

# La Pharmacie en Louisiane

## School of Pharmacy's Alumni Newsletter

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### BURKE TAKES A DIFFERENT PATH TO IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

Dr. Ryan Burke, a 2013 ULM School of Pharmacy graduate, discovered his passion for pharmacy while working at his first high school job. As a high school student he was unsure of what career he wanted to pursue, knowing only that he wanted to do something in health care. However, after working at an independent community pharmacy in his hometown of Chalmette, Louisiana, he was convinced that the pharmacy profession was for him. According to Ryan, "It was easy to see how much impact the pharmacists had on patient health and that was something I really wanted to be a part of." After receiving his Pharm.D. from ULM he was chosen for the APhA Foundation Executive Residency in Association Management and Leadership. It was after completing this residency that Ryan's career path took an unexpected turn as he was offered, and accepted, a permanent position with APhA.



Ryan Burke (Pharm.D. '13)

Ryan attended the University of Louisiana Monroe as an undergraduate and knew that he wanted to remain somewhat close to his family as he pursued his pharmacy degree. ULM's School of Pharmacy was the natural



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# DEAN'S MESSAGE



*Benny L. Blaylock, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Health and  
Pharmaceutical Sciences*

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to those of you who generously support the ULM School of Pharmacy with both your time and talents. We continue to attract the “best and brightest” to our pharmacy program, with an incoming P1 class of 90 for Fall, 2016. Approximately 70% of our graduates remain in Louisiana as retail and/or hospital pharmacists. We continue to do this despite the ongoing challenges in funding. Maintaining and expanding a pharmacy professional program at the expected level of excellence that Louisiana deserves is very expensive and is difficult and challenging with continuing budget cuts experienced over the past 8 years. Your contributions are a very integral part of our ability to “do what we do” for our students and for pharmacy in Louisiana.

On May 13, we held the annual Senior Recognition (White Coat) ceremony. Several of our students received outstanding achievement awards and all received the coveted “White Coat” signifying the successful transition to a pharmacy professional. Dr. Charlie Jastram, former Clinical Department Head at ULM SOP, passed on his wisdom to the Class of 2016. The following day, 98 newly minted pharmacists received their Doctor of Pharmacy diplomas.

## VIEW OUR VIDEO SAYING “THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Wn2e6S2iPk&feature=youtu.be>



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## BURKE TAKES A DIFFERENT PATH TO IMPROVING HEALTH CARE *(continued from page 1)*

choice since he already felt like he was part of a family at ULM and had developed close friendships in Monroe. Having that close group of friends and ULM family made the transition to pharmacy school an easy one for him. Ryan's days as a pharmacy student were a balance between studying and fun. He reminisces about Tuesday 2-for-1 burger nights at Enoch's, a local hangout for many students. These nights at Enoch's gave him the opportunity to get to know a diverse group of people. Ryan also recalls that he and his classmates spent a lot of time together, both in and out of the classroom. They spent time hanging out by the pool of one of the local apartment complexes and often practiced their singing skills at karaoke nights, although Ryan says he wasn't one of the group's singers. Some of his favorite memories include Phi Delta Chi and Kappa Epsilon Rush Week, homecoming tailgates, and the trips and meetings he attended for various student organizations. He was a member of APhA-ASP, serving as chapter secretary; Phi Delta Chi, serving as Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals; Phi Lambda Sigma and Rho Chi. Ryan's less fond memories revolve around the very busy exam schedules, but says the best memories more than make up for all the late nights of studying.

As a pharmacy student, Ryan was elected APhA-ASP National Member-at-Large. That volunteer leadership position is really what launched him onto his current career path, and is an accomplishment that he says would not have been possible without the tremendous support of students and faculty members at the ULM School of Pharmacy. Ryan stated "I remain grateful to those who encouraged me to run for office and supported me during my tenure," further sharing that one of his greatest influences was, and still is, Dr. Anthony Walker, whom he describes as "a very encouraging individual who supported me as I pursued opportunities to get involved in APhA at the national level."

