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Golden Tigers of the Class of '62

## Alumnus of the Year **2011**



**Daniel W. Nuss ('81)**, Alumnus of the Year 2011, poses with his wife Wilma and daughter Olivia.

## Special Merit Award



Stephanie A. Galendez, MBA, Assistant Director of the Office of Medical Education, receives the Medical Alumni Association Special Merit Award, presented by Alumni President **Charles W. Thomas ('93)**.

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# A Message from the Dean



## A Message from the Dean

As Dean of the LSU School of Medicine, it is my mission to provide competent and compassionate physicians for Louisiana. This past year 63% of graduates of the LSU School of Medicine decided to continue their training in Louisiana, the highest percentage in a decade. A key component of that success is the LSU system of hospitals that provides my students, interns, and residents with an outstanding clinical experience. The LSU hospital system not only provides a critical safety net for a large number of our fellow citizens, it is the foundation for medical training at LSU. The reputation of an academic medical center is determined by the quality of its medical school and its hospital. If this is not available, due to the continued reduction of hospital beds and clinical services, they will decide to go elsewhere for training. Once they leave, less than one third will return to Louisiana to practice. The single greatest determinant of where a doctor will practice is where they train. In fact 70% of physicians practice within 100 miles of where they trained. It is widely acknowledged that there is an existing physician shortage in Louisiana, and in the country as a whole, which is forecasted to only worsen in the coming years. The impact of this shortage will be felt throughout Louisiana.

We understand that the present hospital system needs to adapt to a rapidly changing healthcare environment. However, this “change” needs to occur in a deliberate and carefully defined fashion that will continue to provide care for those in need while protecting the educational mission of our school. At the LSU School of Medicine we are training almost 800 medical students and over 600 residents in over 70 training programs. We are training “your doctor” right now at LSU. We look forward to having an open dialogue with our partners, both public and private, and working together to move our School and Louisiana forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

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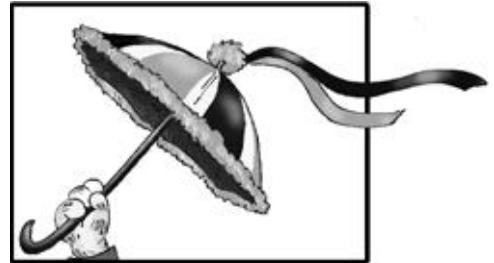
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## Committee of 100 Banquet

The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence is comprised of over 700 individuals who have committed financial support to the School of Medicine through professorships, chairs and educational needs of the School. On Thursday, June 7, the group celebrated the successes of the Committee, which includes raising over \$50 million in endowments.

The evening's event recognized new members of the Committee who have committed to contribute \$1,000 per year to the Alumni Association.

After a dinner of beef filet, **Charles Hilton** ('76), Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, updated the group on the Continuing Education Programs occurring in the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice and the Isidore Cohn, Jr, MD, Student Learning Center, where high-tech simulation supports and provides educational activities for students, residents, and physicians in practice.

In attendance were **Bernard Samuels** ('57), one of the Committee's Founding Members, and his wife Jeannine; Steve Nelson, Dean of School of Medicine; **Fred Rodriguez** ('75), President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee, and his wife Susan; **Jack Perry Strong** ('51) with wife Mihoko; **Bo Sanders** ('64) with wife Julia; and **Mack Thomas** ('62) with wife Victoria.



*Kevin B. Riché* ('01) (center) displays his plaque in recognition of his becoming a Life Member of the Committee of 100. With him are (left) **Fred Rodriguez, Jr.** ('75), President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee, and (right) **Bernard Samuels** ('57), Co-founder of the Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence.



*Sanjiv Jindia* ('84) displays his plaque as a new member of the Committee of 100.



*At the Committee of 100 banquet (left to right): Susan Rodriguez, Mihoko Strong, Jack Perry Strong ('51), and Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75)*

## Committee of 100 Banquet



Committee of 100 members **Juzar Ali, MD**, the **Russell C. Klein Professor of Clinical Medicine** (left), and **Bill Newman** ('67) confer at the banquet.



**Janine Parker** ('86) displays her plaque as a new **Double Member** of the the Committee of 100, presented to her by **Fred Rodrigues, Jr.** ('75) (left) and **Bernard Samuels** ('57).



RIGHT:  
**Fred Cerise** ('88) (left),  
with **Russell Klein** ('59)



New members **Tessa Poché** and **Jerry Poché** ('89) show their plaque commemorating their new membership in the Committee of 100.



Sharing a moment at the Committee of 100 banquet are (left to right) **Anne Padgett**, **Ronald Padgett** ('62), **Louis Cucinotta** ('62), **John McLachlan** ('62), and **Betty McLachlan**.

# Committee of 100 Banquet

RIGHT:  
Sridevi Reddy and  
Sanjeeva Reddy ('89)



Cathi Fontenot ('84) and Mack Thomas ('62)



Dean Steve Nelson, MD (left) chats with  
former Dean Robert Marier, MD, MHA.



