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## Golden Tigers of the Class of '63



### Committee of 100 - Champions of Excellence

Shown below at the Committee of 100 banquet are (left to right) **Bernard Samuels ('57)** and **Cy Vaughn ('58)**, the founding members of the Committee of 100, which was established in 1983; **James Brown III ('92)**, Life Member of the Committee of 100 and incoming president of the LSU Medical Alumni Association; and **Fred Rodriguez ('75)**, President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee.



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# A Message from the Dean



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Our School has a rich and vibrant history, but we have never been content to live in the past. These are exciting times to study medicine. Our School has been extremely fortunate in continuing to attract the best and brightest minds to learn the science of medicine and the art of benevolent care. We expect our learners to grow not just in knowledge, but also in compassion, curiosity and commitment. Our faculty is comprised of men and women who are deeply passionate about their work and are dedicated to our School and the community we serve. Together this is a powerful combination that promises a bright future for healthcare in Louisiana. Our evolving public-private hospital partnerships are creating new and exciting opportunities for our learners and faculty alike. These relationships are the foundation upon which we will build a dynamic future that will lead the way in pioneering treatments and provide exceptional care to our patients.

Our ability to continue our march forward has been supported in large measure by our unstoppable spirit and the extraordinary resilience of our students, our faculty and our staff. Despite the challenges of hurricanes and budget cuts, there are numerous examples of excellence across our core mission areas of patient care, research and education, none of which would have been possible without the hard work and diligence of our "LSU family." Key to our continued success has been the unwavering loyalty and generosity of our alumni. I want to take this moment to thank each and every one of you. Your good will and commitment to our School has provided the funds necessary to support our "recovery and renewal" as we continue our drive towards excellence.

Sincerely,

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

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*Golden Tigers of the Class of '63, attending  
the Scientific Session on Reunion Weekend.  
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weekend.*



*Maurice Bercier ('68)  
displays a treasure found  
at a flea market.*

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# 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).*

**T**he 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.



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

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).



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

# Committee of 100 Banquet



*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)*

## 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 Hammitt ('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)



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

## Committee of 100 Banquet



*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*

**N**early 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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)*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2013



*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.*

## REUNION WEEKEND 2013



*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*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2013



*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.*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2013



*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*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2013



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).

# REUNION WEEKEND 2013



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,  
contact the Office of Alumni Affairs  
at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail: [ROAR@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:ROAR@lsuhsc.edu)

