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**Alumna Spotlight**

# Mark your Calendar! 2022

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.



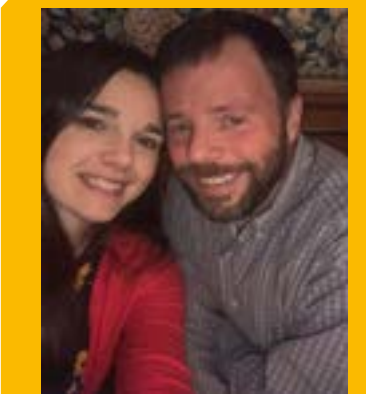
**DR. OSCAR GARZA**  
Regional Dean  
New Orleans Campus

# 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. 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 ULM (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 that moment. I prayed about it, applied, and transferred to NLU within a couple of 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 more 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 wasn't 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. in 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 children's 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

is the most fulfilling and it brings my life so much joy.

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.

### **Share a little about your family:**

My family is service oriented. We love God and we love our community. My husband, Eric McElroy, is a lieutenant with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office where he supervises the Deputies Making a Change Youth Mentorship program.

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.

I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring family.

### **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

### **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 Cook-off
- 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

*\$5 early bird discount 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



Race Registration

*Cook-off chefs needed!*

JOIN OUR JAMBALAYA COOK-OFF FOR \$75 PER TEAM

\$50 PER TEAM FOR STUDENTS

EAT FOR \$15



Cook-Off Registration

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 March 18th!

#### 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 and T-shirt

#### Silver Rx (\$300 to \$399)

- Name on event signage
- PA announcement
- Logo on T-shirt
- Social media promotion
- Two all-access entries and T-shirts

#### 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

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Pharmacy Council.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# COLLEGE NEWS

## 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 nine-member 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.

STORY [https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/foundation\\_endowed\\_prof\\_081621\\_hy.html](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/foundation_endowed_prof_081621_hy.html)



**DR. CHRISTOPHER GISSENDANNER**  
PROFESSOR - BIOLOGY

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."

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 post-doctorate 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.

"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



**DR. SHARON MEYER**  
PROFESSOR - TOXICOLOGY

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."

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-Knighton Endowed Professorship in Toxicology. This is especially meaningful since the work I have done at ULM has been facilitated by ULS," Meyer said.

"My results should have significant implications for protecting Louisiana residents from

# COLLEGE NEWS

## 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 Gaulec/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.

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

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

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](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/lcf_donation_sylvester_120321hy.html)



# COLLEGE NEWS

## 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!

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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>

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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.

# RX FOR LOVE



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 Eichholt. 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

Jude & Leenora Bushnell Broussard met at NLU in 1984, both graduated May 1987, and married in 1988.

Andy ('91) and Jeanne Johnson ('90) Bertrand Married 30 years!

Anthony & Emily Alpha

Coy & Patience Bergeron

Kory & Lannette Reeves

Matthew and I graduated in 2015 together. We were basically joined at the hip all through school.

We just opened our first pharmacy today (Jan. 3), have a beautiful son, and have been married for 6 wonderful years!

Ashley Sanders Bullard

Andy ('93) and Laura ('92) Boothe Married May 1991

Mitch & Shellie Amedee

Edward Scalfano ('88) and Christine Lachut Scalfano ('90). Happily married for 30 years.

Brandon & Loucine Brumley

Halie Verret & Adam Saadat

Levi & Kristin Reagan

Clayton & Ashlyn Williams

Sina & Tandi Ramezani

Judy & Kenny Doucet

Grady Killian Hungate & Ellen Drew Ellis Hungate, both Class of 1970, were married April 28, 1973. They have one daughter who is also a pharmacist, Julie Ellen Hungate Taylor, Class of 2004. Just received their 50 year gold certificates and were told they were only the second married couple to ever receive them.

Sal & Karen Giannobile



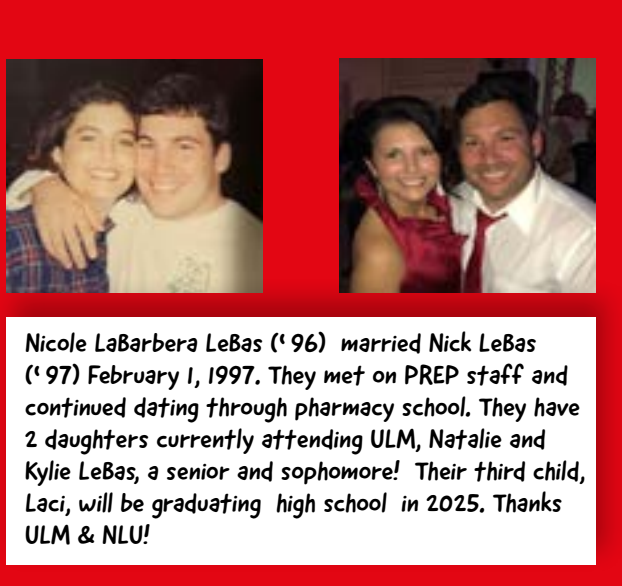
Anthony Walker ('98) & Beverly Walker ('94)  
Met at NLU in '84 and married March 18, 1989

Abu Bakar Siddique (Ph.D. '19) & Afsana Tajmim (Ph.D. '21)  
Both worked in Dr. El Sayed's lab.