Carol and Roland Waguespack, Jr. ('65)

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 100 AND THE 500 CLUB



### New Life Members Committee of 100

Paul S. Cabiran ('91)  
Thomas H. Griffith ('66)  
R. Bruce Jordan ('62)  
Stanley E. Peters, Jr. ('78)  
Kevin B. Riché ('01)

### New Life Members Committee of 100

Gerard J. Broussard ('92)  
Janine S. Parker ('86)

### New Regular Members Committee of 100

Vincent R. Adolph ('85)  
Frank J. Arena ('89)  
John E. Duplantier ('86)  
Michael H. Hayman ('73)  
Sanjiv K. Jindia ('84)  
Peter W. Karam ('92)  
Ann Kay Cefalu Logarbo ('82)  
Louis W. Levin ('80)  
Joseph E. Miller ('91)  
Jerry M. Poché ('89) and  
Tessa V. Poché  
Ronald A. Radzikowski ('72)

### New 500 Club Members

Ralph J. Bourgeois ('85)  
Deepesh Rubin Patel ('00)



Left to right: Brian Jakes, Beverly Jakes, Anne Monlezun, and Lee J. Monlezun ('69)

# REUNION WEEKEND 2012



*Larry H. Hollier ('68), Chancellor of LSUHSC, makes his presentation at the Scientific Session.*

Over 600 Alumni and guests from the Classes of 1946, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002 returned to their alma mater for the 2012 reunions in June. Led by the Golden Tiger Class of 1962, they spent a weekend in New Orleans touring the medical school, attending social events, and sharing old times. A golf tournament, presided over by **John McLachlan ('62)** and **Mack Thomas ('62)**, began the festivities on Friday, June 8. The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the Hilton for all reunion attendees and guests.



*Left to right: Cherie Niles ('87); Dean Steve Nelson, MD; and Elizabeth McDonald ('84)*

The following day, the Scientific Session was held, with speakers including Chancellor **Larry Hollier ('68)**, **Dwayne Thomas ('84)**, **Dan Nuss ('81)**, **Marcus Miller ('82)**, and **James Andrews ('67)**.

At the mid-morning business meeting, **Charles Thomas ('93)** was elected President of the Alumni Association for 2012 and **Dan Nuss ('81)** was named 2011 Alumnus of the Year. **James Brown ('92)** was named President-Elect and **Elizabeth McDonald ('84)** was named Vice-President. Stephanie Galendez received a Special Merit Award.

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

**Daniel W. Nuss ('81)** was named Alumnus of the Year for 2011. Dr. Nuss completed his otolaryngology residency at LSU and joined the LSU faculty in 1987. He completed his clinical and research fellowships at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Cranial Base Surgery in 1991.

Dr. Nuss has been recognized nationally as an accomplished expert in the field of otolaryngology and has served in leadership roles in numerous international professional societies, including the North American Skull Base Society.

He has been an active member of the Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence and the Medical Alumni Association. Dr. Nuss has been instrumental in bringing international recognition to the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice and the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center through continuing education programs.



*Daniel W. Nuss ('81), the George D. Lyons, MD, Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology, receives his plaque as Alumnus of the Year 2011 from Alumni President Charles W. Thomas ('93).*



*Tobin Grigsby ('67) and Walter Preau ('67) reminisce at the Scientific Session.*



*Frank Incapreva ('50) (left) and Mario Calonje ('59) find time to visit at the Scientific Session.*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2012



*Thirtieth Reunion attendees at the Cocktail Party (left to right): Pat Maneille ('82), Mary Goodwin ('82), Ann Kay C. Logarbo ('82), Harvey Carter ('82), J. R. Heil ('82), and Elizabeth Lehmann ('82).*



*Mini Elnaggar ('02) and Tarek Elnaggar at the Cocktail Party*

*PHOTO, RIGHT  
Members of the Class of '02, enjoying their 10<sup>th</sup> reunion, gather at the Cocktail Party (left to right): Teresa King ('02), Misty Norman ('02), Sarah Jackson ('02), and Angie Miller ('02).*



*Fiftieth Reunion classmates cheer at the Cocktail Party (left to right): Carolyn Villarubbia ('62), Bill Mixon ('62), Nic Broussard ('62), Mack Thomas ('62), and C. C. Laborde ('62).*



*Clara and Frank Cerniglia ('82)*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2012



*Keith Lescale ('87) and Gigi Lefebvre ('87)*



*Left to right: Bob Bozeman, Diana Hollier, Mary Lou Applewhite ('55), and Larry H. Hollier ('68).*



*Left to right: Catherine Lucas ('02), Louis Lucas, Laura Lindsey, Tim Lindsey ('02), Kathryn Newman, and William Newman ('02)*



*Tigers at their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, V. Lynn McCord ('57) and Charlie Belleau ('57) celebrate at the Cocktail Party.*



*PHOTO, LEFT  
Celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, members of the Class of '67 reminisce at the Cocktail Party (left to right): Clyde Elliot ('67), Charles Fontenot ('67), George Hutchinson ('67), and Cleve Pardue ('67)*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2012



