



La Pharmacie en Louisiane

College of Pharmacy Alumni Newsletter

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Meet the Bullards

Alumni Spotlight

Mark your Calendar!

July 2023

- 3 ULM Closed
- 4 ULM Closed
- 14 COP Virtual Applicant Day
- 18 ULM Warhawk Roadshow, Shreveport, LA
- 28 Pharmacy "Alumni After Hours" Reception in Baton Rouge, LA

August 2023

- 10 Pharmacy "Alumni After Hours - Alexandria, LA
- 14-18 P1 Boot Camp
- 19 P1 White Coat Ceremony, Bayou Pointe
- 19 COP Family Day, Pharmacy Building, 1800 Bienville Dr., Monroe, LA
- 21 Fall 2023 Classes begin for students

September 2023

- 4 ULM Closed

October 2023

- 13 ULM Closed
- 27 COP Career Fair
- 27 COP Homecoming Alumni Reception
- 28 Pharmacy Supertailgate and ULM Homecoming Game

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Shreveport Campus Update



DR. JILL COMEAU
Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences
Shreveport Campus

Dr. Jill Comeau is an Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences and a board-certified hematology and oncology clinical pharmacist. Her current practice site is at the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center (FWCC) at Ochsner LSU-Health in Shreveport, LA. FWCC serves over 24,000 patients a year. Her expertise is in lung, head and neck, and GI cancers. Along with her students and pharmacy residents, she provides medication-based knowledge and skills to assist physicians in providing optimal cancer care. This includes selecting medications to prevent and treat side effects caused by cancer and cancer treatments. Her pharmacy team

also provides medication education to patients who are diagnosed with these cancers. Since FWCC is a safety net cancer center, she serves many underserved patients, including those with Medicare, Medicaid, or are uninsured. The pharmacy students are pivotal to patient care in her clinic, because patients tend to feel more comfortable and are more forthcoming with their questions and medication issues. In addition, students can build relationships with the patients and impact their quality of life.

Physician Testimonials

Having ULM faculty and students has changed our clinics in more ways than I can count. The opportunity to interact with colleagues who are an essential part of the team is invaluable. By working side-by-side with physicians, students are an indispensable resource to the medical team. While I do not have exact numbers, pharmacy students counseling patients, reviewing their home medications, and following up with patients who have recently started chemotherapy has improved patient care and their quality of life. As an attending, having PharmDs and PharmD students available to discuss cancer treatment plans including cancer, nausea, and pain medications, has made me a better physician.

Mindie Kavanaugh, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor at FWCC
LSU-Health Shreveport

Working with pharmacists and pharmacy students is highly advantageous in many ways. Pharmacists are highly trained healthcare professionals who possess extensive knowledge about medications and their effects on the body. They provide valuable insights into the appropriate use of medications, drug interactions, and adverse events. This is especially useful when I work with pharmacists collaboratively side by side in the clinic. They help me reconcile medications, dose chemotherapy, and obtain clinical histories. This makes my work more efficient and optimizes patient outcomes and ensures that medications are used safely and effectively.

Pharmacy students bring a fresh perspective to the field of pharmacy, are eager to learn and contribute to the profession. Working with pharmacy students is an opportunity for me to mentor and train the next generation of pharmacists, helping them develop the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their career. Additionally, pharmacy students can bring new ideas and innovative solutions to the table, which can help to improve the quality of care and patient outcomes.

Jaren Lerner, MD
PGY4 Hematology/Oncology Fellow
FWCC LSU-Health Shreveport

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



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

SHARE YOUR NEWS!!

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

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ashley & Matthew Bullard: From pharmacy school sweethearts to business owners and parents.



Ashley and Matthew Bullard began dating while students at ULM's College of Pharmacy. Both received their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees in 2015. The couple married in 2015, just three weeks after graduating from pharmacy school.

After graduation, Ashley began a PGY1 Community Residency with the Appalachian College of Pharmacy in rural Virginia, with her focus being on community pharmacy ownership and teaching. Matthew immediately moved to Southwest Virginia and began working as an oncology pharmacist.

Today they reside in Urania, Louisiana, with their beautiful little boy, James, who is four years old and loves dinosaurs. The couple owns Bullard Drugs and Wellness in Olla, Louisiana, where Ashley works full-time and acts as the PIC. Matthew currently works at Hardtner Medical Center as a staff pharmacist and helps manage the couple's business.

