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Alumna Spotlight



February 24	Pharmacy Alumni After Hours – Lafayette Drago's, 3151 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA 6:30 – 8:30 pm
March 19	College of Pharmacy Alumni Reception in conjunction with APhA Annual Meeting; Guadalajara Grill, 301 South Alamo, San Antonio, TX 5:00 pm
April 9	St. Vincent De Paul Poor Man's Run and Jambalaya Cook-off
April 28	Pharmacy Alumni After Hours – Lake Charles 6:30 – 8:30 pm Location TBD
May 14	College of Pharmacy Senior Recognition Ceremony
	ULM Spring Commencement
June 4	Dufilho Society An Evening of Thanks
July 8	ULM COP Alumni Reception in conjunction with LPA Annual Meeting 8:00 pm Golden Nugget Biloxi; Biloxi, MS
August 13	P1 White Coat Ceremony
	College of Pharmacy Family Day
September 22	Pharmacy Alumni After Hours – Baton Rouge 6:30 – 8:30 pm Location TBD

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DEAN'S CORNER

By: Dr. Glenn Anderson, College of Pharmacy Dean

Dear Pharmily,

Happy 2022! The new year's arrival brings much hope and opportunity. Hope that COVID-19's inhibition of our lives is concluding and an opportunity for our reengagement in activities that further the good works of our college.

The efforts of our students, faculty, and staff are important and have given us much for which to be thankful. The college's PharmD program completed its accreditation review in October, and although a final report has not been received, the interim report appeared very positive. The School of Clinical Sciences has launched a post-graduate training program, successfully recruited a post-doctoral fellow (July 2021 start), with two residents currently being recruited for a July 2022 start. Our research program continues its success, with 10 PhD students graduating in 2021, Dr. Seetharama Jois receiving a \$1.65 million grant from the NIH for lung cancer research, and the college receiving over \$1.2 million in total grant funding in 2021.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for, but it is a solid foundation within the college that facilitates these successes. The college was founded in 1956 in Monroe, Louisiana, as a single campus pharmacy program. As our program has evolved, we have at various times been housed in Caldwell Hall and Sugar Hall until migrating to our current home within the Bienville Building. Our program has further evolved to include two campuses, one in both Shreveport and New Orleans (NOLA), as educational demands outpaced the college ability to deliver experiential curricula upon the Monroe campus alone. These campuses provide satellite bases to the students we have engaged in experiential course work within those regions of Louisiana. Fundamentally, the Regional Deans for Shreveport and NOLA represent the college's Dean and Assistant Dean for Students and Development locally and serve as conduits for regional stakeholders to engage the College. I invite you to get to know our regional deans – Dr. Oscar Garza (NOLA) and Dr. Shawn Manor (Shreveport) – and find out how you can be part of our making a difference across Louisiana.

H. Glenn Anderson Jr., Pharm.D. Dean, College of Pharmacy Professor and Endowed Chair of Pharmacy Excellence, School of Clinical Sciences University of Louisiana Monroe



New Orleans

I was selected as the new Regional Dean for the COP's New Orleans campus and began working for the University in February 2020. Prior to joining the ULM College of Pharmacy, I worked at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Care and Health Systems. Growing up in Texas, I am excited to be back in the South, serving and getting to know the people and communities of Southern Louisiana. As Regional Dean for the ULM College of Pharmacy New Orleans Campus, I represent the ULM College of Pharmacy and the Dean of the College in the Southern Louisiana region – ensuring that the College continues to serve greater Louisiana and the ULM Pharmily across the state.

Our New Orleans campus is located on the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO) Campus in the Downtown Medical Center of New Orleans, Louisiana. The campus also houses a student learning classroom equipped with technology enabling synchronous teaching and learning over distance with the ULM College of Pharmacy's Monroe and Shreveport campuses and contains additional meeting space, similarly equipped for synchronous teaching and learning over distance for faculty, students, and staff.

This campus serves as the central hub for 7 of the College's School of Clinical Sciences faculty - with innovative and essential clinical pharmacy practices at partner health care institutions and community clinics in the New Orleans metro area. These faculty are vital for ensuring a robust exposure to the practice of clinical pharmacy for students of the College and for providing novel opportunities for experiential learning, research, and scholarship. Exciting partnerships and training opportunities continue to grow in the New Orleans and SE Louisiana region as the College continues to become increasingly recognized for their dedication to serving the profession and community – with the New Orleans Campus gearing up to offer several postgraduate training opportunities in the form of residencies and fellowships that will continue to advance the science and practice of pharmacy in the State.

Shreveport

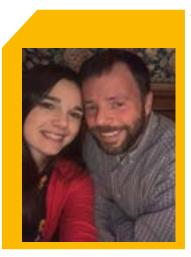
I am the Regional Dean for the Shreveport Campus. I am originally from south Louisiana (Houma) where I graduated from high school and joined the Navy. After a 6 year stint I enrolled at UNO for my pre-pharmacy course work and then finished my professional course work at ULM, graduating in 2004. I met my beautiful wife while in pharmacy school and we got married the month before we graduated. After graduation we were off to Nashville for a PGY1 residency. I've been with ULM since 2005, starting as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Internal Medicine and eventually becoming the Regional Dean in 2017.

In addition to specific logistical duties in Shreveport, the Regional Dean is an extension of the Administration on the main campus in Monroe. I am responsible for maintaining our new downtown Shreveport Office Suite which is located at 400 Texas St. I am also tasked with developing and maintaining affiliate/stakeholder relations. We work closely with Ochsner LSU-Shreveport which houses all of the Shreveport clinical faculty sites and facilitates the majority of our Shreveport/Bossier APPE/IPPE students. The region itself extends from the northwest part of the state down to Lake Charles and most points in between. I have traveled extensively visiting practice sites, meeting Alumni and participated in recruiting events.

The most exciting thing going on for our campus currently is that we are in a new location after 15 years. Our campus opened in 2006, located just behind OLSU-Shreveport and that site served us well. Looking for an updated and more central location, we decided on Downtown Shreveport and partnered with Boxer Properties. We had a very successful open house event late last year and are settling in nicely. We also grew by one, welcoming a new faculty member in August and are looking to add an administrative assistant in the near future. We are always open for visitors, if you're in the area give us a visit!



DR. OSCAR GARZA Regional Dean New Orleans Campus



DR. SHAWN MANOR Regional Dean Shreveport Campus (Pictured with wife, Stacy)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

"It's Not Candy" helps teach children that things are not always as they appear

Hometown pharmacist and 1996 graduate, Yolanda McElroy, acts as the Director of Pharmacy at Cornerstone Specialty Hospital and runs her non-profit organization, MediManage Consulting, all while finding time for her family, her God, her community, and her writing.



What made you decide to go into pharmacy and to choose ULN (NLU)?

I started off as a chemistry major because of my love for science. After participating in several internships, I realized that chemistry wasn't something I wanted to do for a lifetime. During a conversation with other uncertain chemistry majors about our futures, someone asked if I had ever thought about pharmacy school in Monroe since it was my hometown. That was an "Aha!" moment for me. I had never thought about pharmacy school until tha moment. I prayed about it, applied, and transferred to NLU within a couple months. I've never regretted that decision.

During your days at ULM (NLU,) what would you do for fun?

I was a transfer student from Grambling State University. At GSU I was mot involved in campus organizations and loving the college life. By my junior year, I knew it was time to buckle down and focus on graduation and what was to come afterwards. Therefore, by the time I transferred to ULM, I was as involved in extracurricular activities, instead I was completely focused on studying. However, I do regret not being a bit more balanced and spending more time enjoying my classmates and the full college experience at ULM.

Did any of your family attend ULM (NLU)?

My mother attended NLU. She is one of the most influential persons in my life. The month and year I graduated from high school, she completed her college education. Her name is Willie Mae Johnson and she received a B.S. i education.

Tell us about your book

"It's Not Candy" was inspired by actual events. During my clinical rotation when obtaining my PharmD, I created a medication safety presentation for children at a local elementary school. My demonstration included actual medications that look like candy. I incorporated music to make it fun and memorable. The presentation was such a success that I was encouraged by the school leadership to put the information in a book so that others in the community could benefit as well. At that moment, it was as if the next phase of my life was illuminated. I was so excited at the thought of writing a childre book.

That was another "Aha!" moment!

What are your hobbies?

