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Golden Tigers of the Class of '76



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Alumni of the Year



Jorge A. Martinez ('76)



Najeeb M. Thomas ('97)

A Message from the Dean



LSU School of Medicine has entered a new academic year: nearly 200 new residents and fellows started their training in July, and 200 new medical students began their medical career in August. As these students and residents begin exciting new chapters of their lives, I'm struck that the school first opened its doors 95 years ago on October 1, 1931. Our consistent excellence as an institution has resulted in the graduation of nearly 12,000 doctors and the certification of thousands of residents and fellows. Many of those physicians practice in Louisiana, making us the primary pipeline for medical care in the State, which is one of our core missions. Each of you has played a part in that 95-year story, and I am very proud to serve as Dean of this great school.

We continue to make progress in education, research, and clinical care.

- The White Coat Ceremony for our first year students will be on Saturday, September 19th following Family Day on September 18th.
- Dr. Peter DeBlieux and his team continue to receive recognition for the innovative training programs they are developing in the CALS building. We are still raising funds

to fully equip the virtual emergency department. Once it is fully operational, the virtual emergency department will allow us to implement some truly unique and exciting training for residents and students. Many of you have contributed to our fundraising efforts for this project, and I am very grateful for your support.

The school has positioned itself well for advances in research and our Blue Ridge ranking recently improved for the first time in many years. Our investment in research infrastructure is paying off.

- Recently recruited research faculty are working in the new labs on the fifth floor of the Medical Education Building. We hope to furnish and outfit floors 6 and 7 by early next year.
- Having 180,000 square feet of outstanding laboratory space has aided our successful recruitment of many funded cancer researchers as part of our drive to bring an NCI designated cancer center to Louisiana.
- We are recruiting department heads for two new interdisciplinary basic science departments: Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Experimental Therapeutics (PBET), and Microbiology, Genetics, and Immunology (MGI). We received nearly 40 applications for these two department head positions, and we will begin interviewing the finalists in the coming weeks. These new leaders will further enhance our research enterprise.

In the clinical arena, we continue to recruit outstanding faculty to develop excellent clinical programs for our patients and to attract the best trainees.

- New programs in lung cancer screening (lung nodule) and CAR T cell therapy, and bone marrow transplant are underway at University Medical Center (UMC).
- UMC is at full bed capacity, and the operating room and clinic volumes are at all-time highs.
- We received approval from the LSU Board of Supervisors to create an academic department of Radiation Oncology, and we anticipate final approval from the Board of Regents in the coming weeks. Dr. Puneeth Iyengar, from Memorial Sloan Kettering, has agreed to serve as the inaugural department head. He will also be instrumental in expanding our clinical trials for NCI designation.

LSU School of Medicine is indeed off to a busy and successful start to the 2026 – 27 academic year. We would not be able to make such progress in our many missions without the help of the Alumni Association. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard DiCarlo".

Richard DiCarlo ('87), Dean

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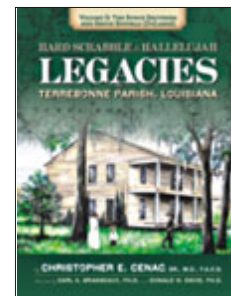


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COMMITTEE OF 100 BANQUET

The LSU School of Medicine *Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence* is composed of over 900 members who have committed high-impact projects that strengthen the LSU School of Medicine, such as the **Russell C. Klein ('59)** Center for Advanced Practice, the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD Student Learning Center, and the Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation (CALs).

The annual banquet celebrates the dedication of all members and recognizes new and upgraded members. This was an outstanding year for the Committee of 100, with twenty-six new members joining and seven existing members increasing their commitment. During the dinner, our speaker, Lucio Miele, MD, PhD, Director LSU-LSMC Cancer Center, presented a detailed update on LSU's efforts to receive National Cancer Institute designation as an NCI Cancer Center.

Additional information on how to become a member of the Committee of 100 can be found in this issue or by contacting the Alumni Office at 504-568-4029 or roar@lsuhsc.edu.

New and Upgraded Members recognized at the Committee of 100 Banquet this year:

LIFE MEMBERS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ◆ Murtuza J. Ali ('01) | Michael W. Dupre ('94) |
| M. Bret Anderson ('97) | H. Bruce Hamilton ('90) |
| Eric L. Bloomfield ('81) | Lloyd M. Higgins ('55) |
| Benjamin J. Boudreaux ('01) | Barrett A. Johnston ('06) |
| ◆ Edmund C. Burke ('87) | Peter K. Nelson ('86) |
| ◆ John T. Cole ('81) | David N. Oubre ('94) |
| ◆ Nicholas A. Danna III ('75) | ◆ Christian A. Scheuermann ('01) |
| Daniel P. Dare ('74) | ◆ Lovick P. Thomas VI ('89) |

DOUBLE MEMBER

- ◆ Robert A. Welch ('80)

REGULAR MEMBERS

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Phillip B. Bandel ('71) | Jamie H. Kuo ('07) |
| James I. Bradburn ('79) | W. Joseph Laughlin, Jr. ('75) |
| Robert C. Dart ('76) | John R. Marsh ('76) |
| Rene L. de Boisblanc ('74) | Donald R. Montgomery, Jr. ('94) |
| James S. Ferriss ('03) | John W. Rogers ('99) |
| Ross J. Fremin ('01) | Jose M. Ruiz III ('86) |
| Edward E. Gaul, Jr. ('79) | Galen R. Smith ('76) |
| Richard P. Hefflin ('81) | A. Judson Tillinghast ('71) |

◆ Indicates upgraded membership.



