLASSES



Class of 1954



Class of 1955

REUNION CLASSES



Class of 1959



**GOLDEN TIGERS of the Class of 1964
are pictured on the front cover.**



Class of 1969

REUNION CLASSES



Class of 1974



Class of 1979

REUNION CLASSES



Class of 1984



Class of 1989



Class of 1994

REUNION CLASSES



Class of 1999



Class of 2004

Tiger Cubs - Class of 2018



Left to right: Carl Poche ('56) and Myrrh Poche, Dylan Poche (Cub), Tessa Poche, and Jerry Poche ('89)



Left to right: Christin Smtih, Taylor Smith (Cub) and Jason Smith ('81)



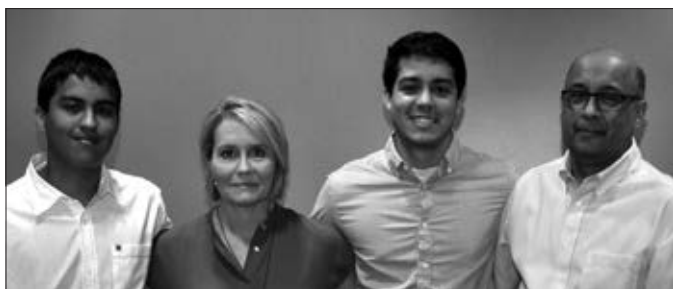
Left to right: Christopher McKinnie (Cub), Nancy McKinnie and James McKinnie ('82)



PHOTO, RIGHT
Left to right: Deborah Fisher, Marc Alan Fisher ('85) and Jonathan Fisher (Cub), grandson of the late Leo Fisher ('43)



Left to right: Sidney Smith ('84), Sydney Smith (Cub) and Marlene Smith



PHOTO, LEFT
Left to right: Michael Jindia, Deborah Jindia, Jonathan Jindia (Cub) and Sanjiv Jindia ('84)



PHOTO, RIGHT
Left to right: Julie Landry, Aimee Landry (Cub), and Keith Landry, ('84); grandfather was the late Harry E. Jones ('56)



Back row (left to right): Anthony Haase ('07), Jeremy Haase, Anthony Haase (Cub), and Emily Haase. Front row (left to right): Bekki Haase, Paige, Megan, and Brayden



Left to right: Kathleen Beuttler ('81), Marc Beuttler (Cub) and William Beuttler ('82)



Bernard Beau Landry (Cub) (left) and Bernard Bud Landry ('85); not pictured is grandfather, Abner Landry ('55)

Tiger Cubs - Class of 2018



Left to right: Morgan Domangue, Lee Domangue ('76), Martine Domangue (Cub) and Cathy Domangue



PHOTO, LEFT
Left to right: Kathy Joseph, Alexandra Joseph (Cub) and Jonathan Joseph, Sr. ('84)



Jennifer Hart ('88) and Spencer Hart (Cub); not pictured is father, Stuart Hart ('88)



Left to right: Jeannette Rolfsen, Mark Rolfsen (Cub) and Mike Rolfsen ('82)



Left to right: Tim Molony ('82), Christian Molony (Cub) and Regina Molony



Kellen Dawson (Cub) and Mark Dawson ('77)



Left to right: Lisa Karlin, John Karlin, Samantha Karlin (Cub) and Richard Karlin ('80)



Left to right: Bonnie Lavie, Scott Lavie (Cub), and Carl Chip Lavie ('83)



Left to right: Cynthia Glass ('80), Catherine Chappuis (Cub) and Charles Chappuis ('79)

2014 LAMMICO scholarship recipient named at LSU School of Medicine New Orleans

For the fourteenth consecutive year, a Louisiana student attending the LSU Medical School in New Orleans is among four others who will continue their higher education in the medical field, thanks to a recent merit award from the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance Company. Since 2000-2001, LAMMICO has awarded merit scholarships to medical students for their first- year enrollment at all of Louisiana medical and dental schools.

LSU Medical School, New Orleans, awarded this year's LAMMICO Scholarship to **Edward-Michael Dussom**, of Covington, LA. He is a President Scholar and a 2012 graduate of Harvard Medical College.