More than anything, I love being a member of the praise team at my church. It

Μ	is the most fulfilling and it brings my life so much joy.
ng	I'm also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and I recently joined the local chapter, Omicron Iota Omega. I really enjoy the community service work that they render.
1	Share a little about your family:
e of	My family is service oriented. We love God and we love our community. My husband, Eric McElroy, is a licutenant with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office where he supervises the Deputies Making a Change Youth Mentorship program.
ore	My youngest son, Jalen McElroy, is a college student at Grambling State and is an inspiration rap artist who writes and produces music to motivate and inspire this generation to live a full and purposeful life. He actually co-wrote and produced the music that is a part of my book.
	My oldest son, Skylar McElroy, is also a college student at Grambling State and is completely different from Jalen. He is our future community leader (i.e. senator). He is a broadcast journalism major who cares about the health and wellbeing of the underserved. He is a YouTuber who reports the latest news and gives his view on how we can make this world a better place for all of us.
r	I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring family.
in	Describe a typical great day when you are not working. What is your favorite thing to do on weekends or off days?
	When I'm not working, I am with my family. My husband, my boys, and I love to watch television series and movies together. This is something we all still look forward to when my boys come home for weekends and holiday breaks. Since my husband and I are empty nesters now, we love to discover new restaurants and try new foods. We've even toyed with the idea of starting a traveling vlog. That just how much we love good food. Lol
e ens	If you could have any job other than the one you have now, what would you choose?
	I would choose running my non-profit organization, MediManage Consulting, full-time. It is designed to help build a healthy community through the education of medication safety.

Join the St. Vincent De Paul Poor Man's Run and Jambalaya Cook-off to help the underserved receive needed medications

Our goal is \$10,000, or more, and there are so many ways to participate!



- 5k Run
- 1 Mile Fun Run
- Jambalaya Cookoff
- Health Fair
- Activities for the whole family

St. Vincent De Paul Community Pharmacy

- PROVIDED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 23 YEARS.
- FILLED OVER 230,000 PRESCRIPTIONS
- SERVES THE WORKING POOR, UNINSURED, AND MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED



WITH JAMBALAYA COOK-OFF TO FOLLOW

SATURDAY APRIL 9th, 2022 1800 BIENVILLE DR. MONROE, LA 71201

1 MILE FUN-RUN STARTS AT 8:00 AM 5K STARTS AT 8:30 AM JAMBALAYA COOK-OFF STARTS AT 10:30 AM

<u>\$5 early bird discount</u> until March 9th! Free t-shirt with sign-up!

JOIN OUR 1 MILE FUN-RUN FOR \$25

JOIN OUR 5K RUN FOR \$35

ADD JAMBALAYA

FOR \$5



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St. Vincent De Paul Poor Man's Run and Jambalaya Cook-off

Become a Sponsor

We cordially invite you to make a difference in the Monroe community by sponsoring our fifth annual 5K/1-Mile Fun Run to raise money for our local charity pharmacy, St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy. Race registration will begin at 7:00 AM and the run will end at approximately 10:30 AM. The race will be followed by our second annual Jambalaya Cook-Off! Individual or team registration for the run or cook-off can be found on our St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy: Poor Man's Run Facebook page.

The National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) is an organization founded in 2001 that works to serve the working poor, uninsured, and medically underserved of America. The NAFC utilizes volunteers and donations to provide health care in over 1,200 free health clinics across the country to those who have little or no access to care. We are fortunate enough to have one of those clinics in Monroe, LA- the St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy. The pharmacy opened in Monroe in April 1999 serving our community for the last 23 years and counting. In that time, the charity pharmacy has filled over 230,000 prescriptions, reaching over 7,200 patients!

You can make a difference in the community by being a sponsor for the St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy: Poor Man's Run. Sponsorship comes in many different forms, including monetary donations, gift certificates, or food/drinks for runners after the race. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to aid in serving the uninsured and medically underinsured with prescription medications. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy. Last year, we were able to donate \$8,675.00.

> Sincerely, Jared B Anders, Mr. ULM 2022 Pharmacy Council President ULM College of Pharmacy andersjb@warhawks.ulm.edu Cell: 225-301-8903



Tickets and extra T-shirts can be purchased through our EventBrite registration link. For guaranteed T-shirt please place order before 3/25/22.

Sponsorship Form St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy: Poor Man's Run & Jambalaya Cook-Off

Name of Company/Donor:			
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Mailing Address:			
Phone Number:			

Donations

Email:

Every sponsor will have their name displayed at this year's event, receive verbal recognition at the event, and receive at least one shirt! For donations of \$300 or more, your company's logo will also be included! If this applies to you, please send a high-resolution photo to mmassey@ulm.edu! Please submit this form and necessary attachments by noon on March 18th!

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	•	One T-shirt	
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	•	Name on T-shirt	
	•	One all-access entry and T-shirt	
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	•	Social media promotion	
	•	Two all-access entries and T-shirts	
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Return to: ATTN: Mary Rhea ULM College of Pharmacy 1800 Bienville Drive Monroe, La 71201

Gold Rx (\$400 to \$499)

- Logo on event signage PA announcement
- Logo on T-shirt Social media promotion
- Promotional items in race packet
- Three all-access entries and T-shirts

Platinum Rx (\$500+)

- Exclusive event signage
- PA announcement
- Logo on T-shirt
- Social media promotion
- Promotional items in race packet
- Promotional table at event
- Four all-access entries and T-shirts

payable to Pharmacy Council.

Date:

A tax-exempt number will be included in your thank you letter!

Gissendanner, Meyer awarded endowed professorships from UL System Foundation and Willis-Knighton Health System

Two professors at the University of Louisiana Monroe whose innovative research could lead to significant advancements in disease treatment and overall health were selected to receive \$100,000 endowed professorships.

Christopher Gissendanner, Ph.D., was named University of Louisiana System Foundation and Willis-Knighton Health System Professor of Biology. Sharon Meyer, Ph.D., is the University of Louisiana System Foundation and Willis-Knighton Health System Professor of Toxicology.

Willis-Knighton Health System invested \$120,000, and the UL System Foundation contributed \$80,000 in matching funds for the professorships. Both organizations required the recipients to work in STEM programs.

The ULM Foundation will host a reception at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30, at Laird Weems Center to honor Gissendanner and Meyer and recognize the significant financial contributions of the UL System Foundation and Willis-Knighton Health System.

James K. Elrod, President and CEO of Willis-Knighton Health System, shared "The two disciplines we choose to fund at this time are Biology and Toxicology at \$60,000 each for a total contribution of \$120,000. These funds are provided as part of our "tithe the bottom line" philosophy of philanthropy which invests in worthwhile projects, activities and educational opportunities to enhance our community and our region. We value our relationship with ULM and the quality graduates who are now employed at Willis-Knighton. We are pleased to sustain our ongoing relationship with this additional contribution in the health sciences curriculum."

"Congratulations to Drs. Gissendanner and Meyer. STEM professions are vital to the future of our state's economy and ULM's faculty will play a critical role in ensuring our graduates are prepared for the future of work," Dr. Jim Henderson, President and CEO of the University of Louisiana System, said. "These professorships were made possible by an anonymous gift to the UL System Foundation, an investment that provides tremendous support to the work of our ninemember institutions."

The ULM Foundation manages the investment and reporting of endowed professorships.

"We are truly grateful to Willis-Knighton Health System for these two endowed professorships added to the five previously funded by them, and the UL System Foundation for the matching funds. Through these Endowed Professorships, Chris and Sharon are poised to uniquely contribute to the missions of their departments and ULM students," said Susan Chappell, Executive Director of Advancement, Foundation and Alumni Relations.

STORYhttps://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/foundation_ endowed_profs_081621_hy.html



"The focus of my research is on the development of bacteriophage therapy. Bacteriophages are viruses that can infect and kill bacteria. The idea of phage therapy as a means of curing bacterial infections has been around for a long time, but it has recently emerged as a successful and promising avenue for new treatments of antibiotic-resistant bacteria," Gissendanner said. "The focus of my work is on developing phage therapy for opportunistic pathogens commonly found in the environment."



"My results should have significant implications for protecting Louisiana residents from drinking water contamination by munitions, such as those used at the former Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant at Minden," Meyer explained.

Meyer's research and testing of contaminants found at the former Superfund site were instrumental in the clean-up bringing the site in Webster Parish into EPA compliance.

The endowed professorship will support Meyer's research into echinacea as a dietary supplement to boost the production of white blood cells when bone marrow has been compromised, such as during chemotherapy. Meyer proposes continued refinement of the active ingredients in echinacea "will direct efficient processing of the plants to produce a treatment countering bone marrow myelosuppression."

