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LSU Health Shreveport first academic medical center in Louisiana to establish a COVID-19 testing lab with the creation of the Emerging Viral Threat Laboratory



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Donors broke Give for Good Day records this year despite our community and country being in the midst of a pandemic and recent economic downturn. At the end of The Community Foundation of North Louisiana's 24-hour online fundraising campaign that took place on Tuesday, May 5, 10,402 donors had given \$1.95 million to area nonprofits. LSU Health Shreveport saw similar success and record-breaking numbers on Give for Good Day with **110 donors** giving a total of **\$38,765.61** to support causes at LSU Health Shreveport. Our community and our stakeholders stepped up to give at least **\$25,000** in support of the **COVID-19 Support Fund**, which enhances our testing, research, and patient care efforts.

"Give for Good could not have come at a better time this year when so many nonprofit organizations are in need of extra support. I am inspired by the generosity and resilience of North Louisiana, and I extend a heartfelt thank you to The Community Foundation for leading this event and everyone who made a donation to the LSUHS Foundation and other great causes in our community. Your contributions allow our health sciences center to continue teaching, healing and discovering, and being a leader in the fight against COVID-19," said Kevin Flood, President and CEO of the LSU Health Shreveport Foundation.

To learn more about or make a donation to the COVID-19 Support Fund established to ensure that LSU Health Shreveport can continue to respond to the ever-changing needs of our community and contribute to the international efforts to learn more about the virus and find effective treatments, visit:

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Letter from the Chancellor

Since early March our health sciences center, community, state, country, and world has been embarking on an unprecedented journey in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been many changes made on our campus over the past several weeks to ensure the safety of our students and employees and compliance with state and federal guidelines. Despite these changes and uncertain times, LSU Health Shreveport has not hesitated to respond to the needs of our local community and across the State of Louisiana. A few of the significant accomplishments and contributions from our institution include:

- Creating the Emerging Viral Threat (EVT) Lab, a highly reliable COVID-19 testing lab with the capacity to process up to 1,500 tests a day, in less than two weeks. The EVT Lab was the first testing lab to be established at an academic medical center in Louisiana and is led by a team of our expert scientists and researchers.
- Being the first site in Louisiana and the second in the U.S. to offer the inhaled nitric oxide clinical trial, joining Harvard University (Massachusetts General Hospital) and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- Sending a team of faculty members and residents to New Orleans to provide additional support to their colleagues working in the area of our state most affected by COVID-19.
- Repurposing our Partners in Wellness mobile cancer screening vans to implement COVID-19 testing in rural and medically-underserved areas of north Louisiana with the support of funding from Caddo Parish Commission and a private donor.

School of Medicine students also graduated early to allow them to enter the workforce and provide additional support where needed in the fight against COVID-19. While our Match Day, Senior Award, and Graduation ceremonies were unfortunately not able to take place as planned, that does not change how proud we are of our medical, allied health professions, and graduate studies students and their accomplishments. I wish the very best and great success to all of our graduates going forward in their careers.

Recently, the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Women and Children's services moved to a new home at St. Mary Medical Center, formally the CHRISTUS Schumpert Hospital campus, in the Highland neighborhood to allow for the addition of more than 100 ICU beds at the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Academic Medical Center on Kings Highway. The move of these services would not have been possible without the original generous donation of this property from CHRISTUS to LSU Health Shreveport in 2017, and I am thrilled to see how the facility is being used today.

I am grateful to lead a team of such dedicated healthcare professionals, scientists and students, and I applaud our local and state leadership in taking measures needed to ensure that we reopen Louisiana to our new normal safely. We will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and respond to the needs of our community accordingly. For more information about LSU Health Shreveport's COVID-19 response efforts and updates relating to our campus, please visit www.lsuhs.edu/coronavirus.

Thank you for your continued support of our health sciences center, and stay well.

Sincerely,

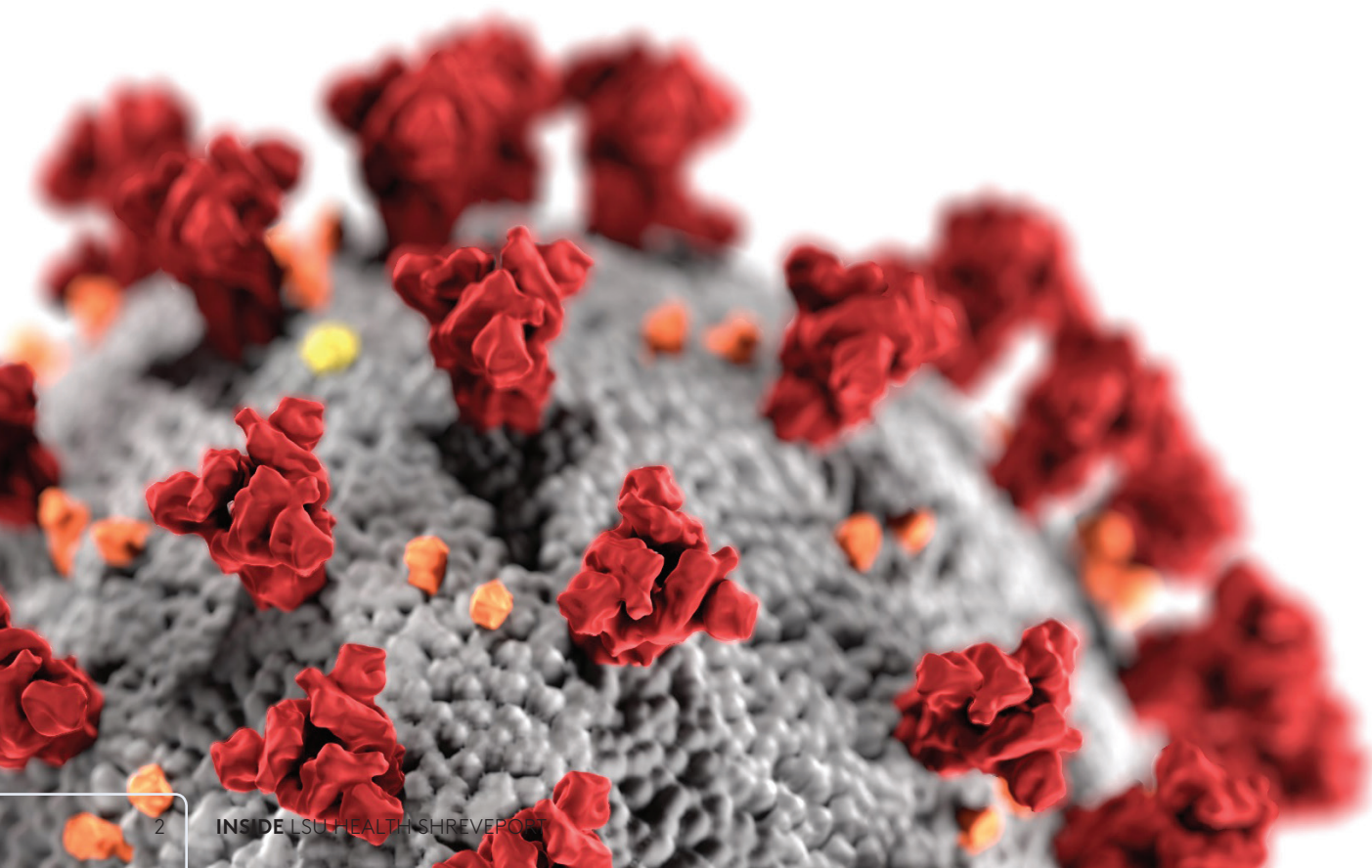
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COVID-19 Response: Emerging Viral Threat Lab Established at LSU Health Shreveport to Address COVID-19 Testing and Research Needs





The scientists, physicians and staff at LSU Health Shreveport did not hesitate to respond to the needs of our local community, state, country and the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over a period of just eight weeks, LSUHS mobilized its team of experts and utilized resources to create initiatives and programs that did not exist before the viral pandemic. Since early March, the COVID-19 Response Team has been working around the clock to provide solutions, and keep Louisiana safe and healthy.

One of the first and most significant accomplishments of our institution was the establishment of the **Emerging Viral Threat (EVT) Laboratory**. With the support of Governor John Bel Edwards and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), scientists established the EVT Lab over the span of 10 days to address the critical need for faster detection and processing of COVID-19 tests. The EVT Lab at LSUHS opened on March 25 and was the first in north Louisiana, and the first lab at an academic medical center in the state, approved to analyze COVID-19 tests. The EVT Lab not only tests to determine if a patient is COVID-19 positive, but it also screens samples for other mutations of the virus. Data obtained from testing samples will be used for further COVID-19 research to better determine how to combat the virus.

"LSU Health Shreveport is proud to have nationally and internationally renowned NIH funded virologists on our faculty. Creation of the Emerging Viral Threat (EVT) laboratory brings together numerous regional experts to provide urgently needed COVID-19 testing solutions while allowing our community and state to be prepared for future viral threats when they occur," said Dr. Chris Kevil, Vice Chancellor for Research.

"I am grateful to all those involved in securing and granting the approvals required to stand up this needed lab so quickly. Our research leadership, faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to reach the milestone of processing COVID-19 tests. Their efforts will play a key role in addressing the impact of this virus on the citizens of Louisiana," stated Dr. G. E. Ghali, LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor.

The EVT Lab also has serology testing capabilities, which detects antibodies and can help better determine the number of COVID-19 cases that include those of people who have already recovered and were asymptomatic. Researchers established an Indirect Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), a lab-based test that can determine the amount of COVID-19 antibodies in a patient sample. Antibodies will be detected against the receptor binding domain of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. This domain of the major glycoprotein mediates attachment to the host cell is most diverse among different coronavirus strains and induces virus-neutralizing antibodies. Florian Krammer, Professor of Microbiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, was instrumental in providing the necessary reagents to the lab at LSUHS and allowing researchers to get the tests up and running quickly. The LSUHS antibody test is different from those that may be commercially available because it allows for the measuring of antibody titers, which shows the amount of antibodies in a person's blood, and if linked to neutralization assays, could possibly determine whether somebody is immune. The team also validated ELISA assays by developing a neutralization assay, which measures the neutralization of 'pseudotyped' VSV virions. These are viruses that mimic SARS-CoV-2 on the outside by expressing the SARS-CoV-2 Spike receptor protein in the viral envelope but harbor harmless (not disease causing) genetic information that allow easy measurement of infection in the lab. This unique testing ability was possible through collaboration with Dr. Benhur Lee at Mount Sinai.