What made you decide to go into pharmacy?

Ashley: I have wanted to be a pharmacist since I was 9. My great-grandmother once told me that she trusted her pharmacist more than her

doctor. Ever since, that is what I wanted to do.

Matthew: As a high school senior, a school board member walked into Biology II and asked if I would be interested in taking a new pharmacy technician course being offered and I have been in pharmacy ever since.

Are there any areas of pharmacy you are particularly passionate about?

Ashley: Medication reconciliation, diabetes education, and community in general. I'm passionate about helping people get involved in their own care and providing them with the education to do so.

Matthew: I have a particular passion for oncology pharmacy even though I do not get to practice in the area anymore.

What made you choose ULM?

Ashley: Honestly, proximity to home. I grew up only an hour away.

Matthew: I chose ULM as it had a reputation for preparing graduates for the world post-graduation.

Were you in any organizations or clubs while at ULM?

Ashley: I was in KE, APhA, CPFI, and LIPA. I was more heavily involved in LIPA since I wanted to become an owner myself.

Matthew: APhA with involvement in GenerationRX, NCPA/LIPA and PDC

Please share some of your awards, achievements, or other accomplishments.

Ashley: At the local health fair last year, we placed first for best vendor booth. We provided drug safety education to the community for unintentional ingestion. I took a few tricks from my time in APhA and recreated the "Drug or Candy" game. People were amazed. We hope to keep up our goal of educating the community.

Matthew: Post graduation I completed an MBA with a concentration in Healthcare Administration

Are you still friends with, or do you stay in contact with, any of your former classmates?

Ashley: We stayed in touch more the year or two after graduation. Time, distance, careers, and families of our own make it hard to stay connected. We enjoy bumping into people when we can. Social media helps us keep up with what everyone is up to. We are proud of what our old friends are accomplishing.

Matthew: I married one of them, so I would say yes.

What are your best memories of ULM?

Ashley: Oozeball in undergrad and Boo and Bop in pharmacy school. I was terrible at Oozeball, but it was the best time. For Boo and Bop I always made our costumes for the party. It was fun to let loose and just relax for a night with friends. Another favorite memory from school was when a certain professor (I won't say who) dressed up as Elton John for Boo and Bop and sang "Bennie and the Jets."

Matthew: Meeting my wife.

Do you have any advice for someone looking to a career in pharmacy?

Ashley: Be open to networking opportunities and experiences. You never know when it could change your life or career path. There are a lot of pharmacists, but pharmacy still feels like a small community. You can go to a national conference and play 5 degrees with every person and generally make a connection somehow.

Matthew: Drown out the naysayers and do what works for you.

Was there a professor or anyone else at the ULM College of Pharmacy who had a particularly strong influence on you?

Ashley: Dr. Ron Hill. He was always supportive and kind. If you went to his office for help, he genuinely cared and gave you his full attention. He was one of those professors who not only taught the material, but he helped encourage us when we needed it. I had a lot of professors that I admired, but Dr. Hill is the one that I will never forget because of his kindness and mutual respect for his students.

Matthew: Dr. Adam Pate

Running a business causes the couple to be very busy, which makes off days precious. They enjoy getting up early to grab breakfast as a family then spending the day lounging or playing in the yard. Ashley loves spending time with her family or reading a good book. She is also attempting to develop a green thumb. She says that if she had another job, besides being a pharmacist, she would want to be an AgEd teacher or book reviewer.

Ashley and Matthew have been able to return to the College of Pharmacy for a couple of homecoming events and enjoy seeing everyone and meeting other alumni they didn't already know.

If you are ever in Olla, Louisiana, be sure to stop by Bullard Drug and Wellness to do a little shopping and say "Hello" to the Bullards.