*PHOTO, LEFT*

*Two generations of Thomas Tigers enjoy the reunion together (left to right): Victoria Thomas; Mack Thomas ('62), attending his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion; Najeeb Thomas ('97), attending his 15<sup>th</sup> reunion; and Summer Black Thomas ('99).*



*Archie Neal McIntyre ('55) and Jeri McIntyre*



*PHOTO, LEFT*

*Left to right: Peter Mann ('87), Richard Vinson ('87), and Titania Vinson.*



*Robert Guy ('67) and Randy Watson ('67), in a discussion at the Cocktail Party*



*PHOTO, LEFT*

*Left to right: W. Juan Watkins ('62), Ken Cranor ('62), and Judith Cranor*

# REUNION WEEKEND 2012



*Left to right: Shauntelle Tatford, Natalie Martin-Joseph ('02), Terrell Joseph, and Brent Tatford ('02)*



*Martin Tanner ('72) (left) and Glen Wells ('72) visit at the Cocktail Party.*



*PHOTO, LEFT*

*Left to right: Pam Soileau, Jim Soileau ('67), and Ron Radzikowski ('72)*



*Cindy and Bernie Fruge ('82)*



*PHOTO, RIGHT*

*Left to right: Richard Michel ('57), Ann Marie Hansen, Ernest Hansen ('57), and Suzonne Alford*

# REUNION CLASSES



**Class  
of '52**



**Class  
of '55**



**Class  
of '57**

# REUNION CLASSES

**GOLDEN TIGERS of the Class of '62  
are pictured on the front cover.**



**Class of '67**



**Class of '72**

# REUNION CLASSES

**Class  
of '77**



**Class  
of '82**



# REUNION CLASSES



**Class of '87**



**Class of '92**

# REUNION CLASSES



**Class of '97**



**Class of '02**

# Faculty News

## LSU Research Helps Fight Infection

As reported in *The Advocate* Baton Rouge newspaper, LSU doctors and bio-engineers have collaborated to design what is called a “theranostic” nano-particle serving both therapeutic and diagnostic purposes to fight bacterial infections. Four years ago, doctors from the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans approached faculty at LSU’s Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering about finding a more effective way to treat bacterial infections.

Bio-engineer Daniel Hayes, an assistant engineering professor at LSU, led the seven-person team on the Baton Rouge campus that developed the particle.

Each particle can be targeted to treat a distinct bacteria strain, including MRSA, Hayes said. When injected into the patient, a MRSA-targeted particle will float through the bloodstream, until it finds the bacteria that it has been geared to find. At that point, the particle sticks to the bacteria.

Once the particle is attached, the silver inside it disrupts the bacterial process. Further, the particle’s iron core allows MRI tracking of the infection’s location.

Dr. Vinod Dasa, assistant professor of clinical orthopedics, said that new thernostic nano-particle will particularly benefit patients undergoing total joint replacements, who are among the most susceptible to contracting bacterial infections, often with disastrous results.

Hayes said the particle has been tested on animals, but he estimates it could be five to ten years before the particle is cleared for widespread use.

## Honorary Doctorates Awarded

The LSU Board of Supervisors approved honorary doctorates for a nationally known diabetes researcher, a distinguished dermatologist whose career marked the emergence of women in Louisiana’s medical community, and a Baton Rouge advertising executive and civic leader.

Dr. Rudolph L. Leibel, the Christopher J. Murphy Memorial Professor of Diabetes Research at Columbia University, was nominated for the honor by LSUHSC New Orleans and the LSU System’s Pennington Biomedical Research Center where he has served as a longtime external research advisor.

“Dr. Leibel has made many contributions to our understanding of the molecular genetics and developmental processes related to obesity, Type 2 Diabetes and body weightcontrol by initiating the molecular cloning of the leptin gene,” wrote Dr. Steven Heymsfield, Executive Director at Pennington in a letter supporting Dr. Leibel’s nomination for the symbolic accolade.

Mary Lou Applewhite (’55) received an honorary doctorate as a long-time, major supporter of LSU, including service on the LSU Foundation, LSU Alumni Association, and the LSU College of Science Dean’s Circle as well as her memberships on numerous professional boards. Dr. Applewhite was one of the first women to pursue a medical career in Louisiana during the 1950s, “serving as an inspiration to colleagues and paving the way for future generations of professionals,” the nomination read.

The third awardee was Sean Reilly, Chief Executive Officer of the Lamar Advertising Company, nominated by the Baton Rouge Campus. Reilly, a former State Representative from Baton Rouge, was nominated by campus leaders for his participation in numerous civic organizations and for other supportive and leadership roles at LSU.