Edward-Michael Dussom

MATCH DAY

The National Resident Match Program Match Day was held at Southport Hall for the LSU Medical School New Orleans on May 21, 2014. Of the 175 students who participated in the program this year, 53% will stay in Louisiana. All 182 of the LSUHSC residency program positions filled.



Left to right: Jim Garitty ('80), Mickey Garitty ('14) and Diane Garitty



Left to right: Frank Modica, Michael Modica ('14), Cathi Fontenot ('84) and Matthew Modica

PHOTO, RIGHT

Left to right: Kirk Smith ('83), Elizabeth Smith ('14) and Lisa Smith ('83)



Left to right: Charles Daniel ('79), Hudson Talbot, Kristen Talbot ('14) and Donna Daniel

PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Karen Ortenberg ('95), Robin Ortenberg ('14), and Dr. Joseph Ortenberg (Professor, Clinical Urology, LSUSOM)



Left to right: Nick Accardo ('80), Kate Accardo ('14) and Rebecca Accardo ('82)



Left to right: David Sicard ('90), Karen Sicard, Jeffery Schexnayder, Kaitlen Sicard ('14), Kristen Sicard ('14), and Tyler Spruill

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER



Construction site with Claiborne Avenue Overpass in the foreground. For more details, visit <http://www.newhospital.org/>.

The excitement is palpable at the Health Sciences Center in New Orleans as we see the new University Medical Center Hospital and Clinic nearing completion across Tulane Avenue from our campus. Set to open in mid-2015, the University Medical Center comprises a 444-bed hospital, a utility plant, ambulatory care building and a parking garage. The state-of-the-art facility has been designed to withstand adverse weather events and be self-sufficient with emergency power to support patient care for at least seven days.

Continuing the service tradition of Charity Hospital, the facility will house the Level I Trauma Program, the nationally recognized HIV outpatient program (HOP), a large inpatient and outpatient clinical research center, in addition to areas designed to support surgical

and medical services such as interventional cardiovascular programs and multidisciplinary oncology programs.

In addition to serving LSU's historic patient populations as a safety-net provider, the new facility and the faculty of LSU also intend to provide destination programs such as heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, and

multidisciplinary oncology care for patients who want to receive top-notch, cutting-edge treatments here in Louisiana. Although we all know that patients in the public system have always received excellent care, access and facility limitations have, historically, been challenges. The new UMC will solve both of those issues.

The UMC will play a vital role in training future generations of physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers who train at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

The University Medical Center will be managed by LCMC Health, a local, community-minded healthcare organization that operates New Orleans Children's Hospital and Touro Infirmary.



Buildings on Tulane Avenue in the background

Faculty News

Melinda Sothorn, PhD, Director of Behavioral & Community Health Sciences and Professor of Research at the LSUHSC-NO School of Public Health, has authored a new book, *Safe and Effective Exercise for Overweight Youth*. Dr. Sothorn led her field in establishing standardized guidelines for prescribing exercise for children with increasing levels of obesity. Her research is widely published in many peer-reviewed scientific journals and two scientific textbooks, *The Handbook of Pediatric Obesity: Clinical Management* (Taylor and Francis, 2006) and *The Handbook of Pediatric Obesity: Etiology, Pathophysiology and Prevention* (Taylor and Francis, 2005). She also senior-authored a popular press book for parents to use in conjunction with their pediatrician or family physician entitled *Trim Kids* (2001, Harper Collins).



LSUNO Expands to Baton Rouge Branch Campus

The LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans has received approval from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to establish a branch campus in Baton Rouge. The LCME is the nationally recognized accrediting authority for medical schools in the United States and Canada.

Branch status will bring medical students to Baton Rouge for their third and fourth years of medical school. The phase-in began in July with 32 students arriving in Baton Rouge to start their third year of medical school. Those students will continue to their fourth year while a new group of “L-3’s” arrive.

LSU has expanded its affiliation with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center on Essen Lane in Baton Rouge when the hospital owned by the Franciscan Missionaries assumed patient care formerly provided by Earl K. Long Medical Center. The LSU Health Medical Education and Innovation Center opened this summer on the Lake’s Campus. The Center houses conference space and a simulation center to support medical student and resident education in Baton Rouge.

With students finishing medical school at the Lake facility, Dean Steve Nelson says that there is a great opportunity to remain in Baton Rouge and in Louisiana for residency programs and, ultimately, set up practice here.