COLLEGE NEWS

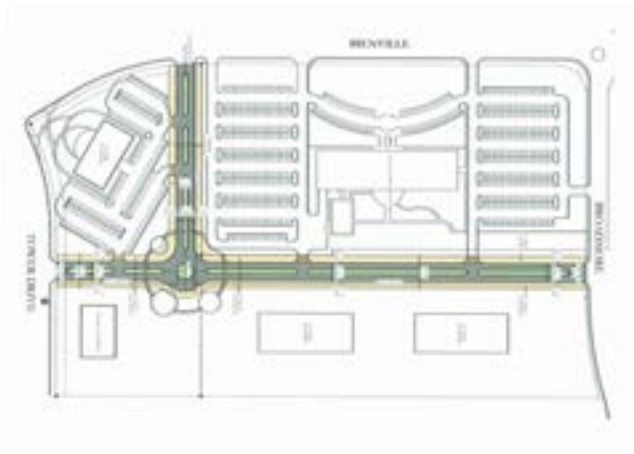
Biomedical Research & Innovation Park comes to Monroe.



Photo by ULM Photo Service/Paul Ware

On November 1, 2022, the groundbreaking of the Biomedical Research & Innovation Park (BRIP) was held on the south parking lot of the College of Pharmacy. The facility will be targeted at partnering with private businesses to develop and commercialize biomedical technologies and spinout technologies in pharmacology and other disciplines. BRIP's vision calls for significant evolution of our campus with increased investment in infrastructure forthcoming (see image).

The first phase of the BRIP is the creation of roads, utility access, and construction of the first BRIP building on our Bienville campus. The Innovation Center will be built at the corner of Bienville and Tower Roads. This \$30 Million project has been financially supported by the Ouachita Economic Development Corporation, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, the Louisiana Economic Development, EDA grants, legislative appropriations, and LA Capital outlay.



La. Cancer Foundation donates \$10K to ULM's Sylvester for cancer research.



Members of the Louisiana Cancer Foundation Board present a \$10,000 check to Dr. Paul Sylvester in support of his ongoing breast cancer research. (L-R) Nell Seegers, Aimee Kane, Annie Staten, Dr. Sylvester, James Adams, Executive Director LCF, Marion Willson, Donna Jackson, Assistant Director LCF

The Louisiana Cancer Foundation continued their support of ULM's Paul Sylvester, Ph.D. with a \$10,000 donation to support Sylvester's breast cancer research. The donation made on November 8 marks the 17th year that the LCF has donated to Sylvester's work, bringing the total amount donated to \$170,000 over that time.

The check was presented to Sylvester by members of LCF board. The donation will help Sylvester continue his research of tocotrienols, a rare natural

form of vitamin E that has displayed potent anti-cancer effects.

Sylvester, an endocrinologist, joined the ULM College of Pharmacy in 2001. He is the Associate Dean of Research and Pfizer, Inc. B.J. Robison Endowed Professor of Pharmacology.

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.

By ULM Office of Marketing and Communications

COP Annual Poor Man's Run & Gumbo Cook-off



Representatives from the College of Pharmacy were able to present St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy a check for \$10,000, representing the proceeds from the Sixth Annual Poor Man's Run. The COP Student Council puts in countless hours to make the run successful, and this year was no different, with a record-breaking \$10,000 raised.



\$10,000 - Raised in 2023

\$40,000 - Raised in the past six years

\$590,000 - Prescription equivalent provided



Meet the new faces of the Office of Experiential Education

Karin Ryan Program Director - Experiential Education



Hello everyone!

I'm excited to finally be able to introduce myself to all of you! My name is Karin Ryan and I've been a pharmacist since our credentials were RPh. I am the new Program Director of Experiential Education for the ULM College of Pharmacy. I am excited and motivated to begin this challenging yet engaging position here at my Alma Mater. My father graduated from ULM in 1962 when the name was Northeast College. My three siblings all graduated from the ULM College of Pharmacy and I'm happy to say we have worked our entire careers in the state of Louisiana. I'm also the proud mother of two daughters that are also ULM graduates. My oldest, Whitney, obtained her Pharm D at ULM followed by a residency at University Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. She now works as a Critical Care Pharmacist at North Oaks Hospital in Hammond and Chelsea graduated with a master's degree in clinical Mental Health Counseling and now runs her own private practice in Monroe. I have two grandchildren, Emmy and Ryan and they are my why. I have been lucky enough to practice in both Community and Institutional Pharmacy in a variety of practice settings. Pharmacy is an ever-changing career path and I hope to assist each of you as you continue to provide the real time knowledge and experiences that our students need to be successful.

I look forward to meeting each of you as we work together to provide our students with the best Pharmily experience possible.