### **CORRECTION – The following contributed to the LSU Medical Alumni Association in 2011, but their names were inadvertently omitted from the 2011 Honor Roll. We apologize for the error.**

Frank H. Wagner (’61)	Paul F. Castellanos (’88)
Carl S. Merlin (’64)	Sherlyn B. Larrison (’88)
Leo P. Hebert (’65)	Peter R. Galvan (’89)
Nettie M. Swan (’65)	Terri W. Blackburn (’90)
Sharon G. Daspit (’68)	Kirby J. Plessala (’90)
R. Michael Smith (’69)	Sang-Ting Tsai (’91)
Louis E. Mire (’73)	Lizabeth F. Clarke (’95)
Patricia M. Martin-Schneider (’74)	Stephanie F. Hoefle (’96)
Ronald F. Hammett (’78)	Sean E. Shannon (’99)
Charles S. Walker (’78)	Himanshu M. Patel (’00)
Stephanie D. Steinkampf (’81)	Robert D. Rabalais (’00)
Lynn S. Mason (’82)	Tatiana Saavedra-Patel (’05)
Marla C. Silverberg (’85)	Jessica A. Mouledoux (’06)
Jon F. Strohmeyer (’85)	Thomas D. Morel (’07)

## LSU-Ochsner Neuroendocrine Tumor Program

The LSU-Ochsner Neuroendocrine Tumor Program, which was established after Hurricane Katrina, continues to grow. Key members of the LSU faculty in the Departments of Surgery and Medicine were instrumental in forging this partnership and establishing this nationally recognized program, which currently sees approximately 40 new neuroendocrine tumor patients monthly, and follows over 1000 active patients from around the world. The faculty co-wrote the North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society's National Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Neuroendocrine Tumors (published in *Pancreas*, August 2010). Visit the website at [www.ochsner.org/programs/neuroendocrine\\_tumor\\_program](http://www.ochsner.org/programs/neuroendocrine_tumor_program). The first newsletter, *The Jazzy Zebra*, is now available.

## New "HOUSE" Program Fosters Professional Development

Remember your first days of medical school at LSU? So much to learn!

Although LSU has a strong history of transforming students into competent, caring physicians, a workgroup comprised of faculty, residents, and students concluded that incoming students receive little feedback about professionalism in career development, and many lack mentors.

To respond to this need, the School of Medicine has developed a system that incorporates early mentorship of first-year students by basic scientists and clinicians.

Beginning this academic year, students who are already grouped into learning teams during their introduction to clinical medicine course will be combined into a "House," which will

serve as learning communities for camaraderie, mutual support and professional development. Each House will have its own community service projects and seminars that highlight different aspects of becoming a physician.

LSU Houses are named after prominent New Orleans streets, such as Decatur, Carrollton and Magazine.

Alumni participation is encouraged, whether participation in service projects, or in seminars, with discussion regarding professionalism, work/lifestyle balance, and lifelong learning.

For more information regarding alumni participation, contact Dr. Julio Figueroa at [jfigue@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jfigue@lsuhsc.edu).



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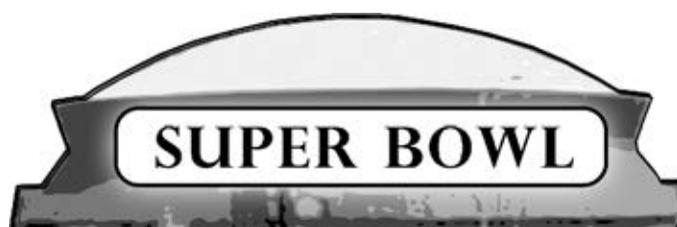
## LSU Medical Alumni Association 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Purple and Gold Gala SECOND LINING TO THE SUPER BOWL IN NEW ORLEANS

**M**ike the Tiger cordially invites you to join faculty, students, classmates and friends at the 7th Annual LSU Medical Alumni Association Purple and Gold Gala — as we second line to the Super Bowl in New Orleans on Friday, October 19, 2012.

The venue for this year's Gala will be the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Avenue. To say that this is a beautifully remodeled, contemporary hotel is an understatement. The hotel has just re-opened since Katrina. Entertainment will be by the world famous Vince Vance and the Valiants.

Get a table together and make a weekend trip. You can attend the Gala on Friday and, on Saturday, watch LSU play at Kentucky in the Hyatt's Vitascope Hall, a state-of-the-art entertainment area with 25 flat screen TV's. Cuisine offered is Louisiana seafood, sushi, sashimi, burgers and more and some of Louisiana's best crafted beer and cocktails.

Our goal this year is to have each class purchase at least one table. Call some classmates and reserve a table or two. Each table seats ten.



The Gala will be bigger and better in 2012. The profit will be used to support medical school alumni activities and our students – the future of medical care in Louisiana.





# Eye on Alumni in Medical Mission work

## Lauren Tatum ('05)

In 2002 Lauren joined a team from LSUHSC that journeyed down to Mexico to serve some local villages with medical clinics. That trip provided a taste of how God was calling Lauren to serve Him and others. After completing a residency in Emergency Medicine, she was able to see how the time spent at Charity, LSU Interim Hospital and all the places in between prepared her to serve in a variety of conditions. She is now preparing to go to the Middle East with ReachGlobal.

After spending some time learning the language and culture of the region, she will be preparing to partner with the local church to serve the underserved through medical clinics. She will also be equipped to help out in crisis response as the need arises. With turmoil ever present, serving refugees as well as locals with basic medical needs will be the focus.

In order for Lauren to serve, she needs to build a team of faithful prayer warriors and financial supporters. Would you pray about investing in her ministry? To support her, send tax-deductible gifts to EFCA ReachGlobal with her name on the memo line.