Lucio Miele, MD, PhD



Christian Scheuermann ('01) and Aimee Scheuermann

COMMITTEE OF 100 BANQUET



Kirstie Le Bouëdec, Jose Ruiz III ('86), Carla Ruiz, Peter Nelson ('86), and KiKi Sigalos



Eric Bloomfield ('81) and Heidi Chua, MD



Nicolas Danna III ('75) and Judy Danna

COMMITTEE OF 100 BANQUET



Cathi Fontenot ('84) and Katie Acuff



Cherie Niles ('87) and Charles Schibler II ('92)



John Heaton ('85), Richard DiCarlo ('87), Daniel Casey, and Lisa Jaubert ('07)

COMMITTEE OF 100 BANQUET



Diane Newman, Ave Maria Gabert, and Elizabeth McDonald ('84)



Roland Sylvester ('62) and Stephen Russell



Vincent Forte ('92) and Charles Schibler II ('92)

COMMITTEE OF 100 BANQUET



Hank Bienert ('66), Georgine Bienert, Jeannine Thibodaux, and Donald Thibodaux ('79)

Save the Date

 **COMMITTEE OF 100**
Champions of Excellence

Member Banquet and Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 3, 2027

*Formal invitations will be mailed in Spring 2027.
Email roar@lsuhsc.edu to request information about joining the Committee of 100.*

ALUMNI TOUR

“Which area of the Cohn Learning Center stood out to you?”

All of the simulators were very impressive and having students study and practice specific skills before trying it on a patient, wow! Having tools like fiberoptic laryngoscopes for intubation, wow!

DOUGLAS SWIFT ('76)”

“

There was no better place to learn clinical medicine than LSU/Charity Hospital. I did have a minor concern our students will train with all of this technology but then if they practice in rural areas, much of that might not be available. It could be a difficult transition for them. On the other hand, I think they will be much better prepared for hands-on treatment because of the hands-on technology and the supervision they receive from the faculty.

PHIL SCURRIA ('86)”

“

Which feature of CALS impressed you the most?
I think the advances in psychologic empathic training and the ability for drills in a life like scenario is marvelous for the young future physicians.

STEVEN PILLOW ('81)”

What a fantastic opportunity to share with our visiting Alumni the exceptional work we are doing in the Isidore Cohn Learning Center and the new Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation (CALS). As those who participated on the tour can attest, LSU SOM New Orleans is well positioned to train the next generation of physicians with unrivaled facilities that are innovative and engaging.

Our Standardized Patient Project has had an amazing initial year with trained actors functioning as patients and clinicians for interactive learning experiences with third-year medical students. We will be expanding educational offerings in the next two years that will welcome first- and second-year medical students into the Standardized Patient Lab.

We are forging partnerships with industry and have recently been awarded a \$1.1 million dollar grant from the AMA to research and develop patient-physician communication tools to enhance challenging communications that help manage: Delivery of Bad News; Informed Consent; and Motivational Interviewing to impact substance use, diet, exercise and lifestyle changes, low health literacy, patient mistrust.

We are eager to develop and outfit our 10-bed Simulated Emergency Department that will offer multidisciplinary Team training for Mass Casualty, Infectious Disease Pandemics, Burn and Blast Injuries, and Bioterrorism. We are grateful to the Alumni Association, especially the Committee of 100, for assisting to fund this important initiative.

We are happy to offer tours of our amazing facilities! Please contact the Alumni Affairs Office if you are interested.

Peter DeBlieux ('88)

Assistant Dean for Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation

REUNION WEEKEND 2026

Cocktail Reception

A cocktail reception was held for all reunion attendees on June 5. Over 300 were in attendance and enjoyed socializing with their classmates.



