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## LA PHARMACIE EN LOUISIANE

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### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI NEWS



## PHARMILY SPOTLIGHT:

### Drs. Hai Bui and Tala Badwan Bui

**Hometown:** Erath, LA (Hai) and Suwanee, GA (Tala)

**Education:** Hai attended ULM for both his undergraduate degree and pharmacy school (class of 2014). Tala attended George State for undergrad and ULM for pharmacy (class of 2015).

**Work History:** Hai is a manager at Lourdes but has worked at Women & Children's Hospital, LHC (long-term care) and at Professional Arts Pharmacy (specialty compounding). Tala worked as a pharmacist at Wal-Mart from 2015-2024. We are excited to have recently bought Soileau's Pharmacy in New Iberia from Mr. Andy Soileau. We will use all of these professional experiences to develop the business and grow it into the all-inclusive clinical business that a retail pharmacy is today.

**Areas of Pharmacy you are passionate about:** Being an integral part of patient care and the community. Independent pharmacies are a huge hub for community development and local health initiatives. Pharmacists are the most easily accessible healthcare provider for most of the public so, being a trusted member of the community is a big deal in terms of your community's overall health.

**Advice for those looking to a career in pharmacy:** Try out lots of different things, classes, internships and experiences and figure out what you can do within pharmacy that makes you feel fulfilled everyday. It may not be traditional pharmacy, but everyone has a role to play and can find a niche that appeals to their strengths! Also, join local organizations - these are the places where you'll find out what your community is lacking and where you can fit in and help!

**Why you chose ULM/NLU College of Pharmacy:** We loved ULM! It's a great school. It is large enough to create your own path and small enough to get individual attention and make a name for yourself. You get all the experiences of a big school with all the individualization of a small one.

**School organization involvement as a student:** We were in PDC and KE and used both of these organizations to be involved in a lot of school events and planning committees!

We cherish our time at ULM and made some amazing lifelong friends while there - we wouldn't trade it for the world!

# STAY IN TOUCH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, 2024

39th Annual Don Weems Chili Cook-off  
ULM Grove  
8:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Register [HERE](#)

December 8-12, 2024

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting & Expo,  
New Orleans Morial Convention Center,  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
RSVP [HERE](#)

December 14, 2024

Fall Commencement  
Fant-Ewing Coliseum  
Monroe, Louisiana  
1:30 pm

March 8, 2025

8th Annual Poor Man's Run  
Monroe, Louisiana

June 7, 2025

Dufilho Society "An Evening of Thanks"  
Monroe, Louisiana

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FOR A NEW POSITION  
OR HAVE A JOB TO POST**

[www.ulm.edu/pharmacy/alumni/alumnicareer](http://www.ulm.edu/pharmacy/alumni/alumnicareer)

As a graduate of ULM's pharmacy, Ph.D. or Toxicology programs, the College of Pharmacy hopes you will stay in touch. There are many events throughout the year to help you re-connect with friends and former classmates. We hope to see you at one of these events and ask that you will take a moment to share any exciting news for upcoming newsletters. Connect today!

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## SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Keep your pharmacy friends and colleagues updated on your latest news. Use the link below to share any news such as new career moves, marriages, births, or condolences.  
[webservices.ulm.edu/webforms/form/college-pharmacy-alumni-news](http://webservices.ulm.edu/webforms/form/college-pharmacy-alumni-news)

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# ALUMNI NEWS

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Kaleb Ryan Hanson (Pharm.D. '19) and wife, Adrienne recently welcomed the birth of their first child, Matthew Louis Hanson on September 4th, 2024. He is currently loving his life bouncing and talking walks in between naps with mom. Any coffee donations are welcome in the Hanson household.

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Brianne Peyton-Thomas, Pharm.D. (Pharm.D. '12), BCOP, clinical pharmacy specialist – hematology/oncology, bone marrow transplant/cellular therapy at Ochsner Health in New Orleans, Louisiana, was featured in Pharmacy Times on the role of the bone marrow transplant pharmacist in CAR T-cell therapy and her collaboration with the CAR T-cell therapy team at Ochsner. View the article and video at: <https://www.pharmacytimes.com/view/behind-the-scenes-of-car-t-cell-therapy-the-role-of-the-pharmacist>

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Lauren Ragan (Pharm.D. '13) started a new position as staff pharmacist for Walmart.