*EFCA- ReachGlobal  
901 East 78th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55420*



*Dr. Tatum*

## White Coat Ceremony



*White Coat participants enjoy the ceremony.*

*Dean Steve Nelson congratulates Chidimma Osigwe on receiving her white coat.*

One hundred eighty-eight members of the Class of 2015 of the School of Medicine participated in the Annual White Coat Ceremony in July 2012. Each second-year medical student received his or her white coat, a symbol of the "rite of passage" from basic science training to clinical experience. The students were "coated" by faculty members chosen by the class for their commitment to medical education and the students. The cloaking with the white coat (the mantle of the medical profession) underscores the commitment of the medical students to develop a patient-centered approach to the remainder of their education and careers.

### 5th Annual Colin Goodier Golf Tournament

Friday, September 28, 2012

Audubon Golf Course

for more information, visit  
[www.colingoodiergolf.com](http://www.colingoodiergolf.com)

*All proceeds benefit the Dr. Colin Goodier Scholarship Fund, LSU Medical School.*



*Madeleine Prat displays her new white coat at the White Coat Ceremony.*

# Match Day



Good news! **Elizabeth Lindstedt Wisner** ('12) reacts to her match.

**O**ne hundred eight of 171 LSU School of Medicine graduating medical students participating in the National Resident Match Program chose to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training. That's more than the 60% who stayed last year. The LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans residency program accepted 132 new residents who began their programs this summer.

The percentage of LSUHSC medical graduates going into primary care is nearly 60% this year, compared with 44% last year.

The high number of graduates choosing to remain in Louisiana, again this year, and the number who chose LSU residencies reflects confidence in the high quality of our medical education and training programs.

LSUHSC graduates who chose other programs will be going to prestigious programs including Johns Hopkins, Mount Sinai, Duke, Brown, Boston University, Georgetown, and Vanderbilt, among others.



**Match-Day Jubilation: Chukwuemeka Ifeanyichukwu Ibekwe** ('12) likes the news of his match.



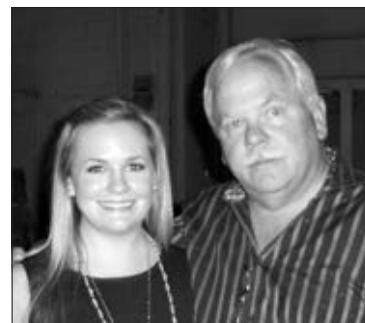
**Twins Alicia Pressley** ('12) (left) and **Angela Pressley** ('12) share their joy over their identical matches in Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.



**PHOTO, RIGHT**  
(left to right)  
**William Anderson**  
(’82), **Scott Anderson**  
(’12) and **Jayne Anderson**



**PHOTO, LEFT**  
(left to right)  
**Susan Glade** ('81),  
**Len Glade** ('12), son  
of **Leonard Glade**  
(’80) and **Sheryl**  
**Klinger**



**PHOTO, RIGHT**  
**Lindsey Goodwin**  
(’12) and **Stephen**  
**Goodwin** ('79)

# Match Day



left to right: Peggy Bolton, Nathan Bolton ('12), son of John Bolton ('76), and Kacy Bolton



Erin Farrell ('06), Marlene Farrell, Claire Farrell ('12) and Bill Farrell ('74)



Harry Molligan III ('83), Harry Molligan IV ('12), son of Ann Leslie Molligan ('83)



Sophia Cenac ('12) and Joseph Cenac ('79)



Kevin Gipson ('12), son of Gretchen Yandle ('07), and Marie Tan ('12)



PHOTO, RIGHT  
Robert P. Owens ('12) and Robert E. Owens ('75)



Marie Louise Haymon ('88) and Veronique Haymon ('12)



PHOTO, LEFT  
Left to right: Brett Budden ('12), Jonelle Budden, Blair Budden ('12) and Jeff Budden ('81)

# From your Alumni Office. . .



## Greetings to All,

The Alumni Office has had a busy summer, sponsoring the Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence Banquet and the Reunion Weekend, spanning a 3-day weekend in June with activities.

We honored the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion class of 1962 at a luncheon held at the Hilton Riverside, which followed the Annual Scientific Session. The class then celebrated into the evening with a dinner at Arnaud's.

Other reunion classes celebrated at venues across the city, including Pat O'Brien's, Galatoire's, Broussard's, and Palace Café, just to name a few.

Your financial support is more important to the school than ever, with diminishing state general funds. The Alumni Office supports many school events, including Match Day, White Coat Ceremony, and the Student-Run Homeless Clinics. We recognize that a healthy relationship with our future alumni is the key to success for our alumni organization.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend our upcoming annual Purple & Gold Gala in October. Information regarding the gala is on page 13 of this edition. The theme this year is "Second Lining to the Super Bowl" and we expect attendance to be high. This event is not limited to alumni. Please invite family and friends or colleagues. If you cannot attend, consider making a contribution to sponsor a student to attend in your place.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you in this capacity and strongly encourage you to stop by for a visit when you are in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathi Fontenot".