*See you there!*

# REUNION CLASSES



Class  
of '48

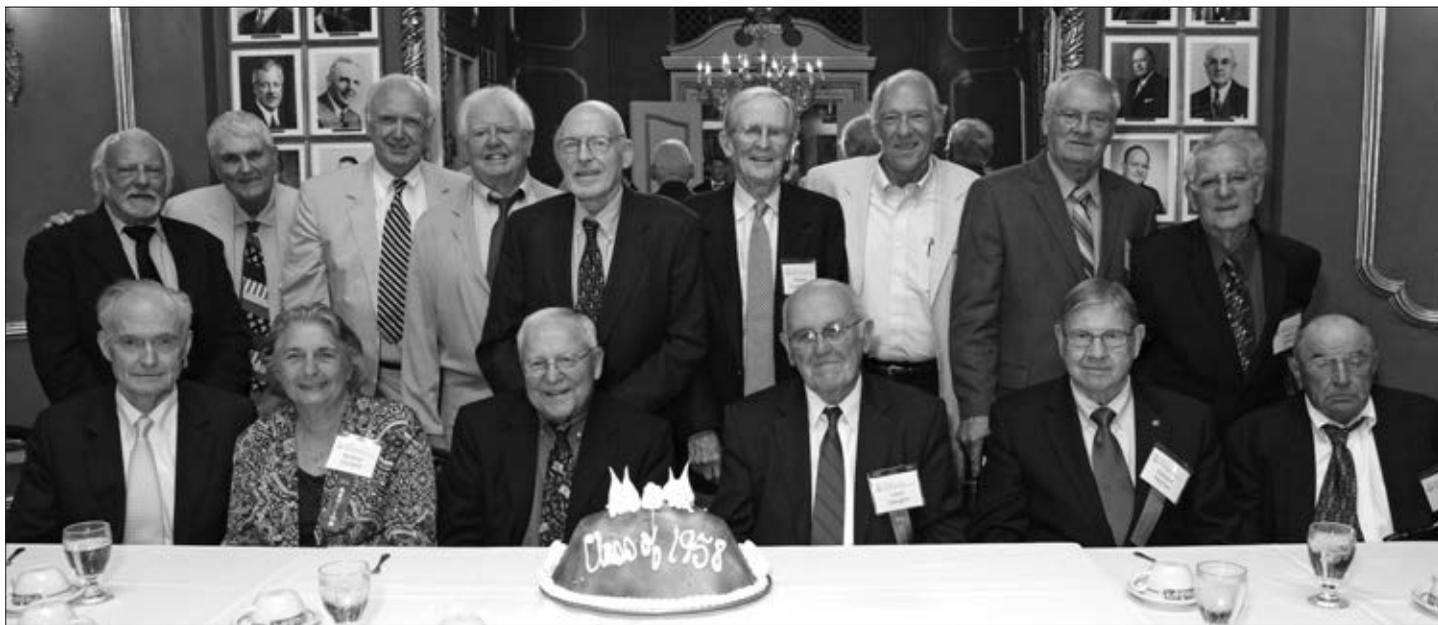


Class  
of '53



Class  
of '55

# REUNION CLASSES



**Class of '58**



**GOLDEN TIGERS of the Class of '63  
are pictured on the front cover.**



**Class of '68**

# REUNION CLASSES



**Class of '73**



**Class of '78**

# REUNION CLASSES



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# Helm Chair to be established



*Dr. Helm*

**I**n honor of Dr. Ed Helm's distinguished career, the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans is pleased to announce the campaign to establish the *Edward G. Helm Endowed Chair* dedicated to Diversity in Medical Education. Since 1981, in an effort to promote diversity and eliminate health care disparities, Dr. Helm, with the help of dedicated colleagues, implemented numerous programs to recruit, retain and graduate minority and disadvantaged students into the health professions. A full educational pathway (K-12, college, medical school and postgraduate medical training) has been firmly established at LSU School of Medicine under the direction of Dr. Helm. The retention programs developed for minority and disadvantaged medical students are among the best in the country. Our retention rate for the past ten years is 98%. Dr. Helm has been honored for his efforts nationally and regionally. The School of Medicine has been recognized by AAMC as being twelfth in the country for its ability to train underrepresented minority students.

Dr. Helm has been instrumental in establishing our Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Programs. The section of Surgical Endoscopy was the first section established within LSU Department of Surgery in 15 years. He continues to serve as its inaugural chief. He has trained LSU staff surgeons and provided basic and advanced laparoscopic courses for training surgeons throughout the State of Louisiana.

Dr. Helm has been awarded significant grants to support various programs that are administered through the Office of Community and Minority Health Education. He has been the recipient of over \$8,000,000.00 in grant funds (\$868,159.00 in grant funds from NIH and \$7,578,840.00 in grant funds from HRSA).

The relationship between the alumni and the Foundation has always been particularly important to the continued success of the LSUHSC. The goal is to raise \$600,000 for the endowed Chair honoring Dr. Helm. We will then apply to the Louisiana Board of Regents for a \$400,000 match, bringing the total endowment to \$1 million. This type of discretionary support is vital to the continued excellence of the LSUHSC's medical education and research programs. Despite budget cuts our success is driven by the activities of our first-class faculty and the achievements of our many illustrious alumni, friends, and grateful patients.

*Donations may be made payable to the Foundation by check or credit card and sent to LSUHSC Foundation, 2000 Tulane Ave., 4th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70112 or online at [www.lsubhealthfoundation.org](http://www.lsubhealthfoundation.org). The Foundation is a 501 C-3 nonprofit organization and all donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Please make a note that the donation is intended for the Dr. Ed Helm Chair. If you have questions please call (504) 568-5727.*

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## School of Medicine Alumni Awards of Excellence



Through the generous support of the Medical Alumni Association, the School of Medicine presented the LSU School of Medicine Alumni Excellence Awards at a luncheon held on Thursday, August 23rd, 2013. The awards for excellence in teaching and service were awarded to 20 faculty and staff within the School of Medicine who excel at their work and without whom it would be a lesser place. Those receiving the awards include (from left to right, in above photograph): Thelma Evans, Lynn Lallier, Dr. Udai Pandey, Brandi Burns, Dr. Judy Johnson, Heather Shields, Dr. James Barbeau, Amy Weinberg, Dr. R. John Cork, Dr. Luis Del Valle, Dr. Jason Mussell, Tina Barcelona, Dr. Peter Winsauer, Annette Barnes, Dr. Florencia Polite, Meredith Richard, Chris Callac, Victoria Harkin, Dr. Fred Lopez and Michael Carruth.

# Faculty News

Dr. Edward Trapido, Associate Dean for Research and Professor and Wendell H. Gauthier Chair of Cancer Epidemiology at LSUHSC's School of Public Health, gave an invited talk on "Public Health Issues Following the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill," at the 2013 National Cancer Institute Directors Meeting in Lyon, France. The meeting, held by the International Prevention Research Institute, included NCI Directors and researchers from Asia, Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Europe. Only two universities were invited to present.