Michael Wang (01), Todd Brown (01), Betty Garrot (01), Maureen Hewitt (01), Ross Fremin (01), and Robin Dale (01)



Willie M. Winzer (86)



Frederick Keppel (81) and Ben deBoisblanc (81)

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Denise Dorsey ('76), Lee Domangue ('76), Dan Long ('76), John Douglas ('76), John Stafford ('76), Carol Compton DeLine ('76), and Galen Smith ('76)



Tim Donahue ('96), John Sturgeon ('96), Vikas Jain ('96), Irma Pfister ('96), James Fambro ('96), Milan Janmeja ('96), Diane Sinclair ('96), Susan Donaghey ('96), and Mary Miranda Simmons ('96)

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Barry Landry ('81), Debbie Landry, and Melinda Hall ('81)



Quentin McMullen ('86), Molly Laird, Bruce Senter ('86), and Sue Senter ('86)

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Eric Hill ('06), Michelle Gniady ('06), and Jennifer Mills ('06)



Anthony Alleman ('91), Jay Saux ('91), Fred Foti ('91), Ricky Roberts ('91), and Mark Hazel ('91)

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Peter Polos ('86), Janine Parker ('86), Mike Parker, and Jeffery Porth ('86)



Cindy Wong, Peter Wong ('91), Shashi Sharma ('91), Harold Miller ('91), and Kelli Miller

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Brandon Ammon ('16), Katelyn Ammon, Margarethe Probasco, Will Probasco ('16), Claire Lick, and Adam Lick ('16)



Chitra Narayanan, Anne Renneburg, John Renneburg ('81), and Vinodh Narayanan ('81)

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Adam Rossi, Renee Gravios Rossi ('11), Katie Anderson, and Garland Anderson ('11)



SAVE THE DATE

2027 LSU MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

JUNE 4 - 5, 2027

Class specific details will be available beginning late Fall 2026.

If you have not received any recent emails or mailings from us, please send your updated contact information to roar@lsuhsc.edu or scan the QR code:



REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Scientific Session

The Scientific Session was held on Saturday morning of Reunion Weekend. Speakers included Dean **Richard P. DiCarlo** ('87), Michael Hagensee, MD, PhD, Jeffery Hobden, PhD, **Nisha Loganantharaj** ('14), and Christopher Hass, MD. Session attendees receive credit for presentations attended.

Alumni of the Year were recognized at the Annual Business Meeting during the Scientific Session. **Jorge Martinez** ('76) and **Najeeb Thomas** ('97) received awards for their long-standing support of the School of Medicine.

The new slate of officers was approved and includes:

President – **Vincent R. Forte** ('92)
President-elect – **Richard C. Vanderbrook, Jr.** ('95)
Vice President – **Andy P. Blalock** ('98)
Secretary/Treasurer – **Cathi E. Fontenot** ('84)

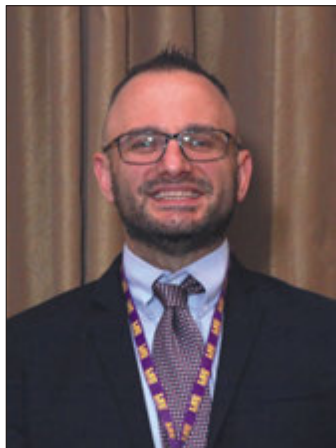


*PHOTO, left
Incoming President,
Vincent Forte
(‘92), recognizes
outgoing President,
Casey Murphy
(‘13).*



*Richard DiCarlo (‘87), speaking at the
Scientific Session, giving updates on Campus
Construction and Renovation Projects.*

REUNION WEEKEND 2026



Christopher Hass, MD

Speakers at the Scientific Session



Jeffery Hobden, PhD, and Michael Hagensee, MD, PhD



Nisha Loganantharaj ('14)

Alumni of the Year

Recipients of the Alumni of the Year are shown below, receiving their awards from newly elected President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, Vincent R. Forte ('92).



George Martinez ('76) and Vincent Forte ('92)



Vincent Forte ('92) and Najeeb Thomas ('97)

REUNION CLASSES



**GOLDEN TIGERS
of the
Class of 1976
are pictured on
the front cover.**

Class of 1964 *62nd Reunion*



Class of 1966 *60th Reunion*



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1971 *55th Reunion*



Class of 1981 *45th Reunion*



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1986 *40th Reunion*



Class of 1991 *35th Reunion*



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1996 — 30th Reunion



Class of 2001 — 25th Reunion



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 2006 — 20th Reunion



Class of 2011 — 15th Reunion



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 2016 — 10th Reunion



From the Alumni President

Thirty-four years ago, I walked the halls of LSU Health Sciences Center as a young medical student, wondering if I had what it took. I had no idea then that this institution would shape not just my career, but who I am as a person and as a physician.

After graduating in 1992, LSU set me on a path to an anesthesia residency, then a fellowship in pain medicine, and ultimately a career I am deeply proud of — twenty-six years of practicing interventional pain management. Twenty-six years of sitting across from patients living with chronic pain, patients who had often been told there was nothing more that could be done — and finding a way to help them reclaim their lives. That work has been my calling. And it all started right here.

To give something back to the community that gave me so much — to serve as your president — it is truly one of the honors of my life.

To my predecessors who built this association into what it is today, thank you. You set a standard worth striving for.

To our board and our members — I don't take your trust lightly. My commitment to you is simple: to listen, to serve, and to keep strengthening the bonds between our alumni and the next generation of LSU physicians.

Because that is what this association is really about — the thread that connects all of us. From the giants we honored as Alumni of the Year at Reunion Weekend, to the students walking the medical school halls right now, a little nervous, a little uncertain — just like we all were back in 1988.

