

Tigerlines



Time Travel

Herb Ashe ('80), a practicing otolaryngologist in Houston, TX, saw a special patient, as revealed to him during a conversation with the patient. It wasn't just that the patient was a physician who was 101 years old. He was Dave Kaminsky, a graduate of the first medical school class at LSU School of Medicine. Born in 1912, Dr. Kaminsky was one of five doctors who graduated in 1935. Shown at left are Herb Ashe ('80), *left*, with Dave Kaminsky ('35).

practice in Zachary, LA. "Grandson Tommy Gould graduated LSU Medical School-Shreveport #1 in his class - 2010."

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John Milam, Houston, TX - Retiring soon. "Have enjoyed my career."

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Richard Greene, Palo Alto, CA - "I continue my active practice of Pediatric Cardiology at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, where I serve as consultant for the Pediatricians and Family Medicine Physicians in this 1200 Physician Medical Group. This multispecialty group continues to grow, and I am proud to be the

most senior physician, now in my 47th year."

George Monzingo, Destin, FL - Now retired, living between Destin, FL & Taos, NM & Bismarck, ND.

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David Regan, Lafayette, LA - "Retired (finally) July 1, 2012."

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Francis Cazayoux, New Roads, LA - Retired. "Enjoying the good life on False River, LSU football games, and visiting with our eight children and their spouses and our 21 grandchildren and welcoming their visits with us here in New Roads and Pointe Coupee Parish. (Home of ten generations of our family since the arrival in 1720 of the first of our family in the French Colony of Louisiana.)"

Frank Houston, Greensboro, NC - "Looking forward to the 50th Class Reunion in June. I will be retiring from my dermatology practice with Greensboro Dermatology Association after 44 years - on July 1, 2014."

Gary Lafleur, Eunice, LA - "Thanks for your informative Alumni News! After

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George Battalora, Covington, LA - "Retired several years ago. Moving to Christwood Retirement Home, Covington, LA."

Martha Haley Pope, Baton Rouge, LA - "Enjoying working 2 or 3 days per week! Enjoying 4 beautiful grandchildren! Enjoying my antique roses!"

'54

Robert Cangelosi, New Orleans, LA - Supplied and conducted Eye Clinic for one week annually in Granada, Nicaragua, since year 2000 with the Sovereign Order of Malta.

Alvin Friedland, Livingston, NJ - "I have retired after a very fulfilling career, thanks to LSU. I'll be 92 and doing well but miss being busy with my practice."

Richard Vines, Monroe, LA - "After five years, just got a new pacemaker and defibrillator. If all goes well, hope to see all at the Class of '54 at our 60th in June."

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Quinn Becker, San Antonio, TX - "Still doing fairly well with aid of pacemaker and good doctors at Brooke Army Medical Center. Looking forward to our next reunion."

William Godfrey, Natchez, MS - Retired after 53 years of practice - age 89 on 10-31-2013.

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Dominic Lago, Metairie, LA - Still working at Children's Hospital.

Joel Smason, Los Angeles, CA - 14 years retired orthopaedic surgeon. "Greetings from the halcyon days of medicine to the present era of Obamacare. It's still an honorable profession."

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George Baquet, Baker, LA - "Save A Lot' and retire Early - NOT at 75 years old when I retired!"

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Thomas Graves, Baton Rouge, LA - Did three years Family Practice Residency in Lake Charles, LA. Now in

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Dr. Lestage

Daniel B. Lestage ('63), MPH, FACP, was installed as the 28th President of the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine during the recent 61st International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine in Jerusalem, Israel. A native of Jennings, Louisiana, Dr. Lestage is a retired U. S. Navy Rear

Admiral and retired Vice President of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida. He and his wife Helen reside in Fleming Island, FL.

have been in fulltime practice. Debbie (wife) is part-time in L&D. Daughter Heidi is married and lives in Brisbane, Australia. Philippe graduates from University in May '14. Joel, our youngest will graduate May '15 in pre-med. ?Another Tiger MD? Debbie and I will probably return to the Mission field in Africa fulltime next year. Sorry I couldn't make the class reunion.

'69

Mary Uffelman Andrews, Longview, TX – Still practicing ophthalmology in Longview, Texas – 40 years.

James Knoll, Pagosa Springs, CO – “After retirement, I have been doing locum work – Recently in Fairbanks, Juneau & Ketchikan. My oldest son was recently promoted to full professor and Director of Forensic Psychiatry at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Don Mickal, Lafayette, LA – Semi-Retired – No longer practicing Ob/Gyn. “I am the CMO for the Regional Health System in Lafayette. I have six children and 11 grandchildren!”