"The serology lab will aid the convalescent plasma therapy clinical trial that is ongoing at LSU Health Shreveport. By identifying the amount of antibody in donated plasma, we can select the most effective plasma to be used to treat infected patients," said Dr. Matthew Woolard, O'Callaghan Family Endowed Professor in Microbiology and Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. "In the future, we hope to use this serology assay to better determine who has been infected and understand the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic in north Louisiana."

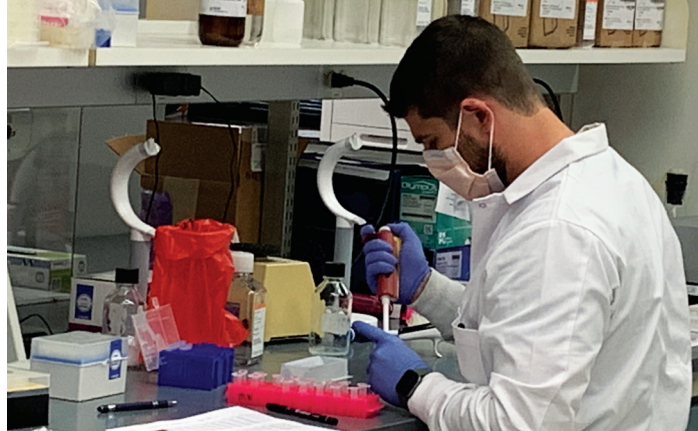
To date, the EVT Lab has completed nearly 13,000 virology tests and more than 2,000 serology tests.

Leading Research: LSU Health Shreveport First in Louisiana to be Approved Site for Three COVID-19 Clinical Trials

LSU Health Shreveport was the first institution in Louisiana and among the first in the U.S. to enroll patients in three clinical trials studying possible treatments for COVID-19 patients.

In April, critical care and emergency medicine faculty at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine joined the Department of Anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), the largest teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, and the Division of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine at University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) to become one of the first centers in the country to enroll patients in an international study testing using inhaled nitric oxide to improve outcomes for COVID-19 patients with severely damaged lungs, using gas to effectively “kill” coronavirus in the lungs and improve delivery of oxygen to injured tissues.

“This is a wonderful collaboration with highly regarded institutions in the U.S. as well as the sites in Europe. We have tremendous confidence that this therapy will alter the devastating effects of COVID-19, but we must test it. If results show promise, and since this gas is already FDA approved, wide spread use could begin immediately,” shared Dr. Keith Scott, Professor of Pediatrics and Principal Investigator for the inhaled nitric oxide clinical trials at LSU Health Shreveport. “I am fortunate to have my esteemed colleague Dr. Steven Conrad working alongside me on this trial as he brings immense research experience and knowledge in working with critically ill patients.”



In May, LSU Health Shreveport became one of five sites in the world at the time involved in a clinical trial that assesses inhaled nitric oxide as a treatment for patients with mild to moderate cases of COVID-19. This clinical trial in particular will monitor patients with mild to moderate cases of COVID-19 to see how they respond to inhaled nitric oxide as a treatment. Preventing disease progression in spontaneously breathing patients with mild to moderate disease could help to reduce the number of severe cases and deaths, which in turn lessens demand on healthcare resources such as critical care physicians and nurses.

Massachusetts General Hospital reports that preliminary data suggests that inhaled nitric oxide could have a virus-killing effect on COVID-19, due to the genomic similarities between this virus and those that caused the SARS and MERS outbreaks. Studies during the SARS outbreak in 2004-2005 demonstrated that nitric oxide was effective in killing that virus.



What is nitric oxide?

In humans, nitric oxide is naturally generated by blood vessels and by some brain cells as well. It helps to regulate blood pressure, engulfs invading toxins, and prevents platelets in the blood from forming clots that may be significantly compromised during times of stress including infection thus warranting the need for a supplemental supply. When inflammation, emphysema or a disease like cystic fibrosis attacks the lungs, the large blood vessels and tiny capillaries that deliver oxygen constrict. Inhaled nitric oxide also relaxes those vessels, increasing the transfer of oxygen to the blood and easing the heart's workload.

What is known about nitric oxide as a treatment for COVID-19?

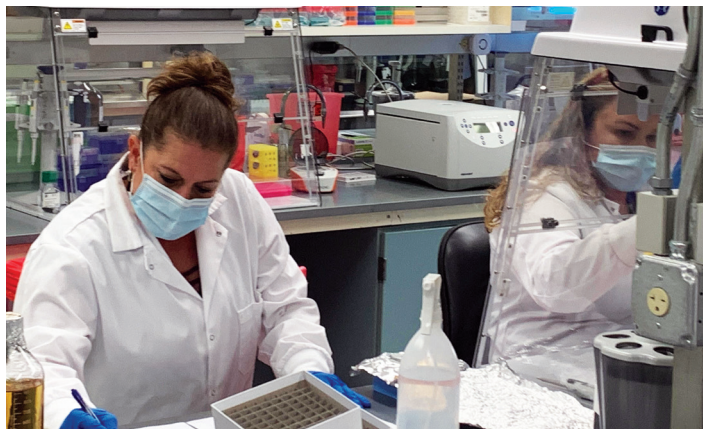
Inhaled nitric oxide had previously been suggested to decrease original SARS-CoV infectivity over a decade ago, but its effect on SARS-CoV-2 remains unknown. Moreover, research from LSU Health Shreveport has shown that nitric oxide is a strong protector against tissue hypoxia, which occurs during severe COVID-19 infection. In Italy, the gas was used under less controlled study conditions; however, the treatment appeared to dramatically boost oxygen levels in the blood of COVID-19 patients, said Dr. Lorenzo Berra, the critical-care specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital who is leading these inhaled nitric oxide clinical trials that LSU Health Shreveport is a collaborator on. However, it will take more rigorous testing to clarify how much nitric oxide helps, he said.





The third clinical trial that began at LSU Health Shreveport in April involves convalescent plasma therapy. This investigative therapy uses convalescent plasma from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19. It is possible that convalescent plasma contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 (the strain of coronavirus that causes COVID-19) and might be effective against the infection. Use of convalescent plasma has been studied in outbreaks of other respiratory infections, including the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus pandemic, 2004 SARS-CoV-1 epidemic, and the 2012 MERS-CoV epidemic. In the afternoon of April 4, the first convalescent plasma therapy in Louisiana was provided to a critically ill COVID-19 patient, an achievement made possible with the help and expertise of LSU Health Shreveport physicians and researchers. The transfused plasma was donated hours earlier that same day by two people at LifeShare Blood Center in Shreveport. Both individuals who donated plasma at LifeShare were fully recovered from COVID-19.

Although promising, more research is needed as convalescent plasma has yet to be definitively shown to be effective in COVID-19.

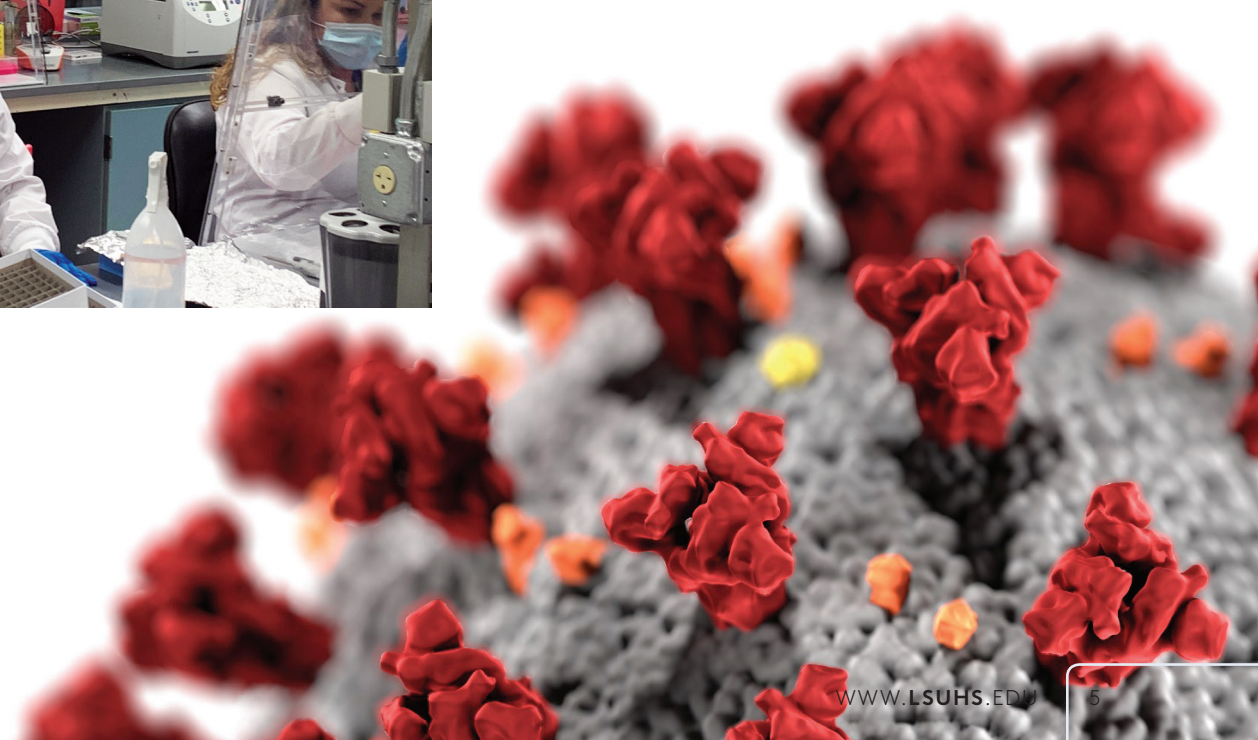


There is a need for donations of convalescent plasma to be able to perform this therapy. The current criteria for convalescent plasma donations is that a person must be 14 days post-recovery of COVID-19 with a positive antibody test.

At LSU Health Shreveport, Dr. Ricky Bass, Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, is generating the registry of convalescent plasma donors and Dr. Matthew Woolard, is collaborating with LifeShare Blood Center in Shreveport to define antibody titers.

“Because of the LSU Health Shreveport Emerging Viral Threat Lab and its serology testing platform, we are uniquely able to identify potential convalescent plasma donors in collaboration with LifeShare to produce this potentially lifesaving therapy,” said Dr. Kevil.

