

Committee of 100 Banquet

30th Anniversary

Bernard Samuels ('57) and Cy Vaughn ('58) were honored on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the the Committee of 100 - Champions of Excellence, which they founded in 1983. They were cited for their vision, dedication, and commitment to LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans.



Bernard Samuels ('57) displays the commemorative plaque presented to him by Cathi Fontenot ('84).



Cy Vaughn ('58) receives his commemorative plaque from Cathi Fontenot ('84).

The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence is comprised of over 700 individuals who have committed to support the School financially, initially through Professorships and Chairs, then with construction of the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice and most recently, a commitment to capitalize \$2.5 million towards construction of a cardiovascular research laboratory here on the medical school campus.

On June 6, 2013, the group celebrated its successes and were fortunate to have two of the committee's founders, Dr. Cecil C. Vaughn, Jr ('58) and Dr. Bernard Samuels ('57) in attendance. New members of the committee were recognized. You can join the committee as a regular, double, or life member. If you join as a regular member, once the initial commitment is completed (\$10,000 over 10 years), you have the option of becoming a double member or a life member (\$1,000/year).



Members of the Committee of 100 since 2001, Rachel Chua, MD, (above) and her husband James Brown ('92) recently became Life Members.



At the Committee of 100 banquet (left to right): Dr. Bettie Catchings, William Newman ('67), Dr. Adele Spence, and Michael Modica (L3)

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Kevin DiBenedetto ('83), new member of the Committee of 100



New member of the Committee of 100, Wayne Slocum ('83)



Dining at the banquet: Peter Cabiran ('87) and Emma Cabiran



A Gathering of Vaughns (left to right): Cecil Vaughn III ('88), Cy Vaughn ('58), and Paul Vaughn ('91)



Left to right: Joyce Leonard, Helen Lestage, and Daniel Lestage ('63)

NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 100 AND THE 500 CLUB



New Life Members Committee of 100 since June 2012

Brian M. Barkemeyer ('87)
James M. Brown ('92) and
Rachel Chua Brown, MD
Clyde E. Elliott ('67)
Cynthia C. Fox ('92)
P. David Kearns ('79)

New Double Members Committee of 100

Gregory B. Gullung ('05)
Clay Hammett ('88)

New Regular Members Committee of 100

Angelo Annaloro, Jr. ('87)
Kevin P. DiBenedetto ('83)
Thomas Bradley Edwards ('95)
Scott M. Gioe ('90)
Leon C. LaHaye ('78)
Dale M. MacCurdy ('78)
Andrew P. Mayer ('86)
Julia W. Sanders
Wayne A. Slocum ('83)
Katherine B. Walsh ('88)

New 500 Club Member Steven A. Guarisco ('86)

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New member of the Committee of 100, Scott Gioe ('90)



Julia Sanders, new member of the Committee of 100



Left to right: new Double Member of the Committee of 100 Clay Hammett ('88), with Dee Dee Hammett. and Albert Hammett

REUNION WEEKEND 2013



Chancellor Larry Hollier ('68) at the podium at the Scientific Session

Nearly 700 alumni and guests from the classes of: '48, '53, '55, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03 returned to the School of Medicine for the 2013 reunions on June 7th & 8th. Led by the Golden Tigers of 1963, they spent a weekend in New Orleans attending social events and sharing memories and updates. A golf tournament presided over by John McLachlan ('62) and Mack Thomas ('62) began the festivities on Friday, June 7th.

The day concluded with a reception at the Hilton Riverside for all reunion attendees and guests. The Hilton was the site the following day for the Scientific Session which conferred CME credit to its attendees and featured speakers that included Chancellor Larry Hollier ('68) who updated the group on the State of the LSU New Orleans Health Sciences Center, Congressman Bill Cassidy ('83) who spoke about "Political and Economic Context of National Healthcare Reform" and David Lefer, PhD, our new Director of the LSU Cardiovascular Center of Excellence.

At the mid-morning business meeting, Jim Brown ('92) was named President of the Medical Alumni Association, Elizabeth McDonald ('84) was named President-Elect and Ron Lahasky ('90) was named Vice President.