Bernard Lebas (B.S. Pharmacy '68) and son, Nick Lebas (B.S. Pharmacy '97) are the head pharmacists and owners of Evangeline Drug Store in Ville Platte, Louisiana. The two were recently featured in an article by Darcie Ortique for KATC3 news. View the complete story and video [HERE](#).

Jana Treece (Pharm.D. '12) obtained both ACHC and URAC accreditation for the new specialty pharmacy (Proprium Specialty Apothecary in Shreveport) where she is PIC.

Jordan Farshchi-Zarrabi (Pharm.D. '21) started a new position as Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist at Shields Health Solutions.

Jimmy E. Brantley (B.S. Pharmacy '73) Received his 50 year certificate this year. Jimmy retired from CVS in 2011 after working 37 years with Eckerd and CVS. He then worked another 8 years with a local compounding pharmacy and permanently retired in 2019.

Marlene Firmin Brantley (B.S. Pharmacy '73) Recently received her 50 year pharmacy certificate. She worked her entire career primarily as a relief pharmacist in the small independent pharmacies near Lafayette and retired in 2018.

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Aaron Head (Pharm.D. '17) and Chelsie Morein Head (Pharm.D. '18) recently attended the ULM homecoming game with their first and new 4 month old Amelia. It was her first time cheering on the Warhawks and she loved it. Good to see old friends and faculty.

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**IT'S LICENSE RENEWAL TIME!**

As the time to renew your pharmacist license approaches, the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy asks that you please consider participating in the optional Pharmacy Education Support Fee when completing your renewal.

This \$100 optional fee helps support educational opportunities for future pharmacists that they may not be able to otherwise afford.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Homecoming 2024

Homecoming weekend kicked-off on Friday, October 11, with the Fall Pharm.D. Career Fair. Nearly 20 vendors, including residency programs, participated in the event. This is a great opportunity for our pharmacy students to meet and learn about potential job, internship, or residency opportunities. Thank you to all who participated!



The annual Alumni Homecoming Party was held Friday evening. Guests enjoyed visiting, dancing, eating delicious food, and winning some raffle prizes. The highlight of the evening was crowning our first Pharmacy Homecoming Royalty, Blake and Juanita Pitre. They have attended 62 consecutive ULM Homecomings - how impressive!



A good time was had, as always, at the Saturday Super Tailgate. A beautiful day of tailgating with lots of food and fun. And a Warhawks win! Special thanks to our tailgate sponsors: LIPA, LPA, LWD, and Morris & Dickson.



Keep an eye for next year's Homecoming dates and meet us in Monroe!

Join us for a  
**Louisiana**  
good time!

### Louisiana Pharmacists Reception

*in conjunction with the 2024 ASHP Midyear Meeting*

Tuesday, December 10

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Grand Isle Restaurant

575 Convention Center Blvd.

New Orleans, LA 70130

*Pharmacy alumni of ULM/NLU College of Pharmacy, Xavier College of Pharmacy, and members of LSHP and LPA are welcome!*

Alumni of ULM/NLU College of Pharmacy, Xavier College of Pharmacy, and members of the Louisiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists (LSHP) and the Louisiana Pharmacists Association (LPA) are invited to a joint Louisiana Pharmacists Reception in conjunction with the 2024 ASHP Midyear Meeting in New Orleans.

Join us on Tuesday, December 10, for food, drinks, and fun!

RSVP [HERE](#) to help us with planning.

Any alumni or LSHP/LPA member is invited whether they are attending the ASHP Midyear meeting or not. We hope to see you there!