We are LSU. And there is no better family to belong to.

Thank you.

Vincent R. Forte ('92)

President, LSU Medical Alumni Association

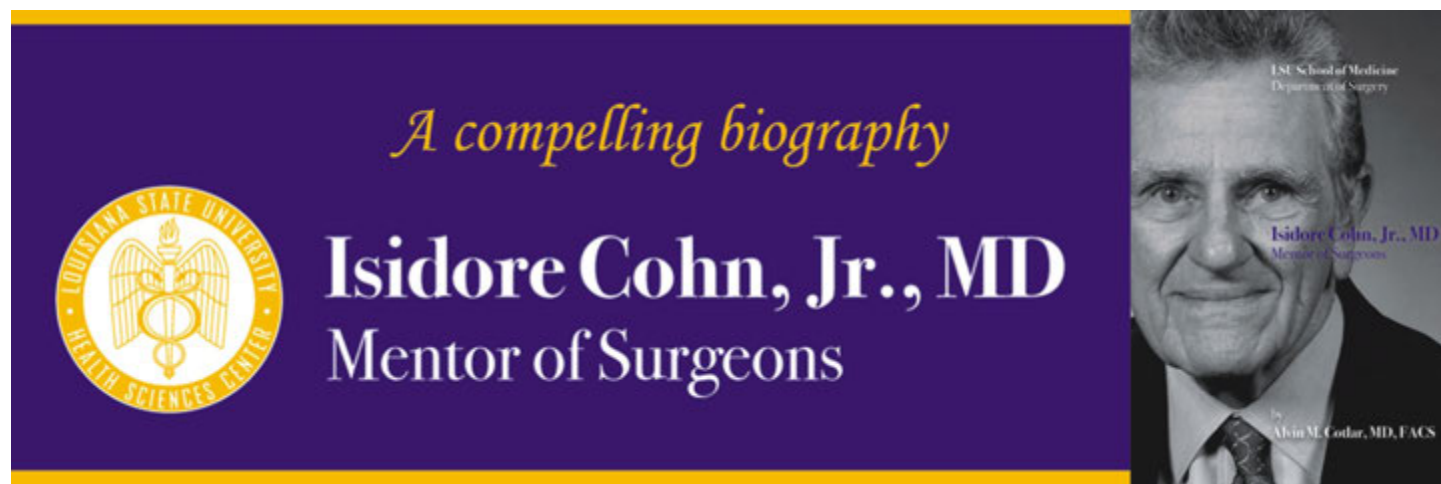
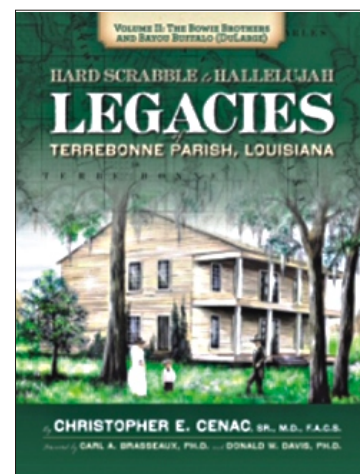


Dr. Forte

Alumni Authors

Hard Scrabble to Hallelujah, Legacies of Terrebonne Parish Volume II: The Bowie Brothers and Bayou Buffalo (DuLarge) by Christopher E. Cenac, Sr., MD, FACS., foreword by Carl A. Brasseaux, PhD, and Donald W. Davis, PhD, edited by Marty C. Collins

Christopher E. Cenac, Sr. ('71) of Houma, has again penned an encompassing narrative, capturing the story of a unique bayou heritage that is regrettably disappearing. This work, chronicles the saga of one of the most rural and rustic regions of coastal Louisiana—Bayou DuLarge. Volume II, with its 2000 images, traces a legacy of perseverance by the notable people who carved out an existence along the winding path of a waterway shown on maps as early as 1804 as Bayou Buffalo. These pioneers tamed a wilderness of swamp and prairie and reaped a great bounty from the very environment they often had to battle. The book documents the entrepreneurial entrance of Jim Bowie and his siblings into the State of Louisiana, where they speculated in the sale of thousands of acres. The volume journeys from bygone days to the present and explores the 37-mile meandering bayou and delves into the enterprises that helped create Terrebonne Parish. It expounds upon the changes over time to the professions that shaped the region, and ends with the effects of coastal erosion, rising sea-levels, and the threat of tropical weather on the vulnerable lower reaches of Louisiana, and the impact these forces have had on the generations of families who have called this incomparable area home. This work heralds the citizens of Terrebonne Parish who, when faced with the harsh realities of subsistence so very near the Gulf of Mexico, have invested in infrastructure to mitigate and control the wrath of Mother Nature.



Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD – Mentor of Surgeons, was released in 2021. Author **Alvin M. Cotlar** ('57), Colonel, USAF MC (retired), spent research and clinical time with Dr. Cohn. His book is a compelling biography of the renowned Chair of the LSU Department of Surgery (1962-1989) and includes profiles of many of his colleagues.

