Golden Tigers of the Class of ’72

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Alumnus of the Year
Stephen Briere (’97)
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Passing of the Gavel
See ceremony on page 6.
We continue to make exciting improvements in our campus. The renovated Interim LSU Hospital building (the old Hotel Dieu Hospital) into the Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation (CALS) Building is on schedule. The first departments will leave 1542 Tulane Avenue and move into their new offices beginning in October. The move of clinical departments should be complete by late fall. We hope to open the new student-testing center in January and we hope to open the new fitness facility in the coming year as well.

In another significant development, we received approximately $65 million in State capital outlay for a complete renovation of the lab and office space on floors 5, 6, and 7 of the Medical Education Building (MEB). Most of these labs are more than 40 years old and in need of renovation. We will work hard over the next few months to maximize laboratory space in the Clinical Sciences Research Building (CSRB) as we prepare to move the majority of our researchers into that building beginning in January. We will have to use our CSRB research space more efficiently for a few years, however, three years from now we will have three floors of state-of-the-art laboratory space in the MEB. That will position us well for future growth in our research enterprise.

The School of Medicine and the Health Sciences Center continue to have success in recruitment of outstanding leaders. Dr. Nelson has recruited Janet Southerland, DDS, MPH, PhD to serve as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Angelo J. Mariotti, DDS, PhD to serve as Dean for the School of Dentistry. Dr. Southerland will join us this fall from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Dr. Mariotti will join us in January from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

The medical school has recruited Valentine Nfonsam MD to serve as the next Department Head for Surgery. Dr. Nfonsam currently leads a large division of surgical oncology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson, and he will join us this fall. We have completed finalist interviews for the Department Head for Pediatrics and hope to announce a new Department Head in the near future. We also have searches in progress for two Associate Deans. We are nearing the end of our search for the next Associate Dean for Fiscal Affairs to replace Ben Lousteau, MBA, who is serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. Finally, a search is underway for the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Charles Hilton has held that position for more than 20 years. Dr. Hilton has successfully led one of the largest Graduate Medical Education (GME) operations in the country. He has kept the school’s GME program fully accredited for many years, and he has mentored countless program directors. Dr. Hilton was instrumental in bringing simulation to the campus with the creation of the Isidore Cohn Jr. MD Student Learning Center in 2001 and the Russel Klein MD Center for Advanced Practice in 2007. He led the school’s remarkable restoration of resident education programs after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. We are indebted to Dr. Hilton for his dedication to student and resident education, his able leadership and his friendship. His will be large shoes to fill.

Respectfully,

Richard DiCarlo ('87)
Interim Dean
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To improve and expedite information exchange, the Office of Alumni Affairs is developing a list serve for alumni who prefer electronic communications in addition to our regular mailed publications. If you would like to be included on our electronic list, please send your email address to: roar@lsuhsc.edu.
The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence is comprised of over 800 members who have committed to financially support the LSU School of Medicine, fund Professorships, Chairs, the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence, the Russell C. Klein, MD (’59) Center for Advanced Practice and the Isidore Cohn, Jr, Student Learning Center. The banquet recognized new members of the Committee.

Nick Danna III (’75) and Fred Rodriguez (’75)

Mike Modica (’14) and Jesse Roberts (’61)

Richard DiCarlo (’87) and John H. Stewart IV, MD

Casey Murphy (’13) and Sarah Murphy

Richard Dickey, MD, PhD, and Wilhelmina Dickey
Janine Parker ('86) and Fred Rodriguez ('75)

Mike Modica ('14) and Randy Roig ('92)

Bennie Nobles ('71) and Nancy Nobles

Mack Thomas ('62) and Victoria Thomas

Jeannine Thibodaux and Donald Thibodaux ('79)

Roland Waguespack ('65) and Carol Waguespack
Scientific Session

Jennifer Avegno ('01) was a speaker at the 2022 Scientific Session. Dr. Avegno is the Director of the New Orleans Health Department and shared the New Orleans experience with Covid-19.

Stacey L. Holman ('94), outgoing President of the Medical Alumni Association Board of Directors, passes the duties to incoming President, Sanjeeva T. Reddy ('89), for 2022-2023.

Alumnus of the Year

Stephen Brierre ('97), pictured left in the photo with Sanjeeva T. Reddy ('89) presenting recognition of the honor, has been selected as the Alumnus of the Year by the LSU Medical Alumni Board.