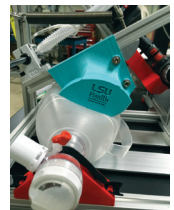
To learn more about COVID-19 clinical trials at LSU Health Shreveport, visit www.lsuhs.edu/research/clinical-trials



A Leader in Louisiana & Beyond:

LSU Health Shreveport was challenged and supported by leadership at the onset of the coronavirus to play a key role in providing solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to rapidly establishing and expanding the Emerging Viral Threat Lab, facilitating mobile testing sites throughout north Louisiana, and becoming a site for COVID-19 treatment clinical trials:

- Fourth-year medical students graduated 45 days early, allowing them to enter the workforce sooner and join their fellow healthcare workers in the fight against COVID-19 in our community.
- LSUHS leadership and faculty in Shreveport and Monroe responded to the call from Governor Edwards to create Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for both TV and radio in north Louisiana to educate the public on the importance of physical distancing and staying at home.
- Employees, students and community members who were able to donate blood were encouraged to do so due to the blood supply shortage. LSUHS students, faculty and staff in Shreveport and Monroe have donated more than 75 known units of blood to date.
- A group of faculty physicians and residents traveled to New Orleans, which was the epicenter of COVID-19 cases in Louisiana, to volunteer and assist their colleagues in south Louisiana caring for COVID-19 patients. Dr. Angela Cornelius, Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, is using her experience as a member of the LSU Health Shreveport Strike Team in New Orleans and leading a research study to better understand what clinical parameters influence disease outcomes.
- Clinical and scientific faculty collaborated to create 3D-printed full-face masks and shields that are being worn by staff in the EVT Lab and, the designed and built ventilator prototypes using 3D-printed and easily accessible materials, making them unique in that they do not require complex equipment, machining, or extensive knowledge of engineering and electronics to be assembled. These devices are affordable and could make emergency medical ventilation available nearly anywhere there are 3D printers and internet access.
- Faculty members have served as subject-matter experts for numerous media opportunities, and have authored or contributed to articles in national publications for their specialties that highlight safety recommendations for performing surgeries during the COVID-19 pandemic.



For more about LSU Health Shreveport's COVID-19 response efforts and the latest updates:

www.lsuhs.edu/coronavirus
www.lsuhs.edu/EVTLab
@LSUHSEVTLab on Twitter



Innovation & Mobile Testing

The COVID-19 pandemic has produced many medical challenges, which LSU Health Shreveport has risen to meet. Among the most important goals for clinicians and scientists has been to determine whether a patient is infected with COVID-19. While the LSUHS COVID-19 Response Team very rapidly created the EVT Lab in Shreveport, there have been national shortages for testing supplies, which have threatened the ability of such testing labs to perform tests. A crucial part of COVID-19 test kits are the nasal swabs, which have been in short supply as the demand for COVID-19 testing has increased around the United States and internationally. These swabs need to be prepared from specific materials and must have particular shapes to ensure accuracy of for specimen collection.

Fortunately, scientists at LSU Health Shreveport were able to utilize existing research and design facilities at the institution to 3D print resin polymer nasal swabs which can be used by the EVT Lab. As part of a national cooperative with the University of South Florida (USF) Health, Northwell Health, New York's largest healthcare provider, and Formlabs, LSU Health Shreveport obtained the printing files for a patented swab design, becoming the first in Louisiana to produce these patented 3D-printed swabs. Dr. Steven

Alexander, Molecular and Cellular Physiology Professor, is leading the effort and started to produce these 3D-printed nasal swabs in large numbers using a technique called photopolymer laser printing. This light activated printing technique can produce medical devices that are chemically inert, sterile and compatible with accurate testing procedures. Dr. Alexander's lab has already produced thousands of swabs.

"This type of printing enables us to make even the most sophisticated testing tools available anywhere and the workflow is increasing so that hopefully soon we may not only meet our own needs, but perhaps other hospitals in the area," said Dr. Alexander. "The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally challenged how we work, but 3D printing can really help overcome problems with the availability of medical supplies, shipping and delivery which help to ensure continuity of medical testing and care."



Testing continues to be an important aspect of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. When the need was identified to expand community testing and make access to COVID-19 testing more readily available in rural

and urban medically-underserved areas of our region most affected by the virus, LSU Health Shreveport was able to respond with a solution quickly by utilizing the Partners in Wellness mobile screening vans and capabilities of the Emerging Viral Threat (EVT) Lab to establish a mobile COVID-19 testing initiative. These community testing efforts have been made possible due to LSU Health Shreveport's long-standing partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Centers across north Louisiana, financial support from Caddo Parish Commission and corporate donors, logistics and safety oversight by the Louisiana National Guard, and additional support from civic groups like One Hundred Men of Shreveport and many other organizations and businesses in our community. (Read more about our community supporters on page 24.) LSU Health Shreveport also has decades of experience with traveling to medically underserved areas in rural and urban neighborhoods for decades, providing these areas with adequate access to cancer screening exams and education about cancer prevention through the Partners in Wellness mobile cancer screening unit. Those who come to the testing sites stay in car for the duration of the process to limit their exposure to others. Swabbing is conducted on-site and the samples are properly stored on the Partners in Wellness van to be brought back to LSU Health Shreveport for processing by the EVT Lab. All testing is free, and everyone is sent home with a "stay healthy" kit that includes a mask, hygiene products, information on next steps after testing, and educational materials on COVID-19 prevention. A key goal for LSUHS at these testing sites is to educate attendees about the virus and preventative measures they need to be taking to avoid getting sick or getting someone else sick because our behaviors now and will determine how well north Louisiana can control another possible wave of COVID-19 in the future.

Since the end of April, more than 20 testing sites have been held across north Louisiana in nine parishes, and nearly 1,700 tests have been administered. •



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Nicole D. Nammour

Residency: Medicine-Pediatrics, University of Tennessee HSC

Chi My Nguyen

Residency: Family Medicine, University of Texas HSC

Catlin Nicole Orschel

Residency: General Surgery, East Tennessee State University

Charles Eugene Padgett, Jr.

Residency: Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center

Allan Thomas Parr, III

Residency: Anesthesiology, Tulane University

Anne Lee Parsiola

Residency: Anesthesiology, University of Oklahoma

Hirni Yatin Patel

Residency: Anesthesiology, LSU Health Shreveport

Sagar Ramesh Patel

Residency: Anesthesiology, LSU Health Shreveport

Victoria Susan Patton

Residency: Surgery-Preliminary, LSU Health New Orleans

Tina Chau Lien Phan

Residency: Medicine-Pediatrics, University of Tennessee HSC

Allison Marie Pinner

Residency: Internal Medicine, LSU Health New Orleans

Destiny Janell Price

Residency: Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center

Tierra Latrice Range

Residency: Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine

Sabrina Dawn Reed

Residency: Family Medicine, Prisma Health Upstate-University of South Carolina

Lindy Rebecca Robichaux-Edwards

Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery, LSU Health Shreveport

Darius Joseph Robinson

Residency: Psychiatry, LSU Health New Orleans

Mitchell Lee Rodeheaver

Residency: Psychiatry, LSU Health New Orleans

Logan Renee Brown Roka

Residency: Obstetrics & Gynecology, University Hospitals in Jackson, MS

Brent Christopher Ruiz

Residency: Internal Medicine, Ochsner Clinic Foundation

Gabriel Gerard Sampognaro

Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery, LSU Health Shreveport

Gabrielle Symone Sanford

Residency: Internal Medicine, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge

Daniel Mark Seeser

Residency: Family Medicine, Memorial/LSU HSC Family Medicine Center in Lake Charles

Indrajit Sehbi

Residency: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, LSU Health Shreveport

Pooja Shailesh Shah

Residency: Internal Medicine, LSU Health Shreveport

John Logan Sobiesk

Residency: Otolaryngology, LSU Health New Orleans

Monique Renesha Spears

Residency: Family Medicine, East Tennessee State University

Patrick Joseph St. Martin

Residency: Family Medicine, LSU Health Shreveport

Malia Lynn Tarpley

Residency: Emergency Medicine, Baylor Scott & White

Brittin Cecilia Thibodeaux

Residency: Obstetrics & Gynecology, LSU Health Shreveport

Rithika Marumagan Thirumal

Residency: Internal Medicine, University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Collette Maria Tilly

Residency: Medicine-Pediatrics, University of Arkansas

Brandon Michael Toy

Residency: Medicine-Preliminary, Medical City North Texas Consortium

Lexus Lea Trosclair

Residency: Surgery-Preliminary, University of South Alabama Hospitals

Robert Sean Ross Tyler

Residency: Internal Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina

Jacqueline Anne Van Gheem

Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Madelynn Renee Watkins

Residency: General Surgery, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Madushani I. Wijetunge

Residency: Pediatrics, San Antonio Military Medical Center

Class of 2020

School of Medicine, cont.

Brooke Piland Wilmore

Residency: Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma

Travis Hammett Wilmore

Residency: Urology, University of Oklahoma

Brelynn Dianne Witty

Residency: Surgery-Preliminary, LSU Health New Orleans

Morgan Elise Wright

Residency: Internal Medicine, Memorial Health University Medical Center

Peter Calvin Wrzesinski

Residency: Psychiatry, LSU Health Shreveport

Anna Catherine Yates

Residency: Obstetrics & Gynecology, Adventist Health White Memorial

Nicolas Abraham Zaunbrecher

Residency: Ophthalmology, LSU Health Shreveport

Peter Wei Zhang

Residency: Internal Medicine, University of Tennessee HSC

Senior Award Winners

Dept. of Emergency Medicine

- Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award: **Malia Lynn Tarpley**
- Department of Emergency Medicine Faculty Award: **Danielle Bedgood Handrop**

Dept. of Family Medicine

- Department of Family Medicine Arthur T. Fort, III, MD Chairman's Award: **Cade John Burns**
- Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Practice Award: **Kaitlin Allison Crane**
- John Haynes Country Doctor Award: **Danielle Bedgood Handrop**

Dept. of Internal Medicine

- American College of Physicians Award for Excellence in Medicine: **Katie Elizabeth-Marie Moreaux**
- Department of Internal Medicine Award of Excellence: **Phillip Thomas Holly**

Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology

- Horace E. Thompson, MD Memorial Award for Excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology: **Charles Eugene Padgett, Jr.**

Dept. of Ophthalmology

- John W. Henderson, Excellence in Ophthalmology Award: **Elleny Mari Gutierrez**

Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery

- Orthopedic Surgery Outstanding Student Award: **Gabriel Gerard Sampognaro**

Dept. of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

- Cheryl Clark Lyles Outstanding Student Award in Otolaryngology-HNS Research: **Madison Leigh Buras**