LSUHSC'S Sothern on 1ST National Physical Activity Report Card Panel

Dr. Melinda Sothern, Professor and Director of Behavioral & Community Health Sciences at the LSUHSC School of Public Health, is one of 11 members of the Research Advisory Committee that produced the 2014 United States Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth. The first-ever report card reveals that only about one in four young Americans meet the current guideline of 60 minutes of moderate physical activity a day.

Here are the grades:

1. Overall Physical Activity: D-
2. Sedentary Behaviors: D
3. Active Transportation: F
4. Organized Sport Participation: C-
5. Active Play: INCOMPLETE
6. Health-Related Fitness: INCOMPLETE
7. Family and Peers: INCOMPLETE
8. School: C-
9. Community and the Built Environment: B-
10. Government Strategies and Investments: INCOMPLETE

The report also indicates that children and youth spend more than seven hours a day in sedentary activities, and they become even more sedentary as they grow older.

"This report card is a call to action," notes Dr. Sothern, an exercise physiologist and one of the world's foremost pediatric obesity researchers. "The benefits of physical activity and fitness are well established, and it is imperative that we change from a sedentary culture to a healthy, active one. Our future depends upon it."

According to the National Physical Activity Plan Alliance/American College

of Sports Medicine which released the report card, data from multiple nationally representative surveys were used to provide a comprehensive evaluation of physical activity for children and youth. The grades for the Report Card were assigned by the Report Card Research Advisory Committee using the most recent data available with consideration of published scientific literature and reports. The Report Card is the first in an historic series of national physical activity report cards in countries around the world that will be updated annually, providing an unprecedented global benchmark using a common methodology on this pivotal public health issue.

Copeland/LSU Partnership

Through various events, the Al Copeland Foundation (ACF) has raised over \$800,000 to fight cancer. The Copeland/LSU Partnership in Cancer, Viruses & Immunotherapy grew out of the \$1 Million Al Copeland/Cancer Crusaders Endowed Chair. The Partnership is exclusively focused on how to prevent, better treat, and eventually cure cancers caused by viruses. Recently, Dr. Augusto Ochoa, director of the LSU Health Sciences Center Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center, was

named the inaugural recipient of the \$1 million Al Copeland /Cancer Crusaders chair in Neuroendocrine Cancer.

Dr. Ochoa has been selected as one of ten recipients nationally of the 2013 National Institutes of Health Transformative Research Award. The

award comes with a \$2.5 million grant over five years to LSUHSC to support the development of new treatments for severe viral diseases, including herpes infections, pandemic influenza and cancers caused viruses, by manipulating how the immune system responds to severe viral and inflammatory infections.

7th Annual Colin Goodier Golf Tournament

Friday, September 26, at the Audubon Golf Club. The after party will again be at the Audubon Clubhouse, beginning around 5:30.

For more information, visit <http://www.colingoodiergolf.com/>.

All proceeds benefit the Dr. Colin Goodier Scholarship Fund, LSU Medical School.

Purple & Gold Gala 2014

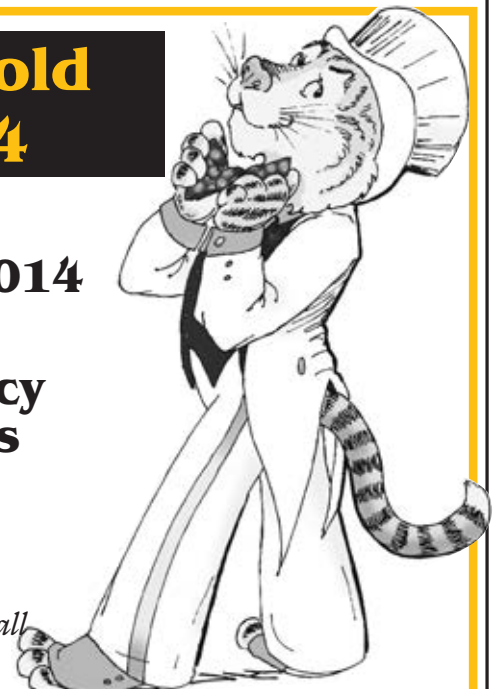
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October 11, 2014

at the

Hyatt Regency
New Orleans

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From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. 2014 has, so far, been highlighted by our annual reunion weekend in June. The weekend commenced with our Committee of 100 banquet, which recognized new members, as well as “re-committed” members who continue to serve our Alma Mater with financial commitments. This allows the office to support our School in so many ways.