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

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

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

To place orders, email ROAR@lsuhsc.edu or call the Alumni Office at: (504) 568-4029.

Tiger Cubs



Fayne St. John Cecola ('90), R. Patrick Cecola ('88), Thomas Cecola (cub), Patrick Cecola [LSU Dentistry ('23)], and Colleen Cecola ('21)

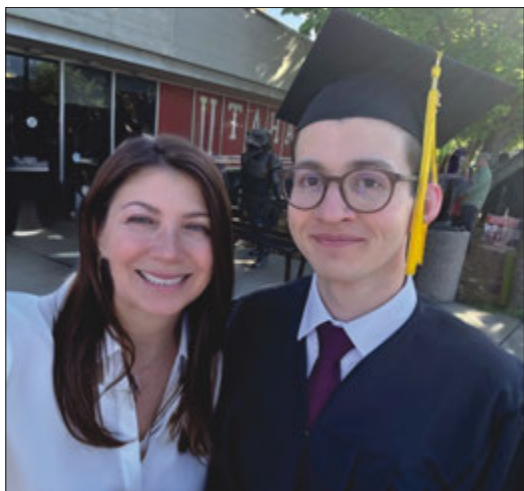


Dinh Le [LSU Resident ('94)], Dorie Le (cub), and Dana Rivera ('91)



Samuel Alexander ('89), Alexis Alexander (cub), and Ellen Schneider ('86)

Tiger Cubs



Lisa Jaubert ('07) and Paul Miazza (cub)



Angela Booth Wingfield ('99) and Claire Wingfield (cub)



Charles Schibler III (cub) and Charles Schibler II ('92)



Susan Ovella ('96), Ethan Ovella (cub), and Ty Ovella ('96)



Brian Fish, Sr. ('04) and Brian Fish, Jr. (cub)

Tiger Cubs



Brian Murphy ('97), Patrick Murphy (cub), Madeline Murphy, and Courtney Murphy ('00)



Jennifer Jastram-Belcher ('02), Ashley Belcher (cub), and Michael Belcher



Lillian Balart (cub) and John Balart ('03)

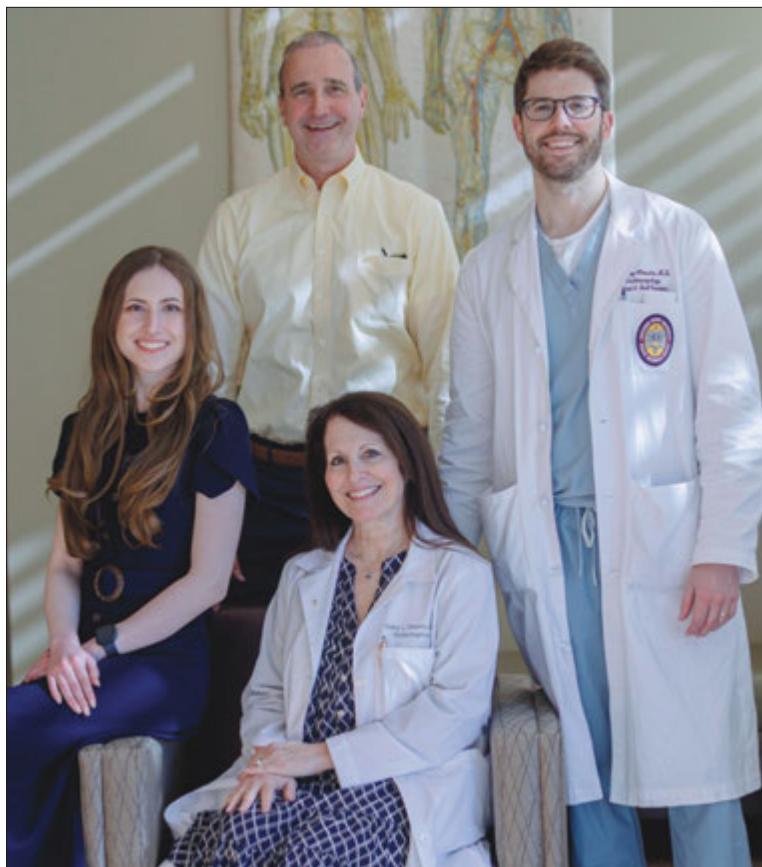
Tiger Cubs



Amy Ordeneaux ('97) and Emily Ordeneaux (cub)



Grayson Gaspard (cub) and Brad Gaspard ('98)



Alexandra Chauvin (cub), Bradley Chauvin, Sr., JD, Kathy Chauvin ('93), and Bradley Chauvin, Jr. ('24)



August Berner III ('00), Elisabeth Berner (cub), and Tara Berner ('00)