Department of Pediatrics

- Robert T. Lucas Award: **Youmna Elena Moufarrej**
- Dr. Amy Ashford Yates Memorial Award in Pediatrics: **Tierra Latrice Range**
- Ralph W. Baucum, Jr. MD Award: **Savannah Ray Ellis**

Department of Psychiatry

- John W. Bick, Jr. MD Award in Psychiatry: **Peter Calvin Wrzesinski**

Department of Radiology

- John Odita, MD Outstanding Medical Student Award: **Ross Connor Holston**

Department of Surgery

- Faculty Award to a Graduating Medical Student for Excellence in Surgery: **Garrett Dru Lambert**

Department of Urology

- Robert K. Womack Memorial Urology Award: **Travis Hammett Wilmore**

Office for Diversity Affairs

- Senior Award for Outstanding Underrepresented Minority Student: **Tierra Latrice Range**

Office for Student Affairs

- Student Yearbook Award: **Amber Victoria McKenna** and **Kaitlin Allison Crane**
- Lewis Gottlieb Scholar Award: **Tina Chau Lien Phan**
- Dr. and Mrs. Adrian Reed Memorial Award: **Fehima Christy Dawy**

North Louisiana Medical Society

- NLMS Honor Award: **Fehima Christy Dawy**
- Pattie W. Van Hook, MD Memorial Award: **Claire Elizabeth Franklin**

Arnold Gold Foundation

- 2020 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award: **Logan Renee Brown Roka**
- Faculty Winner: **David Scarborough, MD - Associate Clinical Professor of Endocrinology**

LSUHS Foundation Awards

- Reid Chadwick Memorial Award: **Dustin Richard Latimer** and **Tierra Latrice Range**
- Drs. Alice and Joe Holoubek LSU Medical School Founder Award: **Katie Elizabeth-Marie Moreaux**
- Ascension Delgado Smith Excellence Award: **Anna Catherine Yates**

LSUHS Foundation Awards, cont.

- Don & Ruby Horton Generosity of Spirit Award: **Jacqueline Anne Van Gheem**
- Aaron Selber, Jr. Leadership Award: **Anne Lee Parsiola**
- Ike Muslow, MD Visionary Award: **Phillip Thomas Holly**
- John C. McDonald, MD Award: **Fehima Christy Dawy**

Chancellor's Office

- Chancellor's Award: **Travis Hammett Wilmore**
- Faculty Award for Academic Achievement: **Michael John Caire**

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

Class of 2020 Elected as Juniors:

- **Anne Lee Parsiola**, President
- **Madison Leigh Buras**, Vice President
- **Rebecca Ariel Moreci**, Community Service Chair
- **Michael John Caire**, NRMP Chairman

Class of 2020 Elected as Seniors:

- **Blake William Boudreaux**
- **Grant Michael Breeland**
- **Patrick Ryan Connor**
- **Savannah Ray Ellis**
- **John Hedgepeth**
- **Phillip Thomas Holly**
- **Ross Connor Holston**
- **Taylor Renee Lahasky**
- **Alaina Claire Lofaso**
- **Chi My Nguyen**
- **Charles Eugene Padgett, Jr.**
- **Tina Chau Lien Phan**
- **Lindy Rebecca Robichaux-Edwards**
- **Travis Hammett Wilmore**
- **Brelynn Dianne Witty**
- **Nicolas Abraham Zaunbrecher**

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Class of 2020

- **Madison Leigh Buras**
- **Lauren Claire Cooper**
- **Daniel Edward Core**
- **Elizabeth Blair Davis**
- **Fehima Christy Dawy**
- **Claire Elizabeth Franklin**
- **Phillip Thomas Holly**
- **Amber Victoria McKenna**
- **Katie Elizabeth-Marie Moreaux**
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- **Nicolas Abraham Zaunbrecher**

Class Notes

Jacques Peltier, MD (*School of Medicine, Class of 2002*) and **Brandon Cambre, MD** (*School of Medicine, Class of 2002*) were selected to serve on the North Oaks Medical Center Medical Executive Committee for 2020. Dr. Peltier, an ENT physician will serve as Surgery Department Chairman. Dr. Cambre, an emergency medicine physician, will serve a second consecutive term as Emergency Medicine Chairman.

J. Colton Bradshaw, MD, FAAP (*School of Medicine, Class of 1979*) received the Titus Regional Medical Foundation's Lifetime Achievement in Healthcare Award. Dr. Bradshaw has been a pediatrician for more than 36 years, partnered with fellow graduates **Joel Chapman, MD, FAAP** (*School of Medicine, Class of 1979*) and **Gerald A. Stagg, MD, FAAP** (*School of Medicine, Class of 1978*) at The Pediatric Clinic, PA in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Dr. Bradshaw is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has served as President of the Board of Trustees for Harts Bluff Independent School District for the last 17 years, which recently constructed the "Dr. J. Colton Bradshaw Early Learning Center," named in his honor.

Tahir Qayyum, MD, was sworn in as the 72nd President of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFFP) at their annual awards luncheon in New Orleans on Aug. 3, 2019. Dr. Qayyum completed his Family Medicine Residency in Monroe and has been in private practice for over 20 years.

Colonel Dennis Britten, MD, was sworn in as the commander of the 307th Medical Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base on Sept. 7, 2019. Dr. Britten completed his Internal Medicine

Residency and his Cardiology Fellowship in Shreveport and his daughter, Alexandra, is currently a medical student at LSU Health Shreveport.

Tim Hart, MD (*School of Medicine, Class of 1973*) was named the Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals – North Louisiana Chapter.

James Craven, MD (*School of Medicine, Class of 1997*) was named president of Our Lady of the Lake Physician Group, which has more than 500 practicing physicians serving Baton Rouge and the surrounding regions. As president of Our Lady of the Lake Physician Group, Dr. Craven's responsibilities will include driving results for clinical affordability, quality, growth and financial performance, as well as for internal physician relations and external relationship initiatives.

Richard H. Turnage, MD, FACS (*School of Medicine, Class of 1983*) was named Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs in the UAMS College of Medicine (COM).

Mark S. Grubb, MD (*School of Medicine, Class of 1981*) was recognized by Continental Who's Who as a Pinnacle Lifetime Achiever in the field of Medicine as Pediatrician at Woodcreek Healthcare By Mary Bridge in Puyallup, WA.

Patrick Barousse, MD (*School of Medicine, Class of 2013*) joined the North Oaks Orthopaedic Specialty Center in Hammond, LA. Dr. Barousse specializes in foot and ankle issues and recently completed a foot and ankle fellowship at UC Davis.

Alumni Spotlight:

Lori Panu, MPH, CCRC (*SAHP Master of Public Health, Class of 2016*) is the new Clinical Research Program Manager for the Cerebrospinal Fluid Leak Research Program within the Stanford Center for Clinical Research (SCCR) in the School of Medicine. The mission of the Stanford Center for Clinical Research is to "conduct and promote high-impact, innovative clinical research to improve human health." The Clinical Research Program Manager position was created to manage a brand new program in SCCR collaborating with the Pain Division. Not only will Lori help build the clinical research portfolio, but she will plan and manage the public health outreach and education within the Stanford community as well as the greater San Francisco Bay Area community. Collaborations will also be fostered with national and international medical institutions to bring awareness to new research on cerebrospinal fluid leaks.



"This program needed not only an experienced clinical research coordinator with demonstrated program management skills, but also a versatile public health professional with an entrepreneurial spirit to help build useful collaborations for community outreach and education," said Lori. "The role of Program Manager was the perfect fit for me thanks to the Master of Public Health program through LSU Health Shreveport and LSU Shreveport, and all the experiences the program provided to me."



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We'd love to hear from you! To share a professional or personal note, or update your email and mailing address, visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/alumniupdate.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Physician Assistant Program is celebrating its 25th year of preparing qualified Physician Assistants to provide health care for Louisiana citizens and is embarking on a bold plan to expand access to the LSU Health Shreveport Allied Health PA program. A new scholarship fund has been established for highly qualified students, allowing the School of Allied Health Professions to enhance recruitment efforts and grow the PA Program. As part of the 25th Anniversary Campaign, alumni can sponsor the short white coat for first year PA students. Sponsoring affords alumni the opportunity to write a note of encouragement to the student and place it in the pocket of the white coat, which students receive at the Short White Coat Cloaking Ceremony, currently planned for Sept. 19, 2020. We look forward to growing this event yearly!



To learn more about the PA Scholarship Fund and how you can make an impact with a contribution, contact the program at (318) 813-2920 or visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/pascholarship.

Alumni Reunion Weekends

HONORING THE SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

*HONORING THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
CLASSES OF 1990, 2000 & 2010*

SCHEDULED FOR:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

*HONORING THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
CLASSES OF 1975 & 1980*

RESCHEDULED FOR:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/alumni for additional details.
Please take a moment to update your contact information
at www.lsuhsfoundation.org/alumniupdate.

An Evening for HEALERS

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, **An Evening for Healers** has been postponed from its original date of May 7 to the Fall of 2020.

While the institution's signature event raises critical funds for LSU Health Shreveport and shines a spotlight on the first responders and health care professionals who save lives every day, the greatest priority is maintaining the health and well-being of our community.

Please continue to check our website at www.lsuhsfoundation.org/healers for updates.

BOURBON and BOOTS

Let's Kick Cancer Out!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020

Save the Date

FEIST-WEILLER CANCER CENTER
LIFE SAVERS

Dinner and Auction Honoring Dr. Glenn Mills

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

LSUHS PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS PARTNER TO HOST INAUGURAL HBCU DAY

The Office of Diversity Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs, School of Medicine, School of Allied Health Professions, and the School of Graduate Studies collaborated to host the inaugural HBCU Day at LSU Health Shreveport. Fifty-five students currently enrolled at a 4-year HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in Louisiana were welcomed to campus for a weekend of information sessions and workshops. Students enrolled at Grambling, Southern (Baton Rouge and New Orleans campuses), Xavier, and Dillard participated. The weekend started with a Meet-and-Greet event on Friday evening, followed by an 8-hour workshop on Saturday. The prospective students attended informational sessions, panel discussions, and went on a campus tour. They had an opportunity to engage with LSUHS faculty, staff, and current students, and discuss with them the pathways to become a medical doctor, allied health professional or researcher. Session topics included curriculum, learning environment, admissions process, financial aid, student groups, summer research, mentoring programs, campus culture and climate, and student experiences. HBCU Day was free for students to attend, and the weekend included travel, lodging, and food.