Gissendanner is Associate Director of the ULM School of Sciences and Professor of Biology in the College of Arts, Education, and Sciences. Gissendanner holds a Doctorate in Cellular Biology from the University of Georgia. Following a postdoctorate fellowship with New England Biolabs, he joined ULM in 2004.

Gissendanner's research focuses on using bacterial viruses (bacteriophage) as an alternative therapy for treating infections caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

"Receiving this professorship is an honor, and it will have a significant impact on the progress of my research. It will also have an important role in helping support the undergraduate and graduate students that work in my lab," said Gissendanner.

Meyer, a Professor in the School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences in the College of Pharmacy, joined ULM in 2000. She earned her Doctorate in Physiology from Cornell University and completed post-doctoral work at Harvard Medical Center and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Meyer's two research areas are health treatments derived from the echinacea plant, and ensuring north Louisiana's drinking water is free from contamination from chemicals leftover from munitions storage.

"I am honored to be the recipient of the UL System Foundation-Willis-Knighten Endowed Professorship in Toxicology. This is especially meaningful since the work I have done at ULM has been facilitated by ULS," Meyer said.

Louisiana Cancer Foundation donates \$10,000 to breast cancer research of ULM's Dr. Paul Sylvester



Executive Director of the Louisiana Cancer Foundation James Adams, left, presents \$10,000 to Paul Sylvester, Ph.D., of the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy, joined by LCF Assistant Director Donna Jackson. Siddarth Gaulee/ULM Photo Services

For 16 years, the Louisiana Cancer Foundation has supported the breast cancer research of Paul Sylvester, Ph.D., of the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy. The LCF's most recent donation of \$10,000 in November brings the total to \$147,500 in funding for Sylvester's research.

James Adams, Executive Director of the Northeast Cancer Institute and LCF, and Donna Jackson, Assistant Director of the LCF, presented a check to Sylvester in the laboratory at the pharmacy building.

"This is the 16th donation of \$10,000 the Louisiana Cancer Foundation has made for Dr. Sylvester's work," said Adams. "As a local cancer foundation with funds raised in our community, it is important that we support our local cancer research."

Sylvester, an endocrinologist, joined the ULM College of Pharmacy in 2001. He is Associate Dean of Research and Pfizer, Inc. B.J. Robison Endowed Professor of Pharmacology. His research focuses on the anti-breast cancer effects of tocotrienols, a rare natural form of vitamin E.

"We've had a longtime partnership with the Louisiana Cancer Foundation, and I am grateful for their continuous support. Over the years, these donations have had a tremendous impact on the research we are doing," Sylvester said.

The LCF also supports ULM with an endowed scholarship for a student who is a cancer survivor or has been impacted by cancer in their family. Established in 2019 with a \$50,000 endowment, the LCF increased the scholarship by \$5,000 in 2021. In the Kitty DeGree School of Nursing, the LCF has donated \$30,000 to the Theresa Marsala Memorial Endowed Nursing Fund and \$22,450 for oncology classes.

The American Association for Cancer Research has accepted four posters that Sylvester and his graduate students submitted for presentation at the annual meeting in April in New Orleans. The presentation is on the novel treatment of triple negative breast cancer. The ULM Pharmacy students are Tasmin Sultana, Nayef Aldabaan, Rafi Anwar, and Jessie Grazier.

The AACR Annual Meeting is the epicenter of cancer research, where the latest discoveries are shared and discussed. The meeting draws 15-20,000 attendees, including healthcare professionals, researchers, scientists, patients, advocates, and survivors.

In addition to LCF, Sylvester has been awarded grants from the National Cancer Institute at NIH American Cancer Society, American Institute of

Sylvester and graduate students to present at world's largest cancer research meeting

Cancer Research, and First Tech International Ltd. Sylvester has authored 145 peer-reviewed research publications, 22 book chapters and has presented more than 162 talks at national and international scientific conferences.

About the LCF

The Louisiana Cancer Foundation was formed in 1999 as a local 501C3. The mission is to promote quality-of-life for cancer patients and family members while providing Louisiana citizens with accurate and up-to-date information on prevention, detection, and cancer treatment.

The Cancer Foundation League, the fundraising arm of LCF, has helped over 5,300 local cancer patients since 2002 with more than \$2 million in financial assistance.

STORY: https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/lcf_donation_ sylvester_120321hy.html

ULM Offers PGY-1 Residency Opportunities

College of Pharmacy New Orleans and Monroe campuses have new pharmacy residency programs

ULM College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce two PGY1 Pharmacy Residency positions for the 2022-2023 residency year. One program will be housed on our main campus in Monroe, LA, and the second program will be housed on our New Orleans Regional Campus. The programs seek to provide diverse and unique practice experiences to help improve the health of our Louisiana communities. Each location will emphasize service, scholarship and teaching as core components of the program, preparing residents for a career in academic and/or clinical pharmacy.

Program leadership is under the direction of the School of Clinical Sciences and Dr. Jeff Evans. Dr. Stephen Hill will serve as the Residency Program Director for the Monroe program and Dr. Jen Hoh will serve as the Residency Program Director for the New Orleans Regional Campus. Dr. Katie Aymond, of the New Orleans Regional Campus, will serve as Coordinator for both residency programs. Clinical faculty members on all three campuses will serve as preceptors to support the mission and vision of the programs. Clinical rotations will take place with our affiliate institutions including University Medical Center New Orleans, a level one trauma, academic medical center and Crescent Care – A community Health Center for the New Orleans program. For the Monroe program, rotations will be offered at Ochsner LSU Health Monroe and Shreveport hospitals and ambulatory care clinics. Residents will complete separate clinical experiences while developing longitudinal drug information, management, academic and scholarly pursuits together.

At the completion of our programs, each resident will be trained to positively impact the health of our Louisiana community and help advance the profession of pharmacy, encompassing the vision of ULM's College of Pharmacy. Interested applicants should apply via PhORCAS during each application cycle beginning annually in December. Further inquiries can be sent to Dr. Katie Aymond (aymond@ulm.edu). Additional information can be found on the dedicated Residency page on the COP's website - https://www.ulm.edu/ pharmacy/residency/index.html.



COP Welcomes Student Success Coordinator



This past Fall, Liz Powell joined the OSPA as Student Success Coordinator. Mrs. Powell is excited to help students to reach their full potential here at the ULM College of Pharmacy. As the Student Success Coordinator, she provides students with educational counseling, evidence-based study skills and goal setting skills.

Mrs. Powell received her Bachelors of Science in Family Consumer Sciences at Southeastern Louisiana University and Masters of Arts in Guidance Counseling at Louisiana Tech University. After receiving her bachelors in Family Studies, she began her 16-year career in extension, bringing research based information to the public, with the University of Arkansas and then the LSU AgCenter. Mrs. Powell transitioned to assisting college students achieve their dreams of a higher education degree as the Retention Specialist at Louisiana Delta Community College in 2019.

If you love Volkswagens and dogs, stop by her office to chat about how she has owned 4 VW Beetles and the crazy shenanigans of her GSP, Cayenne!

Drs. Jean Christopher Chamcheu and Anthony Walker co-authored a journal article with Dr. Felicite K. Noubissi, titled "Natural and Synthetic Bioactives for Skin Health, Disease and Management," published in *Nutrients* December 2021 issue. https://www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/13/12/4383/htm

The Living Well Foundation has awarded Drs. Ashley Barbo, Jamie Terrell, Tibb Jacobs, and Jen Hoh a \$20,000 grant to provide Point-of-Care Test training to area pharmacists. The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations Pharmacy-Based Point-Of-Care Certificate program will be utilized for this training. Testing is a critical part of the control and spread of many diseases including COVID-19. Community pharmacies play an integral part in access to medical care in rural areas. By providing the training necessary for pharmacists to provide POC testing in their communities, there will be increased opportunity for their patients to receive quality and timely access to health care. Implementation of this training program will allow Louisiana pharmacists to gain new skills required to be on the frontlines of patient access to care. The impact of equipping the pharmacist workforce with this training will not only be felt in the current pandemic, but also by providing an avenue for the growth of pharmacy practice through expanded pharmacy services.

