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## LA PHARMACIE EN LOUISIANE

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### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI NEWS



## PHARMILY SPOTLIGHT: Courtney Robertson, Pharm.D.

**Hometown:** Lake Charles, LA

**Education:** Pre-pharmacy studies at McNeese State University, Doctor of Pharmacy ULM COP Class of 2009, PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at EA Conway Medical Center (now LSU Ochsner) in Monroe, LA

**Work History:** I worked in retail pharmacy as a student intern throughout pharmacy school. Following graduation and residency completion, I worked in community and hospital pharmacy settings before joining ULM COP in 2013 as a faculty member teaching across a variety of topics focused on pharmacy practice, ambulatory care, and special populations. In 2023, I transitioned to pharmacy industry and work for GSK as a vaccines medical science liaison.

**Areas of Pharmacy you are passionate about:** I am passionate about women's health and immunizations and so thankful for the opportunities I've had to focus on these areas within my pharmacy career.

**Advice for those looking to a career in pharmacy:** I would tell anyone interested in pharmacy to embrace lifelong learning, avoid self-imposed limits, and be open to new and challenging opportunities. Pharmacy is an amazing field with a great variety of specialties and pathways to a fulfilling career!

**Why you chose ULM/NLU College of Pharmacy:** Being born in Southwest Louisiana, I wanted to know more about our state's pharmacy programs and was interested in staying relatively close to home. I visited Monroe to learn more about ULM's COP and felt very quickly that this was a special place where I could become a well-prepared pharmacy graduate.

**School organization involvement as a student:** KE, PLS, LSHP and APhA

**Family and Hobbies:** My husband, Melan, and I have been married nearly 16 years and have three children – 12-year-old son, Graham, 9-year-old daughter, Eden, and 3-year-old daughter, Celia. We enjoy spending time together and appreciate the very different stages each of the kids are in right now! My hobbies include reading and spending time with our family and friends.

# STAY IN TOUCH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24, 2024  
PharmFUTURE

October 11, 2024  
ULM Pharm.D. Career Fair

October 11, 2024  
ULM Pharmacy Homecoming Party  
[RSVP HERE](#)

October 12, 2024  
ULM Pharmacy Homecoming Super  
Tailgate and ULM Homecoming Game

December 8-12, 2024  
ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting & Expo,  
New Orleans Morial Convention Center,  
New Orleans, Louisiana

June 7, 2025  
Dufilho Society "An Evening of Thanks"  
Monroe, Louisiana

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## IF YOU ARE LOOKING 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



## Scholarship Honoring “Doc” Murphy

The Murphy Family donated \$60,000 to the ULM College of Pharmacy to establish the T.D. “Doc” Murphy Superior Graduate Scholarship in Pharmacy in honor of Thomas Deckle Murphy, Class of 1962. The Louisiana Board of Regents Sponsored Programs Support Fund awarded \$40,000 in matching funds, making the total value \$100,000. A check presentation was held at the ULM College of Pharmacy on July 3, 2024.

Tom Deckle Murphy was born in the woods of Winn Parish to a Dr. Deckle, who he was named after. He grew up working in Scroggins Pharmacy in Jonesboro, La., which confirmed his future career choice. After graduating in Pharmacy in 1962 from then Northeast Louisiana State College, Murphy went on to purchase two pharmacies, but never Scroggins Pharmacy, where he grew up. His son Shawn recounts, “to a lot of people, he was their doctor.” Murphy retired at age 35, and “lived three lifetimes” before his untimely passing at age 48.

“I believe he is incredibly deserving of this recognition because he was in one of the first few classes to graduate in Pharmacy and worked to pay for school with no student loans! This is important to my family, but most important to show that ordinary people can come together to do extraordinary things,” son, Shawn Murphy relayed.

In attendance were Doc’s wife, Martha Ann Murphy; children Shawn Murphy, BA ‘84 and wife, Donna K. Murphy, BS Pharmacy ‘90, Tom W. Murphy, BS Construction Management ‘84 and wife, Nancy Murphy, Shana Murphy Prejean, BS Pharmacy ‘88, and Tiffany Murphy Yost.

This scholarship supports third- and fourth-year professional students who are pursuing the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Recipients must maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher. The first recipient, Joy Falohan, an international Pharmacy student from Nigeria, was able to meet the Murphy Family.

[https://www.ulm.edu/news/2024/murphy\\_scholarship\\_070924.html](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2024/murphy_scholarship_070924.html)

Laurel Sampognaro (Pharm.D. ‘04) recently graduated from the ALFP Cohort 20. The Academic Leadership Fellows Program (ALFP) goal is to develop and support leaders in the Academy that contribute to the advancement of pharmacy education, higher education, and the pharmacy profession.