"HBCU Day was established as a part of LSU Health Shreveport's strategy to recruit more students from priority populations and increase awareness of our institution's program offerings," said Toni Thibeaux, ABD, MPH, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity Affairs.

The Office of Diversity Affairs is dedicated to providing equal opportunity and assisting those who have traditionally been on the outside looking in, and is currently raising funds for the critical need to increase students from priority populations who apply, interview, accept, and graduate from the LSU Health Shreveport. To learn more about the Office of Diversity Affairs and how to support future HBCU Day events visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org/diversityaffairs.



THANK YOU HBCU DAY SPONSORS!

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Office of Academic Affairs

Schools of Allied Health Professions,
Graduate Studies and Medicine

and

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Delta Lambda Omega Chapter

2ND ANNUAL RESEARCH CELEBRATION RECOGNIZED CONTINUED GROWTH AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN RESEARCH

LSU Health Shreveport leadership, faculty, staff, students and community supporters recently honored the continued growth of research initiatives and funding at the second annual Research Celebration event. Significant biomedical research achievements at LSUHS from the past year were highlighted throughout the evening, and faculty members who have excelled in various areas of research were honored with Office of Research Excellence Awards. Dr. Chris Kevil, Vice Chancellor for Research, also highlighted things to look forward to in the future and exciting collaborative research projects currently in the works.



Office of Research Excellence Award Winners:

- Dr. Connie Arnold and Dr. Terry Davis received the *Excellence in Extramural Funding Award*.
- Dr. Paari Dominic received the *Excellence in Translational Research Award*.
- Dr. Steve Alexander and Dr. Chris Kevil received the *Excellence in Innovation Award*.
- Dr. Mani Panchatcharam received the *Scientific Research Impact in Basic Science Award*
- Dr. John Vanchiere received the *Scientific Research Impact in Clinical Science Award*.
- Mr. Ross Barrett received the *Community Champion Award* for his continued support of LSU Health Shreveport and its research endeavors.

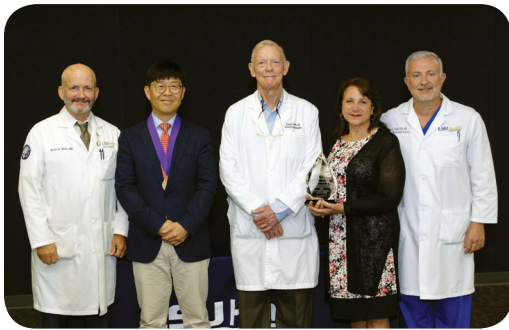
DR. ANTHONY SIN NAMED INAUGURAL DONALD AND KATHRYN R. SMITH ENDOWED CHAIR IN SPINAL TREATMENT

Anthony Sin, MD, FAANS, Vice Chair, Professor and Director of Complex Spinal Disorders in the Department of Neurosurgery, has been awarded the Donald and Kathryn R. Smith Endowed Chair in Spinal Treatment. The Donald and Kathryn R. Smith Endowed Chair in Spinal Treatment is used to develop a program for comparison studies and follow-up of patients diagnosed with various disorders of the spine to help determine the most effective treatments. The honored professor may use the funds to enhance the quality of their curriculum, facilities or instruction in any way they deem necessary. Dr. Sin plans to invest resources to properly manage spine patients that are being treated at our clinic to better track outcome measures.

“Clinical outcomes can be measured in many different ways, and it is essential to be able to create a database and follow these patients for years so that we can more accurately see the impact of any trends in outcomes in spinal research,” explained Dr. Sin.

A research associate will also be hired for the department with the endowed chair funding. This associate will be able to maintain and update all the research projects and the database in addition to keeping up with IRB protocols. Dr. Sin envisions a clinical fellowship program being developed in the future to train postgraduate neurosurgery residents in complex spinal disorders at LSU Health Shreveport.

Dr. Sin joined the Department of Neurosurgery faculty in 2008 after completing his Neurosurgery Residency at LSU Health Shreveport and a complex spine fellowship at the University of Tennessee in Memphis under Dr. Kevin Foley. He completed a fellowship in Neurotrauma at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, an internship in Internal Medicine at Emory University, and an additional internship in General Surgery at the State University of New York in Stony Brook. The endowed chair is named for Dr. Donald Smith and his wife, Kathryn. Dr. Smith is clinical professor in the Department of Neurosurgery and a pillar in the neurosurgical community in the Shreveport-Bossier area. Dr. Smith established the first Neurosurgical Service at LSU Health Shreveport in 1977 while still in private practice. He joined the Department of Neurosurgery faculty full-time in 1996 and helped develop the residency training program.



“My relationship with Dr. Smith, both on a personal and professional level, influenced my professional path more than anyone else for more than 17 years. His honesty and impeccable integrity guided my initial interest into spine surgery as a young resident, and he still remains to be the main influence on me to serve this region as the tertiary referral spine surgeon for North-west Louisiana. It is truly an honor and privilege to be appointed the first Donald and Kathryn R. Smith Endowed Chair in Spinal Treatment,” said Dr. Sin.

Dr. Sin’s endowed chair appointment will span the remainder of his tenure with the Department of Neurosurgery faculty at LSU Health Shreveport.

LSUHS HOSTS LOUISIANA JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

LSU Health Shreveport hosted the Louisiana Junior Science Humanities and Symposium (JSHS), one of 48 regional JSHS competitions, which features presentations of original research conducted by high school students from around the state of Louisiana. Five regional finalists are awarded an expense-paid trip to National Symposium held in Bethesda, Maryland, and three finalists are eligible to receive scholarship awards totaling \$4,500. The Junior Science and Humanities Symposia (JSHS) Program is jointly sponsored by the United States Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, in cooperation with leading research universities throughout the nation. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed JSHS on the NASSP Advisory List of Contests and Activities. JSHS is designed to challenge and engage students in grades 9-12 in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). Individual students compete for scholarships and recognition by presenting the results of their original research efforts before a panel of judges and an audience of their peers.



Congratulations to the regional finalists:

- First place: Joseph Clary (Caddo Magnet High School)
- Second place: Grace Sun (Caddo Magnet High School)
- Third place: Ashini Modi (Caddo Magnet High School)
- Fourth place: Diya Desai (Caddo Magnet High School)
- Fifth place: Rachel Pizzolato (John Curtis Christian School)

Additional winners:

- Outstanding Teacher in Advancing STEM: Sam Loftus (New Orleans Charter Science and Math Academy)
- Poster Competition Winners: Jay Iyer (First place, Baton Rouge Magnet High School) and Sarah Harris (Second place, St Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge)

LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT RECEIVES GIFT FROM O'CALLAGHAN FAMILY TO CREATE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

LSU Health Shreveport has received a generous gift of \$64,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Dennis J. O'Callaghan to establish an endowed professorship within the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the School of Graduate Studies. The O'Callaghan Family Endowed Professorship in Microbiology will enhance the department's competitive, cutting-edge research program and facilitate the continued research productivity and academic excellence of a faculty member in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

The gift from the O'Callaghan family will be combined with other donations supporting the O'Callaghan Family Endowed Professorship, which honors Dr. O'Callaghan's parents, John and Odeal O'Callaghan, and the life and legacy of Dr. O'Callaghan's wife of 51 years, Helen Frances O'Callaghan, who sadly passed away in November 2018.



The Louisiana Board of Regents through its Endowed Professorships program has provided \$20,000 in matching funds to create this professorship.

"Dr. O'Callaghan came to us as he was approaching his retirement last spring with the desire to have a deeper impact on the institution he loved so dearly. He has given so much to LSU Health Shreveport already over the years, yet still wanted to give back and do something truly special to support LSUHS faculty and students," said Kevin Flood, president and CEO of the LSU Health Sciences Foundation. "This endowed professorship bears the name 'The O'Callaghan Family Endowed Professorship' to honor Dr. O'Callaghan's parents and his beloved wife. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this Endowed Professorship and honored to have it be a part of Dr. O'Callaghan's legacy at LSU Health Shreveport."

Matthew D. Woolard, PhD, Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, is the first holder of the O'Callaghan Family Endowed Professorship in Microbiology. Dr. O'Callaghan and Dr. Martin Sapp, PhD, Chairman of the Microbiology and Immunology Department, shared that Dr. Woolard is a talented and outstanding scientist, faculty member, and mentor to doctoral and postdoctoral trainees. His ongoing research on atherosclerosis is supported by a R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and he serves his field nationally and internationally as a journal reviewer and member of numerous scientific societies.

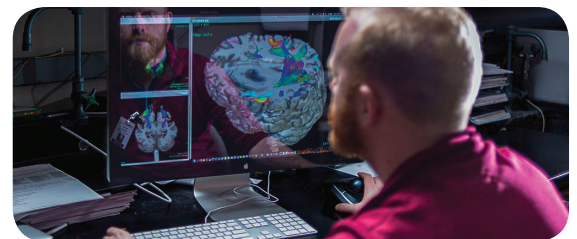
About Dennis J. O'Callaghan, PhD:

Dr. Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Boyd Professor Emeritus, served LSU Health Shreveport for nearly 34 years as the Chairman of Microbiology and Immunology. During his tenure, Dr. O'Callaghan taught approximately 10,000 students, postdoctoral fellows, and medical residents throughout his career. At LSUHS, Dr. O'Callaghan developed the Doctoral Program in Microbiology and Immunology and established the Center for Molecular and Tumor Virology (CMTV), which was awarded 15 years of funding by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Center for Research Resources. His contributions to research at LSUHS are extensive. He was the first faculty member to be awarded a COBRE grant, which supported the CMTV, and has secured more than \$39 million dollars in research funding, the most of any faculty member in the history of the institution.

RESEARCH CENTERS APPROVED BY LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS

The newest research center at LSU Health Shreveport, the **Louisiana Addiction Research Center (LARC)**, received conditional one year approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents in December 2019. With the mission to provide addiction research and education in an integrated environment pursuing the latest in innovative approaches and learning, the LARC is dedicated to developing a continuum of care in Louisiana that will leverage potential therapeutic models through these collaborations, ultimately resulting in advancing our care delivery abilities to improve outcomes in those who suffer from Substance Use Disorders.