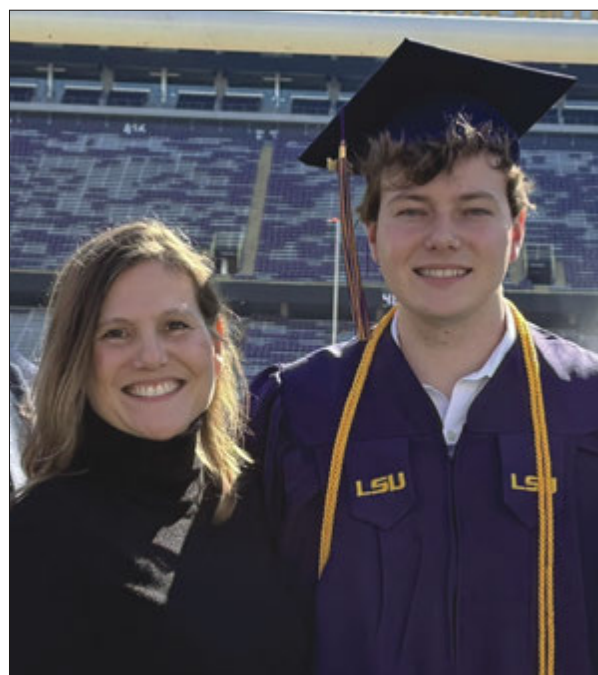


Carter Balart ('01) and James Balart (cub)

Tiger Cubs



Elizabeth Baumgarten (cub) and Katherine Baumgarten ('95)



Aimee Ferrell ('00) and Timothy Ferrell (cub)



Christopher Blais ('94), Betty Lo ('92), and Emilie Blais (cub)



Cherry Horton ('02) and Emily Horton (cub)



Kennedi Brooks (cub), Derrick Brooks ('99), and Vinette Brooks

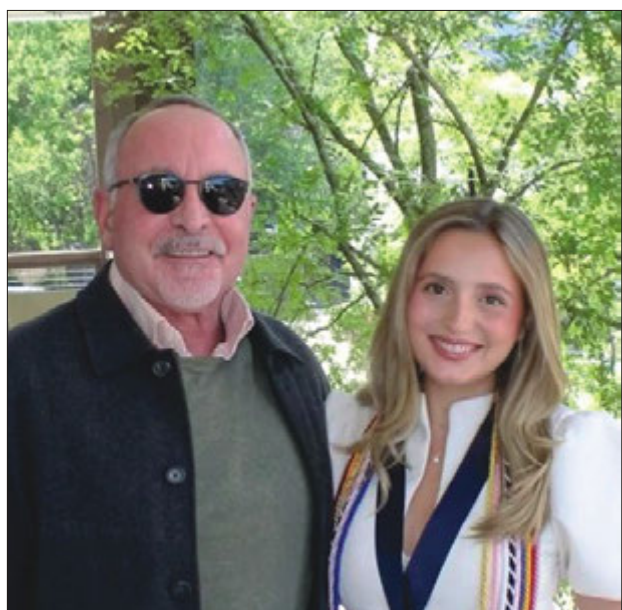
Tiger Cubs



Thad Devier, Elise Devier (cub), and Katherine Williams Devier ('94)



Gary Menszer ('77) and Ellie Menszer (cub)



Joshua Kaufman ('89) and Zoe Toups (cub)



Kirk Dantin ('87), Claire Dantin (cub), and Rhonda Dantin (LSU Nursing '86)

Tigerlines

1964

Joseph J. Biundo, Jr., Metairie, LA — “I am enjoying retirement from my private practice of Rheumatology and of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. I had the honor of serving, at different times, as the Chief of the Section of Rheumatology and for the Section of Physical Medicine & Rehab. I started the section of PM&R and the Rheumatology Fellowship program. I still play the cello and do some exercises like jogging on the levee behind our home in Metairie.”

Lynn Z. Tucker, Baton Rouge, LA — “I’ve been blessed with great health, loving family, & ability to still practice my specialty Dermatology two half days a week at the Baton Rouge General hospital. My other pleasures are playing golf, saltwater fishing & traveling. Last year I took my family to Kenya & Tanzania, this year we are going to Panama, Ecuador, Galapagos & Peru which will include Machu Picchu. Memories are worth more than money.”

1967

Charles E. Fontenot, Ville Platte, LA — “Awaiting class reunion— hopefully next year, 2027.”

Harold A. Fuselier, Jr., New Orleans, LA — “I began my affiliation with LSUHSC in 1984 in the Urology department. I trained residents at Ochsner and LSU. Retired from Ochsner in 2012 as Emeritus Chairman and joined LSUHSC as Professor of Urology. I was on the admissions committee and the Clinical Skills Integration for first and second year students and founded Urology Interest Group. One of my contributions was the founding of the UroTigers Society in 2012, which remains the philanthropic avenue for raising support for the department and

residency program. Looking forward to our 60th REUNION next year.”

1968

James Sidney (Sid) Lawton, Englewood, CO — “Retired in 2007 after 33 years as a radiologist at Baton Rouge General Medical Center. Cheryl (60 years of marriage) and I moved to Denver to be near our grandchildren.”