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Kim Vereen Assistant Program Director - Experiential Education



I hope you are having a wonderful Summer. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kim Vereen. I am newly appointed as the Assistant Program Director of Experiential Education at the ULM College of Pharmacy. First let me say I am thrilled to return to my Alma Mater! I graduated from ULM in 1991 and have worked in different careers. I am excited to bring my years of business and professional expertise to the ULM College of Pharmacy and will assist in any way I can to help keep the ULM College of Pharmacy the Best on the Bayou!

A little about me, originally from the Bossier/Haughton area, I enrolled at ULM after high school graduation. I met my husband right here at ULM; and this month we will celebrate 32 years of marriage. We have one son who just completed his freshman year of college. We just added a 4-legged baby to our home too, a miniature goldendoodle, who keeps us active!

After living in Bastrop for 27 years, we recently moved to Monroe where we are enjoying our new home. Friends and Family are near and dear to my heart; and we love cooking and entertaining. We are avid collectors of antique furniture and enjoy the hunt to find that one of a kind, unique piece to transform our house into our home.

I welcome the opportunity to get to know each of you and assist you in any way I can.

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Lynne Twilbeck Administrative Assistant 3 - Experiential Education



Howdy!

I would like to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Lynne Twilbeck. I am the new Administrative Assistant 3 for the Office of Experiential Education. I was employed previously as an Administrative Assistant 2 for over a year by ULM's Dental Hygiene Program and Radiologic Technical Program. I have great organizational skills and look forward to learning all about the College of Pharmacy and assisting my new office.

My hometown is New Orleans, but I have lived here since 1973. I have a 19-year-old daughter that is my ride or die partner. In my off time I enjoy community activities, my Louisiana LunaChicks and volunteering for various organizations as well as attending arts and crafts shows and ULM football games! Also love to cook and enjoy the fruits of my labor! I hope to see y'all at one of my LunaChicks events, football games or around campus. I love my new Pharmily!

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ULM receives \$200K in matching funds from LA Board of Regents

The University of Louisiana Monroe is delighted to share that the Louisiana Board of Regents Sponsored Programs Support Fund has awarded \$200,000 in matching funds for three Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarships established within the College of Pharmacy, two First Generation Endowed Scholarships and an Endowed Professorship.

Dr. Paul Sylvester, Associate Dean of Research in the ULM College of Pharmacy, wrote the #1 ranked competitive proposal for the Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarships.

Fundraising for the Bill and Marsha Bourn Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship was initiated by Kenneth and Ann Wilson, who are alumni of the ULM College of Pharmacy (class of 1984 and 1985, respectively), along with other friends and alumni in honor of Bill and Marsha Bourn. Bill and Marsha were married for 53 years, until her unforeseen death in October 2017. Bill and Marsha have three daughters, all of whom graduated from ULM. One of their daughters is a pharmacist working in a retail pharmacy, as is her husband who is also a ULM Pharmacy alumnus. Their remaining daughters are twins, one of which has an earned degree in toxicology, while the other has an earned degree in nursing. Bill Bourn served as Dean of the ULM College of Pharmacy for 18 years, between 1986 and 2003. In 1991, Bill founded the "Dufilho Society," an endowed fund for the support and advancement of the ULM College of Pharmacy. After his retirement, Bill remained an active presence in the College. Recipients of the Bill and Marsha Bourn Scholarship are enrolled in the PharmD and/or PhD program and have an interest in pharmacy education and aspirations of a career in Pharmacy Administration.

The Louisiana Independent Pharmacist Association (LIPA) Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship supports third- and fourth-year professional students who are pursuing the PharmD/MBA degree. The recipients of this

scholarship should have an interest in independent pharmacy entrepreneurship within the healthcare practice of Pharmacy.