Reunion weekend recognized the 50th reunion attendees with our usual luncheon celebrating the Class of 1964. The Class of '64 demonstrated their generosity and dedication to LSU by raising \$30,000 to create a scholarship in their honor, to award each year to a deserving student. A great precedent set by them; hopefully, other classes will consider such a project.

We have begun the Capital Campaign to raise \$2.5 million for the vascular laboratory for the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence – and are actively planning for the Annual Purple and Gold Gala. This year, the Gala will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. This is a great time to connect with friends – *buy a table and spend a great weekend in New Orleans.*

Thanks, as usual, for your support. Please call or stop by this office when you can. I would love to show you our campus.

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

Tiger in the News



Dr. Klein

Russell C. Klein ('59) was chosen as one of the 2014 honorees for the New Orleans CityBusiness' annual Health Care Heroes program. Launched in 2007, Health Care Heroes honors health care professionals in the New Orleans area in six categories: animal care, first responder, nurse, physician, professional and volunteer. Honorees are selected based on industry achievement and community impact. The winners were highlighted in a special publication as part of the May 16th issue of CityBusiness, and they were celebrated at a May 9th luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Tiger in the News

James J. Leonard ('63), Thibodaux, LA, has recently been named Chairman of the LSU Health Foundation New Orleans. The Foundation was formed in 1988 and organized as a nonprofit, tax-exempt, public charity to support and promote the charitable, scientific and educational mission of the LSU Health Sciences Center.

'50

T. L. McNeely, Crowley, LA – “Out to pasture except volunteer physician for the nonprofit Hospice of Acadiana. Products of Drs. Hull, Akenhead and Rives are becoming scarce except in the obituaries.”

'55

S. Adelle Drane-Bosch, Pikesville, MD – “Very ill for most of the past year due to internal bleeding. Finally found the source of bleeding due to hemangiomas in the jejunum. The past three weeks show no obvious signs of continued bleeding! Clinically I am probably cured. I am happy to join the 1955 group again. I am now 82½ years old! I hope to see you when I am 100.”

'57

Alvin M. Cotlar, Gulfport, MS – “Still seeing clinic and operating at Biloxi VA. Somehow, retiring at soon-to-be 82 does not appeal to me.”

Guy J. Guarino, Hickory, NC – “Always enjoying each publication – Enjoy reading about the newcomers and of course the old ones also.”

Warren C. Plauche, Snellville, GA – “I'm O.K. now but boy has it been a bad year – three vessel bypass, colon

polyps, GI bleed from diverticulae, etc. Base problems – 81 years old, diabetic and hypertensive and thrombocytopenic – phooey. Good things – published four books – three children's; one semi-adult and painted umpteen watercolors, some pretty good. Holding out for granddaughter's wedding in late May. Otherwise little bon appetite.”

Joel B. Smason, Los Angeles, CA – “Lost my sweet Evelyne after 52 years of happiness. I have four children, three grandchildren. Best wishes.”

'60

Salvador J. Cefalu, Raleigh, NC – “Although the practice of medicine is a nightmare today, I still get nostalgic when I remember how it was in the past! Miss it at times. Am I getting old? Greetings to all my friends.”

'65

John E. Sorrells Jr, Lake Charles, LA – “Retired!”

'69

Elizabeth McBurney, Lafayette, LA – Moved to Lafayette in 2013 – Practicing three days a week and teaching at LSU once a month.

'71

Bennie Nobles, New Orleans, LA – “I pray that all of our classmates are well and prospering. (Jeremiah 29:11)”

'73

Jon S. Palmintier, Broussard, LA – “Loving retirement and loving being back home in Louisiana.”