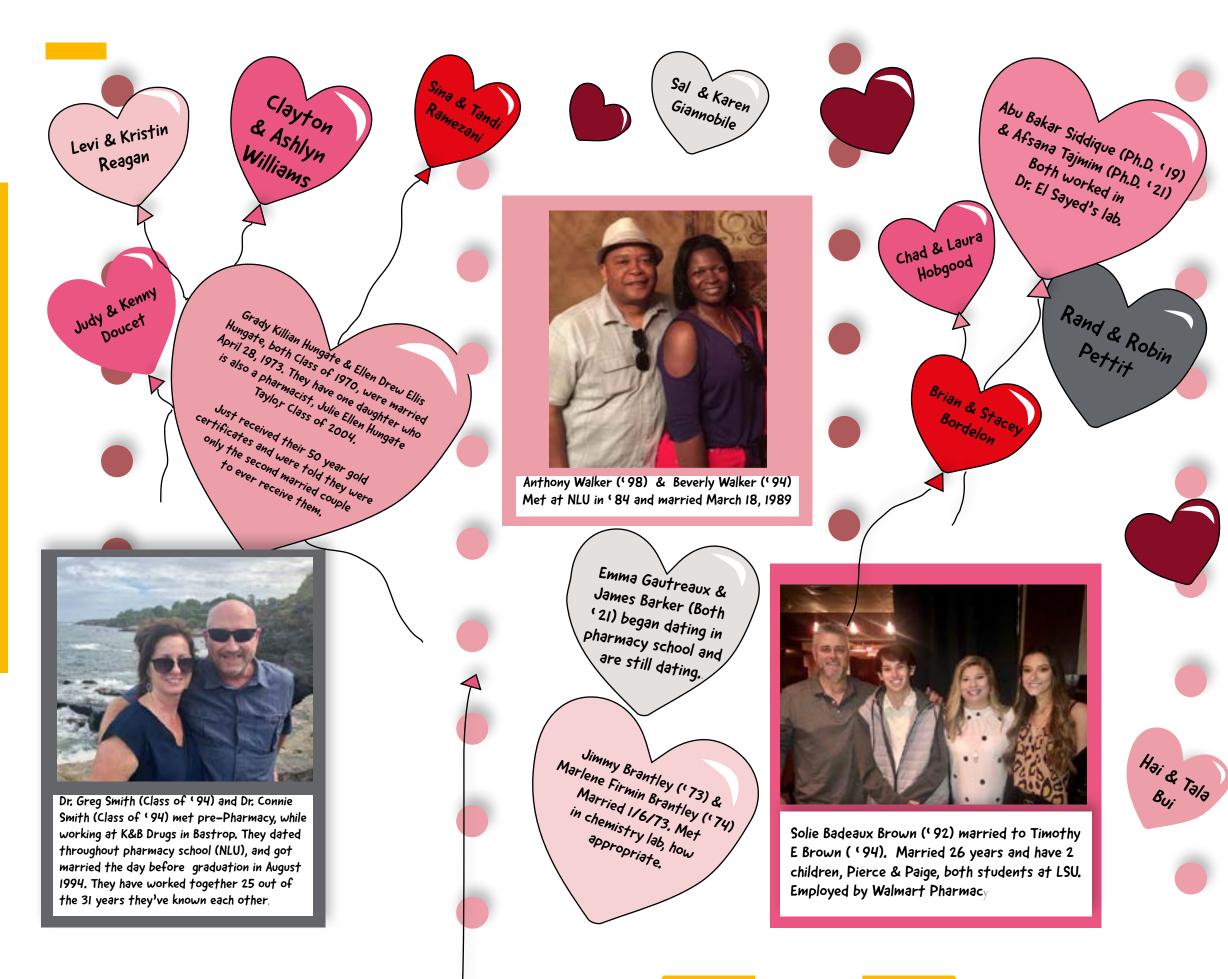
years!



Even though we were both from the greater New Orleans area, we didn't meet until we were both in Pharmacy School at Northeast. Charlie was at NLSU first. I was a student at Loyola in New Orleans, but when their Pharmacy School was threatened with decertification, when I had 2 years left, some of my fellow students and I chose to leave. (Loyola was decertified as a Pharmacy School the following year, so we did make the right decision. Northeast was willing to accept our Theology and Philosophy credits as electives so we were able to graduate on time.) Charlie & I met while decorating the gym for a Phi Delta Chi event in 1965...it was their annual dance. Neither of us had a date for the event, so we decided to go together. Charles G. Eberhardt graduated in 1965 but returned to school the following semester as a graduate teaching assistant with Dr. Ted Eickholt. Brenda M. Ledet graduated in 1966. They were married September 3, 1966. The courtship may have been short, but their union produced 4 children and lasted until 2010 when Charlie passed away in his sleep. There are many happy memories of our time in Monroe.

Brenda Eberhardt





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Nicole LaBarbera LeBas ('96) married Nick LeBas ('97) February I, 1997. They met on PREP staff and continued dating through pharmacy school. They have 2 daughters currently attending ULM, Natalie and Kylie LeBas, a senior and sophomore! Their third child, Laci, will be graduating high school in 2025. Thanks ULM & NLU!





Le'Marquez Washington (' 18) & Jameshia Below Washington (' 18)





Carolin Tran - (Pharm.D. '21) and Samuel Carradine Jr. (Pharm.D. '20)

Met in pharmacy school and started dating in 2019!

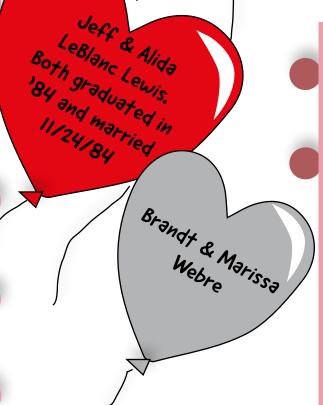






Johnston (¹75) & Dr. Johnny Johnston (* 76) (also a '94 graduate of LSU Medical School in Shreveport, LA). Both retired and living in Keokuk, Iowa. Have I daughter, Katie Rose Johnston, who lives in New York City. Photo taken in Holland in 2012.

Barbara Louise Stewart



Justin & Jessica

Trahan Clark





(Pharm.D., '19) Wed on May 29, 2021.





(Left to Right) Interdisciplinary health care providers Lateef Odeyemi, PharmD; Gustavus Washington, RN; Adrian Washington, APRN-NPC; Anthony Walker, PharmD; Beverly Walker, PharmD; Curtis Sanders, MD; Tonya Sanders, RN; and Kaliyah Sherrod, PharmD, before a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

Drs. Anthony ('98) and Beverly ('94) Walker were featured in an APhA article written by Sonya Collins titled "Pharmacist Couple Cultivates Vaccine Confidence from the Pulpit."

https://vaccineconfident.pharmacist.com/Share/Success-Stories/Articles/

SHARE YOUR NEWS!!

Keep your ULM "Pharmily" informed and let us know what you've been up to.

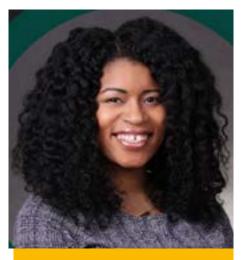
Email: Michelle White mmassey@ulm.edu

Heather Lynne Ortego (Pharm.D. '21) accepted a position with WalMart in Leesville, LA. She and Blake Hinson, another recent graduate, plan to marry in March 2022.

Maiah Hardin (Pharm.D. '21) recently signed on via early commitment for a PGY2 residency in ambulatory care with Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, TX.

Chloe Sealy (Pharm.D. '21) will be pursuing a PGY2 residency in Emergency Medicine.

Highlights



JAMESHIA A, BELOW Pharm.D. 2018

Recently presented a continuing education at the National Pharmaceutical Association annual national convention on Oncologic Emergencies: Recognition and Initial Management.

Participated in an interview by Pharmacy Times that's published online to discuss this presentation and explain oncologic emergencies in more detail including types, and management strategies.

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Alumni News



DAVEY LEGENDRE Pharm.D. 2006

Davey Legendre was elected as President-elect of the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He will serve three years as President-elect, President, and then as Chairman of the Board.



MAIAH HARDIN Pharm.D. 2021

Maiah Hardin is a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Resident at the Michael E. DeBakev VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas, Her involvement reaches the national level, spanning past positions in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Pharmacy Student Forum Advisory Group. She now holds a position on the National VA Federal Resident Council and remains passionate about advocating for the pharmacy profession and the underserved population, clinical research, and health disparities in pharmacy. Maiah has accepted an early commitment PGY2 residency position at her current facility in ambulatory care.

Joe Andrepont R.Ph. 1983

Joe is a lifelong resident of Sulphur and is married to Sherri Trahan also of Sulphur; they have three children, Phillip, Ashley, and Leigh Ann, along with 6 grandchildren.