Dr. Trapido is the Deputy Director of the LSUHSC Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center, where he leads initiatives in cancer control and etiologic research. He also directs the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium (LCRC).

## Tiger Doc Table Talk

The student group Protégés works to promote the professional growth of LSUHSC medical students by encouraging interaction with those who have preceded them. In accordance with this, we are introducing a new program in the spring of 2014: Tiger Doc Table Talk. The goal of this program is to allow physicians of the past and present to share wisdom acquired through their practice of medicine with physicians of the future.

We are looking for individuals willing to host a dinner for a small group of current medical students. This will be an opportunity for medical students to ask questions regarding the professional and personal life of a physician. It will be a time to share experiences, successes, stories, and memories with future colleagues. And without a doubt, a glimpse into life after four years of lecture halls and gross anatomy will remind many students of the purpose behind their efforts.

Hosting a Tiger Doc Table Talk event is a commitment of one night for about two hours. Because this is a new program, we are currently assessing the level of physician interest to determine the number of students that can be included. We hope that adequate involvement will foster future development and growth of this program.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner or have further questions regarding Tiger Doc Table Talk, please contact [ROAR@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:ROAR@lsuhsc.edu).



## 2013 LAMMICO Scholarship Recipient Named at LSUHSC - NO Funds to be used by Louisiana students entering medical school across state



*Cathi Fontenot ('84), Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs and Development, is shown presenting the LAMMICO plaque to LAMMICO Scholarship recipient Aaron Coulon.*

For the thirteenth 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.

"Our scholarships reward students who have attained academic excellence," said Thomas H. Grimstad, MD, LAMMICO's President/Chief Executive Officer. "This unique program offers support to these students as they continue their medical training to later become excellent contributors to the state's healthcare system."

Since 2000 – 2001, LAMMICO has awarded merit scholarships to medical students for their first year enrollment at all of Louisiana medical and dental schools. Including this year's class, a total of 52 incoming freshmen students have received the LAMMICO scholarship to help defray tuition and other expenses. Eligible students are incoming freshmen from the state, and students who receive the award do so for one year.

LSU Medical School, New Orleans, awarded the scholarship based upon criteria established at the medical school to **Aaron Coulon**, who graduated from Tulane University in May 2013 with a bachelor of science degree in business management. A native of Franklin, LA, Coulon was on the Dean's List and received the "Presidential Scholars Award" from Tulane throughout his undergraduate years. He began his freshman year at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans this fall.

## White Coat Ceremony—Rite of Passage for Medical Students



LSUHSC School of Medicine held its annual White Coat Ceremony in July. This year, 192 second-year LSU Health Sciences Center medical students each received a white coat, a visible symbol of patient care. During the ceremony, students are “coated” by faculty members chosen by the class for their commitment to medical education and their students.

According to the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which donated a Humanism in Medicine lapel pin for each student, the cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. The coat is placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

In some schools, the white coat marks the students' entrance to clinical medicine; but since clinical education for LSUHSC medical students begins in their first year, the LSUHSC White Coat Ceremony signifies the students' increased contact with patients and patient responsibilities which expand during their sophomore year.

Following a tradition begun at LSUHSC-NO's School of Medicine in 1997, following the coating, the class recited its Oath of Ideals. Each class develops its own Oath of Ideals.

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## LSU School of Medicine represented at the 57th Presidential Inauguration

Carlos J. Vital ('99) and his wife Karla were invited to the White House for the 57th Presidential Inauguration of President Barack Obama. He was among chosen physicians and independent small business owners who participated in focus groups advising US Administration officials on gun-control legislation, improving health care delivery, and increasing access to science, technology, and math (STEM) education. They met with the President, Vice-President, and White House advisers to discuss priorities and an agenda for the President's second term.



*Dr. Vital at the White House*

During Inauguration weekend they also had the opportunity to participate in the Business Forward Luncheon led by President Bill Clinton. They discussed ways to create jobs and accelerate economic recovery, promote bipartisan solutions, as well as discuss the effects of healthcare reform on the physician community nationwide.

Dr. Vital states, “I credit your training and tutelage of me at LSU for helping to prepare me for this experience.”