Today this ULM SOP alumni enjoys a successful career as the Associate Director of Practice Initiatives for the American Pharmacists Association. In this role, he serves as one of the leads on APhA's provider status efforts and manages various Association initiatives aimed at advancing pharmacy practice. Prior to this role he managed APhA's House of Delegates and policy development process, and also served as a staff liaison to the APhA Board of Trustees.

Ryan's career carried him to Washington, DC, where he has lived for three years, and where he never gets bored



discovering new places and things. He loves exploring the unlimited activities this bustling city presents, whether it be the newest rooftop restaurant/bar, new museums and events, kayaking or paddle boarding on the Potomac River, or attending a Nationals baseball game. He loves to travel and, while most is business-related, he did get to escape the DC winter to visit Nicaragua, which he says "is an awesome country," and that trip has sparked an interest in more international travel. Ryan's summer goal is to explore more of the outside activities DC and the surrounding areas have to offer, such as hiking various trails throughout DC and Virginia and going on some of the vineyard tours offered in Northern Virginia.

Louisiana is still "home" for this pharmacist and he visits when he can. He says that it is really tough to keep in touch with everyone from school, but he does have a small group of friends with whom he connects regularly, and always tries to visit those still in the area when he comes to Louisiana for holidays. When asked how he thinks his former friends/classmates would describe him he says that his initial thought would be "quiet," but a number of them told him that isn't the case. He has also been described as "dedicated." Ryan agrees with this description in that he was always pretty focused on school, work, and his commitments to APhA and other organizations.

Ryan's hard work and dedication has definitely paid off. This 2013 grad has definitely found his place in health care where, as a pharmacist and APhA's Associate Director of Practice Initiatives, he is in a position to have a huge impact on patient care and the pharmacy profession as a whole.

# CLASS OF 2016



Emily Richard Alpha\*  
Ellen Ruth Austin (Cum Laude)  
Bryson Cole Bertrand  
Ryan Charles Boe (Cum Laude)  
Chelsea Taylor Brasell  
Joan Alexandra Broussard\*  
Shanelle Cooley Buxton  
Courtney Michelle Cain\*  
Mallory K. Carona\*\*\* (Summa Cum Laude)  
Samantha Ann Carr  
Alexandra Margueritte Cates  
Brienne Elise Chandler (Cum Laude)  
Kelsey Ashton Clark\*  
Cassie M. Crew\*\* (Magna Cum Laude)  
Ruth Lauren Crowder  
Kyle Matthew Daigle\*\* (Summa Cum Laude)  
Yasmeen Keyaira Davis

Dwana Sharae Day  
Miranda Renee Dejean  
Dawson Garrett Delee  
Hannah Dickinson LeCoq (Cum Laude)  
Denton John Doiron  
James David Eley  
Earl Edward Eskridge  
Ebony Ann Faulk (Cum Laude)  
Claire Nicole Ferguson (Cum Laude)  
Derek Joseph Fontenot  
Cardez Rashad Ford  
Jennifer Lynn Gallagher\*\*  
Marion Ryker Grant  
Jennifer Gravois Granier  
Chelsea Layne Gray  
Kassi Breaux Guidry  
Staci Renae Guidry (Cum Laude)

Kaylin Marie Guillot  
Lauren M. Hall\*\* (Magna Cum Laude)  
Stephanie P. Hatten\*\* (Cum Laude)  
Hal James Hays  
Danielle R. Hebert\*\* (Magna Cum Laude)  
Gina Lorene Helvey  
Kristin Lousteau Howell\*\* (Cum Laude)  
Jami Lyn Jenkins  
Claudio Koestenberger  
James Daniel Laing  
Madeline C. Landry\*\* (Summa Cum Laude)  
Gabrielle Shea Larroque  
Lien Kim Le  
Nhi Thien Le  
Brooke Courville LeDoux\*\* (Cum Laude)  
Derek Cole Maggio  
Whitney Alise Mallett

\*Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society Members \*\*Rho Chi Honor Society