Joe is a graduate of Sulphur High School; he attended Louisiana State University, and is an honor graduate from the University of Louisiana-Monroe, School of Pharmacy. He is employed by Westlake Chemical Corporation where he is responsible for public and governmental affairs for the state of Louisiana, along with site wide security, drug testing, and the Medical Center for the Lake Charles plant facilities. And report also works part-time as a pharmacist for Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy.

He served 5 terms on the Calcasieu Parish School Board where he served as chairman of every major committee as well as board president. Andrepont is currently serving on the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury as the District 13 Representative.

Andrepont is active in the community; he is a member of the Rotary Club of Sulphur, West Calcasieu Chamber of Commerce in which he has served as president of both organizations and is currently serving on the board of directors for the Chamber, Junior Achievement of Southwest Louisiana. Andrepont is also active in Partner's in Education, the Lake Area Industrial Alliance, and the Louisiana Chemical Association. He is the recipient of the 2018 West Cal Chamber Award of Excellence and the 2019 MVP of the Louisiana Chemical Association's Governmental Affairs Committee. In his spare time, Joe enjoys coaching his grandson's baseball team, playing golf, and raising a garden.

Condolences

Art Yew Yum (NLU 1975)) of Dallas, TX, passed away on August 15, 2021

Dr. Glenn Anderson, Dean for the ULM College of Pharmacy, lost his father, Harold Anderson, on January 29, 2022.



Danny A. Collins B.S. Pharmacy 1976

Danny Collins is leaving the keys on the counter after his last day of work! Retired from practice of pharmacy after 45 years., he is now moving on to a career of spoiling his 6 grandchildren and traveling.

He thanks NLU/ULM for the quality of life that has been afforded him due to the education he received.

We wish him the best as he enjoys those grandchildren!

Valerie Robinson, Administrative Asst. to the Dean, Retires

Valerie Robinson retired at the end of 2021, after 26 years of service. A celebration was held in her honor on December 13. She will be greatly missed at the College of Pharmacy.

T.J. Woodard Pharm.D. 2007

T.J. Woodard won the Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award during the 2021 Louisiana Pharmacists Association Convention. T.J., and wife, Aimee (Pharm.D. '07), own Prescriptions to Geaux



Regina Jaquess Pharm.D. 2009

Regina has been inducted into Marquis Who's Who. She is the owner of Emerald Coast Compounding Pharmacy in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. She is a ten-time World Champion and thirteen-time world record holder in water skiing, with over 120 medals in international competitions.

Births

Jack C. (Chris) Bradberry (BS '67/MS '72) celebrating the birth of his 5th grandchild, Hanna Sue Bradberry

Marriages

Kelsie Welch Gillis (Pharm.D. '18) married Tyler Gillis on July 17, 2021

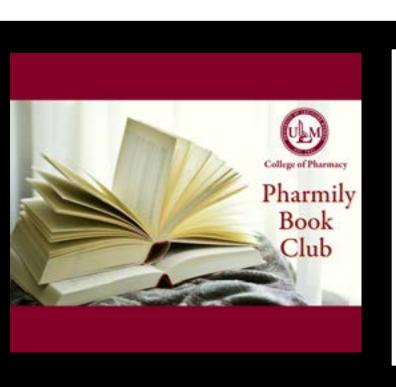
April Stelly (Pharm.D. '21) and Matthew Harris (Pharm.D. '19) got married on May 29, 2021.

Abby Chustz (Pharm.D. '21) and Matthew Garrety (Pharm.D. '21) wed on May 28, 2021.

Logan Taylor Roberts (Pharm.D. '21) was married on December 18, 2021.

Adrian LeJeune (Pharm.D. '19) married Lee Michael Fremaux on October 10, 2021.

Maddie Kirkwood (Pharm.D. '19) married Ben Brakel on November 3, 2021.





Dufilho Society An Evening of Thanks

June 4, 2022

If you would like to learn more about the College of Pharmacy's Dufilho Society, and how you can become a member of this prestigious organization, please go to:

www.ulm.edu/pharmacy/alumni/alumniwheregive.html.

Our next pinning ceremony will be held June 4, 2022

Enjoy reading? Join our Pharmily Book Club!

The College of Pharmacy is looking to start a virtual book club. Set in a private online community, we can connect with each other and enjoy books related to lifelong learning, literature, social issues and other user-submitted ideas. Together, we would read a book every two months or so and then be able to have a facilitated discussion via an online forum. Choose just one or all — whatever works for your schedule or speaks to your interest

There is no cost to participate – you just have to get a copy of the book to enjoy.

We invite all ULM College of Pharmacy alumni, students, faculty and staff to participate.

If you are interested, please email Katie Scogin at kkelley@ ulm.edu.

Your Support Matters

To those who chose to participate in the optional "pharmacy education support fee," the ULM College of Pharmacy students, faculty, staff and administration say "Thank You!"

Your donation of \$100 goes a long way toward helping us maintain the high standards expected of today's pharmacists and provides opportunities these young adults would otherwise miss. Your unwavering commitment to the profession, and the examples you set, establish a standard for all to follow.



When you support pharmacy education, you invest in our students and the future of the profession.

Your gift helps to fund student education, facility improvements, faculty development, community outreach and other programs that strengthen the mission of the ULM College of Pharmacy.



Ways to Give:

ANNUAL GIVING

You can give directly to the Dufilho Society by check or online.

<u>Check</u>

Payable to *ULM Foundation* and mailed to: ULM Foundation 700 University Avenue Monroe, LA 71201 *Specify *Dufilho Society* in memo line

<u>Online</u>

www.ulm.edu/give *Use the designation tool to scroll and select *College of Pharmacy/Dufilho Society* from the drop-down list.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

Other ways to give include stock or security gifts, IRA gifts, endowments such as chairs and professorships, planned giving through a will or estate, or a naming opportunity.

For more information or to learn how to leave a lasting legacy to ULM, please contact the ULM Foundation by phone at (318) 342-3636 or by email at foundation@ulm.edu.

MARY RHEA **ASSOCIATE DEAN**

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As Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Development for the ULM College of Pharmacy, Mrs. Mary Rhea heads up the Office of Student and Professional Affairs, overseeing COP student services and organizations, scholarship programs, and pharmacy foundation gifts. Contact Mary if you or your company would like to make a donation to the ULM College of Pharmacy.

MICHELLE MASSEY WHITE STUDENT AFFAIRS COORDINATOR

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As Student Affairs Coordinator, Mrs. Michelle White is in charge of College of Pharmacy advertising, marketing, publications, social media and news. Contact Michelle with any news, events or other activities or information you have to share!

KATIE KELLEY SCOGIN COORDINATOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

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As Alumni Relations Coordinator for the ULM College of Pharmacy Mrs. Katie Scogin is in charge of the College of Pharmacy's alumni relations and events. Contact Katie if you are interested in the Alumni Association, getting on our COP contact list, or attending an alumni event.

SEAN MENEFEE PHARMACY RELATIONS COORDINATOR

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As Pharmacy Relations Coordinator for the ULM College of Pharmacy, Mr. Sean Menefee carries out recruiting for the COP. Contact Sean if you have a recruiting event or have someone interested in pharmacy school.

Contact Us



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College of Pharmacy Alumni Newsletter

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December 2022

- 3-8 ASHP Midyear 2022, Las Vegas, NV
- 5 ULM COP Alumni, Faculty & Student ASHP Dinner Las Vegas, NV
- 8 COP Retirement Party: Dr. Scott Baggarly, Dr. Sharon Meyer, & Mrs. Carolyn Russell @ 3PM, COP Cafeteria
- 10 ULM Commencement
- 19-31 ULM Closed for Holidays

January 2023

- 2 ULM Closed
- 3 ULM Offices Re-open
- 11 Spring 2023 Classes Start
- 16 ULM Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2023

- 11 St. Vincent De Paul Poor Man's Run & Gumbo Cook-off
- 20-21 ULM Closed for Mardi Gras Holiday

April 2023

- 7-11 ULM Closed for Good Friday & Spring Break
- May 2023
 - 12 Senior White Coat & Senior Recognition Ceremony
 - 13 ULM Commencement

Join us for ASHP Midyear Dinner!