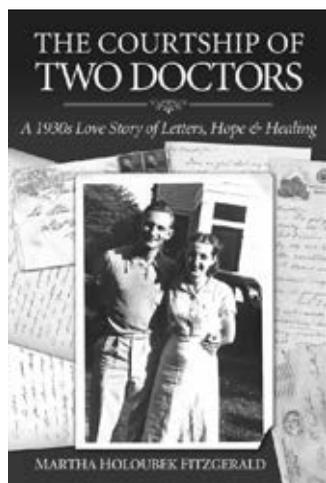
*Vice President Joe Biden is flanked by Dr. Karla Vital and Carlos J. Vital ('99).*

## New Career

W. S. Culpepper III ('72) has a "second career" in fiction writing. His novel, *The Replacement Son*, was released in June 2013 by Two Harbor Press. In his medical career, he was long associated with Ochsner Clinic and Ochsner Foundation Hospital in pediatric cardiology, until uprooted by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when he and his family moved to Austin, TX. He reports, "I have published over 20 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles during my medical career, but returned to writing fiction full-time after I left New Orleans. Not surprisingly, my first novel involves events in one family over two centuries of life in New Orleans, culminating with the flooding and devastation following Katrina." Information about the book can be found at [http://www.twoharborspress.com/b-The-Replacement-Son\\_17809](http://www.twoharborspress.com/b-The-Replacement-Son_17809). Also visit his website at <http://www.thereplacementson.com/>.



## Also of literary note...



Editor and author Martha Holoubek Fitzgerald will speak on "Charity the Beautiful and Hen Medics: An Insider's Look at 1930s New Orleans Medicine" at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 28, at New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Ave. The program is co-sponsored by LSU Medical Alumni Association.

Martha H. Fitzgerald's book, *The Courtship of Two Doctors: A 1930s Love Story of Letters, Hope and Healing*, is about her parents, Alice Baker Holoubek ('38) and Joe Holoubek.

Barnes & Noble at LSU in Baton Rouge will sponsor a book signing at the campus bookstore from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, October 15, before the LSU-Florida game.

## COLIN GOODIER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Colin Goodier Golf Tournament is being held on Friday, September 27, 2013, at Audubon Golf Course. Proceeds of the tournament, which was established to honor the memory of Colin David Goodier ('05), will go to a scholarship fund created in his name at LSU Medical School. This year NOLA Couture designed a unique tie in Colin's honor – a watermelon red with navy martini glass and golf balls on it. See the beautiful necktie for yourself on the Colin Goodier Annual Golf Tournament page on Facebook.

For information about the tournament, contact Nicette Goodier (504) 895-7076 or Ben Hales (504) 508-1862. The registration form is available at the Alumni Affairs website ([http://www.medschool.lsuhsu.edu/alumni\\_affairs/](http://www.medschool.lsuhsu.edu/alumni_affairs/)).



## Purple & Gold Gala 2013

### Cruisin' on the USS Tiger...

*Come Sail the High Seas with the Purple & Gold*



**Friday, October 11, 2013**

at the

**Hilton New Orleans Riverside**  
*music provided by The Topcats*

*for ticket information call 504/568-4009*

# MATCH DAY

Match Day was held on March 15, 2013. Out of the 187 LSUHSC students matched, 104 (56%) will remain in Louisiana. LSUHSC-New Orleans accepted 138 new residents, including medical school graduates of LSUHSC in New Orleans and Shreveport as well as Tulane, the University of Mississippi, Georgetown University, Mt. Sinai, Drexel, New York University, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Arkansas, George Washington University, the University of Texas-San Antonio and the University of Virginia, among others.



*PHOTO, ABOVE*  
 Left to right: Stewart Hill, MD, Elizabeth Schonlau ('74), India Mayo ('13), Cody Mayo ('09), and Lauren Layer, MD



*PHOTO, LEFT*  
 Left to right: Kevin McTigue, Susan Karam ('13), George Karam ('77), Mary Karam, and Claire Karam



Diane Neumann ('84) and Matthew Neumann ('13) son of D. Edward Neumann ('84)



Left to right: Craig Murphy, Cindy Murphy, Chuck Murphy ('82), Casey Murphy ('13), Sarah Murphy

## MATCH DAY



Megan Poynot Couvillion ('13) and Ryan Couvillion ('10)



Left to right: Jeannette Rolfsen, Matthew Rolfsen, Maria Rolfsen (holding Jourdan), Michael Rolfsen Jr ('13), Michael Rolfsen Sr ('82), Melissa Rolfsen, Mary Rolfsen



Left to right: Michael Wiedemann ('84), Beth Wiedemann, Brannon Wiedemann ('13), and Adam Whitworth



Louis Hebert ('84) and Ryan Hebert ('13)



Rabun Fox ('13) and Cynthia Fox ('92)

### from the Senior Class

Dear Dr Fontenot and members of the Alumni Association,

On behalf of the Medicine Class of 2013, I would like to thank you for your support of Match Day. This day was filled with memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. Your donation of the beautiful tent for the crawfish boil was very generous. We are grateful for the support you have provided to our class over the past four years. We look forward to being a part of the Alumni Association in May! Thank you again.