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

# Tigerlines

## Tiger in the News

**TMA honors Abilene physician** — On May 19, **Virginia Boyd Connally** ('37), Abilene, TX, received the Texas Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given by the TMA. Her biography, *Virginia Connally, M.D.: Trailblazing Physician, Woman of Faith*, by Loretta Fulton, was given to those attending the award presentation, which was followed by a book-signing. Earlier in the year, the Taylor-Jones-Haskell-Callahan Medical Society presented her with the Gold-Headed Cane Award, the rarely presented pinnacle award for area physicians. Connally, 99, was Abilene's first female physician, practiced medicine for more than 40 years, and remains an active community and church member.

## '57

**William Brown**, New Braunfels, TX – “Enjoying tennis and bridge with friends – glad not to practice under Obamacare.”

**J. Kingsley Fife**, Pacific Palisades, CA – “Sorry to have missed our class reunion this year. My wife, Joanne, and I were in London visiting our daughter and her husband. I'm enjoying retirement after 40 years of ob/gyn practice in Santa Monica, California.”

**Don Langford**, Lafayette, LA – “Thankful for continued good health and a superb wife! Both of us still working, enjoying our six grandchildren and plethora of great friends. Short-term mission opportunities continue. Grateful to live in Lafayette.”

**Lehrue Stevens**, Lake Charles, LA – Recently appointed to State Board of Medical Examiners by Governor Jindal to represent State Medical Society.

## '59

**Angelo K. Lobue**, Hammond, LA – Retired as of November 2011 after 47 years of pediatric practice in Hammond, LA.

## '60

**Jerry Casey**, Covington, LA – Retired from active practice. “I am working as volunteer with Odyssey Hospice.”

**Salvador Cefalu**, Raleigh, NC – “Unfortunately, I see too many ‘homeless’ people and too much violence in our society – as a retired psychiatrist I can't help but question these facts.”

## '63

**Ben Haley**, Ruston, LA – “Happily remarried on 7/23/2011.”

**Mary Hawkins**, Flora, MS – Retired in August 2011. “Looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion next June.”

## '64

**Lynn Tucker**, Baton Rouge, LA – “Still working – 3 days a week – doing it my way without insurance – suggest everyone try it.”

## '65

**John Sorrells**, Lake Charles, LA – Retired from the Eye Clinic – Lake Charles.

## '71

**Charles Black**, Shreveport, LA – “I have retired and now I am at the VA full time. I teach residents, interns, and medical students. It is as if I have children all the time.”

## '74

**Bill Farrell**, New Orleans, LA – “Celebrating both the graduation of my second daughter from LSU Medical School – **Erin** ('06) and **Claire** ('12) – and the 3,000 day anniversary of my last

## Tiger in the News

**William E. Davis** ('83) became Governor of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the national organization of internists, in April 2012. A resident of New Orleans, Dr. Davis is in clinical practice in the rheumatology department at the Ochsner Medical Center. He is also Program Director for Internal Medicine Residency at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation. Dr. Davis has served ACP as a Leadership Day Delegate and as a presenter at Internal Medicine 2004. The main areas of professional interest for Dr. Davis include clinical rheumatology, cellular immunology of rheumatic disease, immunosuppressive and biologic therapies, medical education, clinical teaching, and physician - patient communication. Dr. Davis is an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland School of Medicine in Brisbane, Australia, and a faculty member of the Institute for Healthcare

## Tiger in the News



Dr. Andonic

**Jack A. Andonic** ('62) has been chosen to receive the Pope John Paul II Award for his decades of service to Catholic entities and his civic involvement in numerous charitable organizations. The award is presented annually to a deserving layperson or permanent Deacon who resides in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and who exhibits inspirational examples of Christian stewardship. Recipients must be a Roman Catholic with an outstanding record of volunteer service in the Catholic Community; high moral character; and exemplary values. Dr. Andonic will receive the award at the Foundation's Annual Dinner being held on November 8, 2012, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

## Book Release

### *Eyes of an Eagle: Jean-Pierre Cenac, Patriarch*

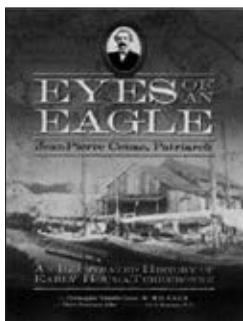
*An Illustrated History of Early Houma-Terrebonne*

By **Christopher E. Cenac, Sr.** ('71), with Claire Domangue Joller

The incomparable history of a French family's founding legacy in the seafood industry of south Louisiana.

305 pages, 9 x 12 inches, 1000 b&w and color illustrations.

*This was a Selected Book for the Louisiana Bicentennial Celebration, 2012*



Cover of book



Dr. Cenac

## '81

**Carl Blunck**, Mobile, AL – “Hallie, 27 years, is MD/MPH and Pro-Triathlete; Hans, 25 years, Med School Grad 2014; Conrad, 22 years, Med School 2013 (LSU? I hope!).”

**Linda Ann Groene**, Fort Lauderdale, FL – MDVIP internal medicine practice. “My husband Marty (neurologist) and I have 2 daughters, Lauren & Maddie.”