(L-R): Dean of the ULM College of Pharmacy Dr. Glenn Anderson, Dr. Paul W. Sylvester, ULM President Dr. Ronald Berry, LCF Executive Director James Adams, LCF Director of Operations Susie Runkle

## Paul W. Sylvester La. Cancer Foundation Endowed Scholarship established.

The ULM Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Paul W. Sylvester Louisiana Cancer Foundation (LCF) Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship was established by private donations and with assistance from the Louisiana Cancer Foundation to support Sylvester's cancer research conducted in the ULM College of Pharmacy.

Annual scholarship awards will be made to three eligible Pharm.D. students starting their third or fourth year of training (P3 or P4) in the ULM College of Pharmacy. Each recipient will receive one-third of the spendable earnings from the endowment. Candidates must be in the top one-third of their class and have demonstrated an interest in the fields of oncology and/or cancer research.

[https://www.ulm.edu/news/2024/sylvester\\_lcf\\_scholarship\\_091824.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawGDWOFleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHV5T91Y2tElldKaD9-uBANyAgbjr4MBYraw9bPOcxKoGOxUf1RILl5mUNA\\_aem\\_cZqF9fJ\\_fDJUupMYORLKjgA](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2024/sylvester_lcf_scholarship_091824.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawGDWOFleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHV5T91Y2tElldKaD9-uBANyAgbjr4MBYraw9bPOcxKoGOxUf1RILl5mUNA_aem_cZqF9fJ_fDJUupMYORLKjgA)

## Pharmacy students discuss learning through social media platforms with "Pharmacy Times."

Alessia Reeves, Dylan LeBoeuf, and Taylor Hurst, all PharmD candidates from the University of Louisiana Monroe, discuss how leveraging social media platforms to supplement their traditional classroom learning. They describe using TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube to find concise summaries of course topics, interactive explanations of complex disease processes, and even daily practice questions to prepare for the NAPLEX exam.

View the article and video [HERE](#).

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# YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS



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OF PHARMACY**

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

Your gift helps 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

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Monroe, LA 71201  
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#### Online

[www.ulm.edu/give](http://www.ulm.edu/give)

Click "Give to Academics"

Designation: Academics: Select a College, School or Program

Scroll down to select "Dufilho Society" from the second 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](mailto:foundation@ulm.edu).

## Help name the College of Pharmacy Dean's suite to honor Dr. Bill Bourn and the late Marsha Bourn.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the legacy of Dean Emeritus William "Bill" Bourn, Ph.D., and the late Marsha Bourn. Bill served as the Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Louisiana Monroe (formerly NLU) for an impressive 17 years (1986-2003) and retired from the university after 34 years. The late Marsha Bourn retired from ULM after 20 years of service, but remained an active part of the College of Pharmacy until her death in 2017. Bill was the founder of the College's Dufilho Society, an endowed fund to support student achievements and innovation and to provide scholarship funding for ULM College of Pharmacy students.

The Bourns' unwavering commitment to excellence, leadership, and innovation has left an indelible mark on our college and the field of pharmacy. To honor these remarkable contributions, there is a campaign to name the dean's suite after the couple. Your generous support will help perpetuate the Bourns' legacy and provide a lasting tribute to their dedication. If your life has been touched, in any way, through professional or personal relationships, or through Dufilho Society or Bourn scholarships, please consider supporting this effort. Together we can make this vision a reality!



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## Union General Hospital



### **Position: Relief Pharmacist**

#### **Schedule:**

Weekends: 4 hours per pay period (every other weekend)  
PRN: coverage of hours during scheduled vacations, holidays, and/or sick leave (hours will vary)  
Pharmacy Hours: M-F 8am to 4pm & S-S 9am to 1pm

**Education and License:** A degree issued by an accredited College/School of Pharmacy and a current, without restriction or limitation license to practice pharmacy in Louisiana are required.

**Experience:** Previous hospital pharmacy experience is preferred, but not required.

#### **Job Duties:** (include, but are not limited to)

- Correctly interpret physician's orders for inpatients while checking compatibility of orders and dosages by monitoring the patient profile.
- Consult physicians with clinical activities, including substitutions, IV to oral switches, and stop orders.
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