Best regards,  
Clark Alsfeld ('13)

# Tiger Cubs – Class of 2017



**Denise Kerut ('91), Katie Kerut (Cub), and Dr. E. Kenneth Kerut**



*Left to right:* **Richard DiCarlo, Sonya DiCarlo, Maria DiCarlo, Vick DiCarlo (Cub), Vick DiCarlo ('90), Camille DiCarlo**



*Left to right:* **Connor Bourgeois, Dana Bourgeois, Alexandra Bourgeois (Cub), Ralph Bourgeois ('85), and Sarah Bourgeois**



*Left to right:* **Robin Veith, Jacob Veith (Cub), Barbara Bourgeois, and Robert Veith ('78)**

PHOTO, RIGHT

**Katharine Saussy (Cub) and Juliette Saussy ('94)**



*Left to right, above:* **Joanne Maffei ('88), Vincent Maffei ('80), Vincent Maffei (Cub), Dr. Karen Maffei, and Rose Schaubhut**



*Left to right:* **Christopher Grenier ('87), Vasu Yerneni (L2), John Paul Grenier (Cub), and Andrea Grenier**



**Charles Cefalu ('75), John Cefalu (Cub), and Jean Cefalu**



**Daniel Scullin ('64)**, Daniel Scullin (Cub), and Addie Scullin



**Janine Parker ('86)** and Samantha Parker (Cub)



Lori Johnson, Matthew Johnson (Cub), and **Tim Johnson ('81)**



**Henry Patrick ('87)**, Clayton Patrick (Cub), and Randa Patrick



*Left to right:* **C. V. Subramaniam ('83)**, Venkat Subramaniam (Cub), Yamuna Narayanan, **Pramilla Subramaniam ('78)**, and Ambika Subramaniam

## 2013 REUNION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 19th annual Alumni Golf Classic added to the enjoyment of the Alumni Weekend. The competition was held at the Audubon Golf Club. This course offers participants convenience to hotels, easy transportation, a classic New Orleans setting, and a course friendly to golfers of all skill levels.



*Left to right:* **Mack Thomas ('62)**, **Ken Adatto ('68)**, and **Dennis Occhipinti ('77)**

This year's tournament included a team of students playing at our invitation. This is an effort to stimulate interest in our alumni functions. The students enjoyed the day and Michael Zimmerman L2 won the long drive contest with a huge drive on 18.

The team of **Kenneth Adatto ('68)**; Tom Adams, DDS; **Dennis Occhipinti ('77)**; and **Eric Schultis ('77)** collected the first place trophies. Their excellent round included ten birdies and an eagle on the ninth hole for a score of 50.

This year's tournament included a team of

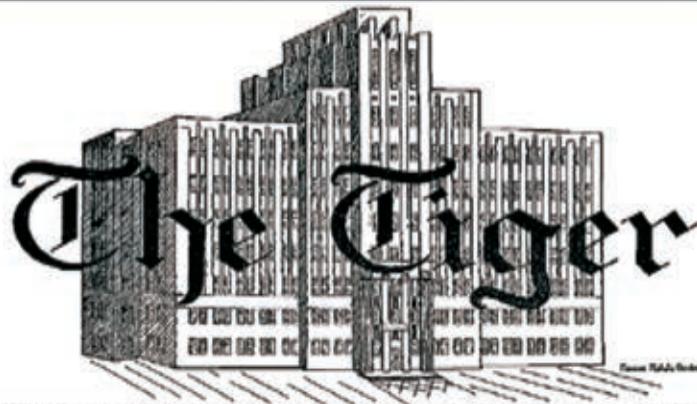
The second place team consisted of **Carl Blunck ('81)**, **Pete Pinac ('81)**, **Danny Baker ('81)**, and **Jason Smith ('81)**. Dr. Blunck also received a cash award for closest to the hole. The team posted a round with nine birdies totaling 53. This team has participated every year since the tournament started. They are previous winners and every year turn in competitive scores.

Collecting third place trophies was the team of **Jim Hoth ('68)**, **Herb Marks ('68)**, **Dennis Cech ('78)**, and **Mike Cormier ('78)**. Their score of 54 included 8 birdies.

Our golf tournament is always fun. We hope that all the golfers coming for the Alumni Weekend in June 2014 will consider playing. Bring your best shots!