The annual business meeting also served as the venue for the recognition of our Medical Alumni of the Year. This year's awardees included: Mario Calonje ('59), Lester Wayne Johnson ('71) and Fred Rodriguez ('75), all of whom have made significant contributions to the Medical School.



Charles Thomas ('93) (outgoing alumni board president) Jim Brown ('92) (incoming alumni board president)

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PHOTO, LEFT
Members of the Class of '63 at the Scientific Session (left to right): Seth Novoselsky, Charles Norwood, and Thomas Robinson

PHOTO, RIGHT
Enjoying the Scientific Session, left to right Roland Spedale, ('98), Kimiyo Harris-Williams ('98), Theron Williams, and Nancy Spedale



Three Alumni of the Year honored for 2012.



Mario A. Calonje ('59)



Lester Wayne Johnson ('71)



Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75)

Who do you think qualifies for Alumnus of the Year for 2013? Cast your vote on the back of the attached pledge card.

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The Calonje family (left to right): Paul Calonje, Sydney Calonje, Gerry Calonje, and Mario Calonje ('59)



The Lester Wayne Johnson Family - Standing (left to right): Barry Lann, Thomas Johnson, Lester Wayne Johnson ('71), Mary Johnson, Lester Johnson, Jr., Patrick Johnson. Seated (left to right) Curry Johnson and Amanda Johnson

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Fred ('75) and Susan Rodriguez (top, center), surrounded by their family – from left, top, counterclockwise around the table – Elizabeth Kelly, David Rodriguez, Rusty Rodriguez ('04), Matthew Kirscht, Ava Heffernan, Kathy Rodriguez, Molly Heffernan, Ted Heffernan ('03), Alison Heffernan ('03) and Piper Heffernan (not pictured – Krystin and Claire Rodriguez)



Alumni of the Year recipients receive their plaques (left to right) Fred Rodriguez ('75), Lester Wayne Johnson ('71), and Mario Calonje ('59), presented by Charles Thomas ('93), President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association.

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Members of the Class of '58 (left to right): Robert Pavy ('58), Merrick Wyble ('58), Melba Wyble, and Burt Bujard ('58)



Drs. David Lefer and Steve Nelson (Dean)



Members of the Class of '93 (left to right): John Meyers, Daphne Glindmeyer, Brigitte Brown, and Pami Taylor



left to right: Jim McBurney ('63), Jude McBurney, Martin Belanger ('63), and Bonnie Belanger

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left to right: Kathleen Choppin, Paul Stagg ('53), and Purnell Choppin ('53)



Members of the Class of 2003 (left to right): Cori Morrison, Michael Saavedra, and Stephanie Arnaud



Keith Bourgeois ('83) (left), with classmate David Dunn ('83)



James Leonard ('63) (left) reminisces with classmate Gene Miller ('63)

An Extraordinary Find

Little did Maurice Bercier ('68) suspect when he visited the flea market in Lafayette, LA, that he would discover a piece of LSU School of Medicine history, an aerial view of the medical school and Charity Hospital taken in 1958. The price? Only \$3.99! He had the photograph framed and presented it on the Alumni Reunion Weekend to Cathi Fontenot ('84), Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs and Development.



Maurice Bercier ('68), accompanied by Frances Bercier (left), presents his remarkable flea market find to Cathi Fontenot ('84).

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left to right: Marti Monte, Frank Monte ('78), Julie Nelson, Steve Nelson (Dean), Bobby Veith ('78), and Robin Veith



left to right: Chuck Winters ('84), Ellen Winters-McKnight ('87), Gay Winters ('88), and Chris Winters ('88)



left to right: Herbert Marks ('68), Thomas Neumann ('68), Leonard "Pop" Neumann ('73), and Lester Wayne Johnson ('71)

MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2014



for the following classes:
'49, '54, '55, '59, '64, '69,
'74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04

June 6 and 7, 2014

New Orleans Hilton,
Poydras at the River

To volunteer to help with your 2014 reunion,
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at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail: ROAR@lsuhsc.edu

See you there!