## SENIOR AWARDS

Allison Stevens:	Merck and Co. Award for Excellence in the Basic Sciences - Medicinal Chemistry
Sean Weeks	Merck and Co. Award for Excellence in the Basic Sciences - Pharmaceutics
Kyle Daigle	Merck and Co. Award for Excellence in the Basic Sciences - Pharmacology
Drew Register	TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA Student Award
Andrew Thevis:	Albert P. Lauve Memorial Award
Charlotte Pastor:	Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy
Drew Register:	APhA Senior Recognition Certificate
Brittany Strong:	Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication
Allison Stevens:	Natural Medicine Comprehensive Database Recognition Award
Rosa Rivas:	Joseph Samuel Carso Student Award
Jill Smith:	Lauren Savoy Olinde Award
Drew Register:	APhA-ASP Leadership Training Series Recognition Certificate
Emily Alpha:	LSHP/ASHP Outgoing President Award
Candace Stacey:	Phi Lambda Sigma "Chapter member of the Year" Award
Katie Platt:	Lilly Achievement Award
Courtney Cain:	NCPA Outstanding Student
Dr. Saeed Alqahtani:	Outstanding Graduate Student 2015-2016
Mallory Carona:	Class of 2016 Highest GPA
Drew Register:	LPA Senior Recognition

## FACULTY/PRECEPTORS

Dr. Blair Wilbert:	Faculty Preceptor
Dr. Jennifer Nickelson:	Non-Faculty Preceptor
Dr. Sami Nazzal:	1st Year Preceptor
	Teaching
Dr. David Caldwell:	2nd Year Preceptor
	Teaching
Dr. Michelle Zagar:	3rd Year Preceptor
	Teaching
Dr. Laurel Sampognaro:	4th Year Preceptor
	Teaching



Andrew James Marquez  
 Gwynnaeth Moore Martin  
 Andrew Evan Massey  
 John Tanner McDonald  
 Tyler Blane McMillion (Cum Laude)  
 Andrew Charles Meadows (Cum Laude)  
 Angela Nicole Morse  
 Sarah Ann Nash  
 Christopher Thy Anh Nguyen  
 Linda Nguyen  
 Thien Ngoc Nguyen\*\* (Magna Cum Laude)  
 Jacob Daniel Nichols (Magna Cum Laude)  
 Shyla Vizier O'Neal  
 Taylor Daniel O'Neal (Cum Laude)  
 Temitope Moronkeji Oduola  
 Kimberly Eckert Onebene\*  
 Charlotte T. Pastor\*\*\*(Magna Cum Laude)

Courtney Michelle Payne\*  
 Catherine Marie Pham  
 Nancy Dee Pham  
 Nhi Tuyet Pham  
 Truong N. Pham  
 Katie Platt Lincoln\*\* (Magna Cum Laude)  
 Whitney Taylor Prudhomme (Cum Laude)  
 Drew Colton Register\*  
 Rosa Janeth Rivas  
 Joshua Daniel Robinson\*  
 Kayla Mishay Rogers  
 Dexter R Salters  
 Chelise Nicole Saunier  
 Ian Elliott Seng\*  
 Tiffany Shepherd Baum (Cum Laude)  
 Roslyn Jill Smith  
 Alexie Michelle Soileau (Cum Laude)

Candace Ruth Stacy\*  
 Collin John Stagg  
 Derek Michael Stephenson  
 Allison Nicole Stevens\*\* (Summa Cum Laude)  
 Brittany Kuethe Strong\*  
 Walker Harbard Taylor  
 Andrew J Thevis (Cum Laude)  
 Oanh Thi Tran  
 Tammy Anh-Hong Tran  
 Tuan Vu Tran  
 Brennan Seth Turner (Cum Laude)  
 Delia Marie Valerio\*  
 Sean Thomas Weeks\*\* (Summa Cum Laude)

\* Honor Society Members    \*\*Members of both

## PTOR AWARDS

Preceptor of the Year  
 Faculty Preceptor of the Year  
 Pharmacy Class Excellence in  
 Pharmacy Class Excellence in  
 Pharmacy Class Excellence in  
 Pharmacy Class Excellence in

