



College of Pharmacy

# La Pharmacie en Louisiane

College of Pharmacy Alumni Newsletter

2022 ISSUE 2



**REGINA  
JAQUESS**

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**Alumna Spotlight**

*Mark your  
Calendar!*

**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

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## 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

# Satellite Campus Updates

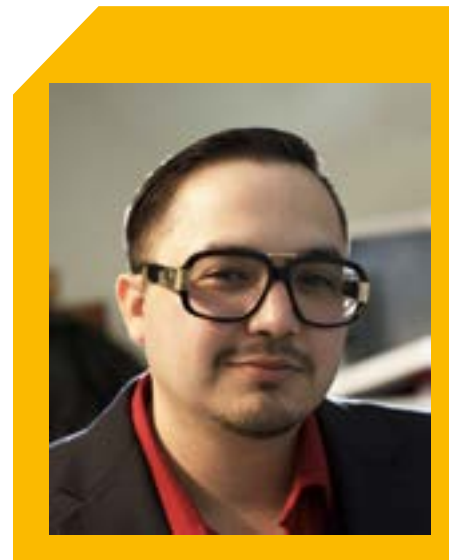
## New Orleans

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!

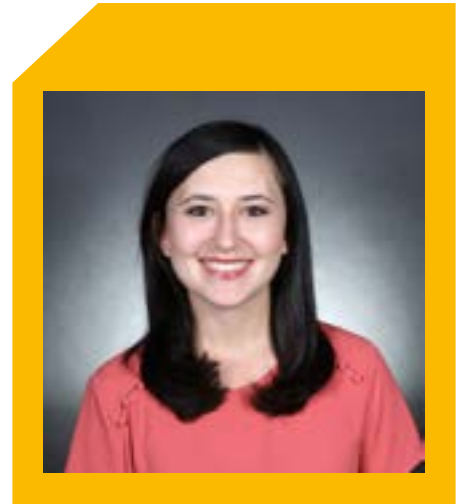


DR. OSCAR GARZA  
Regional Dean  
New Orleans Campus

## 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 all time. Regina was able to hone her craft for the four years she was a member 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 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 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.

While she has a deep love for waterskiing and pharmaceutical compounding, Regina also loves basketball, NASCAR, surfing and swimming!

You can learn more about ECCP or Regina's waterskiing accolades at these websites: <https://eccpharmacy.com/> and <https://www.reginajaquess.com/>

# COLLEGE NEWS

## 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.



**FUN-RUN & 5K**  
 WITH GUMBO COOK-OFF TO FOLLOW  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2023  
 1800 BIENVILLE DR. MONROE, LA 71201

**1 MILE FUN-RUN STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.**

**5K STARTS AT 8:30 A.M.**

**GUMBO COOK-OFF TASTING STARTS AT 11:00 A.M.**

<p><b>\$5 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL JAN. 11TH!</b> FREE T-SHIRT WITH SIGN-UP!</p> <p><b>RUN SIGN-UP LINK</b></p> <p>• JOIN OUR 1 MILE FUN-RUN FOR \$25</p> <p>• JOIN OUR 5K RUN FOR \$35</p> <p>• ADD GUMBO FOR \$5</p> 	<p><b>COOK-OFF CHEFS NEEDED!</b></p> <p><b>TEAM SIGN-UP LINK</b></p> <p>• JOIN OUR GUMBO COOK-OFF FOR \$25/TEAM</p> <p>• EAT FOR \$15</p> 
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Mail-in T-Shirt Order to ATTN: Mary Rhea; ULM College of Pharmacy, 1800 Bienville Drive, Monroe, La 71201

T-shirts can be picked up from the ULM College of Pharmacy on Friday, February 10th, from 5:00-7:00 PM or Saturday, February 11th, from 7:00-7:45 AM.

If the shirt is not picked up during these two times, the shirt will be delivered/shipped to the address listed.

Name of Company/Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please choose a size from our available sizes and indicate a quantity: YS YM YL YXL S M L XL XXL

Size	Quantity

## Sponsorship Form St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy: Poor Man's Run & Gumbo 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](mailto: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

#### 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

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

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

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  
 Email: [stricklandc@warhawks.ulm.edu](mailto:stricklandc@warhawks.ulm.edu)  
 Cell: 225-480-8371

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



JOIN US FOR ANOTHER  
**GUMBO COOK-OFF**  
FOR A CAUSE!