Steven and LeAnn Boyd established the Causey-Boyd Endowed Scholarship, to honor Nolton W. Causey, Jr and his impact to the profession of pharmacy, his community, and future generations of pharmacists. Nolton W. Causey, Jr, alumni of the ULM College of Pharmacy (class of 1969) served the Natchitoches community as a dedicated and well-loved independent community pharmacist for nearly 50 years. Additionally, throughout his career he was an active member of the Louisiana Pharmacist Association (LPA) and a founding member of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacist Association (LIPA). Nolton's middle daughter, LeAnn Causey Boyd, alumni of the ULM College of Pharmacy (class of 2002) along with her husband Steven T. Boyd, pharmacist, worked alongside Nolton in the family's pharmacies and businesses. In 2015, Nolton, LeAnn, and Steve founded the first Pharmacy Benefit Manager in the State of Louisiana built on a transparent business model. Nolton's grandson and LeAnn's son, Landon, is also a ULM alumnus. Recipients of this scholarship have an interest in making positive impacts in their communities through entrepreneurship and the practice of pharmacy.

The purpose of First Generation Endowed Scholarships is to increase college access and success for low-income first-generation students, enhance institutional efforts to provide need-based aid to undergraduate students, and provide additional opportunities for benefactors to support the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Local entrepreneur Merlin Reiser decided to up the game and create the Merlin Reiser Super First Generation Scholarship for ULM students. Merlin Reiser had \$6,000 in his bank account when he moved his young family to Monroe, Louisiana, to open the community's first Sonic drive-in in 1977. As a growing franchise business,

Sonic provided tremendous opportunity for this entrepreneur looking to grow. And grow it did. Over the next four decades, The Reiser Group became one of the largest franchisees within the Sonic system with 38 locations throughout Louisiana, Alabama, Florida and Texas. Now retired, Merlin enjoys looking for ways to give back to the communities that supported his business, particularly where education is concerned.

With the use of his retirement excess campaign funds, Justice Marcus Clark (Ret.) made a gift to establish the Justice Marcus Clark First Generation Endowed Scholarship. Marcus Clark is a retired State Supreme Court Justice who has devoted his life to public service. He is from Sulphur, Louisiana and is a 1978 graduate of ULM with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is very pleased to be able to help his university by supporting the renovation of the Honors Lounge as well as endowing a scholarship for first generation students.

The purpose of an Endowed Professorship is to strengthen instruction and research by helping to recruit and retain superior faculty aligned with the campus' role, scope, mission, and strategic priorities.

Carole Kilpatrick, wife of Tex Kilpatrick, established the Tex Kilpatrick Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology. Tex Kilpatrick's service to ULM was extensive and included participating in the selection of two ULM Presidents, serving as Vice President of the ULM Foundation, and co-chairing, with special friends Lynn and James Moore, the fundraising drive to build Bon Aire, the ULM President's official residence.

ULM Office of Marketing and Communications



ULM's product enters the health aging market.

Almost five years ago, ULM entered into a licensing arrangement with Oleolive Inc, a private biotechnology company, to develop the marketing and commercialization of Dr. Khalid El Sayed's research on the health benefits of olive oil. Dr. El Sayed's research isolated oleocanthal, a phenolic compound found in trace amounts in olive oil and demonstrated oleocanthal's contribution to the health beneficial properties of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO).

The result is a product that has been branded Oligen.

Kiley Grant, CEO of Oleolive claims, "Oligen has been in the works for more than five years. Our partnership with ULM has resulted in more than \$5 million in additional grant funding and millions more in private equity investment."

ULM's Office of Innovation and Research noted how the process has also included protecting the intellectual property while expanding the potential for commercialization. Chief Innovation and Research Officer John W. Sutherlin, PhD, remarked, "What Dr. El Sayed did in the laboratory was the critical first step of this effort. Working with Oleolive was the next step."

Grant added, "Working closely with ULM researchers, especially Dr. Khalid El Sayed, Oleolive has done extensive testing before going to the market in order to gain the trust of consumers in that our product is of the highest grade possible with documented benefits. We stand behind all of the claims made."

ULM President Ron Berry commented, "Few universities can claim to bring products to market. What our faculty and staff have accomplished is remarkable."

The research regarding oleocanthal has been extensive. Thousands of articles from universities and other publications around the world have demonstrated for years the benefits of oleocanthal as well as other polyphenols found in EVOO. ULM's role in facilitating this research has been crucial, especially as it relates to health matters related to those getting older.

Jim Cardelli, PhD and Chief Technology Officer of Oleolive, sees the promise in healthy aging for those using the product. He stated, "Promoting the effects of Oligen has been based on the vast amount of supportive peer-reviewed science publications. This product has decades of scientific health-based support."