*Left to right:* **Mack Thomas ('62)**, **Danny Baker ('81)**, **Carl Blunck ('81)**, **Jason Smith, ('81)**, and **Pete Pinac ('81)**



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Alumni... current LSU medical students need your expertise!

THE FUNDAMENTAL GOAL IS TO AID IN CREATING STRONGER SOLIDARITY FOR OUR ALUMNI, OUR STUDENTS, AND OUR BELOVED LSU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW AND MAIL IT TO THE ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE.



**2013 LSUHSC ALUMNI DIRECTORY QUESTIONNAIRE/SIGN-UP**

Check as appropriate.

Would you be interested in being contacted by students, residents?  yes  no

Would you be interested becoming a mentor?  yes  no

Would you be interested in hosting students during 4<sup>th</sup> year away rotations?  yes  no

Would you be interested in being contacted by interest group presidents to become involved with activities?  yes  no

Please list below student groups you participated in while at LSU School of Medicine.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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# From your Alumni Office. . .



## Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office in New Orleans. I am pleased to report that reunion weekend in June was wildly successful, with nearly 700 alumni attendees. Classmates from across the country celebrated in various venues across the city.

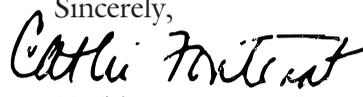
Our Scientific Session featured several excellent speakers, including Dr. David Lefer, who recently joined the LSU faculty as Director of the LSU Cardiovascular Center of Excellence. Dr. Lefer's interest is in translational cardiovascular research using advanced animal models which more closely resemble human cardiovascular disease processes.

I want to remind you that our alumni played a vital role in development and completion of the Isidore Cohn Jr., MD Student Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD Center for Advanced Practice. Both of these simulation and cadaveric centers serve as key features at our beloved medical school that continues to attract the best and brightest medical students, residents and faculty.

It is now time for a new project that will allow LSU to be at the forefront of cardiovascular research. The project involves renovation to our current animal care facility to construct a vascular lab that will allow endovascular procedures designed to promote new and innovative solutions to cardiovascular disease.

Please understand that as state funds decline, the School of Medicine is increasingly dependent on alumni donations to ensure state-of-the-art training facilities for our students.

As always, you are the reason we can be proud to be LSU, stronger than ever.

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

# Tigerlines

## Tiger in the News

**Robert N. Helm** ('49), of New Roads, LA, was honored as the Louisiana recipient of the "Heart of Hospice" Award, presented by the Louisiana/Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Dr. Helm arrived in Pointe Coupee as a young doctor sixty years ago. He currently serves as medical director and volunteer for Pointe Coupee Hospice.



Dr. Helm

### '49

**John Hamilton**, St. Petersburg, FL – "Still playing in 2 bands and managing real estate. Large happy family."

### '53

**Reuben Eisenstein**, Fox Point, WI – "I have finally retired and turned to writing. My first novella, *Date Certain*, was recently published by Fithian Press and received good reviews."

### '54

**Robert Cangelosi**, New Orleans, LA – "Attended Order of Malta Medical Mission to Granada and ran an eye clinic for the week of March 2-9, 2013. Been doing so since the year 2000."

### '56

**Alexandre C. Miller**, Eunice, LA – Retired after 52½ years of practice in Ob/Gyn – ER. "Restored 1947

Lincoln Continental coupe. Now working on a 1939 Dodge 2-door sedan."

**Carl Poche**, Litcher, LA – Retired on 7/1/2011 after 52 years active family practice.

### '57

**Guy Guarino**, Hickory, NC – "Wife and I are enjoying retirement. Our first grandchild is applying for college."

### '60

**George Dewey Dunn**, Nashville, TN – "Still working full time at the Nashville VA Hospital. There is much joy in working with Vietnam and Korean Veterans."

### '63

**Daniel B. Lestage**, Fleming Island, FL – "I was recognized recently by the Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP), for excellence in patient care, continuing education, and service, at the FAFP Winter Family Summit and Annual Meeting in Amelia Island. I received the Art of Medicine Award in recognition of the belief – proven by personal example – that the patient receives the full benefit of total care only when the science of medicine is practiced as an art. I am only the 19<sup>th</sup> recipient of this special recognition since its establishment in 1965. I currently live in Fleming Island, FL with my wife Helen Newcomer Lestage of Orlando."

**Robert L. McManus**, Iota, LA – Retired private practice in 2005. "Work 12 hours weekly at Crowley Office of Behavioral Health. My son, David, is ER doctor in Lafayette. Daughter will start medical school in fall/2013 and son hopes to start fall/2014."

**Gene C. Miller**, Winter Park, FL – Retired from private practice for 12 years in general surgery. "I keep busy assisting in surgery a few times a week. Still love the OR."