William Rock, Madison, MS – “Retired from UMC January 31, 2011, and it has been great. Retirement is totally underrated. I describe retirement as ‘Tomorrow is always your day off.’ Still teaching some to sophomore med students and finishing up some papers. All children out of college, two full-time employment, and one studying for MCAT. The garden is great and the grass is short. It doesn't get any better. Thank you, LSU School of Medicine New Orleans, for making it all possible.”

A. John Tassin, Ville Platte, LA – “Still hunting, fishing and working some.”

returning to Eunice from 'HOT'LANTA (Atlanta) enjoying a growing grandchild number, now 12 – and an even six boys and six girls. We always have a school and college event to attend. Granddaughter, Hannah Lafleur – in LSU Trumpet Corp – of the Golden Band from Tiger Land.”

'66

Robert Toups, Beaumont, TX – Anesthesiologist with Anesthesia Associates. Distinguished service award given by Christus Hospital St. Elizabeth & St. Mary. Dr. J.C. Crager Award given by the Golden Triangle Division of the American Heart Association.

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Randy Watson, Zephyr Cove, NV – “I was just asked to speak at Texas Tech to the graduating Orthopedic Residents last July 2013. Spoke on: 1) Icelandic Volcanoes; and 2) ‘The Earth as a living organism’ Two of my favorite talks that I have developed since retiring after 35 years of Orthopedic Sports Medicine practice here at Lake Tahoe. I retired five years ago.”

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Bert Oubre, Columbia, SC – “We have been back in the states since 2006 and I

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Victor (Tory) Gunderson, Lafayette, LA – “Ecstatically retired in Lafayette. Fishing as often as possible.”

David Bray, Bainbridge Island, WA – Retired since 6/2010. “Enjoying traveling to Peru and Galapagos Islands. Three grandchildren – living close by. Playing music (harmonica or string bass) in several bands.”

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Phillip Bandel, Paris, TX – “Enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion. Those stories of how our graduates excelled were fantastic! I am still fulltime Derm/Derm Surgery. I completed a year of serving as Rotary District Governor in July for District 5830. Dee and I attended our 15th Rotary Intl Convention last June. We will go to Sydney Australia next June. Come to Paris, TX, and visit the 2nd largest Paris in the world!”

'74

Bill Farrell, New Orleans, LA – “Finally got my first grandchild thanks to Erin ('06) and Gus Haik.....Elise (?'38) – just like that fourth daughter I never had!”

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Richard W. Waguespack ('75), clinical professor of surgery in the Division of Otolaryngology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is the new president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) and its foundation. He assumed his elected position for the 2013-2014 term Oct. 1, 2013, during the 2013 Annual Meeting and OTO EXPO held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Dr. Waguespack left a community-based practice to join UAB in April 2013, and he is also the otolaryngology section chief at the Birmingham VA Medical Center.

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Keith DeSonier ('75) was unanimously selected to receive the 2014 Jerome C. Goldstein, MD, Public Service Award by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNSF).

The award recognizes members for commitment and achievement in service, either to the public or to other organizations, when such service promises to improve patient welfare. Dr. DeSonier is an otolaryngologist in Lake Charles, LA.

Pat Schneider, St. Francisville, LA – “Thanks to Ronnie Mathews ('74) for fixing my hands so I can continue to care for my second generations of children.”

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Donald Smith, New Orleans, LA – “Took and passed the *new* American Board of Anesthesiology Pediatric Anesthesia Certification Examination in October 2013.”

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Julius Mullins, Baton Rouge, LA – “Still in Baton Rouge; still doing OB. We just had our fifth granddaughter...Lillie Kathryn, born December 16 in Richmond.”

'80

Philip Bellow, Wooster, OH – “Reaching the milestone of grandfather this year. It was a great experience. Another one on the way for delivery in 2014!”

Harold Katner, Macon, GA – Chief of Infectious Diseases Section in the Department of Internal Medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA. “We just became approved to start an Infectious Disease Fellowship.”

Ron Spencer, Ocala, FL – “No more Ob/Gyn for me! It's hospice/pall care now.”

'81

Eric Bloomfield, Rochester, MN – “Wife Heidi, who is a colon rectal surgeon and myself both at Mayo Clinic-Rochester. We have just adopted a second little girl – Two additions to the family have been added from Budweiser-Clydesdale Geldings 'Ron' and 'Kenny.' Other daughter, Brooke is almost six years old.”

Carl Blunck, Mobile, AL – “Children gone, all great, some kids MDs, some not, no early retirement for me, however. Golfers reminded of increased prizes, incentives for LSU Medical Alumni Golf Tournament.”

'83

Michael Haas, Covington, LA – “Living in Covington, doing Hospice work and inventing medical products. Our latest gadget might become the world standard for cervical pre-cancer treatment in low- to middle-income countries. Check us out at: www.cryopen.com.”

Brett Koder, Shreveport, LA – Practicing in Shreveport, LA, at ARKLATEX ENT.