Those interested in purchasing the product may do so through Oleolive's site at <https://oleocanthal.co/>. The ULM community can receive a discount by entering the promotional code Hawks4Health.

ULM Office of Marketing and Communications



University of Louisiana at Monroe Harm Reduction Education and Referral for Opioid Overdose Reversal (ULM H.E.R.O.) Program aims to provide first responders and key community organizations evidence-based educational programs on opioid reversal medications to reduce opioid overdose rates and increase referrals to treatment recovery centers in the greater Orleans Parish and Ouachita Parish. Both Parishes have and are surrounded by highly underserved populations that are high in medical need with poor access to healthcare.

Our first objective is the creation of an adaptable risk-reduction curriculum tailored to different types of first responders that meet the unique needs of the state of Louisiana. This includes addressing stigma regarding opioid use, review of Louisiana legislation, how to use and teach how to use opioid reversal medications, and test strips, and building a network between first responders and local treatment/recovery centers in the area. Our second objective is to educate at least 2,000

first responders by September 30th, 2026. And our third objective for this goal is to increase our collaborations with local treatment and recovery centers by 80%.

Our secondary goal is to implement evidence-based educational programs for community first responders (such as people who use drugs or people who may witness and respond to an overdose) with the objective of hosting 50 community events providing risk reduction education directly in underserved communities.

And finally, our tertiary goal is to effectively educate and train student first responders in healthcare programs to expand our reach into communities of need. We selected this unique population because students training in healthcare in our state typically stay within our state and come from rural, underserved parishes. Our objective is to provide harm reduction education to at least 800 first responders-in-training by September 30, 2026.



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.

Faculty at the ULM College of Pharmacy and Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Louisiana Campus are highly trained individuals in education who are passionate about the opioid epidemic and are eager to bring awareness to underserved communities. The number of people served will be 500 people the first year, 750 people the second and third years, and 1000 people the fourth year

The ULM HERO team finished providing Harm Reduction Education Class to firefighters in Fire District 13 in St. Tammany Parish from May 8th – May 10th! This was our first group of first responders to educate, and we have more sessions planned for this summer.



2023 Excellence in Teaching Awards



Dr. Jen Hoh
Faculty Preceptor of the Year



Dr. Jill Comeau - Team Coordinator
Class of '24 Excellence in Teaching Team
Therapeutics VIII



Dr. Roxie Steward
Class of '26 Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Cain Doucet
Non-Faculty Preceptor of the Year



Dr. Victoria Miller
Class of '25 Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Laurel Sampognaro -Team Coordinator
Class of '26 Excellence in Teaching Team
Self-Care Patient Assessment



Dr. Jill Comeau
Class of '24 Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Heather Savage -Team Coordinator
Class of '25 Excellence in Teaching Team
Therapeutics III



On April 20, 2023, the ULM College of Pharmacy hosted students from local junior high classes for the first PharmJunior day. The students had a great time working in our lab, mock pharmacy and IV room, as well as racing the clock in the Escape Room. They met Dr. Anderson, College of Pharmacy Dean, and some of our professional pharmacy students and faculty who taught them some of the different options in pharmacy and answered all of their questions.



Students and faculty from the four colleges of the University of Louisiana Monroe traveled to the Dominican Republic for a service-learning trip. Twenty-seven students and faculty from physical therapy/kinesiology, social work, political science, education, and pharmacy traveled to the Dominican Republic to engage in service learning centered around Abba's House Children's Center, located in the barrio of Cienfuegos, a nonprofit organization that educates, feeds, and provides medical care for 125 children living in extreme poverty. Students were also engaged in various learning and practice experiences related to their specific areas of study in Santiago.

The College of Pharmacy group spent time touring a hospital with a local pharmacist, screening patients' blood pressures and blood sugars, interviewing patients/health care providers in the community about their health needs, painting the children's center, and spending time with the local children.



On Feb. 13th Morris & Dickson Co., LLC, hosted ULM College of Pharmacy first year pharmacy students and staff for a "lunch and learn." Students were given a tour of the M&D Distribution Center, lunch was provided and one of their staff clinical pharmacist spoke about the many opportunities in pharmacy.