Chad & Laura Hobgood

Rand & Robin Pettit

Brian & Stacey Bordelon



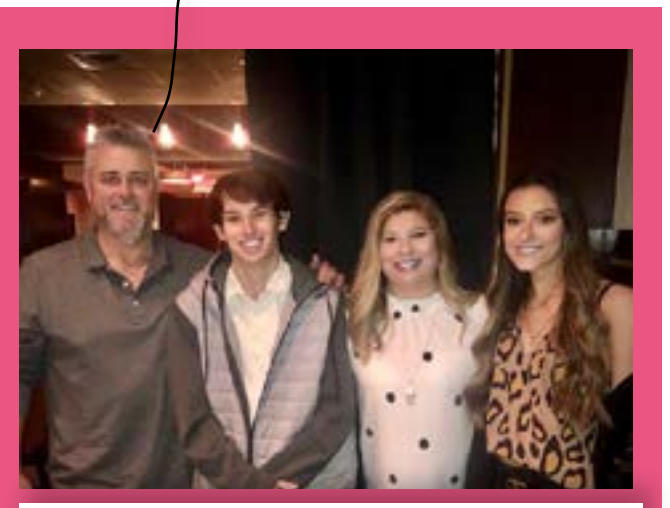
Nicole LaBarbera LeBas ('96) married Nick LeBas ('97) February 1, 1997. They met on PREP staff and continued dating through pharmacy school. They have 2 daughters currently attending ULM, Natalie and Kylie LeBas, a senior and sophomore! Their third child, Laci, will be graduating high school in 2025. Thanks ULM & NLU!



Dr. Greg Smith (Class of '94) and Dr. Connie Smith (Class of '94) met pre-Pharmacy, while working at K&B Drugs in Bastrop. They dated throughout pharmacy school (NLU), and got married the day before graduation in August 1994. They have worked together 25 out of the 31 years they've known each other.

Emma Gautreaux & James Barker (Both '21) began dating in pharmacy school and are still dating.

Jimmy Brantley ('73) & Marlene Firmin Brantley ('74)  
Married 1/6/73. Met in chemistry lab, how appropriate.



Solie Badeaux Brown ('92) married to Timothy E Brown ('94). Married 26 years and have 2 children, Pierce & Paige, both students at LSU. Employed by Walmart Pharmacy

Hai & Tala Bui



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



Carolyn Tran – (Pharm.D. '21) and Samuel Carradine Jr. (Pharm.D. '20)

Met in pharmacy school and started dating in 2019!



Justin & Jessica Trahan Clark

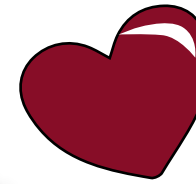
Abby and Bryon Garrety married last year & graduated May 2021



Son & Claire Leonards Hoang, both graduated in 2009



Perry & Gail Leleux (Both '64), reside in Lafayette. Perry and pharmacist Michael Leleux are brothers.