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

**SCAN TO JOIN!**



**ULM COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**  
FEBRUARY 11 | 11:30 AM

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

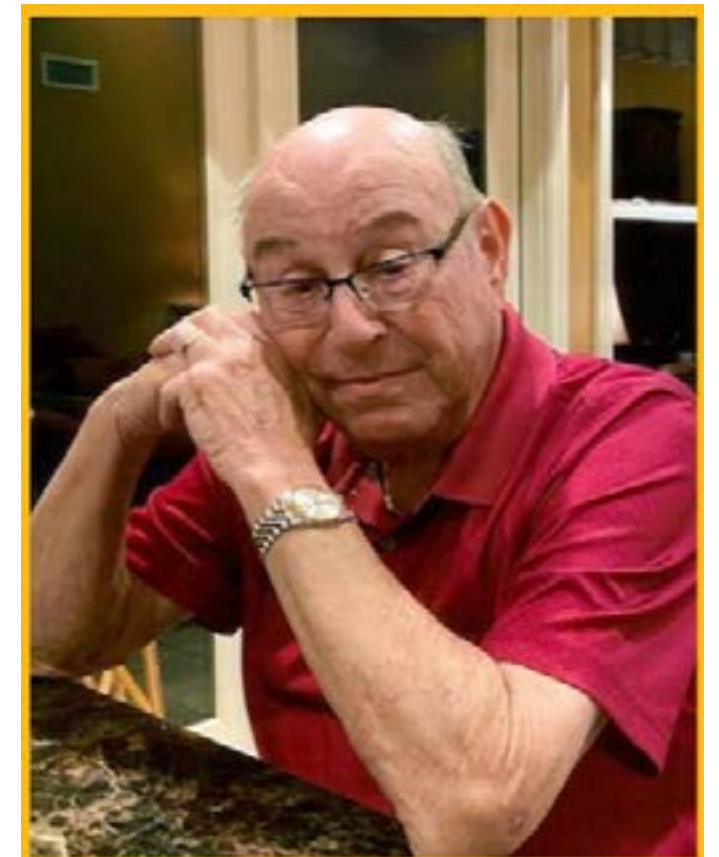
Carl was born in Monroe, LA on September 23, 1939, and was a 1957 graduate of Neville High School. He and wife, Donna, had three children, Melissa Aron Gillum, Debbie Aron Kennedy, and David Aron.

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](http://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 largest 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 education.

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 first-responders-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



# 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 Gaulec/U LM 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)

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

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 deterrent because the recurrence mechanism is not fully understood," El Sayed said. "Numerous patients die from the chemical 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

this as one of the most important in terms of practical implementation and expected outcomes.

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.

"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

# 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

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

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 selected as Academic Leadership Fellow



Dr. Jessica Brady was selected by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) 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.

### SHARE YOUR NEWS!!

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

Email: Michelle White  
mmassey@ulm.edu

## Stay Social!



Follow us on Facebook to learn about events & news, see photos, and more.



@pharmacyatulm



Follow us on Snapchat for behind-the-scenes peaks at ULM College of Pharmacy life.



Join our LinkedIn group, University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy, and start connecting today!



Visit our Website for detailed information on our school, to register for upcoming programs, and more!



Stay in the loop with our PGY-1 residencies on Twitter.

# 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. Joseph's/Candler in Savannah, Georgia  
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.



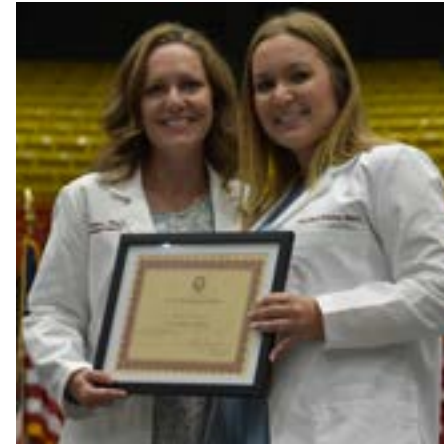
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Lauren Elizabeth Belleau  
Hakeem Ali Berry  
Kileigh Tara Bethel  
Holly Beville  
Alexis Bidy  
Haleigh Blackard  
Haley Alexis Bodden  
Trey Austin Book  
Toni Mackayla Brooks  
Ryan Broussard  
Kobi Elaine Cameron  
Joseph Michael Casso  
Kasie Lynn Chaisson  
Matthew Thomas Chambliss  
Jessica Clement