'75

Fred H. Rodriguez, Metairie, LA — Serving in 2014 as the President of the University of New Orleans Alumni Association and as the President of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) Board of

Tiger in the News

Walter S. Culpepper III ('72) hard at work on his second major novel (working title: *Payout*), a medical thriller featuring a brilliant research psychiatrist whose life has taken a dark turn. The book will be completed sometime in 2015. On June 20, 2014, Dr. Culpepper appeared on the popular New Orleans arts and entertainment television show, *Steppin' Out*, where he and Peggy Scott Laborde discussed his novel, *The Replacement Son*, and the events that inspired the story, with particular attention to its New Orleans and WWII roots.

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Dr. DeSonier

Keith DeSonier ('75) of Lake Charles was elected to the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) Hall of Fame at its annual House of Delegates meeting, Saturday, February 1, 2014, in Baton Rouge. The LSMS established its Hall of Fame to recognize members, both living and deceased, who have contributed long-term meritorious service and valuable leadership to the LSMS.

Currently, Dr. DeSonier is the chair of the LSMS Council on Legislation as well as the LSMS' political action committee, LAMPAC. He has held various leadership positions with the LSMS over the last 30 years, including president, chair of the Board of Councilors, and 7th District Councilor. He has also served on numerous

LSMS committees and represents physicians at the local level by remaining active with the Calcasieu Parish Medical Society.

His positive influence is evident through his work as chair of the Louisiana Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA). Through his efforts and leadership at the national level, Louisiana physicians are well represented on important health care reform issues and have influenced federal policy and legislation with the ultimate goal of protecting the patient-physician relationship.

Directors. Was nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award by LSU School of Medicine Aesculapian Society. New grandson, Henry P. Rodriguez, born April 14, 2014, in Atlanta

'76

Galen R. Smith, Kingsport, TN – “After 30 years of Orthopaedic Surgery, with subspecialization in spinal surgery, I ‘downshifted’ to office practice only on 4/1/2014. I volunteered to join the US Army in 2003 to help out with the war effort. I was deployed as an Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon in Iraq in 2004, to the Army’s only Trauma Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, in 2006, and to Afghanistan in 2009/2010. I was proud to serve and help our brave

fighting men in both war theatres. HUA!!”

'79

Jim Bradburn, Anthem/Flagstaff, AZ – “Still happily retired and married in Arizona. Enjoying flying, golfing, mountain biking and our golden retriever. I’m very appreciative of the opportunities LSUMC offered me.”

Jay Brooks, Baton Rouge, LA – Practicing Hematology/Oncology in Baton Rouge. Named Ochsner Health System physician leader in 2013. “Enjoy practice with Ochsner for 27 years in Baton Rouge.”

'80

Richard Martinez, Denver, CO – Robert D. Miller Endowed Professor of Psychiatry and Law at the University of Colorado – Denver School of Medicine and Director of Forensic Psychiatry Training.

'81

Eric Bloomfield, Rochester, MN – “I will be turning 60 this year! Where did the time go? We just had the coldest winter ever! Fortunately, we made some trips down South to warm up. Family is growing with two daughters, two Clydesdale and two Newfoundlands. Wife, Heidi Chua, MD, a colorectal surgeon, is a ‘Tiger’ alum also... but she is from the University of Missouri.”

Pat Flynn, Memphis, TN – Youngest daughter, Sarah Heston, graduated from University of Tennessee Health Science Center and entering Pediatric Residency at UT.

'86

Greg Jolissaint, DC-Baltimore Area – “Achieved ‘Certified Physician Executive’ status. Now serving as the CMO for the Military & Veterans Health Division of General Dynamics Information Technology. Debby graduated from Catholic University of America as a family nurse practitioner in May 2014. Debby and I just returned from Lourdes, France, after supporting Wounded Warriors making their pilgrimage to Lourdes. All is well, but we miss South Louisiana!!”

... Tiger on the WEB ...

At TEDxBirmingham, an independently organized event in the spirit of the TED Conferences, **Pat Hymel** ('98) gave a talk with a great message about how to rethink failure, using an experience of his while a resident at Charity Hospital. Access his talk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoDYTYSeuN8>.

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Brig. General **Charles Chappuis** ('79) has been appointed the Louisiana National Guard's assistant adjutant for air. He oversees more than 1,500 airmen in the Louisiana Air National Guard. He was commissioned in the Louisiana Air National Guard in 1998 and served as flight surgeon for the 159th Medical Squadron, a unit in the 159th Fighter Wing. He later commanded the 159th Medical Group. He and his wife, **Cynthia Glass** ('80) have two daughters, Courtney and Catherine.