The LARC synchronizes multiple areas of basic and clinical research, academia and Centers of Excellence within LSU Health Shreveport to foster collaborative, multidisciplinary research throughout Louisiana. Nicholas E. Goeders, PhD, Professor and Chair of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience, is the LARC Executive Director, and James C. Patterson II, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, is the Clinical Research Director. The **Center for Brain Health (CBH)** has received full approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents. The CBH is directed by Elizabeth Disbrow, PhD, Associate Professor of Neurology, and strives to expand neuroscience-related education, provide comprehensive care for brain disorders, attract young specialists and pioneering clinical trials to north Louisiana, and develop a core of federally funded investigators necessary to compete for large scale research funding.



HONORS & ELECTIONS



Quyen D. Chu, MD, was elected President of Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and was awarded the 2020 Charles Lester Black Humanitarian Award.



Martin Sapp, PhD, was selected to be a member of the NIH's Center for Scientific Review Virology-A Study Section. He will serve as a member of this Study Section for four years.



Hugo Cuellar, MD, PhD, DABR, has been named Interim Chairman of the Department of Radiology.



Avery Callahan, MD, was elected to serve as President of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of EMS Physicians.



Angela Cornelius, MD, was elected to serve as President-Elect for the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of EMS Physicians.



Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, was inducted into the Junior Achievement of North Louisiana Business of Hall of Fame. Dr. Nathan was also named a 2020 American Cancer Society Champion of Hope Honoree.



Jason Bodily, PhD, was elected Vice President and President-Elect of the South Central Branch of the American Society of Microbiology.



Stephan N. Witt, PhD, FCSSI, was named a Senior Fellow of the Cell Stress Society International (CSSI).



Marlene Broussard, MD, MBA, is now one of the country's first board certified Pediatric Hospital Medicine Specialists. The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) recently established a procedure for subspecialty certification in Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM). The first board exam was held in November 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY INVESTITURES:

R. Keith White, MD, FACS, was appointed the John C. McDonald Endowed Chair in Surgery.

Kathryn Richardson, MD was appointed the Albert Sklar Endowed Professorship in Surgery.

Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS, was appointed the Charles D. Knight, MD Endowed Professorship in Surgery.

Quyen Chu, MD, was appointed the Edward and Freda Green Endowed Professorship in Surgical Oncology.

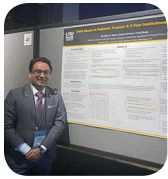


POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS AWARDED AHA FELLOWSHIPS



Three Fellows in the Department of Pathology and the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences at LSU Health Shreveport have been awarded Postdoctoral

Fellowships from the American Heart Association (AHA), funding their ongoing research into cardiovascular diseases. **Chowdhury Abdullah, PhD**, in Dr. Md. Shenuarin Bhuiyan's laboratory, received an AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship award to fund his project, "Sigma-1 receptor protects diabetic cardiomyopathy by activating adaptive endoplasmic reticulum stress pathway." **Mabruka Alfaidi, PhD**, in Dr. Wayne Orr's laboratory, received an AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship award to fund her project, "Nck1 Regulates Atherogenic Endothelial Activation." **Matthew Scott, PhD**, also in Dr. A. Wayne Orr's laboratory, received an AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship to fund his project, "EphA2 signaling mechanisms in smooth muscle performance proliferation and migration in atherosclerosis."



Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS, was formally inducted into the Society of University Surgeons (SUS) at the 15th Academic Surgical Congress. Dr. Samra also presented a well-received new member poster on Child Abuse in Pediatric Trauma, which was the final step of the process to be inducted in the esteemed society.



Chris Kevil, PhD, was named a charter member of the NIH Center for Scientific Review's Atherosclerosis and Inflammation of the Cardiovascular (AICS) System Study Section. Dr. Kevil was also appointed Chair of JanOne's Scientific Advisory Board. In this role, Dr. Kevil will chair the Company's scientific advisory board to advise on drug development and technology strategy, assist with clinical research, and help to advance its lead candidate TV1001SR, for the treatment of peripheral artery disease (PAD).



Lester W. Johnson, MD, was selected to serve on Governor Edwards' Resilient Louisiana Commission's Healthcare and Human Services Task Force, and also appointed to to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Revitalization as the Chair of the Healthcare Subcommittee.



Connie Arnold, MD, and **Terry Davis, PhD**, were appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to the Louisiana COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Health Disparities and Research Subcommittee. The Health Disparities and Research Subcommittee provides research and data regarding the disparities aligned with COVID-19. Both Dr. Davis and Dr. Arnold are experts in this area and have dedicated their careers to expanding access to medical care in underrepresented areas and improving the health outcomes of vulnerable populations.



CONGRATULATIONS 2019-2020 EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

These ten recipients were among many outstanding employees nominated by their peers and managers. Recipients were chosen based on dedication, excellence in attitude, skills, and work ethic.

Kathleen Bloomingdale
Library Associate

Allison Brossett
Assistant Residency Coordinator,
Family Medicine - Alexandria

Erica Bryant-Delaney
Coordinator, School of Allied Health
Professions Clinical Services

Linda Doucet, RN
Department of Surgery

Samina Hayat, MD
Chief and Director of the Center for Excellence
in Arthritis and Rheumatology

Ulander Hollaway
Accounts Payable Manager, Accounting Services

John Norris
Program Manager, Computing Services

Paula Polk
Assistant Director, Research Core Facility

Candace Posey
Financial Analyst, Accounting Services

David Wright
Graphic Designer, Medical Communications



Toni Thibeaux, ABD, MPH, was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity Affairs for the Schools of Medicine, Allied Health Professions and Graduate Studies.



Md. Shenuarian Bhuiyan, PhD, was selected as the winner of the 2020 New Investigator Award from the American Physiological Society (APS).



Diana Merendino, DPT, RRT, PT, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FAARC, was named Assistant Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for the School of Allied Health Professions.

Congratulations!

2019-2020 Academic Year Promoted & Tenured Faculty

School of Allied Health Professions

- **Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD:** Promoted to Professor of Physical Therapy with tenure
- **Adam Blancher, PhD:** Promoted to Associate Professor, Clinical (Clinical Services - Children's Center)

School of Graduate Studies

DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR & CELLULAR PHYSIOLOGY

- **Karen Stokes, PhD:** Promoted to Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology with tenure
- **Ana-Maria Dragoi, MD, PhD:** Promoted to Assistant Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, tenure track

School of Medicine

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

- **Hrishikesh Samant, MD:** Promoted to Assistant Professor of Medicine, tenure track
- **Paari Dominic, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine with tenure
- **Surender Arora, MD (VA faculty):** Promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine - Gratis
- **Vinh Nguyen, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
- **Jennifer Singh, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
- **Kamal Bhusal, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
- **Adrian Sequeira, MD:** Promoted to Professor of Clinical Medicine
- **Karina Sulaiman, MD:** Promoted to Professor of Clinical Medicine
- **Neeraj Tandon, MD (VA faculty):** Promoted to Professor of Medicine-FTA
- **Philip Haddad, MD:** Promoted to Professor of Medicine-FTA

DIVISION OF MEDICINE/PEDIATRICS

- **Lauren Beal, MD:** Promoted to Professor of Clinical Medicine/Pediatrics

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

- **Nitin Walyat, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
- **Shabih Manzar, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

- **Pamela McPherson, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry - Gratis
- **John "Bart" Wagner, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry
- **Ronald Schneider, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry - Part Time

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

- **R. Shane Barton, MD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery with tenure

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY

- **Christina Notarianni, MD:** Promoted to Professor of Neurosurgery with tenure

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

- **William Olmstadt, MLS, MPH:** Promoted to Librarian/Professor with tenure

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

- **R. Keith White, MD:** Promoted to Professor of Surgery, tenure track

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

- **Shenuarin Bhuiyan, PhD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Pathology with tenure
- **Rodney Shackelford, DO, PhD:** Promoted to Associate Professor of Pathology with tenure

For promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, a significant degree of maturity as a scientist, teacher, and/or clinician must be evident. It is expected that a candidate for promotion to Associate Professor will have established a regional and/or national reputation based on substantial contributions to his/her field(s).

Achieving the rank of Professor is a high University honor reserved for faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding ability and who have made outstanding contributions to their area(s) of expertise within academic medicine.

Tenure is the right of continuous appointment and is a high honor bestowed by LSUHSC-S upon faculty members who have displayed substantive and continuous contributions that advance the mission of LSUHSC-S, and hence, academic medicine.

2019 LSU Health Shreveport Employee Service Honorees

5 Years

Camille Abshire
Dr. Chaitanya Ahuja
Dr. Stephen Baker
Katrina Bell
Dr. Karl Bilderback
Dr. Elyse Bradley
John Briery
Charles Brown
Dr. Donna Burney
Dr. Avery Callahan
Dr. Meghna Chadha
Dr. Oleg Chernyshev
Renee Cunnikin
Dr. Paari Dominic
Dr. Yufeng Dong
Themessia Fenceroy
Virginia Garfield
Marc Gibson
Ernest Guy
Ginny Hammock
Lance Henry
Kelly Hoffman
Dr. Stanimir Ivanov
Melissa Jackson
Shannon Kershaw
Alok Khandelwal
Sweaty Koul
Dr. Robert Larimer
Bing Liu
Valorie Lurry
Vivinlee McCranie
Dr. John Morgan
Dr. Hyung Nam
Dr. Emily Neeley
Dr. Alok Pant
Dr. Janice Pharr
Kynshana Player
Misty Prince
Dr. Marco Quispe Leveau
Dr. Rinoo Shah
Dr. Emily Weidman-Evans
Elizabeth Winkler
Locrecia Wooten

10 Years

Frankie Bell
Dr. Teresa Bigler
Jessica Bradford
Dr. Elyse Bradley
Elizabeth Breen
Joyce Browder
Elizabeth Caskey
Jacob Chambers
Jillian Chavis
Pamela Coleman

Amber Dauzat
Michael Dunn
Kimberly Gantt
Adam Greer
Todd Guthrie
Dr. Robert Holladay
Dr. Mindie Kavanaugh
Patricia Kennedy
Dr. Mary Kim
Laverne King
Brenda Kolniak
Brian Latimer
Dr. Nathan Martin
Dr. Stanley McCallon
Crystal McGee
Dr. Andrew Meram
Tara Moore-Medlin
Dr. Chizoba Mosieri
Dr. Menchu Ong
Dr. Carie Rives-Vickery
Dr. Frank Rizzo
Shavonda Scott
Dr. Gyanendra Sharma
Mary Snyder
Dr. Jane Sugar
Loretta Vaughan
Dr. Scott Walls
Debra Warner
Carolyn Winner
Dr. Matthew Woolard
Shu Yang