Alumni, Faculty and Student Dinner in conjunction with ASHP Midyear Monday, December 5, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Slice of Vegas Pizza Kitchen & Bar 3930 Las Vegas Blvd South Las Vegas, NV 89119





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Satellite Campus Updates

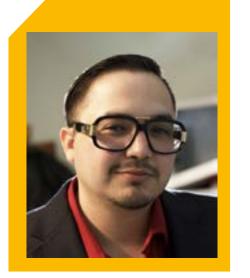
New Orleans

The New Orleans Campus is excited to announce that its inaugural PGY1 Residency Program is successfully underway. Dr. Erica Hall, a graduate from the Xavier University College of Pharmacy, joined the NOLA Campus in late June to begin her post-graduate journey as part of our ULM CoP Pharmily. In November, the New Orleans Campus was honored to host Dr. Hall's Continuing Education presentation on the 2022 Heart Failure Guidelines Updates, for the Southeastern Louisiana chapter of LSHP.

As the NOLA Campus continues to make a positive impact on the Louisiana community, we are excited to share that College of Pharmacy was recently awarded a \$2.4 million federal grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the ULM H.E.R.O (Harm Reduction Education and Referral for Opioid Overdose Reversal) Program lead by Dr. Alexis Horace and Dean Garza as Co-Program Directors on the NOLA campus; and in collaboration with Dr. Stephen Hill as the Monroe Campus Co-Program, Dr. Jameshia Below as a ULM

Co-investigator, and Dr. Stephanie Anderson as a VCOM Co-Investigator.

The NOLA Campus is extremely proud to announce that one of its former students, Alexis Rodrigue, was selected as a recipient of the USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award. Her nomination was submitted by Dr. Horace and Dean Garza for her work and contributions to addressing the opioid epidemic through harm reduction education and the distribution of overdose reversal medication to the New Orleans community. Additionally, the NOLA Campus hosted its first Graduation Celebration to honor the accomplishments and the reaching of an important career milestone by the ULM CoP Students who called New Orleans their home campus over the last year. Congratulations to the all the students, you've enriched our NOLA Campus and continue to make us proud!



DR. OSCAR GARZA **Regional Dean New Orleans Campus**

Shreveport

Practice Site Update

I am an Assistant Professor at the ULM College of Pharmacy Shreveport campus. My current practice site is the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Cardiology Clinic. During the current academic year, ten pharmacy students and two PGY1 pharmacy residents have completed will complete a practice experience with me at this location. Our usual duties include medication interviews, reconciliation of the home medication list in the electronic health record, responding to drug information requests from providers, and providing therapeutic recommendations. I also had the opportunity to provide a grant-funded education class for heart failure patients in the clinic where patients were able to receive a blood pressure monitor, scale, salt substitute, and other self-care items.



DR. VICTORIA MILLER Assistant Professor Shreveport Campus

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Regina Jaquess: World renowned waterski champion and pharmacy owner proves that you can do it all.



Regina Jaquess, PharmD, is a 2009 graduate of the ULM College of Pharmacy After graduation, she enhanced her education with post-graduate training in pharmaceutical compounding, which is her passion. She went back home to Santa Rosa Beach, FL, and worked at CVS and another independent pharmacy for a bit after completing her educational training. Regina opened her own compounding pharmacy, Emerald Coast Compounding Pharmacy (ECCP), in Santa Rosa Beach in 2010. As the owner and operator at ECCP, Regina says she and her team strive every day to meet the needs of their customers and to provide the level of service that they have come to expect. She believes when it comes to healthcare, there should be a connection between the patient, their physician, and their pharmacist, and at ECCP, their goal is to develop a comprehensive plan to improve each patient's overall health and quality of life.

At ECCP, Regina and her team offer customized services and products to serve northern Florida and beyond. After years of development, ECCP proudly specializes in hormone replacement therapy for both women and men; thyroid hormone replacement; dermatology; dental; pain management; and even veterinary compounding services. Their ability to customize prescriptions helps set the highest of bars for their clientele and give them the healthcare they deserve.

In addition to being a full-time pharmacist and owning her own pharmacy, Regina is a professional waterskier, a sport she started at the tender age of five. As a waterskier, Regina has broken the world record 13 times and has won world titles 10 times in the overall (slalom, tricks, and jump) event and the slalom event. In 2016, Regina's record run as part of the Malibu Boats team was approved by the International Waterski and Wakeboard Tournament Council. Most recently, at the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports 100th Anniversary Gala on January 29, 2022, Regina received the 2021 Female Athlete of the Year Award.

The waterski community states that Regina is the most decorated waterskier of While she has a deep love for waterskiing and pharmaceutical compounding, all time. Regina was able to hone her craft for the four years she was a member Regina also loves basketball, NASCAR, surfing and swimming! of the ULM Waterski team. During this time, she helped win two national championships in the four years she was eligible. One of those wins was with You can learn more about ECCP or Regina's waterskiing accolades at these her older sister, Renee Jaquess. While she came to ULM to be a part of the waterski team, she learned of the great pharmacy program offered on campus websites: https://eccpharmacy.com/ and https://www.reginajaquess.com/ and her pre-med degree quickly switched over to pre-pharmacy.

Regina says, "It has been amazing to continue my career in waterskiing throughout college and into the next chapters of my life as a pharmacist and pharmacy owner. A lot of thanks goes to ULM for showing me that if you want to do it all, you can!"

When asked what advice she had for current pharmacy students or someone looking to a career in pharmacy, she said, "Always keep in mind the reason



you wanted to go into pharmacy. It usually has to do with finding a cure for something or helping people—so keep that as your primary focus." She also stated that pharmacy is at a challenging time right now, as is all health care, but always keep the patient as your focus and you will realize you will do whatever it takes to figure out what you need to do for them.

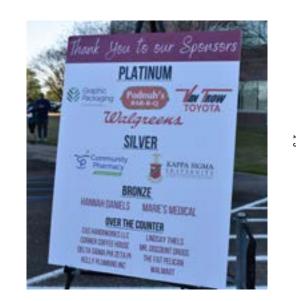
COP Presents Check to St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy



On May 10, 2022, the ULM College of Pharmacy had the honor of presenting St. Vincent De Paul Community Pharmacy a check representing the proceeds from the annual Poor Man's Run. and Jambalaya Cook-off. The event, which was held April 9, helped raise over \$5,000 to assist in providing medications for our community's underserved population.





















2023 Poor Man's Run is Right Around the Corner

The ULM College of Pharmacy invites you to make a difference in the Monroe community by being a sponsor for the Sixth Annual 5K/1-Mile Fun Run to raise money for St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy, the local charity pharmacy that serves the working poor, uninsured, and medically underserved residents. Last year the event raised \$5,300 for the organization and this year we hope to raise \$10,000.

Sponsorship comes in many different forms, including, but not limited to, monetary donations, gift certificates, or food/drinks for runners after the race. There are also several different sponsorship levels that provide recognition for your business, organization or family.



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Donations:

Every sponsor will have their name displayed at this year's event, receive verbal recognition at the event, and receive at least one shirt. For donations of \$300 or more, your company's logo will also be included. If this applies to you, please send a high-resolution photo to mmassey@ulm.edu! Please submit this form and necessary attachments by noon on January 27th.

Over the Counter (\$50 to \$199)

- Name on event signage
- PA announcement
- One T-shirt

Bronze Rx (\$200 to \$299)

- Name on event signage
- PA announcement
- Name on T-shirt
- One all-access entry + T-shirt

Silver Rx (\$300 to \$399)

- Logo on event signage
- PA announcement
- Logo on T-shirt
- Social media promotion
- Two all-access entries + two **T-shirts**

Amount: Signature: Return to: ATTN: Mary Rhea ULM College of Pharmacy, 1800 Bienville Drive, Monroe, La 71201 Date:

For any information or questions, please contact: Collin Strickland, Pharmacy Council President ULM College of Pharmacy Cell: 225-480-8371

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Sponsorship Form nacy: Poor Man's Run & Gumbo Cook-Off

Gold Rx (\$400 to \$499)

- Logo on event signage
- PA announcement
- Logo on T-shirt
- Social media promotion
- Promotional items in race packet
- Three all-access entries + three T-shirts

Platinum Rx (\$500 +)

- Exclusive event signage
- PA announcement
- Logo on T-shirt
- Social media promotion
- Promotional items in race packet
- Promotional table at the event
- Four all-access entries + four T-shirts
- payable to Pharmacy Council.
- Date:

Email: stricklandc@warhawks.ulm.edu

Pharmacy Student Council to host Gumbo Cook-off in conjunction with PMR.



Carl Aron Scholarship Fund created to honor the loss of beloved Louisiana pharmacist.

Carl was born in Monroe, LA on September 23, 1939, and was a 1957 graduate of Neville High School. He and wife, Donna, had three children, Melissa Aron Gillum, Debbie Aron Kennedy, and David Aron.