**Ann Simmons**, Calais, ME – “Looking forward to retirement at the end of this year after practicing pediatrics in rural Maine for 26 years. Husband David (of 39 years!) and I will travel and build wooden boats. Daughter Erica is thriving at MIT grad school in Urban Planning.”

## Tiger in the News

**Michael Haas ('83)**, after many years of family practice, started a medical device company, CryoPen, Inc., a leading cryosurgery innovator. In August 2012 the company announced that its new GY2 Cryosurgical System has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration for use in gynecology. This new treatment will help medical professionals provide cervical cryosurgery without the traditional use of dangerous cryogenic gasses or liquids. For more information, visit [www.cryopen.com](http://www.cryopen.com).

vaginal delivery as a gynecologist at the Fertility Institute of New Orleans.”

## '76

**Robert Akenhead**, Huntsville, AL – “Michael graduated from Vanderbilt last week in Biomedical Engineering, Matthew has completed sophomore year at Auburn in Chemical Engineering. Maybe I can semi-retire in 2 years.”

## '77

**Elizabeth Lewis**, San Francisco, CA – “Practicing psychiatry/psychoanalysis in the world's most beautiful city. My husband is an ophthalmologist (we do sight & insight). My 26-year-old son graduated from Columbia University,

traveled the globe for a few years, and now has an internet start Betabrand.com. Check it out for that special outfit to wear to Burning Man or Mardi Gras.”

## '80

**Philip Bellow**, Wooster, OH – “Retired now for 5 years. Making maple syrup as a hobby and spending time in the gym. Yes, there is a life after work!”

**Jon Schellack**, Baton Rouge, LA – Paul Perkowski (LSU Resident) and I are enjoying having **London Guidry-Lyons ('04)** working with us at the Vascular Clinic. She has been a wonderful addition to our practice and is an excellent vascular surgeon!

## MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2013



for the following classes:

'46, '48, '53, '55, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03

June 7 and 8, 2013

New Orleans Hilton, Poydras at the River

To volunteer to help with your 2013 reunion, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail: [ROAR@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:ROAR@lsuhsc.edu)

*See you there!*

# Tigerlines

## Tiger in the News



Dr. Cvitanovich

**Gerald Cvitanovich ('86)**, Metairie, LA, has become the coroner for Jefferson Parish. He had been a deputy coroner since 2008. Dr. Cvitanovich, who is board-certified in family practice, was medical director of East Jefferson General Hospital's wound center for six years and has served three terms on the hospital's medical executive committee.

## Tiger in the News



Dr. Noble

**John Noble, Jr. ('90)**, orthopaedic surgeon with Center for Orthopaedics, has been named president elect of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association. Board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons and a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Dr. Noble has over 16 years of private practice experience, the last 11 of which have been at Center for Orthopaedics, the largest, independent musculoskeletal group in Southwest Louisiana. He serves as Head Team Physician for McNeese State University's Athletic Department and as a Clinical Instructor of Orthopaedics for LSU School of Medicine.

## '82

**Mary Lou Courrege**, Wilmington, NC – “Graduated Med School in 1982; completed Dermatology Residency in 1986. Took over dermatology practice of William A. Phillips, MD, on 9/1/1987 in Wilmington, NC, just before my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Have thoroughly enjoyed private practice these many years. Yesterday (5/22/2012) was my final day of practice. I'm beginning retirement at age 74½ – I have never regretted one minute of the entire process even though I had to apply 5 times over 6 years to get in.”

**Ann Kay Cefalu Logarbo**, Bush, LA – “After 26+ years in private practice, I have accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer of United Healthcare Community and State of Louisiana. Really enjoyed 30<sup>th</sup> reunion in June!”

**Gloria Richard-Davis**, Nashville, TN – Chair, Department of Ob/Gyn – Meharry Medical College, for 5 years.

## '83

**Stephanie Cave**, Baton Rouge, LA – Still in solo practice in Baton Rouge. “I am enjoying my 10 grandchildren. The oldest has expressed an interest in medicine.”

**Susan Garcia**, New Orleans, LA – Still in Jefferson Parish Forensic Center. “We are now a N.A.M.E. accredited office!”

Only one in Louisiana. Hope to see y'all for 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion!”

## '88

**Paul and Kathleen Ingraham Castellanos**, Birmingham, AL – “We are still being blessed in Birmingham!”

**Rebecca Doise (Guidry)**, Lafayette, LA – Still Pediatric Emergency Medicine Medical Director and current Chief of Peds. “Claire is expecting her fourth child, Douglas is finishing freshman year of college. Wishing for retirement but not even close!”

**Kent Rhodes**, Zachary, LA – “Karen and I celebrate 30 years of marriage, 20 years in practice and appreciate all that LSU has given us! Hope all the Class of '88 is doing well. Awaiting our cub – Ryan – Class of 2013!”

## '89

**Joni Orazio and Charles Bramlet**, Lafayette, LA – “Chip and I are still in private practice in Lafayette. Our children are now nearly grown – Madelyn, 21 (LSU mechanical engineering), Olivia, 18 (LSU environmental engineering), and Evan, 15. Hoping all is well with our fellow graduates. Come see us if you are ever in Lafayette!”