### '65

**John Sorrells**, Lake Charles, LA – Retired.

### '68

**William T. Hall**, Loudon, TN – "Packed up or shipped all my toys to Little Tennessee River near Knoxville! My daughter, Dr. Michelle B. Hall (LSUHSC – Shreveport), is double-boarded Pediatrics & Pediatric ER and works at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. On 4/2/13 received insertion of Boston Scientific Spinal Cord Stimulator for right L-4 nerve injury – Geaux Tigers!"

**Charles A. Olivier**, Lafayette, LA – Still working full-time at Hamilton Medical Group since 1975.

### '70

**R. Parker Griffith**, Huntsville, AL – "My brother, **Tom Griffith** ('66), and I continue to be retired. **Robert L. Baird** ('70) is hanging in here with us."

**Victor (Tory) Gunderson**, Lafayette, LA – Retired January 1,

# Tigerlines

2013 – “Time for serious fishing. Looking forward to next reunion.”

**John V. Richey**, Alexandria, LA – “I am here at the Alexandria VA Hospital with my classmate, **William Mitchell** ('70), taking care of our veterans.”

## '71

**C. Richard Hudson**, St. Helena, CA – “Enjoyed seeing all of you at the reunion in 2011. Still in full-time psychiatric practice in the Napa Valley of California – come see me!”

## '72

**Champ Baker**, Columbus, GA – Selected to Columbus State University Athletic Hall of Fame – Team Physician over 25 years.

## '73

**Louis E. (Lebo) Mire**, Branson, MO – “Have enjoyed 30+ years of Emergency Medicine in beautiful Ozarks. Live on lake and have ranch. Currently single, four grown children and two grandchildren. Thinking of missionary work with Native Americans next year.”

**Pop Neumann**, Tallulah, LA – 8 grandchildren – 4 boys & 4 girls – a balanced life. 1 grandmother – sweet.

## '74

**Elisabeth Schonlau**, Mandeville, LA – Retired this year from anesthesiology career. “Three adult children now 4<sup>th</sup> generation physicians (on my side.) Son: **Cody Mayo** ('09), Baylor radiology resident; daughter **McKenzie Mayo Hollon** ('11), Emory anesthesia

## Tiger in the News

**Edward Jeffries** ('72) was named Chief Operating Officer for Baton Rouge General Physicians. Dr. Jeffries has served as Chief Medical Officer of Baton Rouge General Physicians since 2009. In addition to his current role as Chief Medical Officer for the network, Dr. Jeffries will oversee the daily operations of Baton Rouge General Physicians. Dr. Jeffries has practiced family medicine in the Baton Rouge area for more than 35 years and has served in various roles including President of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians and Chief of Family Medicine for Baton Rouge General.



*Dr. Jeffries*

resident; and daughter **India Mayo Hill** ('13), UAB dermatology resident starting in July 2014 in Birmingham, AL. Third generation LSU med alumni – my father – **James W. Schonlau** ('38) would be proud!”

## '76

**Bill Krooss**, Jackson, MS – “Marie and I are selling our practice management company to a National Company. I will be travelling more to help them acquire other medical management companies. I only practice medicine to back up partners now. After 37 years, on call is nice – Email is: [bill@dna.gs](mailto:bill@dna.gs) – Contact me to catch up.”

## '80

**Catherine Grenier**, Eugene, OR – Practicing pediatrics at a community health center in Springfield, Oregon.

**Mark Rubin**, Monroe, LA – “I hope that all my classmates are having fun and enjoying good health.”

## '83

**Pam Hymel**, Yorba Linda, CA – “Still working as Chief Medical Officer for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts. Enjoying learning the business and traveling to Orlando every other month and opening a new theme park in Shanghai!”

## '88

**Robert Haydel Jr**, Houma, LA – “Hi everyone, as the years go by I appreciate more and more my classmates and faculty at LSUMC New Orleans. For four years, I was around the best people I have ever met. I miss you guys, you are forever in my heart, and I am the physician I am today because of all those great influences and experiences. Married with four children all still in the nest – Whew – and loving it!!!”

## '89

**Michael Halle**, Springfield, VA – “Three sons, one graduates NYU, one in Penn State, one in high school. Happily married in Virginia.”

# Tigerlines

**Ann Patterson**, Sitka, AK – “Enjoying myself and my career providing much needed service for Alaskan Natives. Make Sitka a vacation destination soon.”

## '90

**Staci Fischer**, Providence, RI – “Now in my fifth year of serving as Director of Graduate Medical Education at Rhode Island Hospital, the primary teaching hospital for Brown Medical School.”