Paul Peach, Knoxville, TN – “I have recently retired and am now living in Knoxville, TN. I have settled in and now am pursuing my hobbies of flying, photography and music. Best wishes to everyone.”

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Damon Dietrich ('99) has been an emergency medicine physician at West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero LA since 2003, after completing his residency at LSU. He is currently the Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) at West Jefferson Medical Center, holding this post since April 2010.

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Dr. Gates

Dr. L'Issa L. Gates ('07) has been promoted to the rank of Partner at Westside Clinics, AMC in Harvey, LA. In 2013 *New Orleans Data News Weekly* chose her as a Trailblazer of the Month in recognition of her dedication to serving others.

'85

James Robinson, Tuscaloosa, AL – Was appointed Endowed Chair of Sports Medicine at the University of Alabama. Continue to serve as Head Team Physician and Fellowship Director of the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. “Rouleaux Tide!”

'86

Brian Dearing, Fairhope, AL – “Still enjoying Interventional Cardiology most days. Saban making living in Alabama difficult during football season.”

Quentin McMullen, Ann Arbor, MI – “Sara is training to be a Waldorf Art Teacher in California; Christopher is conducting in Norway and Germany; Lydia is in China on a Fulbright (Language #6!) and Samuel is a

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The College of American Pathologists (CAP) Foundation presented Jordan A. Roberts ('12), with the Leadership Development Award at a special ceremony October 12, 2013, at the College's annual conference, CAP '13 - THE Pathologists' Meeting™ in Orlando, FL. The award applauds Dr. Roberts' quest to further integrate pathology services into the changing framework of patient care and to deepen his understanding of the links between health policies, patients, providers, and pathologists.

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1946 William A. Yancey	1954 Joseph G. Juracovich	1969 William S. Hunt
1948 William F. Calhoun Larry J. Hines Frank S. Normann	1958 Donald R. Stoker	1979 Wayne G. Horn
1952 Edward G. Burleigh	1961 Thomas R. Smith	1992 Christopher J. Bodin
1953 J. Paul Peters	1964 Charles W. Breaux James C. Odom	1998 Judy W. Crump
		2012 Patrick P. Clerkin

∞ In Memoriam ∞

Robert Frank Dyer, PhD, of Richmond, Texas, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014. Dr. Dyer spent his entire career at LSUHSC- NO as a researcher, educator and administrator. He finished his career as Dean of the Graduate School and Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

pre-med at U of Michigan here. Good thing we don't have a one-child policy in the USA!"

'91

Garnetta Morin-Ducote, Knoxville, TN – "Enjoying life and practicing mammography at our new cancer center at UT. First child is now a freshman at

LSU-BR. Oh how the years fly. Wishing all health and happiness."

'99

Carlos Vital, Houston, TX – "My wife, Dr. Karla Vital and I welcomed our third child on October 21st, 2013. Her name is Lianna Nadine Vital."

'09

Janna Alfery Larson, San Diego, CA – Currently in fellowship at UC-San Diego for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Residency

Peter Goertz, New Orleans, LA – Psychiatrist at the New Orleans VA Clinic, also starting a private practice on the side.



Ms. Peterson

A memorial service was held on Friday, March 14th, for Laura Ashley Burckel Peterson, who passed away on January 3, 2014, after giving birth to her daughter, Mary Margaret. A third-year medical student at LSUHSC- NO, Mrs. Peterson was a dedicated, passionate student with a desire to practice in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. She was the current President of the American Medical Association for her medical class. The Class of 2015 is collecting donations for Mary Margaret Peterson's education fund. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs for more information - 504.568.4874.

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From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. 2013 has been a great year in many ways. The Association retired the debt on the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice and we now have a new project that you can read about in this issue of the Honor Roll. The Committee of 100 and the Alumni Association have committed to the School of Medicine to raise \$2.5 million for renovation of an area here on campus to construct a state-of-the art cardiovascular lab that will enable cardiovascular research as well as provide a training lab for students and residents. This

laboratory perfectly complements the state-of-the-art facilities you have already built, the Isidore Cohn Jr., MD, Student Learning Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice.

We are now gearing up for Reunion Weekend, which will be held at our usual location, the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel, on June 6th and 7th, 2014. This year's events will honor the classes of: '48, '54, '55, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, and '04.

Our 9th Annual Purple & Gold Gala is set for Saturday, October 11, 2014, so plan to attend and celebrate with your friends. I challenge each of you to reconnect with your classmates and purchase a table with your class. This is a great opportunity to spend a weekend in New Orleans.

Thanks for supporting your Alma Mater – where we all received a great education. Please call or stop by this office when you are in town. I would love to show you around our great campus.

Sincerely,

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

Cathi Fontenot ('84)

Associate Dean
for Alumni Affairs and
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