## '93

**Mark Craig**, McKinney, TX – “Balancing full-time private practice, part-time academics as a clinical professor of Oral Surgery at Baylor, preparing for my third year of service as a Board Examiner for the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.”

## Tiger in the News



Dr. Vital

The Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America declared May to be National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month. To promote increased awareness, **Carlos J. Vital ('99)**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Texas A&M School of Medicine, appeared on the Discovery Channel on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00am EST/6:00am CST for the Discovery Channel Profiles Series. He was profiled to chronicle his personal allergic afflictions, his practice and staff. Allergy, asthma, and the environment were also discussed. Go to [www.vitalallergy.com](http://www.vitalallergy.com) to see the link for the program.

Dr. Vital has also been appointed to the Texas Medical Board as an Expert Panelist in Allergy & Immunology for the State of Texas.

## Deceased

**1942**

Keith A. Stratford

**1943 December**

Daniel H. Rowe

**1946**

Margaret Wiedorn Bridwell

**1947**

Marie Celeste Chadoir  
J. Ralph Simpson  
Eugene W. Vogt

**1948**

John E. Rockwell

**1950**

Albert S. Johnson

**1951**

Elvis B. Robinson  
Hollis A. Stafford

**1952**

Vernon A. Voorhies

**1955**

Carl E. Kemmerly  
Charles C. Matirne  
Jacqueline Karst Winter

**1956**

Horace A. Nabers  
Ray A. St. Romain

**1962**

Don K. Joffrion

**1963**

James A. Seese

**1964**

Clinton C. Aubert

**1967**

Alonzo N. "Mike"  
Diodene, Jr.  
Frank M. Maranto

**1968**

F. Claudette Richard

**1983**

Joseph W. Crookshank, Jr.  
Gwen M. Teekell

**1989**

Jennifer A. Lastic

**1992**

Jana P. Petrovich

**'96**

**Yvette "Susie" Folsie**, Hattiesburg, MS – "Staying busy practicing PM&R with a group of orthopods in Hattiesburg."

**'97**

**Chad Swan**, Gallatin, TN – "Married to Kelly Swan and we have a 3-year-old daughter Kathryn Kelly Swan. Just added on to the family on March 12, 2012 – Samantha Jane Swan – 7 lbs 12 oz and 19 in."

**'01**

**Marc and Dawn Bingham**, Spartanburg, SC – "We are staying busy! Our 4 children are healthy. More

recently became Medical Information Officer for hospital system in addition to clinical practice. Dawn is also exploring new adventures with [girlology.com](http://girlology.com)!"

**'02**

**Terrie Thomas**, Baton Rouge, LA – 2012 Chief of Staff Woman's Hospital Baton Rouge, LA – Member of Woman's Hospital Board of Directors.

**'03**

**Elizabeth Thomas**, New Orleans, LA – "My husband Sean and I welcomed our son, Donovan Thomas Airey, on January 29, 2012."

**'06**

**David Guidry**, Baton Rouge, LA – Internal Medicine Residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas – completed 2009. Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at University of Utah in Salt Lake City – completed 2012. Joined staff at Our Lady of the Lake Physicians Group.

**'07**

**Gretchen Yandle**, New Orleans, LA – "My son, **Kevin Gipson ('12)**, matched at LSUHSC-NO in Pediatrics. My son, Sean Gipson, is looking forward to becoming an L4 here at LSUHSC-NO."

## Tiger in the News

**Heather G. Strittmatter ('05)** has joined

Radiology Associates at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge. She completed her Internal Medicine Internship at St. Luke's Roosevelt in New York, NY, and both her Radiology Internship and Breast Imaging Fellowship at UT Southwestern in Dallas, TX. Radiology Associates, LLC, has offered 60 years of quality radiology care to South Louisiana. The group services the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area and surrounding communities.



*Dr. Strittmatter*

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**Dear Fellow Alumni,**

I'm very proud to be the incoming President of our Alumni Association. In my opinion, we have received an excellent education at a bargain price. With the current political atmosphere concerning a downtown hospital in our state, the Alumni Association only grows in importance. From the Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice, the Isidore Cohn, Jr., Student Learning Center to the Purple & Gold Fall Gala or June Reunions, we have maintained our vision and purpose—to support our medical school and current student body. Regardless of the final makeup of the new Charity Hospital, our medical school will continue to produce outstanding physicians who populate our state and nation. Alumni support in these areas is crucial. Whether it is mentoring a medical student during a rotation, making a financial donation, or visiting the School or Simulation Centers, it is all important and needed. As the Alumni Association continues to move forward, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive tenure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles W. Thomas M.D." in a cursive style.

**Charles W. Thomas ('93)**  
President  
LSU Medical Alumni Association

# from the **2012** Reunion. . .

Classmates of various reunion classes shared the festivities at the Reunion Cocktail Party



Above: Members from the **Class of '92** (20th reunion)

Left: Members from the **Class of '97** (15th reunion)



Right: Members from the **Class of '87** (25th reunion)