## PGY-1 RESIDENCIES

Ellen Austin:	East Jefferson General Hospital, Metairie, LA
Courtney Cain:	The Centers for Families and Children, Cleveland, OH
Cassie Crew:	St. Dominic Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA
Kristen Lousteau:	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA
Charlotte Pastor:	University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS
Joshua Robinson:	Ozarks, Fayetteville, AR
Chelise Saunier:	West Virginia University Healthcare, Morgantown, WV

## PGY-2 RESIDENCIES

Emily Cooke (Pharm.D. '15):	Internal Medicine at Grady Health Systems, Atlanta, GA
Meghan Roddy (Pharm.D. '15):	Pediatric at All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL

# APHA-ASP CONTINUES TO MAKE ITS MARK ON HEALTHCARE



The mission of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is to “be the collective voice of student pharmacists, to provide opportunities for professional growth, to improve patient care, and to envision and advance the future of pharmacy.” The ULM School

of Pharmacy chapter goes above and beyond its mission. The organization has been recognized on state and national levels for its accomplishments including being named ULM’s Registered Student Organization of the Year and receiving APhA-ASP’s national Chapter Policy and Legislative Award.

Two of the chapter’s past presidents, Drew Register (Pharm.D. ‘16) and Kelsie Stark (Pharm.D. candidate ‘17), were chosen on a national level to share their advice and experiences with student pharmacists across the country. Drew and Kelsie were honored as the first guest writers of a new feature column in APhA’s *Student Pharmacist* magazine titled “Leaders at Work.” The

article was published in the January/February edition and can be found at: <http://www.pharmacist.com/ensuring-success-during-and-after-your-term-chapter-president>.

The organization stays active with its many projects. In addition to the many health fairs and guest speakers hosted by our APhA chapter, they also stay active with additional programs such as “Operation Diabetes,” “Operation Self-Care,” “Generation Rx,” “Operation Immunization,” as well as remaining strong advocates of the pharmacy profession and staying active in the regulation and creation of pharmacy policies and procedures by making the students’ voices heard.



Drew Register (Pharm.D. ‘16) was selected the 2016 recipient of the APhA Foundation’s John A. Gans student scholarship recipient.



Shelby Cranfield, placed Top 10 in the APhA-ASP National Patient Counseling Competition



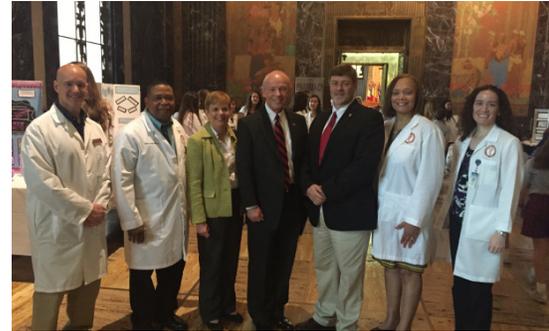
On February 13, 2016, the ULM APhA-ASP Chapter hosted its first children’s health fair at Northeast Louisiana Children’s Museum. Kids were able to listen to their own heartbeats, make healthy Valentine’s treats, and learn about everything from prescriptions and proper medication measurement, to how far a sneeze can travel, through interactive games and experiments.

# PHARMACY ADVOCATES TAKE IT TO THE CAPITOL

On April 25, 2016, the ULM School of Pharmacy, Louisiana Pharmacists Association and American Pharmacy Cooperative, Inc., sponsored the 2016 Pharmacy Legislative Day at the Louisiana State Capitol. ULM

pharmacy students and faculty, along with other Louisiana pharmacists, participated in this event to promote the pharmacy profession. Some of the services offered were Diabetes awareness, blood glucose testing, stroke prevention, teen

and adult drug abuse information, and blood pressure screening.



## 2016 ULM STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM SCHOOL OF PHARMACY WINNERS

### *PHARMACY GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS*

First Place: Hussain N. Alhamami

Presentation Title: "The Role of Hindbrain Glucose Sensing Neurons in Responding to Hypoglycemia Induced by Insulin."