COP Faculty, Jameshia Below (Pharm.D. ‘18) and Alexis Horace, Pharm.D., recently attended the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Pharmacy Education 2024 conference, with several other ULM COP faculty members, as a speakers and poster presenters on their course activity entitled “TikTokED: Navigating Higher Education with Byte-Sized Brilliance.”

## JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING!

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College of Pharmacy

# HOMECOMING 2024

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
Pharm.D. Career Fair  
8:00 am - Noon

Alumni Party  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
Super Tailgate  
Noon until game kick-off

[RSVP HERE](#) for the Alumni Party!

**HAPPY HOUR from HOME**  
*A time to chat & check-in with the  
ULM College of Pharmacy*

Can’t make it for Homecoming? Come have a virtual Happy Hour with Dean Glenn Anderson on **Thursday, October 3, at 6:30pm**. Catch up and visit with other Pharmacy alumni and ask the Dean some questions!

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://ulm.zoom.us/j/97174037251?](https://ulm.zoom.us/j/97174037251?pwd=cwX5yJaTiOrdUb3UbYF8JEroGbIFGj.1&from=addon)

[pwd=cwX5yJaTiOrdUb3UbYF8JEroGbIFGj.1&from=addon](https://ulm.zoom.us/j/97174037251?pwd=cwX5yJaTiOrdUb3UbYF8JEroGbIFGj.1&from=addon)

# ALUMNI NEWS



## Congratulations to LPA's 2024\*2025 Board Members

Scott Black, Pharm.D. (B.S. Pharmacy '92) Recipient of the NCPA Leadership Award and sworn in as President of Louisiana Pharmacists Association for the 2024-2025 year.

Dr. Beverly Walker (B.S. Pharmacy '94) received the 2024 LPA Bowl of Hygeia Award.

Stephen Hill (Pharm.D. '08) is LPA's 2024 recipient of the William P. O'Brien Award.

Kimberly Wixson (B.S. Pharmacy) was recognized as LPA's Outgoing President.

Peggy Van (B.S. Pharmacy '73) received her Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Gold Certificate.

Forrest Fontenot (Pharm.D. '08) received the 2024 LPA Compounding Pharmacists of the Year Award.

Paul S. Knecht (B.S. '72, M.S. '75) Received his Board of Pharmacy Gold Certificate at the LSHP Annual Meeting in New Orleans on May 24, 2024.

Josiah Howell (Pharm.D. '15) opened an independent pharmacy in August 2023, in Zachary, LA, named Hometown Pharmacy of Zachary.

Randilyn Brunson (Pharm.D. '24) started a new position as pharmacist with Walmart.

Tori Laviolette (Pharm.D. '23) started a new position as staff pharmacist with Albertsons.

Susan Egbert (Pharm.D. '19) started a new position as pharmacist for Indian Health Service.

Lanny Miller (Pharm.D. '15) starting a new position as Pharmacist at St. Tammany Health System

Lauren Phillpott (Pharm.D. '24) started a new position as pharmacist for Thibodaux Regional Health System.

Christopher LaGrange (Pharm.D. '22) started a new position as pharmacist for Professional Arts Specialty Pharmacy.

Robert Cisneros (B.S. Pharmacy '74) received his PhD from Auburn University (Pharmacy in 2003. Joined faculty at Campbell University in North Carolina and taught until 2019 when he retired. He is enjoying retired life in NC. Playing bass in a band!

Lesa Lawrence (Ph.D. '92) welcomed her first grandchild, Thomas Franklin Lawrence, November 2, 2023.

Robert M. McGee (B.S. Pharmacy '91) currently owns McGee's Pharmacy in Marksville, LA, since 2021.

Elle Tarver (Pharm.D. '23) started a new position as pharmacist for Walgreens.

Mohammad Hailat (Ph.D. '17): <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=dTQ0QusAAAAJ&hl=en>

Dr. Anthony Walker (B.S. Pharmacy '98), clinical professor and former pharmaceutical care laboratory manager, retired from the ULM College of Pharmacy on August 23, 2024.

Blake Pitre's (B.S. Pharmacy '62) pharmacy is celebrating 50 years!!

Jessica Helmer Brady (Pharm.D. '07) is serving Phi Mu Fraternity as a National Vice President, continuing in a two-year appointed term that began in 2023.

## Pharmacy Community Mourns Loss of Donna Aron

Mrs. Donna Renaud Aron, 78, of Monroe, LA, passed away on July 28, 2024. Donna was married to the late Carl Aron for 53 years. She and Carl were owners of Aron's Pharmacy in Monroe.