Sean & Allison Walker

Scott & Rebecca Overmier

Andrew & Kaylin Thevis

Aaron & Chelsea Head

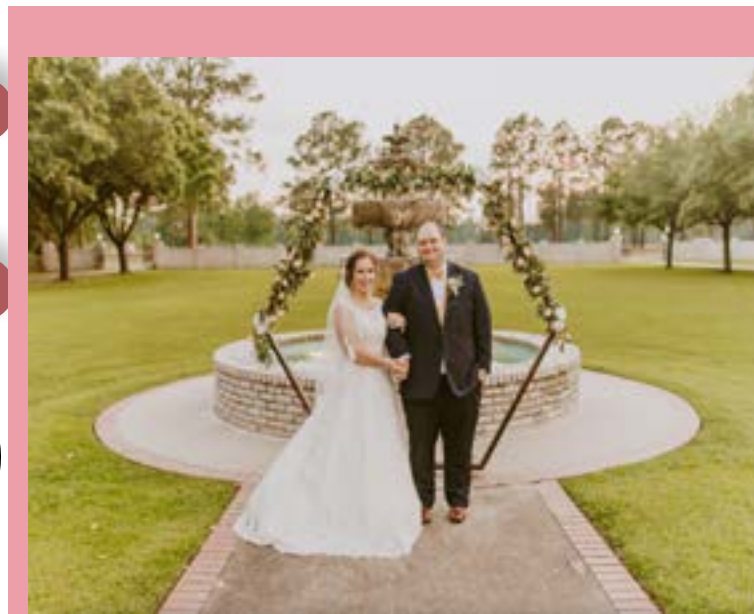
Matt & Rachel Spitale

Jeff & Alida LeBlanc Lewis. Both graduated in '84 and married 11/24/84

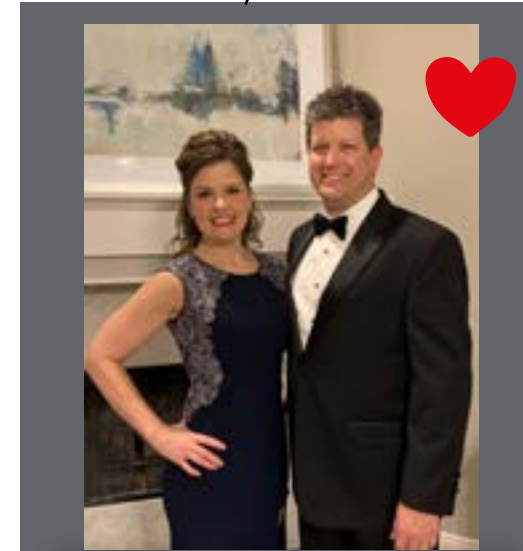
Brandt & Marissa Webre



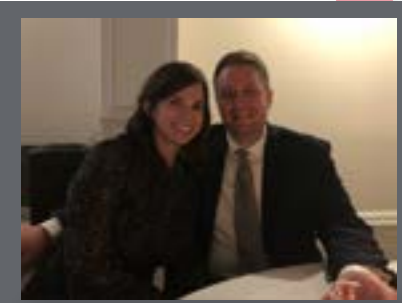
Barbara Louise Stewart Johnston ('75) & Dr. Johnny Johnston ('76) (also a '94 graduate of LSU Medical School in Shreveport, LA). Both retired and living in Keokuk, Iowa. Have 1 daughter, Katie Rose Johnston, who lives in New York City. Photo taken in Holland in 2012.



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



Dameian and Jerry Curtin Both graduated in 1997



Graham ('05) and Brittany Cooper ('07) Bilello met in pharmacy school and married in 2006.

TJ & Aimee Woodard

Shawn & Stacy Manor

Taylor & Shyla Vizier O'Neal

Fred & Debbie Mills met in pharmacy school in 1974 and married in 1976



Josiah Howell ('15) and Kristin Howell ('16) together 10 years, married for 7 (1/2/15), and 3 kiddos - Ella 4, Bennett 2, Leland 6 months

Kevin & Danielle Perrodin

Anthony Lea and Jacqueline Waldrup both graduated December 1985

John Marlon & Tibb Jacobs

Shane & Sonya Landry

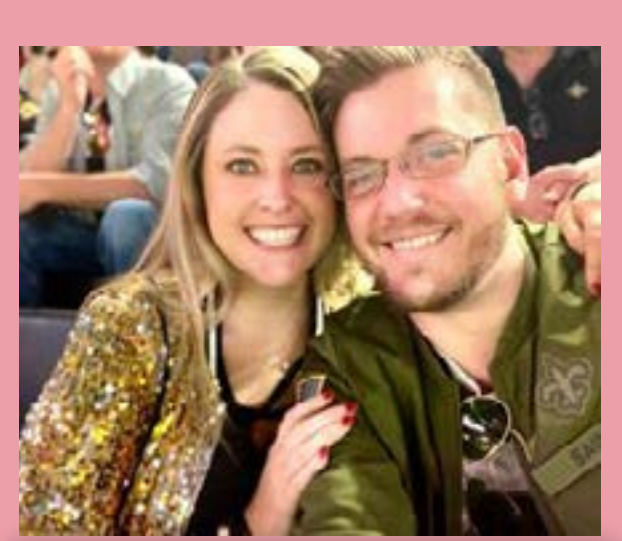
Kathryn & Charlotte McArdle

Walter & Nancy Pierron

Chase & Leah Snyder



Denise (Hidalgo) Greene ('82) and Tommy Greene ('83).  
Married 37 years, 3 children (two married-one engaged) and 1 grandson  
Picture from a trip to Gatlinburg in September.



Darren Erlicher & Julie Blanton Erlicher



(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.

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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

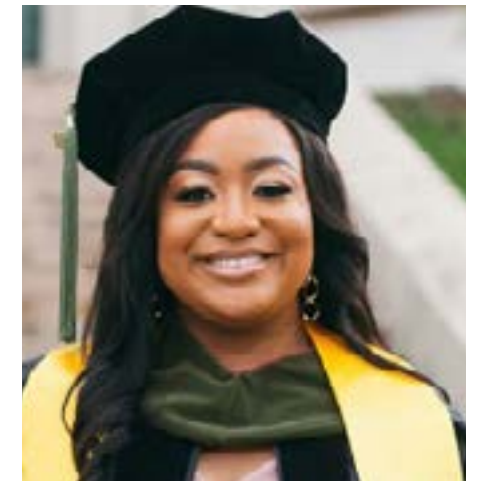
Recently presented a continuing education at the National Pharmaceutical Association annual national convention on Oncologic Emergencies: Recognition and Initial Management.

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



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. DeBakey 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.

# Alumni News

## 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. Andrepont 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](http://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](mailto: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!"

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

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700 University Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71201

\*Specify *Dufilho Society* in memo line

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

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