Megan Cole  
Brian Andrew Day  
Thomas Doan  
Destiny DuBose  
Derek Daigle Dufrene  
Layne Makenna Elledge  
Alison Avery Green  
Kayla Marie Hatten  
McKay Andre Hicks  
Emilee Caitlyn Howard  
Courneshia Michelle James  
Darnecia Shonta Joshua  
Andrew Perry Kelly  
Quentin Kelly  
Morgan Renee Kigerl  
Min Jee Kim

Luke Daniel Laborde  
Kalyn Alexis LaCombe  
Christopher John LaGrange  
Johnitic Thanh Le  
Kathy Tuyen Le  
Cameron Nicole LeBlanc  
Linda Lee  
Stacy Cheyenne Lennard  
Sanders Joseph Louvierre III  
Kayli Meaux  
Caleb Seth Miller  
Brennan Landry Moore  
Ali Trinh Nguyen  
Emily Elizabeth Norman  
Luke O'Neal  
Rebecca Katelyn Ortega

Isabella Gambrelle Palmer  
David Kyle Perkins  
Kevin Plunkett  
Alexandra Porter  
Logan Brent Prudhomme  
Micahlyn Montana Rachal  
Erin Nicole Reed  
Clara Jane Rice  
James Clinton Richard  
Lexie Madeline Richard  
Brooke Rivere  
Taylor Phillip Robichaux  
Alexis Claire Rodrigue  
Joseph Dylan Sanson  
James Bradley Schneider  
Allison Kristine Self

Aimee Kaitlin Smith  
Darrell Lee Smith  
Alex David Stansbury  
Emma Elise Tedder  
Kayla Marie Thibodaux  
Ashley Lynn Toups  
Kimberly Tran  
Catherine Vanderslice  
Diem Vo  
Sydney Dell Wade  
Annie Watkins  
Sidney Maria Winters  
Alexis Faith Woleben  
Brandee Leigh Wright



## 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 Viatrix 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. Mohammad Afaz Uddin

## Faculty & Preceptor Awards

- 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 Sayed, 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

# ALUMNI AFTER HOURS



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Join us for an event in your area!  
For more information contact Katie at [kkelley@ulm.edu](mailto:kkelley@ulm.edu) or (318) 342-6010.



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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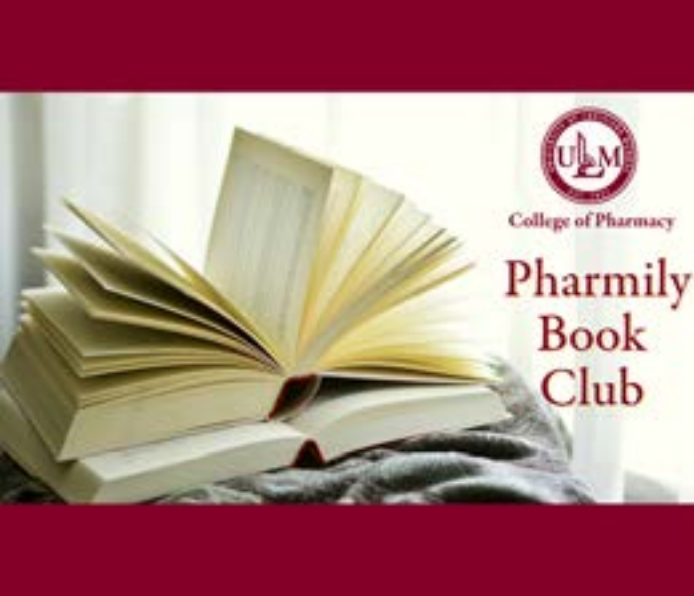
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## ALUMNI CAREER NETWORK

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The Pharmily Book Club is set in an online format and gives you the chance to read and engage with fellow College of Pharmacy alumni, faculty, staff, preceptors, and students. It is free to participate you just need to get a copy of the book to enjoy. Together, we read a book every two months or so and have facilitated discussion via an online forum. Participate in one or all—whatever works for your schedule or speaks to your interest.

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!

Join or learn more here: <https://www.pbc.guru/ulm>

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