She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, AKA "Foxy", which epitomized her personality. She was always ready for fun and games, whether it was her annual Fourth of July party, the employee Christmas Party, or even entertaining the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy whenever they were in town. She was always the "hostess with the mostest."

Survivors include her three children, Melissa Aron Gillum (Scott), Debbie Aron Kennedy (Kevin), and David Aron (Stacey) grandchildren, Aron Gillum, Arden Gillum, Cameron Kennedy, Landon Kennedy, Eli Aron, and Brody Aron; step-grandchildren, Zoe Davis, Kaden Wygal, and MaKayla Graham; sister, Sandra Gandler (Harvey); nieces, Robin Gotlieb, Sydney Sullivan, and Stephanie Morgan (Skylar); nephews, Steven Gandler and Steve Renaud (Vanessa); and numerous great nieces and nephews.

# PHARMACY NEWS

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College of Pharmacy

## PHARMACY CAREER FAIR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024  
ULM COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

IS YOUR COMPANY LOOKING FOR PHARM.D.S.?

- ✓ Meet all of our professional pharmacy students
- ✓ Receive our electronic Senior View Book
- ✓ Interview space provided upon prior request
- ✓ No cost to attend



**MORE INFORMATION:**  
318-342-3800

### CAREER FAIR

Check In: 7:30am  
Fair: 8:00am - noon

**OPTIONAL INTERVIEWS**  
11:00am - 3:00pm

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
September 20, 2024

**REGISTER TODAY - SPACE IS LIMITED!**

## College of Pharmacy annual Pharm.D. Career Fair to be held October 11, 2024.

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## ULM COP SNPhA Chapter brings home awards.

ULM College of Pharmacy chapter members recently attended the SNPhA/NPhA conference in Los Angeles, California, returning with several awards:

- Placed 1st for the 2024 SNPhA National Scrapbook Award
- Placed 1st for the 2024 Rite Aid Chapter Excellence Award in Large Chapter Division
- Chapter's "Bridging the Gap" and "LMBI" initiatives were ranked 2nd overall in their respective categories.
- Keepsake initiative was ranked 3rd overall.
- Angelle Boudreaux created two resolutions and both resolutions were passed.
- Josh Morehead was appointed the 2024-2025 SNPhA national LMBI Initiative Head Chair and was also awarded the Elysia Ross Book Award.
- KeAnna Kimble was appointed the 2024-2025 SNPhA National Bridging the Gap Initiative Head Chair and awarded a Kroger Endowed Scholarship

## College of Pharmacy hosts summer PharmFUTURE recruitment event.

On June 18, 2024, the ULM College of Pharmacy hosted 61 prospective students and 38 parents for the summer PharmFUTURE. PharmFUTURE is a recruitment event for high school juniors, high school seniors, college undergrads and parents, held 2-3 times each year at the college. The Fall 2024 PharmFUTURE event is scheduled for September 24, 2024.

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## College welcomes new Pharm.D. class.

On August 19, 2024, the College of Pharmacy welcomed the 49 new Class of 2028 Pharm.D. candidates. Students spent the first week at P1 Boot Camp and doing activities with the COP Rx Staff. The P1 White Coat Ceremony and Family Day. was held on August 24, with the first day of classes falling on the 26th.

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Faye Ainsworth will retire from the ULM College of Pharmacy effective September 27, 2024.

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## High School Juniors, high school seniors and college students invited to attend Fall PharmFUTURE.

Spend a day with the ULM College of Pharmacy and experience pharmacy student life. Work in our lab, discover exciting and diverse job opportunities for pharmacists, learn how to prepare for pharmacy school, and get some tips on acceptance and success!

September 24, 2024,  
8:30am-2pm  
ULM College of Pharmacy  
1800 Bienville Dr.  
Monroe, LA 71201

Register [HERE](#)

Open to high school juniors, seniors and college students. Parents also welcome to attend.

# YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS



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

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

#### Check

Payable to ULM Foundation and mailed to:  
ULM Foundation  
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\*Specify Dufilho Society in memo line

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[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!



Show your support by giving [HERE](#) or scan the QR code:



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## LTC Pharmacy Management



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## Byrd Regional Hospital

We are currently looking for pharmacists at Byrd Regional Hospital in Leesville, LA. We are accepting new graduates and pharmacy interns (who are in the process of taking their licensing exams).

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Union General Hospital

Relief Pharmacist position available at Union General Hospital in Farmerville, LA. Contact Kate Cook at [kcook@uniongen.org](mailto:kcook@uniongen.org) for more details.

[www.uniongen.org](http://www.uniongen.org)



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