Cynthia Glass ('80) and Charles Chappuis ('79) are shown here at the Alumni Reunion.

'88

Jimmie McCready, Panama City Beach, FL – “Engaged to awesome young lady, Jamie. Part-time ER work in Panama City (22 years) and Apalachicola, FL. Heading into 8th year coaching youth football – 11-12 year olds PCB Dolphins – League Champs in 2013. Next stop the NFL.”

Michael Seicshnaydre, Gulfport, MS – Aimee, my wife, the physical therapist (LSU Allied Health-Class of 1988), and I are still enjoying life as Tiger Fans on Mississippi Gulf Coast. I am now specializing in Cosmetic Rhinoplasty.”

Tiger in the News

Sidney “Beau” Raymond ('97) has been named the Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) of East Jefferson General Hospital. In addition to the CMIO role, Dr. Raymond serves EJGH as the Medical Director for the East Jefferson Physicians Group and is a past Chief of Medical Staff. He is also a practicing Board Certified Internal Medicine physician.

As CMIO, Dr. Raymond leads efforts to advance Information Technology systems that support patient care and research as well as directs the design of clinical pathway models through interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses and administrative leaders. He also chairs the Clinical Advisory Group and collaborates with the hospital's Chief Information Officer to develop technical and application implementation strategies while assisting with the development of ongoing strategic plans for clinical information systems.

Dr. Raymond also serves as Chair of the East Jefferson General Hospital Chapter and as a member of the Regional Board of Directors for Gulf South Quality Network and is the President of the Jefferson Parish Medical Society.



Dr. Raymond

'89

Michael Halle, Springfield, VA – “Go Tigers!”

Ann Patterson, Sitka, AK – “Living and working in beautiful Sitka, Alaska. Providing much needed care to Alaska Natives. Recently named OR Clinical Director. Come visit soon!”

'91

Joe Miller, Fort Smith, AR – Retired from clinical practice in December. “Taking 18 months off to get my master's in business. Studying is harder than I remember!”

'92

Craig M. Gauthier, New Iberia, LA – “Still fighting to maintain independence as a solo practitioner in Ob/Gyn while watching many sell their practices to hospitals. I hope all of you are doing well; especially in lieu of hearing the loss of our classmate **Chris Bodin** ('92). Come visit!”

Kathleen A. Robertson, New Orleans, LA – Chief of Orthopaedics at VA New Orleans.

Tiger in the News

NOTE: The following news item was presented with erroneous information in the spring 2014 issue of *LSU Medicinews*. We regret the error. –*The Editor*

Keith DeSonier ('75) was unanimously selected to receive the 2014 Jerome C. Goldstein, MD, Public Service Award by the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNSF). The award recognizes members for commitment and achievement in service, either to the public or to other organizations, when such service promises to improve patient welfare. Dr. DeSonier is an otolaryngologist in Lake Charles, LA.

Tigerlines

DECEASED

1941

Frederick A. Marx

1944

Wilbur G. Wells

1945

Harold J. Jacobs

1948

Nicholas J. Olivier
John N. Straub
John Fries

1956

Donald T. Crochet
E. Ralph Lupin

1961

Francis E. Harrington

1962

Isadore D. Brickman

1964

Daniel R. Scullin

1969

Joseph E. Stolfi

1975

John B. Middleton

☞ In Memoriam ☜

Dr. Rowena Spencer, 91, pioneering pediatric surgeon, died on May 13, 2014. She was a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at LSU School of Medicine from 1952 to 1968. Dr. Spencer was the first woman surgeon in Louisiana, the first pediatric surgeon of either gender in the state, and the first woman to hold a full-time faculty appointment in the Department of Surgery at LSUSoM. She was profiled in *Louisiana Women: Their Lives and Times*, which was published in 2009.

Dr. Frederick H. Kastan, 87, internationally recognized cell biologist and historian of science and medicine, died on April 14, 2014, after a lengthy illness. During his twenty-seven years of service in the Department of Anatomy at LSU School of Medicine, Dr. Kastan rose to prominence for his work in biologic staining, histochemistry, tissue culture, and the history of medicine. His books include *One Hundred Years of Histochemistry in Germany* and *The History of Staining*.