1970

Parker Griffith, Huntsville, AL — “Thomas Griffith (’66) and I are growing old gracefully. We are both retired. Huntsville, AL has been good to us.”

1971

Roy G. Kadair, Baton Rouge, LA — “Retired January 2025. Not sure I am a proponent of retirement! Lots of reading and some traveling. Margo and I have been blessed with good health.”

Bennie Nobles, Kenner, LA — “So honored and blessed for the education and mentorship I received from the LSUHS and Charity Hospital. I still recall some exceptional cases while training at LSU! I’m keeping busy teaching bible class at the New Orleans homeless mission and serving on the board. I also read ultrasounds for a local antiabortion clinic. We were recently blessed with our tenth grandchild and sixth great-grandchild!”

G. Hugh Osburn, Parkville, MD — “Retired in 2018 after 44 yrs practicing General Internal Medicine, the last 16 as faculty on local MUSC-affiliated family medicine residency program. Relocated from 43 yrs in Anderson, SC, to suburb of Baltimore for several reasons, mainly our only 3 grandkids. Enjoying travel, fishing, golf, and family. Sorry I’m

unable to make this reunion—hope and plan to make the next one.”

1972

W. Glen Wells, Birmingham, AL — “Retired from urology practice years ago but doing some addiction counseling by Telemedicine and Zoom after I got tired of sitting.”

1973

Miriam Weinstein, Knoxville, TN — “Still in practice doing Neurodevelopment/Pediatric Rehab, doing some teaching and research.”

1980

Glenn M. Gomes, The Villages, FL — “Retired on 1/1/2026 and moved to Central Florida.”

Richard P. Martinez, Denver, CO — “Dr. Martinez is the Robert D. Miller Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, CO. He is the Director of Forensic Psychiatry Services and Training.”

Robert A. Welch, Chelsea, MI — “Happily retired from a successful and gratifying career as a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Sub-specialist!”

1981

Carl E. Blunck III, Grand Junction, CO — “Still working in the Western Slope of CO in Grand Junction with wife Chris, Daughter Hallie (ER MD), with son Hans working in SC (Surg. MD), and son Conrad working in Cleveland Clinic (ENT MD). Still doing Triathlons/Gran Fondo cycling with wife, kids, and seven grandkids. If I am not the most blessed man in the Class of ’81, I am definitely in the top 5 for sure. Love to all in Class of ’81.”

Tigerlines

Tim E. Frederick, Overland Park, KS — “I finally laid down my reflex hammer. Gladys (wife) is enjoying this. Son, Allen, and daughter, Catherine, are each entrepreneurs. Daughter, Frances, and spouse Bruce gave us two grandkids, Jacob and Gabby. Franny works as a pediatrician in Omaha, NE. Looking forward to the reunion.”

Hans E. Schuller, Slidell, LA — “Retired after 38 years private practice - pulmonary & Director of Sleep Center. Busy traveling to family (two boys out west) or for fun or tinkering at tree farm. Enjoyed our reunion.”

1982

James J. Crawford, Roanoke, VA — “Retired in February 2024 after 40 years anesthesia and 34+ years at Roanoke Carilion Medical Center.”

1983

Wayne Slocum, New Orleans, LA — “Loving retired life.”

1984

Ban D. Doan, Newport Coast, CA — “Missing all my 1984 classmates, some of them already gone, hope we can see all of us at our reunion.”

1988

Teddy Tedesco, Castle Rock, CO — “Retired to Colorado. Enjoying the mountains and our new grandchild.”

1990

Keith Goodfellow, Gulfport, MS — “Continuing to practice Gynecology in Biloxi, MS. I have the honor of serving as President of the Sons of the American Revolution - Mississippi Society.”

~ In Memoriam ~

Herbert E Kaufman, MD, former Chair of the LSU Eye Center and Department of Ophthalmology, passed away July 11, 2026.

Dr. Kaufman was a visionary whose contributions transformed the field of ophthalmology. He graduated from Harvard Medical School, completed his internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, worked at the National Institutes of Health, and trained in ophthalmology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. After completing his residency, Dr. Kaufman became the founding Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Florida. Subsequently, he was recruited to LSU in 1978 and partnered with the Louisiana Lions to establish the LSU Eye Center where he remained as Chair until 2001. Through his vision, leadership, and unparalleled clinical and research expertise, he attracted outstanding faculty and trainees, helping build the LSU Eye Center into one of the world's premiere academic ophthalmology centers. Many of those he mentored went on to become leaders in ophthalmology throughout the United States and around the world.



Dr. Kaufman

Dr. Kaufman and his colleagues were responsible for a remarkable series of research breakthroughs that advanced ophthalmic care in ways that continue to benefit patients today. Their pioneering work included the first antiviral medication used in humans to treat an active viral infection (IDU for herpes simplex keratitis), the development of timolol for glaucoma therapy, the introduction of natamycin for fungal keratitis, and the development of specular microscopy for examination of the corneal endothelium. Dr. Kaufman and his faculty also developed McCarey-Kaufman and K-Sol preservation media, which revolutionized donor corneal storage for transplantation, and made major contributions to the advancement of the excimer laser for modern refractive surgery.