Dr. Brierre is Assistant Professor Medicine, Section of Pulmonary/Critical Care & Allergy/Immunology. He did his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge. His teaching activities include lectures to students, residents and fellows in both New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2023

June 9 and 10, 2023

Headquarters hotel: New Orleans Marriott Hotel

for the following classes: '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13

Committee of 100 Banquet [members only] — June 8, 2023
REUNION WEEKEND 2022

Cocktail Party

Left to right: Sophia Weinmann ('12), Ashley Stanley-Copeland ('12), and Julia Rogers ('12)

James (Andy) Anderson ('71) and Susan Anderson

Jennifer Marx ('00) and Christopher Marx

Left to right: Rick Keller ('86), Drew Daigle ('86), Jan Bruder ('86), and Pierre Charles ('86)

Lana Forte and Vince Forte ('92)

Joan Heck and Herman (Andy) Heck ('72)
Reunion Weekend 2022

Left to right: Neva Seago ('87), Mike Wheelis ('87), Myra Reed ('87), and Peter Mann ('87)

Tanya Meziere ('02) and Tracy Norfleet ('02)

Kevin Richie ('01) and Cate Richie

Linda Bratton and Bert Bratton ('72)
Reunion Weekend 2022

Left to right: Derek Bardell, L’issa Gates (’07), Nanette Icho (’07), Patti Cowley, Larry Cowley (’67)

Charles Belleau (’57) and Mary Belleau

Elise McMullen and Kyle McMullen (’12)

Ann Wallace and Bill von Almen (’80)
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1961

Class of 1962
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1967

Class of 1971
REUNION CLASSES

GOLDEN TIGERS of the Class of 1972 are pictured on the front cover.

Class of 1975
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1976
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1977
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1980

Class of 1982
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1985

Class of 1986
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1987

Class of 1991
Class of 1992

Class of 1996
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1997

Class of 2000

Class of 2001
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 2002

Class of 2005
REUNION CLASSES

Class of 2006

Class of 2007

Class of 2010
A Tribute to LSU School of Medicine

The springtime of 1968 was turbulent. Vietnam was raging, and many of my senior year classmates at Tulane were enlisting or being drafted. I had applied to no fewer than eight medical schools without acceptance to any. I tested and was accepted to the Navy Flight program and was instructed to report May 12th. In May I met with Dr. Robert Simmons, associate dean of LSU School of Medicine, and remember sitting in his office as if it were yesterday instead of fifty-four years ago.

Dr. Simmons was optimistic and kind, unlike the admissions committee member from another medical school during an interview a few months earlier, who said, “You don’t really expect to go to medical school with these grades, do you?” But, Dr. Simmons informed me that I was on the waiting list, somewhere in the middle, and that the previous year, seventeen applicants from the waiting list were eventually accepted to LSU in New Orleans.

The Navy delayed my reporting by ninety days to give me a chance to hear from LSU, the acceptance letter to which came about a month later—the letter that changed my life and those of thousands of others over the next five decades. When my mother read me the letter, I immediately had flashbacks to those Saturday nights at Jewel’s Tavern and Pat O’Brien’s in the French quarter which affected my first three consecutive semesters as a Tulane undergraduate and led to a bush-league GPA. This poor performance prompted my father to declare that failure to bring my grades up the fourth semester meant that I was going to finish my college education at one of the three fine colleges in my hometown of Abilene, Texas.

This year, June 10th and 11th was the Class of 1972 fiftieth anniversary reunion. What a joy to see and visit with former classmates and their spouses. The magnitude of so many quality physicians who have relieved suffering, healed the dying, and instructed others in the art of medicine was inspiring to me beyond my expectation. I wish we all, as well as the absent and the deceased, could have been there together to look through each other's eyes into the millions of events stored in our brains that were a direct result of the education and experiences we received at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans.

It has been an honor and God-given privilege to be a Doctor of Medicine. My career, like those of many of my classmates, has been sprinkled with successes and achievements that I never dreamed of, probably because I was too naive to say no to opportunities that came my way. One appointment was serving on the admissions committee and being chairman, for the University of Wyoming School of Medicine, affiliated with the WWAMI program based out of Seattle. At that time, from 2000-2004, we admitted 12 students each year. Fifty percent of our decision was based on GPA and MCAT, but fifty percent was based on the interview. I now confess that, based on my college scores, I never would have even been invited for an interview to Wyoming, and that if interviewed I would have had to be the number one candidate to have been offered a place in the freshman class.

LSU gave me the opportunity of my life. I feel certain that thousands of other graduates in our field have a similar appreciation and gratitude. Just seeing my former classmates again and realizing what we all went through together for four years, was an inspiration. They are great men and women who have accomplished so much for so many over the last fifty years. I thank you, LSU. I can never adequately repay the gift of admission to medical school and resulting career of my dreams.

Stacy J. Childs, MD, FACS, Class of 1972
Jo Ann Retires

Sadly, she finally did it!

Jo Ann Roloff retired on June 30, 2022, after 44 years at LSU. Jo Ann has been our “institutional historian” for the Alumni Office and will be greatly missed but will be enjoying spending time with family and grandchildren.