'02

Stacy Drury, New Orleans, LA – “**Tom Ewing** ('00) and I co-founded with Dr. Michael Scheering, a new 501c(3) nonprofit organization called Kid Catch Foundation to enhance access to child mental health services in Louisiana.”

'06

Lauren de Moreno, Lexington, KY – “I will be starting a solo ENT practice with Natchitoches Medical Specialists in Natchitoches, LA, in September 2014. Very excited to be moving back to Louisiana!”

'07

L'Issa L. Gates, Marrero, LA – Listed as a Person to Watch and

named a Healthcare Hero by New Orleans City Business Magazine.

'09

Marshall R. Naquin, Lafayette, LA – “Just moved back to Lafayette with my wife Susan. Working for Schumacher Group in Breaux Bridge and Alexandria.”

Residency

Richard A. Vinroot Jr., Emergency Medicine, Class of 2008 – Lt. Commander Richard A. Vinroot, Jr., a physician at Ochsner Health Systems, is currently serving in the United States Navy Medical Corps as a Trauma Team Leader. His current posting is in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

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Continuing Medical Education

Continuing Medical education (CME) is required for every physician to maintain a medical license. We are most fortunate at LSU School of Medicine New Orleans (LSU) , because earning CME credit is much more interactive thanks to the LSU Isidore Cohn Jr. MD Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein MD ('59) Center for Advanced Practice funded in large part by generous donations from our alumni. These centers have revolutionized undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education since their openings. A wonderful overview of our two center's functions including videos can be found at www.learningcenter.lsuhsoc.edu.

Also unique to LSU is the location of undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education in one office and location. On any given day in the learning centers you may see medical, nursing or PA students learning new procedures on simulated task trainers, residents running mock codes and practicing team training using high fidelity simulators, and visiting physicians learning a new procedure on cadaveric specimens in the Center for Advanced Practice.

The CME office provides physicians with opportunities to earn *AMA/PRA Category 1™* credit through certification of these eligible activities. Whether attending one of the 12 certified grand rounds activities happening across campus, or registering for a one-day course taught by LSU Faculty, learning is more interactive than it ever has been at LSU due, in large part, to our two centers.

Vinod Dasa, MD, Orthopaedic faculty and frequent user of the Learning Center for his Orthopaedics for Primary Care course said *"The course continually sells-out because we keep the learner engaged the whole time. Being able to move from the classroom to the simulation lab and then to the cadaver lab all in one day gives the attendees the confidence to implement what they learned in their practice."*

Annual CME certified courses by the Section of Gastroenterology, Department of Anesthesia, and a new Sigmoidoscopy course by the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, have all been successful faculty driven additions to LSU's commitment to teaching and made possible by our ability to provide both state-of-the-art simulation in the Learning Centers and CME for these activities.

CME is continuing to evolve to meet our physician's needs. As meeting and maintaining appropriate licensing and certification requirements becomes more complex, the CME office responds with new ways to earn valuable CME credit. In 2013 the AMA announced faculty physicians could begin earning CME credit for their teaching activities. This enables our CME office to award credit to physicians involved in the teaching of our medical students and residents and recognize the additional time and commitment involved in teaching.

The recent implementation for Maintenance of Certification is a new challenge our physicians face. LSU CME is currently investigating the requirements for becoming an American Board of Medical Specialties Portfolio Sponsor. Portfolio Sponsorship would enable physicians to participate in specified Part IV activities to satisfy their quality improvement/performance improvement board recertification requirements. Working on specific LSU portfolio sponsored projects will improve the quality of the care we provide for our patients while making improvements to our medical school.

LSU's CME office reaches across the Health Sciences Center beyond the learning centers' walls and into the various schools on campus and the local community as well. CME works closely with the LSU Nursing School to offer both CME and CNE credit on a number of professional development activities each year as well as LSU School of Public Health and LSU's Human Development Center designed activities.

For a list of all CME certified activities, please visit http://www.medschool.lsuhsoc.edu/medical_education/cme/

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Laura J. Bell, Director of CME at lbell@lsuhsoc.edu or 504-568-2002.



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GOING UP!

The new University Medical Center Hospital and Clinic is set to open in mid-2015. See story, page 23.



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