15 Years

Dr. Richa Dhawan
Erica Bryant-Delaney
Dr. Mary Buffington
Tremendous Carroll
Dr. Magdalena Circu
Dr. Philip Cole
Dr. Danielle Cooper
Dr. Michael Davenport
Robert Dayton
William Flynn
Shamekia Gardner
Dr. Alexander Gomelsky
Dr. Norman Harris
Kevin Hayes
Dr. John Hinrichsen
Shubh Jain
Dr. Roger Kelley
Kendra Ladell
David Landals
Dr. David Lewis
Dr. Chanping Liang
Lihong Liu
Dr. Nelson Luraguiz

Dr. Jay Marion
Lacey Morris
Glenda Osteen
Tanya Patterson
Gina Phillips
Misty Prince
Alison Ransbottom
Lorna Rawls
Alfred Rice
Dr. Rosario Riel-Romero
David Ruesch
Heather Sinclair
Mary Stapleton
Dr. Michael Stratton
Dr. Karina Sulaiman
Edgar Tindall
Dr. Sarwat Umer
Shantel Vital
Dr. Andrew Werner
Lenyatta Willis
Reneau Youngblood

20 Years

Delores Brown
Dr. Horacio D'Agostino
Dr. Brian Elkins
Dr. Edwin Herron
Lisa Higginbotham
Felicia Jackson
Felicia Jacobs
Martha Jusselin
Dr. Abbie Kemper
Dr. Richard Mansour
Nanette Massey
Russell McCall
Michael McGill
Amy Ray
Susan Solley
Melvina Stewart
Shirley Turner
Dr. David Vandermolten
Rachel Webster
Dr. Hong Yin
Dr. Andrew Yurochko

25 Years

Dr. Mohammad Alam
Dr. Jonathan Alexander
Fred Barnette
Debbie Bell
Beverly Davidson
Dr. Frederick Heard
Richard Hollingsworth
Sue Johnson
Dr. Seong Kim

Eustacia Lee
Dr. Euil Luther
Kiaa Prelow
Dr. Lucy Robinson
Debra Robinson
Dollie Smith
Dr. Marie Vazquez
Mylinh Wark
James Young

30 Years

Mararie Adams
Carol Ashley
Troy Brooks
Janice Chalmers-Priest
Sheila Faour
Sherry Gladney
Dr. Kathryn Hamilton
Errol Mire
Tracy Norwood
Dr. Kevin Sittig

35 Years

Dr. Diana Bienvenu
Jody Blackwell
Dr. Paula Click-Fenter
Dr. Linda Gage-White
Glenn Guerin
Dr. Diana Merendino
Pamela Owens
Dr. V. Price
Dr. Pratap Reddy
M'liss Sella

40 Years

Dr. Steven Levine
Dr. Robert McVie
Kathleen Moore
Denise Myers

45 Years

Dr. Linda Nall

In Memoriam

Benjamin Vickers, MD, passed away on September 17, 2019. Dr. Vickers moved to Shreveport in 1962 for an internship at then Confederate Memorial Hospital. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served two years as the medical director of the recruiting station in Shreveport. After his service, he returned to Confederate Memorial Hospital to complete his residency and was board certified in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. Dr. Vickers was a lifelong learner and attended the very first meetings and teaching conferences on interventional radiology. He was a pioneer in the region in the field of interventional radiology, which is now a separate medical specialty, and was one of the first to perform a balloon angioplasty and stenting of an artery in our area. His passion for learning and teaching was so great that he eventually quit his private practice to take the position of Director of Interventional Radiology at LSUMC. These years of his career until his retirement in January of 1998 were some of the most rewarding as he got to share his passion for this newly developing field with residents and students. He took great pleasure in mentoring and influencing many residents to pursue a career in IR. The most meaningful of which were his son, Greg Vickers who practices in Hattiesburg, MS, and his son-in-law, Kelly White, who practices in Shreveport.

Janice Smith Cozine, RN, passed away on September 11, 2019. Janice served the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport for forty years. Her entire nursing career was at LSU and devoted to teaching and serving others during their most vulnerable of circumstances. Most of her years of service were dedicated to orthopaedics, whether in the hospital or outpatient clinics. She was selfless, loyal, generous, and kind, and trained generations of nurses, orthopaedic residents, physical therapists, and anyone else who ventured into the Orthopaedic Service who needed a lesson in compassion, teamwork, or patient-centered care.

Benjamin McGraw Rush, MD, retired Professor Emeritus in the Department of Surgery, passed away on September 29, 2019. Dr. Rush was a beloved physician who leaves behind a legacy that includes a passion for teaching and mentoring future generations of physicians. Dr. Rush completed his internship at then Shreveport Charity Hospital. He joined the LSU Health Shreveport Department of Surgery as a Clinical Assistant Professor in 1973 and became Vice Chairman of the Department in 1989, a role he served in until 2004 when he became the Chief of Surgical Services at the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center. Dr. Rush taught and mentored numerous medical students, surgical residents, and faculty members throughout his career. He was extensively published, and received numerous awards and recognitions for his contributions to medicine and medical education. He also had an immense love of poetry and was appointed Poet Laureate of LSU Health Shreveport.

James Vernon Ward, MD, passed away on September 21, 2019. Dr. Ward completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at the then Confederate Memorial Medical Center in Shreveport. After six years of practicing in OB/GYN, Dr. Ward completed a residency in Ophthalmology at the Medical College of South Carolina and then returned to Shreveport to practice Ophthalmology for 40 years, becoming board certified and specializing in retinal surgery. He was a member of the Shreveport Medical Society for 50 years.

Clydie Knott Mitchell, passed away on November 6, 2019. Clydie began her professional career as a speech and language pathologist in Caddo Parish in the early 1960s, and in 1981 she became the founding director of the Children's Center in the School of Allied Health Professions at LSU Health Shreveport. She served in that role as an Associate Professor until her retirement in 2002. Clydie's professional

life was devoted to helping children with disabilities and their families. She was an advocate for legislative reform and inclusion for individuals with special needs. She received many honors and awards for her work in this field. She was also recognized with the "Women Who Have Made a Difference Award" in 2002.

Joseph Jones, a Scientific Research Technician in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, passed away on September 25, 2019. Joe had been an employee of LSU Health Shreveport for more than 39 years. Prior to joining LSUHS, Joe served in the Navy as a Medical Corpsman 1968-72, serving his country with the Marines in 1969-70 in Da Nang, Vietnam. Joe was the key person in our Histology Core Facility. His work in this area contributed significantly to numerous research projects throughout the department and throughout the institution over the past several decades. Joe was one of those individuals from a generation of highly trained histotechnologists who had tremendous expertise in light and electron microscopy, histochemistry, and immunohistochemistry methods and expertise in all of the instrumentation necessary to perform these tasks. There were few people on this campus possessing a similar complement of skills. His spirited dialogue and wry sense of humor will be missed by all who worked with Joe on a routine basis.

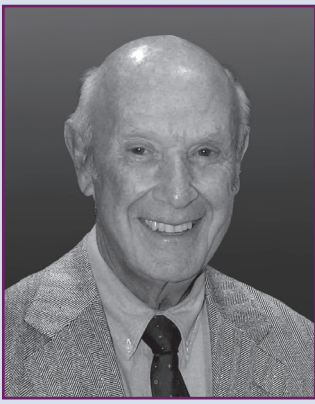
James Davis Boyd, MD, passed away on November 22, 2019. Dr. Boyd completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Confederate Memorial Medical Center in Shreveport, where he served as Chief Resident. He practiced at various hospitals and clinics in the area, and he was the first OB/GYN in Shreveport to do epidural anesthesia, and his surgical skills were described as "unsurpassed." He was a member of the Louisiana State Medical Society and the Shreveport Medical Society.

Celebrating the Life & Art of Frances O'Callaghan



Frances O'Callaghan, beloved late wife of Dr. Dennis O'Callaghan, retired Boyd Professor Emeritus, was honored at reception at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center on March 2, 2020, for her contributions to the Arts in Medicine program. Mrs. O'Callaghan drew nine pieces of art for patients to paint during their chemotherapy treatment at FWCC - "more than any other volunteer artist" said Dr. Glenn Mills. Dr. O'Callaghan attended the reception along with his son, the Honorable Judge Brady O'Callaghan, wife Amy and their sons, Logan and Marshall. Many friends, artists, colleagues and well-wishers enjoyed the gathering showcasing the colorful paintings. These pieces of artwork are currently on display in the LSUHS Health Sciences Library before their return to FWCC.





Remembering Ike Muslow, MD

1926-2020

North Louisiana lost an irreplaceable native son and icon with the passing of **Dr. Ike Muslow** on January 18, 2020. A native of Oil City, Dr. Muslow was, for the better part of half a century, the seminal guru of medical education in our region.

He proved that “no mountain is too high to climb” when hard work, high ethics, the pursuit of excellence, and compassion are your primary goals.

Dr. Muslow was, and will forever be revered by his colleagues, students, and patients. The following quote by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. captures, in my opinion, the essence of Dr. Muslow, a man of impeccable character, habitual critical thinking, and one who seized all “teachable” moments: “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and think critically. Intelligence plus character; that is the goal of a true education.” Dr. Muslow truly saw every moment in life as an opportunity to teach and learn. His family can take great pride that the character, critical thinking, and love of learning he instilled in hundreds of us will live on in perpetuity.

His legacy also includes being one of the greatest diagnostic physicians of all times. Without the benefit of a sophisticated test or prior knowledge of a patient, he was widely known for accurately diagnosing even the most complex diseases simply by “listening” and “observing” his patients. A recent correspondence from one of our first School of Medicine alumni relays thoughts of Dr. Muslow: “Dr. Muslow was a remarkable man, consummate physician and teacher of physicians. My brother, who was an intern in 1968, thought he was the brightest internist on the planet. He shared with me how Dr. Muslow was always there to help the “house” staff with difficult patient workups and care. He was described as a “Renaissance Man.” We, in the first class, did not have exposure to this giant of a physician unfortunately. I have always regretted that fact. He helped so many physicians through all his years in medicine. He helped so many patients because of his deep dedication to those in need. This community will miss him, but we will never forget him.”