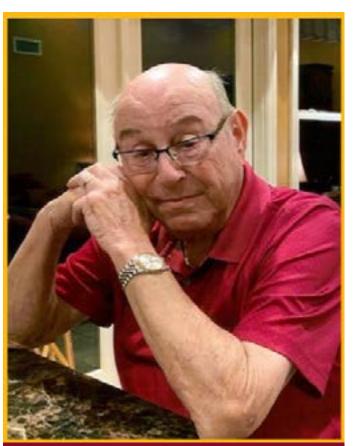
Carl was a beloved and active member in his community and in his profession. Some of his pharmacy-related accomplishments include:

- Licensed Pharmacist for the State of Louisiana since 1962,
- Owner of Aron's Pharmacy since 1971
- Appointed to the Board of Pharmacy in 1971 by Governor, John McKeithen, where he served over 50 years
- Served 25 years as President of the Board of Pharmacy
- Longest serving member on any Board of Pharmacy in the country
- Lifetime Honorary President of the NABP
- Recently elected President Emeritus of the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy

• Recipient of many prestigious awards, including: Bowl of Hygeia Award for Community Service from the LPA; the Meritorious Achievement Award from the ULM College of Pharmacy; the Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award, which is the highest honor from the NABP, and, during the 2021 regular session of the Louisiana Senate, Resolution 96 was passed congratulating Carl on 50 years of service to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

The ULM College of Pharmacy, along with family and friends of Mr. Carl Aron, have established a scholarship to honor his service to the Monroe community and pharmacy profession.

Carl's absence will be felt by many across the state and profession. We will truly miss him and hope to be able to honor him and his legacy of service through this scholarship.



Scholarship Contributions

Contributions can be made to the Dufilho Society. Carl Aron Scholarship fund.

Give online

Go to: ulm.edu/give Type "Dufilho Society, Carl Aron" in the Designation Box

Give by Check

Make payable to ULM Foundation with "Dufilho Society, Carl Aron" in the memo line and mail to:

> ULM Foundation 700 University Avenue Monroe, LA 71209

ULM awarded \$2.5 million grant for Louisiana Harm Reduction Education, the largetst award in a decade.



The US Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded a \$2.5 million grant to Dr. Alexis Horace, ULM associate professor of clinical practice, for harm reduction.

The University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy received a fully-funded grant to provide harm reduction education to first responders and decrease opioid overdose deaths in the state of Louisiana. The grant is the largest award given to the University in more than a decade.

The US Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded the \$2,475,408 four-year grant to Dr. Alexis Horace, associate professor of clinical practice. Her research team includes ULM faculty members Dr. Oscar Garza, Dr. Stephen Hill, Dr. Jameshia Below and Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine pharmacology chair Dr. Stephanie Anderson.

The grant will fund a training program called ULM HERO, which stands for Harm Reduction Education and Referral for Opioid Overdose Reversal. Horace and her team will lead educational programs for first responders and community members in Ouachita Parish, Orleans Parish and surrounding rural parishes. Participating first responders will learn how to administer opioid reversal medications like naloxone and how to refer people who use opioids to treatment and recovery centers.

"There is a stigma with people who use opioids which keeps them from seeking help from first responders and also a stigma first responders may have with people who use opioids. This grant will bridge that gap and help people save lives," Horace said. "This will arm our first responders with the resources to help guide people who are willing to go to treatment centers. It's not just giving first responders naloxone, but giving them the information and a network to help folks enter treatment centers." Her first step in the grant is hiring key staff and building the educational curriculum for a diverse group of first responders with her team.

"The term 'first responders' is defined broadly. We have our traditional first responders, like police officers, EMS, firefighters and FEMA. We will target those organizations with our harm reduction education course," Horace explained. "The second group of first responders are those that live in our communities. It is the person who is the first to respond to a scene. It may not necessarily be someone who is a medical personnel, but a friend or a family member."

The ULM HERO program will also educate firstresponders-in-training, as well as key community organizations. To reach citizens, Horace's team will host 50 community events to provide risk reduction education in underserved communities.

"We want to provide people who live in medical deserts with education about opioids," she said.

Horace teaches at the ULM College of Pharmacy's satellite campus in New Orleans, where she leads a team of fourth-year rotation students at CrescentCare, a community health center. She said she was inspired to write the grant because of the passion exhibited by her ULM student-pharmacists who participate in CrescentCare's New Orleans Syringe Access Program. They offer naloxone education and distribution alongside NOSAP staff who provide and exchange clean syringes to New Orleans community members.

"A student approached me and said she wanted to do a research project on addiction and syringe access. We began providing naloxone education and distribution at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and during that time I became very passionate about it," she said. "Many of the clients and the staff have touched my life. The amount of thankfulness I see when people receive opioid education really humbled me."

Horace's goal is to provide education to 4,000 first responders in Louisiana by 2026 and to increase the program's collaborations with local treatment and recovery centers by 80 percent.

"My team and I are ready to help our first responders in our community and make a big change in Louisiana," she said. "It's going to be used and it's going to save lives."

Source: ULM Office of Marketing and Communications

The two-year grant provides \$182,419 for year one and \$164,794 for year two

Dr. Khalid El Sayed awarded funding to research new treatment for prostate cancer recurrence



University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy Professor Dr. Khalid El Sayed is studying an extract from a fungus that shows potential in treating prostate cancer recurrence. The National Institutes of Health has funded El Sayed's research for two years at more than \$347,000. Siddarth Gaulee/ULM Photo Services

Researchers at the University of Louisiana Monroe are cooking up what they hope will be a novel approach to fighting prostate cancer.

They ferment a fungus in a flask, extracting an odd-colored liquid. Through a series of steps, they separate the target compound in test tubes, and each time the liquid becomes clearer.

The goal: to get the purest form of pseurotin A, a natural product in the fungus, possible.

The work is tedious and expensive.

A new grant awarded to the ULM College of Pharmacy will help fund the research into the potential use of pseurotin A to fight recurring prostate cancer.

The National Institutes of Health approved a grant application by Khalid El Sayed, Ph.D., Professor of Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry in the School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences in the College of Pharmacy. (Continued)

Among American men, prostate cancer is the most common cancer and the second-highest cause of death. About one in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and one in 41 men will die.

El Sayed says standard treatment involves surgery, radiation, followed by chemotherapy.

However, prostate cancer is particularly aggressive and often recurs, and researchers have limited preventive options. Patients who suffer a cancer recurrence have only a 29 percent chance of surviving.

"It's hard to design a recurrence deterrence because the recurrence mechanism not fully understood," El Sayed said. "Numerous patients die from the chem in the chemotherapy used to treat tumors."

To do the research in ULM labs, El Sayed acquired a supply of fungus that produces pseurotin A.

El Sayed and his research team invented a new cancer recurrence model treating lab mice with pseurotin A. The success is such that El Sayed applied for the grant money to continue the research.

El Sayed said of all the grants NIH received in this cycle, the agency views

Seetharama D. Jois, Ph.D. announced as the Spring 2022 Researcher of the Semester



The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is pleased to announce that Seetharama D. Jois, Ph.D. is the Spring 2022 Researcher of the Semester!

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research would like to honor one of our outstanding researchers here at the University of Louisiana at Monroe! Dr. Seetharama D. Jois is a professor of Medicinal Chemistry in the School of Pharmacy, and a fantastic asset to the University. Dr. Jois has been an avid researcher, and an example to all faculty who seek to improve their research capabilities. Dr. Jois has made it his mission to pursue research in areas such as protein-protein interaction and drug design. We want to honor

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e :h	He doesn't expect to see this research project applied in clinical practice for at least five years.
	"We have intense research to do before reaching the application to humans," he said.
	If the research continues to show promise, follow-up grants through the NIH are possible.
m is ical	"Every project is very expensive," El Sayed said. "My job is to secure more funding to continue quality natural products research at ULM."

By: Mark Henderson

the hard work that Dr. Jois does on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and the education system as a whole.

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is committed to providing assistance to all faculty at the University of Louisiana at Monroe with their research and grant funding endeavors. It is due to the efforts of researchers like Dr. Jois that the University of Louisiana at Monroe is a premier research and grants destination for our region and our state.

Pharmacy group attends 2022 APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorder

Dr. Jessica Brady selected as Academic Leadership Fellow

Over the summer, Dr. Stephen Hill and six ULM College of Pharmacy students, Abigail Edwards, Jennifer Eubanks, Sydney Fontenot, Amanda Longino, Bailey Sellers, and Collin Strickland, attended the seventh annual APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorder in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 1st to June 5th.