Happy Retirement, Jo Ann!!

Just Published!

Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD
Mentor of Surgeons

Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD – Mentor of Surgeons was published on January 1, 2021. Written by Alvin M. Cotlar, Colonel, USAF MC (retired), MD (LSU Class of ’57), who spent research and clinical time with Dr. Cohn, the book is a compelling biography of the renowned Chair of the LSU Department of Surgery (1962-1989) and includes profiles of many of his colleagues.

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

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

Unsigned copy is $39.95, signed and numbered copy is: $44.95. To place orders, email ROAR@lsuhsc.edu or call the Alumni Office at: (504) 568-4029. —Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Update on Joseph N. Macaluso, Jr. (’79)

Joseph N. Macaluso (’79) completed funding and state match for Professorship in the Department of Urology. He initiated and saw to completion an endowed scholarship with state match (David Autin Scholarship) and has continued to be active in research via cooperative work representing LSU Urology and LSU Health Foundation, even though retired from clinical practice.

He is now starting his fourth year as elected official in the state of Texas as City Councilman of Boerne, Texas. He is also serving as Treasurer of the Public Finance Corporation for the City of Boerne and as a member of the Board of Directors for Boerne City Utilities. He is on the Executive committee and Board of the Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation, and is co-founder of the Boerne Kendall County Angel Network supporting start-up companies in Fintech, Health/Fem/BioTech and AgriTech. Dr. Macaluso is also still serving on the Board of Directors of the LSU Health Foundation, helping to create long-term financial and facility development for the medical center.

Connections

- LSU Health Foundation (https://www.lsuhealthfoundation.org)
  Board of Directors (Chair 2003-2006)
- angelMD (https://www.angelmd.co)
  - Scientific Advisory Board
  - Chair, Urology Advisory Board
  - Regional Medical Director, San Antonio/Hill Country Region and New Orleans Area
- Boerne Kendall County Angel Network (https://www.bkcan.org/)
  Co-Founder, Chair BOD
- Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation (https://bkcedc.com/)
  Member Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- City of Boerne, City Council (https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/77/City-Council)

Publications since 2018

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Macaluso, Joseph N: Editorial Comment, Urology 2021 (pending publication): Correlative Analysis of Vitamin D and Omega-3 Fatty Acid Intake in Men on Active Surveillance for Prostate Cancer.


Tiger Cubs

Robert Branstetter IV (cub) and Robert M. Branstetter III (’97)

Rebecca A. Lillis (’98), Kaitlyn Calabresi (cub) and Allen R. Calabresi (’95)

Michael J. Simmons (’90), Sarah Simmons (cub) and Mary Miranda Simmons (’96)

Sanjiv K. Jindia (’84) and Samantha Jindia (cub)

Robert C. Mipro (’90), Olivia Mipro (cub) and Diane Mipro
Tiger Cubs

James B. Fitzpatrick (’97) and Joshua Fitzpatrick (cub)

Rick R. Leoni (’95), Jack Leoni (cub) and Toni Bourgeois Leoni (’96)

Julian Gonzales (cub) and Jose M. Gonzales (’94)

Jeanne Murphy, Jack P. Murphy (’88) and Jaclyn Murphy (cub)

Karl Van Bergen (cub) and R. Andrew (Andy) Van Bergen (’92)

Alexander Ieyoub (cub) and Susan B. Ieyoub (’93)
Tiger Cubs

Leila Kataria (cub) and Shammi R. Kataria ('93)

Lisbeth Palopoli, Sophie Palopoli (cub) and John Palopoli ('90)

John O. Newcomb ('85) and Samuel Newcomb (cub)

Patrick C. Hagen ('88), Jacob Hagen (cub) and Amy Hagen

Charles Stuart DePaolo (cub) and Charles J. DePaolo III ('87)
'54

'56
Charles R. Reinninger, Eunice, LA – “Enjoying Life: flying, exercising, visiting grandkids: one is in computers, one is a Pharmacist and the third is a Medical Doctor!!”

'57
J. Kingsley Fife, Pacific Palisades, CA – “Thrilled that I just turned 90 and am still going strong. We’re leaving for London to visit our daughter and family. I always reflect on how fortunate I was to have had an LSU Medical School education.”

Sam Holladay, Shreveport, LA – “No office practice since Covid. Fully retired January 2021. Sorry we didn’t have 65-year reunion this year.”

'62
James R. Bergeron, Shreveport, LA – “Since retiring from (52) years of private practice of Dermatology on February 28, 2021, every day is a ‘Saturday!’ God has blessed me and my family beyond all expectations.”

'64
Albert Charles Rees, Lafayette, LA – “Our granddaughter, Anna Katherine Rees (’20), is a recent graduate of LSU Medical New Orleans.”