March 31-April 1, 2023, nine members of the College of Pharmacy SNPhA organization attended the 2023 Regional Conference in New Orleans. The chapter was awarded the Region IV Top Recruiter award for the second year in a row. Chapter delegate, Angelle Boudreaux, had her proposed resolution pass and will move on to represent the chapter and present the resolution at the SNPhA National Conference.



On February 15, Walgreens presented a Diversity Scholarship Donation to Dean Anderson and the College of Pharmacy. This donation awarded two students each a \$2,500 scholarship. Congratulations to the two recipients, Amanda Raphael and Catherine Setijadi, both second-year pharmacy students!



Congratulations to the new Mister University of Louisiana Monroe Colby Pogue! Colby is a current P3 student.



To support ULM's first inaugural Day of Giving, on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Co., Inc. (LWD) donated \$2000 to the College of Pharmacy's general fund. Pharmacists, LWD board members, and ULM graduates, Errol Duplantis and Nicholas LeBas, presented the check to ULM College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Glenn Anderson.

Spring Into Health

The annual Spring into Health interprofessional health fair was held at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Each year ULM pharmacy and health sciences students partner together to provide a day full of fun and educational activities for the whole family. Kids were able to participate in games, face painting, coloring activities, exercise education, and a Glitter Bug hand washing game. Adults benefited from screening stations for blood sugar, blood pressure, and oral health. Educational boards covered bullying, osteoporosis, kidney disease, smoking cessation, breast and ovarian cancer, skin cancer awareness, important vaccine information, and more!



ALUMNI NEWS

Welcome New Alumni - Class of '23

Pharm.D. Senior Recognition Ceremony

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| Jared Anders | Mary Brighton Morris Elkins | Kaitlyn Picard |
| Peyton McMillon Anderson | Shelby Fincher | Sarah Pryor |
| Tyler Aucoin | Taylor Scott Foret | Keeley Richard |
| Maria Barranco | Colby Glatter | Ethan Roberts |
| Taylor Beauchamp | Regginald Good | Raven Ross |
| Gurnoor Benipal | Cameron Gregory | Summer Shipley |
| Armanni Blake Bennett | Jhane' Hill | Chyna Sical |
| Bailey Book | Taylor Hayes Johnston | Megan Sistrunk |
| Marcus Broussard | Ashley Jones | Amanda Nethery Smith |
| Pate Broussard | Christian Jones | Leah Spence |
| Emmeline Brunet | Jacob Kessler | Mabry Stricklin |
| Gavin Brunson | Makayla Kraemer | Cade Talbot |
| Olivia Buquet | Adelyne Labat | Cherie Tanner |
| Luke Cao | Morgan Wimberley LaFleur | Elle Tarver |
| Alayna Chiasson | Lauren LaForge | Sarah Binkley Tarver |
| Lakedra Cory | Tori Lavolette | Theophile Tsafack |
| Harlee Richardson Cox | Taylor Matranga | Grady Upshaw |
| Avery Crawford | Andrew McMillan | Cody Webb |
| Catlynn Crump | Hannah Milton | Kathryn Whitaker |
| Cloud Cunanan | Carrie Moak | Tierney White |
| Hadley Devall | Taylor Moneaux | Monica M. Whitman |
| Meisha Vine Doss | Clint Ortis | Maddisyn Wilkinson |
| Connor Dubois | Hailey Outlaw | Monica Williams |
| Sarah Duncan | Micheal Parker | Katherine Wilson |
| Douglass Elkins | Mikey Philayvanh | |



Outstanding Graduate Student

Dr. Bheemanapallyt Khaggaswar
Major Professor: Dr. Karen Briski

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Pharm.D. Graduates

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Magna Cum Laude

19

Cum Laude

6

Summa Cum Laude

PGY -1 Residencies Pharm.D. Class of 2023

- Jared Anders - UofL Health - UofL Hospital, Louisville, KY
 Taylor Beauchamp - Providence Health and Services/PPMC, Portland, OR
 Bailey Book - University of Louisiana Monroe - Monroe Campus, Monroe, LA
 Cloud Ian Cunanan - Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport, LA
 Hadley Devall - Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Dallas, TX
 Colby Glatter - VA-Little Rock, AR- Central Arkansas Veterans HCS, Little Rock, AR
 Makayla Kraemer - The Children's Hospital of San Antonio - CHRISTUS, San Antonio, TX
 Lauren LaForge - Ochsner Clinic Foundation (Ochsner Health), New Orleans, LA