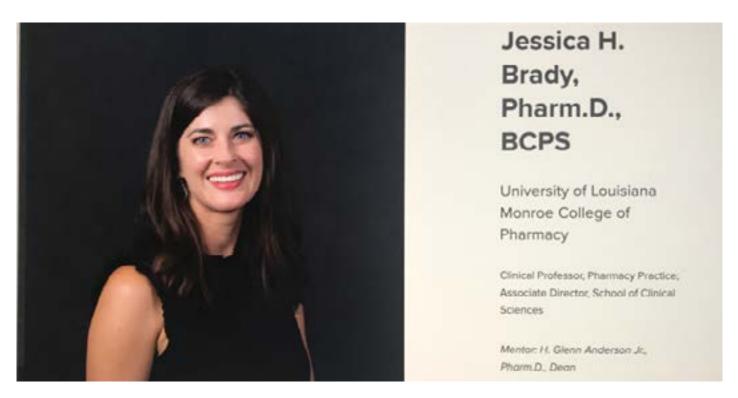
During the conference, these students had the opportunity to grow as future pharmacists by learning and advocating for substance use disorder (SUD). They were able to learn about several topics regarding SUD, namely Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), naloxone dispensing and administration, reducing stigma associated with SUD, and many other topics to further their development in the pharmacy field.

Further, while education was a large portion of the institute, there were also several emotional moments as they had the opportunity to attend 12-Step Meetings where they were able to hear other people's personal testimony regarding SUD.

Overall, the institute was an amazing experience that helped redefine their views on SUD and has served as a catalyst for each of them to make changes within themselves and their future profession to make sure there is an increase in awareness regarding not only the health aspects of SUD, but also the social problems associated with







Dr. Jessica Brady was selected by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) as one of 35 individuals to join the prestigious Academic Leadership Fellows Program (ALFP.) The ALFP aims to support and contribute to the development of leaders in academic pharmacy and higher education. It supports and contributes to the development of leaders in academic pharmacy and higher education and provides an opportunity for Fellows to expand relationships with peers and colleagues in other institutions, as well as within their own college and university. The ALFP curriculum is reviewed annually to ensure content is contemporary and appropriate to the programs leadership objectives.

Fellows began the year-long program in September 2022. Consisting of four in-person meetings, the program provides resources in conjunction with the experiential activities designed by the dean mentor at the home school or college. Critical topics addressing how to lead change, conflict management, diversity, equity and inclusion in leadership development, and advocacy will be covered during the four sessions.

Source: https://www.aacp.org/resource/academic-leadership-fellows-program

ALUMNI NEWS



ULM COP 2021 graduates Alyssa Anderson, Jordan Farshchi-Zarrabi, Jacqui Green, and Maiah Hardin represented their respective PGY1 residency programs and presented their platform presentations at the Alcalde Southwest Leadership Conference.

Condolences

Daniel Kevin Gregory (BS 1981) passed away on November 20, 2021, in Sarasota, Florida

Thomas B. Alderman, B.S. Pharmacy, January, 1969, passed away on 10/31/2021. He was the spouse of Michele Pons Alderman, B.S. Pharmacy, May, 1969.

Susan Rogers, the previous COP Business Office Manager, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2022 in her home after a lengthy illness. Family & friends were by her side.

Retirements

Kenneth H. McKneely (B.S. Pharmacy '70) retired in September 2021.

Dr. Greg Smith (B.S. Pharmacy '94) retired July 2022.

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Highlights



CHLOE SEALY Pharm.D. 2021

Chloe Sealy, graduated from ULMCOP in 2021. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) in Sarasota, FL, and stayed on with SMH for a PGY2 in Emergency Medicine. While in pharmacy school, she was heavily involved with APhA, Rho Chi, Kappa Epsilon, Phi Lambda Sigma, Rx Staff, and other pharmacy organizations. She is currently a member of FSHP and ASHP, and looks forward to a career in emergency medicine.



BECK HOGEWOOD Pharm.D. 2021

PGY-2: St. Josep Georgia PGY-2 Specialty Organizational in

PGY-2: St. Joseph's/Candler in Savannah,

PGY-2 Specialty: Emergency Medicine Organizational involvement: ASHP, MSHP



SERA ANDRAS Pharm.D. 2021

Sera Andra was chosen for a PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency with UK Healthcare. Her professional interests include endocrinology, primary care, academia. While a student with the ULM College of Pharmacy, Sera was active in APhA, KSHP, and Rho Chi.

College of Pharmacy welcomes newest alumni - Pharm.D. Class of 2022

On Friday, May 13, 2022, the ULM College of Pharmacy recognized the Pharm.D. Class of 2022 during the annual Senior Recognition Ceremony. Commencement was held the following morning. There were 77 members of the class, 35 of which graduated with Latin honors, and two with 4.0 GPAs.



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Student Awards

Merck and Company Awards For Excellence in the Basic Sciences Medicinal Chemistry: Annie Watkins Hebert Pharmaceutics: Annie Watkins Hebert Pharmacology: McKay Hicks The American Pharmacists Association Senior Recognition Certificate: Kimberly Tran Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication: Darrell Smith The Natural Medicine Comprehensive Database Recognition Award: Kathy Le The Joseph Samuel Carso Student Award: Trey Book Phi Lambda Sigma "Chapter Member of the Year Award": Toni Brooks The Viatris Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award: Kayla Thibodaux Lauren Savoy Olinde Award: Courneshia James The Albert P. Lauve Memorial Award: Min Jee Kim LSHP/ASHP Outgoing President Award: Andrew McMillan LPA Senior Recognition: Kim Tran & Kayla Thibodaux NCPA Outstanding Student Award: Kasie Sagona Chaisson **SNPhA Senior Recognition Award:** Linda Lee USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy: Alexis Rodrigue Class of 2022 Highest GPA: Annie Watkins Hebert & Derek Dufrene Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2021-2022: . Dr. Mohammand Afaz Uddin

Non-Faculty Preceptor of the Year: Dr. Candace Chelette Faculty Preceptor of the Year: Dr. Heather Savage 1st Year Pharmacy Class Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. Keith Jackson 1st Year Pharmacy Team Taught Class Excellence in Teaching Award: Self Care: Drs. Sampognaro, Rotundo, Robertson, Manor, Jacobs, Savage, Horace, and Evans. 2nd Year Pharmacy Class Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. Seetharama Jois 2nd Year Pharmacy Team Taught Class Excellence in Teaching Award: Therapeutics III Drs. Andonie, El Saved, Savage, Donald, Hoh, Horace, Jois, Shah, and Rotundo. 3rd Year Pharmacy Class Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. Jill Comeau 3rd Year Pharmacy Team Taught Class Excellence in Teaching Award: Therapeutics VII Drs. Barabutis, Robertson, R. Hill, Horace, Chamcheu, Cockerham, S. Hill, Brady, Zagar, Tice, and Terrell

Residencies

Emilee Howard - Baptist Medical Center South, Montgomery, AL Linda Lee - Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown, Columbus, GA Rebecca Ortega - Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah, GA Taylor Robichaux - Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport, LA Darrell Smith - UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX Kayla Thibodaux - Sildell Memorial Hospital, Slidell, LA Kimberly Tran - Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL Brandee Wright - Cox Medical Center Branson, Branson, MO Min Jee Kim - Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, FL

Faculty & Preceptor Awards



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The College of Pharmacy hosted alumni dinners in Lafayette on February 24, Lake Charles on April 28, and Baton Rouge on September 22.

It was great to visit with our alumni and friends around the state, and we look forward to visiting more cities in 2023—stay tuned to see if we will be coming to your area!





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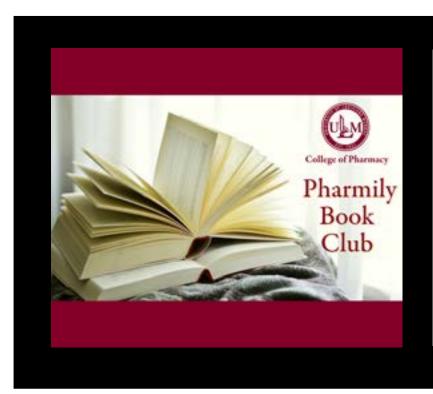


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The current reading session began Friday, October 14 with Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou.

The first reading session of 2023 will begin on January 6. If you have a new year's resolution to read more, this is a great way to kick-start your goal!

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