'67
James T. Evans, Bluffton, SC – “Continues to volunteer at Greater Bluffton Jasper, volunteers in Medicine at the Free Clinic. Enjoyed Alumni Weekend with the Class of 1967 at our 55-year reunion. The Scientific Session was great, especially Dr. Jennifer Avegno (’01).”

Charles Fontenot, Ville Platte, LA – “Retired for 3-years. Active in Banking and Farming activities.”

'69
Elizabeth McBurney, Lafayette, LA – “Retired November 21, 2019 – Miss my patients, but not the hassle.”

'70
R. Parker Griffith, Huntsville, AL – “Huntsville, the Rocket City, is booming. Missiles, Rockets, Drones and Space Exploration have created an incredible growth scenario. We have lost Ray Sheppard (’70) and Len Baird (’70). They will always be with us.”

'74
Bob Dawson, New Orleans, LA – “Amazingly, as lazy as I am, that I am still working, more or less, full-time. Healthy, as are all 6 kids and 9 grandkids. Wife is still putting up with me!”


'78
Walt Larimore, Colorado Springs, CO – “My 41st book was just released April 2022: At First Light: A True World War II Story of a Hero, His Bravery, and an Amazing Horse is about my father, a beloved LSU Cartography professor for over 40 years and his heroics and exploits as the youngest and one of the most highly decorated front-line infantry officers in the European Theater. Just before the end of the war, he was sent on a top-secret mission into Czechoslovakia to find and save the world-famous Lipizzaners.”

'79
Michael Lifsey, Covington, LA – “Retired as of January 2022. Enjoying it immensely but miss working with my partners Dennis Occhipinti (’77) and Emily Burke (’04) though.”

Jeff Troxell, New London, NH – “Happily retired. Married 51 years with 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Split our time between homes in NH and AZ.”

'80
Levis Lehman, Mill Valley, CA – “Thanks for accepting me from Guadalajara to finish medical school!”
Deceased

1950
Karl B. Horn

1951
Ewell R. Burkhalter
Kathleen E. White
Hernandez

1953
John F. Hall

1954
Alvin Friedland

1955
Edwin Fontenot
Cherie C. Long
Fortunato J. Padua
Jose E. Torres

1957
Paul B. Radelat

1960
Byron Lee Aucoin
Rayland J. Beurlot
Patricia S. Cook
John D. Milam

1961
Michael W. Cooper
William A. Johnson

1962
Morris J. Kloor

1963
Robert D. Blossman
Erwin H. Engert, Jr.
Don R. Guzzetta
Larry J. Hammett
James H. McBurney
Gene C. Miller

1964
Richard J. Schunior

1967
Alfred E. Harmon
James R. McConnell

1968
C. Phillip Daspit

1971
Francis M. Brian

1973
Nicholas J. Angelica

1976
Stephanie G. Schoenberger

1981
Dominic C. Foti
Marty Landry

1996
William J. Lahners

Kaiser SF 1980 – 1985 Chief Hospitalists (CVICU/ICU) and Chair of Chiefs Intensivists/Hospital Medicine Northern Kaiser. Now, Volunteer Clinical Professor Critical Care/Pulmonary – UCSF/SFGH. Plus 17 medical missions worldwide!”

‘84

‘92
Bill Basco, Charleston, SC – “Named the Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education at the Medical University of South Carolina in January 2022. Have been on the faculty at MUSC since 1997 in the Department of Pediatrics.”

‘93
Mark Craig, McKinney, TX – “Elected President of the Southwest Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons this April at our annual session.”

‘99

‘07
L’Issa L. Gates, New Orleans, LA – “Named the 2022 Alumni Emerging Leader Award recipient by Mortar Board.”
Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. The June reunions happened in person this year after our 2-year Covid “hiatus.”

Twenty-six classes celebrated at our Friday Night Cocktail Party, which was attended by over 700 participants. The classes of 1971 and 1972 enjoyed sharing their memories and received 50-year reunion diplomas at their respective luncheons.

The Annual Purple and Gold Gala will be held at the New Orleans Marriott on Saturday, October 29, 2022, in the Grand Ballroom. Please consider joining us to celebrate and spend a weekend in New Orleans.

As always, thank you for your support of the School of Medicine. LSU is truly stronger and better because of our dedicated and loyal alumni. Your visits and calls are always welcome.

Sincerely,

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

Members of the Class of 1972, as pictured on front cover:

SEATED - LEFT TO RIGHT: Edmund Nagem, John Raggio, Glen Wells, Jim Godchaux, J. Charles Dugal, Martin Tanner, Stacy Childs, Skipper York, Gene Louviere, Ed Jeffries, Ted Burns, C. Babson Fresh

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