From the early days in 1964, when Dr. Muslow began his first position at the then Confederate Memorial Medical Center as the Administrative Director of the Department of Internal Medicine, he made a steady and extraordinary impact. On behalf of the thousands who benefitted from the “legend among us,” I would like to share a sampling of the contributions Dr. Muslow made to health care in our region:

- Establishment of the first full complement of residents in Internal Medicine (1964-70)
- Established and directed the first dialysis unit at Willis-Knighton Hospital, which benefitted all patients in north and central Louisiana. (1970)
- Gained approval for a Family Medicine residency program in all area hospitals while serving as Acting Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine. (1973)
- During the first of three times Dr. Muslow served as Dean of the School of Medicine, he successfully led the merger of Confederate Memorial Medical Center and the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport making him the CEO of both institutions.
- Gained approval for construction of the hospital’s K Wing (1981)

- In 1991, the LSU Hospital, which is attached to the LSU School of Medicine, was named the most profitable public hospital in America.
- Led the team that transformed the Emergency Unit to become the first Level One Trauma Center in Louisiana. To date, over 41,000 patients have been treated in this Trauma Unit.
- Led the establishment of the Children’s Hospital within a hospital, Burn Center, Organ Transplant Center and the Department of Neurosurgery.
- Contributed significantly to the creation of three Centers of Excellence in cancer, rheumatology and clinical and forensic toxicology. (1990-92)
- Successfully obtained an affiliation agreement with Conway Hospital in Monroe to expand medical education to northeast Louisiana.
- In the late 1990’s led physical campus expansion that included gaining approval for the construction of: the Women and Children’s Outpatient Clinic, the Ambulatory Care Clinic (ACCO), the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center (FWCC), the Radiation Therapy Center, housing the first Gamma Knife in Louisiana, and a new building for the School of Allied Health Professions

In the mid-1990’s, Dr. Muslow envisioned that the LSUHSC would not reach its full potential if it relied exclusively on state funding. Therefore, he approached his dear friends, the late attorney Robert Pugh, Sr. and Donald Zadeck, to form and lead a non-profit foundation for the sole benefit of LSU Health Shreveport. Twenty-two years later, the LSU Health Sciences Foundation has total assets of nearly one-quarter of a billion dollars, a staff of a dozen, and has contributed nearly a hundred million to the enhancement of LSU Health Shreveport. As I have shared many times, it was the financial support by the organization Dr. Muslow founded that allowed us to successfully navigate the challenging times post-privatization. It is not a stretch to say that the vision of Dr. Muslow resulted in our ability to continue offering quality education, life-saving research, and to serve as an economic anchor for north Louisiana.

I can tell you first hand, none of Dr. Muslow’s achievements would have been possible without the support of his wonderful wife, Berte, and family. His ability to rally the support of the entire state for the benefit of healthcare in north Louisiana was recently lamented to me by former Governor Edwin Edwards: “I remember Ike fondly; he was a great friend and good supporter.....a Louisiana icon!”

I hope you will join me in thanking the Muslow Family for sharing their husband, father, and grandfather with countless generations of physicians, scientists, and researchers. He will forever hold a special place among those of us blessed to know him, and we will strive to keep his legacy alive in the days, years and decades to come.

Sincerely,

G. E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed)
Chancellor

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

The efforts of LSU Health Shreveport and the Emerging Viral Threat Lab to expand COVID-19 testing to rural and urban medically underserved areas in Caddo Parish and throughout north Louisiana would not have been possible without the support of community partners and donations from corporate sponsors.

Realizing the need for more COVID-19 testing in rural and medically underserved locations in Caddo Parish, the **Caddo Parish Commission** approved the allocation of \$175,000 to support mobile COVID-19 testing in areas identified with the greatest need. The request, originally introduced by **Commissioner Steven Jackson**, was approved by the Caddo Commission on April 10 and the partnership officially began on April 25 with the first mobile testing site being held at David Raines Community Health Center in the MLK neighborhood.

“The Caddo Parish Commission is proud to support the efforts of LSU Health Shreveport and to provide more testing for COVID-19 in our communities. Through this partnership, we hope to see greater access to medical resources, and ultimately, data that will move us closer to a vaccine and treatment of this disease,” said **Caddo Commission President Mario Chavez**.

LSU Health Shreveport also received a \$125,000 gift from **Inferno Manufacturing Corporation** and **Mr. Allen Organick** to support mobile COVID-19 testing efforts, which is being used in combination with the Caddo Parish Commission grant to deploy mobile testing units in rural areas within Caddo Parish, and has allowed LSUHS to expand its testing sites across north Louisiana.

Mr. Organick commented, “People who serve essential roles in our community such as grocery and retail service, nursing homes, and other healthcare services deserve our respect and gratitude. When I read that the Parish had committed to expanding testing, I knew it was going to help a lot of people. But I wanted to make sure we could help even more. My hope is that other business owners will support the research and outreach activities of LSU Health Shreveport. Local businesses have the power to act with speed for the public good.”

Another local business that shared their support for the testing efforts of LSU Health Shreveport was **U. L. Coleman Companies**, which donated \$10,000 to make COVID-19 testing available to first responders in north Louisiana. As **U. L. Coleman Companies** leadership evaluated options to meet needs in the community related to COVID-19, it determined that support of testing would not only impact the health of our community, but its ability to return to work based on testing data.

“I am so grateful we have an institution like LSU Health Shreveport which is able to address this pandemic in numerous ways. As a property owner dealing with thousands of tenants, supporting testing for our first responders is an honor because of the services and sacrifices they make each day, but particularly during this pandemic,” stated **Linc Coleman, President & CEO of U.L. Coleman Companies**.

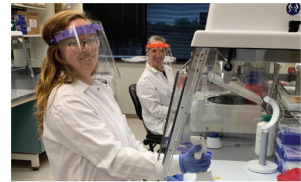
The **District 8L Lions Club**, comprised of 21 clubs located throughout north Louisiana, recently received a grant from the Lions Club International Foundation to assist with emergency services for medical supplies needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. When the Lions Club learned about the COVID-19 research and community testing efforts being led by the EVT Lab, they did not hesitate to offer their support. In addition to donating 300 medical grade masks, the Lions Club facilitated acquiring three pieces of important equipment needed by the EVT Lab: an INTEGRA 12 Channel VIAFLO, a Heratherm™ General Protocol Microbiological Incubator, and a LulzBOT TAZ Workhorse 3D Printer.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THESE COMMUNITY PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS:

*Caddo Parish Commission
Inferno Manufacturing Corp.
U. L. Coleman Companies
Committee of One Hundred, Inc.
David Raines Community Health Centers
Louisiana National Guard
City of Shreveport
SPAR
Integrity Family Medical Center
Louisiana Healthcare Connections
Caddo Parish Schools*

*Tensas Health Clinics
One Hundred Men of Shreveport
Caddo Parish Health Unit - Vivian Branch
Catahoula Parish FQHC
CommuniHealth Clinics
District 8L Lions Club
Hilton Hotel in Downtown Shreveport
River Bend Rotary Club
SWEPCO/American Electric Power
John Chidlow Jr. and Innolyzer Labs, LLC
Griggs Enterprises Inc.
Giuseppe's Pasta Caffè
Sid Potts Inc.*

And many others for their support!



COVID-19 Blood Drive Competition: School of Medicine vs. School of Allied Health Professions

On April 7 the battle was on between the School of Medicine and the School of Allied Health Professions to see who could donate the most blood. A total of 59 people donated blood during the Competition to Care for Our Community Blood Drive! The School of Medicine was victorious in this friendly competition with 33 donors and the School of Allied Health Professions wasn't far behind with 25 donors. Special thank you to LifeShare Blood Center and everyone who donated blood, which is in critical need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



MATCH DAY 2020

An illustration of a hand holding a yellow envelope, positioned to the right of the 'MATCH DAY 2020' text. The hand is rendered in a dark purple color, and the envelope is bright yellow with white lines indicating its folds. The background features abstract, stylized shapes in shades of purple and yellow, suggesting a celebratory atmosphere.

On Friday, March 20, 124 LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine fourth-year students learned where they will be going for their residency training. Earlier in the week, students received a notification from the National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®), confirming if they matched with a residency program. Due to the COVID-19 disruptions of regularly scheduled Match Day events, the NRMP released the highly anticipated news to the students via email. LSU Health Shreveport celebrated students and their accomplishments virtually online and via social media channels. The NRMP reported that the 2020 Main Residency Match is the largest on record.

Many students will be staying in the state of Louisiana for their residencies. Twenty-seven percent of students will be pursuing residencies in Shreveport, an increase of five percent from 2019, and 46 percent of students will be staying in the state of Louisiana. Of the students pursuing a residency in Louisiana, 89.5 percent are entering a LSU Health residency program. Students matched to prestigious residencies around the country such as Columbia, Mt. Sinai, Wake Forest, University of California - Davis, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Virginia, and Baylor Medical College, among others.

Match Day is also a strongly anticipated day for Graduate Medical Education at the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine, which learned it successfully filled all 134 residency positions available across 43 programs. The new group of LSUHS residents will be welcomed to Shreveport in July, where they will train at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport hospitals in Shreveport and Monroe and other partner hospitals.

“Match Day is an extraordinary day for our institution, the state of Louisiana and most importantly for our students. It is my honor to share this year’s positive results. These results are a direct reflection on the caliber and commitment of our faculty who work tirelessly in delivering the best possible education and training to our students and residents. I wish the very best to our students staying in Shreveport, as well as to those who matched in programs around the country. I am confident each one of them will represent LSU Health Shreveport well and strengthen our legacy of successful medical education,” said Chancellor Dr. G. E. Ghali.

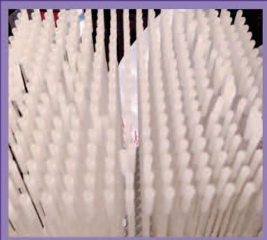
View the 2020 Match Day slideshow online at
www.lsuhs.edu/matchday

School of Medicine

School of Graduate Studies

School of Allied Health Professions

LSU Health Sciences Foundation Shreveport



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Salutes



- Faculty on the front lines of caring for COVID-19 patients in Shreveport, Monroe and the Strike Team to New Orleans
- Faculty contributing the following significant measures in testing and treatment of COVID-19 patients

Creation of the Emerging Viral Threat (EVT) Testing Lab — a CLIA/CMS/CDC approved lab yielding high volume and reliability

Creation of a serology testing lab critical to optimizing convalescent plasma therapy success and a “return to work” pathway

Creation of lab producing 3D nasal swabs critical to expanding COVID testing due to national swab shortage

Delivering the first convalescent plasma therapy in Louisiana to a critically ill COVID-19 patient

Delivering the first inhaled nitric oxide therapy in Louisiana and the second in the US following Harvard

Delivery of COVID-19 testing in medically underserved and rural areas