- Taylor Matranga - University of Louisiana Monroe New Orleans Campus, New Orleans, LA
 Ethan Roberts - Ascension Rx, Austin, TX; PGY1&2-Health System Administration & Leadership
 Chyna Sical - Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport, LA
 Mabry Stricklin - University Medical Center of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
 Monica Whitman - Our Lady of The Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA

PGY -2 Residencies Pharm.D. Class of 2022

Min Kim - Memorial Cancer Institute,
Hollywood, FL

Taylor Robicheaux - The Johns Hopkins Hospital,
Baltimore, MD

Kayla Thibodaux - St. Jude Children's Hospital,
Memphis, TN

Kimberly Tran - Sarasota Memorial Hospital,
Sarasota, FL

Marriages

Katie Pizzolato (Pharm.D. 20) married
Jordan Bisi on April 29, 2023.

Sara Catherine Pearson (Pharm.D. 18)
married Kyle Kreisler on October 16, 2022.

Births

**Stacie LaHaye Bordelon (Pharm.D. '14)
and Brian Bordelon (Pharm.D. '13)**
welcomed a baby boy on October 7, 2022.

Lauren Ford Risley (Pharm.D. '18), and
husband, Ethan, welcomed a baby girl in February.

Delia Valerio Valliere (Pharm.D. '16),
husband, Jason, welcomed a baby girl on May 9,
2023.

Retirements

Dr. Sharon Meyer retired December 2022.

Dr. Scott Baggarly retired December 2022

**Mr. Gary Merchant, Office of Outcomes
Research and Evaluatio** retired December

Mrs. Carolyn Russell, Administrative
Assistant for the Office of Experiential
Education, retired December 2022.

Dr. Roxie Stewart , Assistant Director,
Office of Experiential Education, ULM
College of Pharmacy retired May 2023.

Dr. Connie Smith, Director, Office of
Experiential Education, ULM College of
Pharmacy.

Robert M Cisneros Jr. (Bob) (BS Pharmacy 1974) Enjoying Retirement

"I Am enjoying retirement here in North Carolina where I retired from the faculty at Campbell Univ College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2019. Acted in 2 plays in 2022, play bass guitar in a group, give an occasional guest lecture at Campbell Univ, member of Dean's Advisory Council at Auburn Univ College of Pharmacy, and otherwise trying to stay healthy!"

Highlights



BEVERLY WALKER, PHARM.D.
ULM B.S.PHARM '94

Honored by the NE LA African American
Museum as a "Phenomenal Woman."



JESSICA BRADY, PHARM.D.
ULM PHARM.D. '07

Dr. Jessica Brady represented the ULM College of Pharmacy at the 2023 AACP INnovate Midyear Meeting. Dr. Brady is completing a year-long leadership fellowship with AACP. She delivered her arguments during a debate on the merits of online certificates and digital badges. Dr. Brady delivered clear, thoughtful arguments on the topic that drove her team's success in winning the debate.



SHANE DESSELLE
B.S./PH.D. '90/'95

"1. Promoted to Associate Dean for Research and Professional Affairs and Dept Chair, Touro University California.
2. Named Visiting Professor at University of Copenhagen.
3. Published the major text, Contemporary Research Methods in Pharmacy and Health Services
<https://www.elsevier.com/books/contemporary-research-methods-in-pharmacy-and-health-services/desselé/978-0-323-91888-6>
4. Published 26 peer-reviewed journal articles in previous 24 months."

ALUMNI AFTER HOURS

Baton Rouge, LA, Area
July 28, 2023



College of Pharmacy

Alexandria, LA, Area
August 10, 2023

Join us for an event in your area!

For more information contact Katie at kkelley@ulm.edu or (318) 342-6010.

Our alumni have gathered several times this year in different areas of the state and country! It is always a great time to visit with fellow pharmacy alumni and connect over delicious food and drinks. Be sure to join us when we visit your area! And mark your calendar for our biggest gathering of the year, Homecoming, taking place October 2023. More information to come soon!

Shreveport, LA

March 3, 2023

Flying Heart Brewery



Phoenix, AZ

March 26, 2023

Huss Brewery



New Orleans, LA

May 24, 2023

Lakeview Harbor



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