Dr. Kaufman served as president of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, and the International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty, and served two terms on the Advisory Council of the National Eye Institute. He was editor of *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science* and received numerous awards including the Weisenfeld and Proctor awards. Dr. Kaufman's legacy lives on through the countless physicians, scientists, and patients whose lives were touched by his pioneering work, extraordinary mentorship, and unwavering dedication to advancing ophthalmology.

In honor of his lasting institutional legacy to LSU Department of Ophthalmology, the Herbert E Kaufman, MD, Endowed Chair of Ophthalmology was established.

Dr. Kaufman's complete obituary from the Sarasota Herald-Tribune is available at <https://www.heraldtribune.com/obituaries/psar1522677>.

A more detailed description of his numerous contributions to ophthalmology is available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbert_E._Kaufman.

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Deceased

1952

L. Leighton Hill

1954

David H. Blount

1957

John C. Miciotto
Alfred A. Olinde, Jr.

1958

Joseph S. DiLeo

1959

James A. Marchand

1960

James H. Blackburn

1962

Robert M. Maurer
Ronald N. Padgett

1963

Jacquelyne R. Holdcraft

1964

Philip R. Avet, Jr.
Colin M. Freeman
Enoch M. Toler

1965

William M. Pusateri

1966

Robert G. Mennis
Marilyn Stewart-Smith
David A. Tate
John Tolson III

1967

R. Douglas Bostick, Jr.

1968

Donald B. McBurney

1971

Meade H. Phelps

1974

Douglas G. Cosentino

1975

Michael D. Manuel

1976

Steven M. Taylor

1978

Thomas B. Ford
Derris W. Ray

1981

H. Carson McKowen

1984

Kevin D. Chiasson

1988

Oleg E. Bess

1990

John W. Noble, Jr.

2000

Gary B. Braedt

2006

Benjamin S. Kuo

2007

L'Issa L. Gates
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Tigerlines, continued

Therese L. Ritter-Lisecki, New Iberia, LA — "My twin daughters are in their junior year of college: one at TCU and one at Baylor. They each love where they are in school. I partially retired in January 2026 and am helping with my mom who still lives at home in NOLA and will be 105 years old at the end of July 2026! I'm also doing a lot of traveling. Life is still busy! Love hearing from and keeping up with my LSUMC classmates via Facebook or by text!"

1991

Dewitt M. Bateman, Mandeville, LA — "I retired from my anesthesia practice in May and started a new role as Chief Medical Officer at Lakeview Hospital (LCMC) in Covington."

1996

Nicole Gagliano Buddendorff, Longwood, FL — "Chris has recovered from surgery and six months of chemotherapy after being diagnosed

with stage one pancreatic cancer. He has returned to work as a hospitalist in Orlando, encouraging patients to fight the good fight. I am enjoying working part-time as a general pediatrician taking care of my former patient's children. We are looking forward to traveling this summer."

2001

James A. Taylor, Jr., Zachary, LA — "Working in both primary care and rural emergency services. Expectantly awaiting graduation of my Tiger cub (Jolan Taylor, 2027). Main clinic is 15 minutes from home, shortest commute ever! Also completing second term on LSBME, which has been an honor and privilege. Looking forward to reconnecting with the uniquely excellent class of 2001."



From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

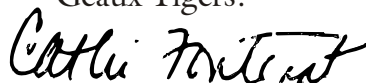
Greetings on behalf of the Alumni Office. The June reunions were well attended with close to 600 who registered for their class parties. The class of '76 received their 50-year diplomas at their celebration luncheon.

The office is already preparing for next year's reunion.

We are also preparing to welcome 25 incoming medical students who are children of alumni. You can view the Tigers and their "cubs" in this edition of Medicinews.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the School of Medicine. LSU is better and stronger because of our dedicated and loyal alumni.

Geaux Tigers!



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

Members of the Class of 1976, as pictured on the cover: 50th Class Reunion

1st row, left to right: William H. Gullung III, Roger D. Rholdon, Sr., Michael W. P. Boos, Jr., Douglas A. Swift, Stanford A. Owen, Ellen B McLean, Bonita H. Dyess, Jessica R. Montegudo, Denise L. Dorsey, Jorge A. Martinez, James M. Kidd III, Frank L. Fazio

2nd row, left to right: Richard L. Grantham, Lee R. Domangue, E. Benson Scott II, John W. Douglas, Marelle M. Yongue, Charley J. Andrews III, Carol Compton Deline, Daniel A. Long, F. Jeff Liner, Jr., Frank G. Rieger III, Arthur D. Walker, Jr.

3rd row, left to right: Richard E. Matis, Jack L. Breaux, Jr., Floyd J. Roberts, Jr., William F. Krooss II, John R. Marsh, Aaron J. Friedman, Edgar P. Breaux III, Julius H. Mullins, Jr., Cary F. Gray, John W. Stafford, Galen R. Smith



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