## '01

**Louise Gombako-Amos**, McComb, MS – “My husband Corey Rene Amos and I added an addition to our family, Kori Renee Amos (3 years old). My son, Raleigh Gombako-Lee is studying in the United States Navy for Advanced Computer Electronic Field.”

## '04

**Emily Lifsey Burke**, Metairie, LA – “I am in private practice as an ENT in Metairie with my father, **Michael Lifsey** ('79) and his partners. I just gave birth to our third baby girl, Anne Elise, in March 2013. Anne's big sisters, Lucie and Charlotte, and my husband Daniel were excited for another girl.”

## '05

**John Termini**, Richmond, KY – “On completing a cardiothoracic anesthesiology fellowship, I was privileged to be called to duty as a Navy Reservist to serve in Kandahar Afghanistan at the Rold-3 Trauma Hospital from February 2011 to September 2011. I had the opportunity to treat not only our

wounded troops, but also wounded civilians and enemy combatants.”

## '06

**Eric J. Hill**, Evans, GA – “After seven years and one deployment to Iraq, I finished my military service in June 2013. I am moving to Colorado with my family and will practice emergency medicine in Denver, CO.”

## '08

**Corey Falcon**, Altus, OK – Serving as Active Duty Air Force Pediatrician.

### DECEASED

#### 1944

Bernard Brandchaft

#### 1949

Bartholomew M. Bush

#### 1950

Mignon W. Jumel

#### 1954

David J. Mitchell

#### 1955

Robert C. Fortenberry

#### 1956

Jack L. Winters

#### 1958

Russell R. Conley

#### 1964

Alfred E. Krake

Ladislav Lazaro

#### 1980

John H. Hilton

Rebecca

Russell-Weidenfeld

#### 1999

Charles K. Wagner

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**Dear Fellow Alumni,**

I have had the privilege to serve on the Alumni Board for the last seven years. I must admit that having the opportunity to listen to **Larry Hollier ('68)**, Chancellor for the LSU Health Sciences Center; Dr. Steve Nelson, the Dean of the LSU School of Medicine; and **Cathi Fontenot ('84)**, our Alumni leader, on a regular basis has truly been enlightening. The different challenges that they have encountered, and yet conquered or circumvented, to continue to bring about excellence through such difficult times since Hurricane Katrina has been mind boggling and really opened my eyes to their commitment to the medical school. The financial issues that we have all experienced in our practices is difficult and the School of Medicine has seen the same to the tune of 88 million dollars cut from the school's budget over the last few years. Interestingly, every time the school has had a tuition increase, the school has noted state funding cuts by the same amount.

Because of so many financial challenges I cannot begin to tell you how much each and every dollar that is raised by the Alumni Association helps the school. I recently learned that the Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence, one of the fund-raising modalities, was started in 1983 by two doctors whose goal was to create a one-million-dollar endowment fund by getting 100 people to donate \$10,000 each. Because of such generosity, the funds are now worth over one hundred million dollars. Although the Committee of 100 has been amazingly successful over the last 30 years, we still need to aggressively support this endeavor and other fund raising activities. The importance of the money that we, as alumni, donate to the school cannot be overstated. The four million dollars that the alumni gave toward the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice has helped to provide a state of the art experience for students, residents, and doctors involved with continuing education programs.

In board meetings over the last few years, everyone has agreed that we tend to function better with a definitive project to support, and once again we have one. The school is so fortunate to have recently brought to the campus Dr. David Lefer. He is heavily involved in cardiovascular research. Dr. Lefer is bringing his large animal cardiovascular labs to LSU. It is estimated that the labs will cost 5 million dollars. During the reunion weekend, the Alumni voted to commit \$2.5 million and the LSUHSC Foundation agreed to match this amount. I am very excited about the LSU School of Medicine Alumni Association being able to support Dr. Lefer and his research.

In closing, I am once again asking for your support. If you are not yet a member of the Committee of 100, please consider joining. If you are a member, but have fulfilled your obligation, please consider becoming a life member. The monthly commitment is \$83 to fulfill the \$1,000 annual obligation. I personally have this on a monthly draft, which makes it very easy. If you prefer to make periodic donations to the Alumni Association, we have a new financial goal for the support of Dr. Lefer's large animal cardiology research lab. If you choose to make a donation to this project, please specify this so the money can be directed appropriately.

Thank you for all of the support that you provide to the school in so many ways.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Brown III".

James M. Brown III ('92)  
President  
LSU Medical Alumni Association



## CAMP TIGER 2013

Camp Tiger participants and members of the Class of 2016 gather on the football field.

For more information, visit <http://www.lsuohsc.edu/no/organizations/camptiger/>