Second Place: Rayan A. Ahmed

Presentation Title: " $\gamma$ -Tocotrienol Inhibition of Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) is Mediated through the Canonical Wnt Pathway in Human Breast Cancer Cells."

Third Place: Mohamed Mohyeldin

Presentation Title: "The Oleocanthal-Based Homovanillyl Sinapate as A Novel Dual c-Met-ABL1 Inhibitor."

### *PHARMACY GRADUATE STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS*

First Place: Osama Alawin

Presentation Title: " $\gamma$ -Tocotrienol Reverses Exosomes Mediated Proliferation of Breast Cancer Cells Through Lipid Rafts Disruption."

Second Place: Hassan Ebrahim

Presentation Title: "Novel Lichen Acids Based mTOR Inhibitory Leads for the Control of Breast Malignancies."

Third Place: Sandeep Pallerla

Presentation Title: "Design and Biological Evaluation of Doxorubicin-Peptidomimetic Conjugate that Targets HER2 Positive Breast Cancer Cells."

### *PHARMACY UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATION*

First Place: Tenerica Madison

Presentation Title: "Combinatorial Use of Natural Product c-Met and mTOR Inhibitors for the Control of Breast Malignancies."

Second Place: Ryan Byrd

Presentation Title: "Combinations of Extra-Virgin Olive Oil Phenolics for the Control of Breast Cancer."

# PHARMACY STUDENTS, FACULTY SPEND SPRING BREAK SERVING IN HONDURAS



For most students, spring break is a time to relax from the stresses and strains of academic life. For a group of pharmacy students at the University of Louisiana Monroe, however, it was a time of service.

Eight pharmacy students, along with three faculty members, journeyed to the impoverished region of Guaymitas, Honduras over spring break as part of an organized effort to provide critical healthcare to members of the community.

**“This outreach trip reflects the hearts of our students.”**

**David Caldwell**  
(Pharm.D. '06),  
Associate Professor

ULM partnered with Southeastern Medical International (SMI), an American organization that provides medical care to communities following

a disaster. In 2010, the organization provided clinics and medical relief in Haiti following the catastrophic earthquake that killed more than 160,000 people and left close to 1.5 million people without homes.

One of the missions of the SMI is to train the next generation of health care professionals to be involved in this kind of work. They take physicians and volunteers from all across the southeast “to the neediest places on Earth.”

The eight students who participated are part of an elective course, now in its sixth year, within the pharmacy program titled “Medical Outreach Experience,” which culminates in a medical outreach trip to some impoverished region of the world.

In Guaymitas, the pharmacy students helped conduct interviews, take medical histories, and recommend therapy. They also offered recommendations to prescribing physicians based on the diseases being treated and the medications that were available. The team provided primary care to people with infections, chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, and

musculoskeletal problems.

According to pharmacy student Rino Nicholas, “Some of the people we saw had extreme cases, from cancer in an older gentleman that was at a late stage, to a baby who was experiencing fainting spells because of a possible major heart congenital birth defect.”

For an entire week the students and faculty worked outdoors in extreme heat, conducting home visits and furnishing makeshift clinics in various communities that lacked basic resources such as clean water and sanitation.

But harsh conditions did not deter students from doing what they set out to do.

The ULM pharmacy team estimates that 200-300 patients were served and about 400-500 prescriptions were filled. The students were able to see just the kind of impact they had on the community, but the impact of the people of Guaymitas on the students was also clearly felt.

“This trip has been the most valuable and life changing experience that I will probably ever have,” said Halie Verret. “It’s very hard to put all of the emotions into words. It opened my

eyes to how bad some people’s living situations are. So many people told us that their doctors told them nothing was wrong when in reality these patients had very serious problems and we most likely saved their lives.”

Another student, Heather Thuy, stated: “We gained more knowledge and developed new skill sets over the course of the week, but even more than that, we grew as a family and made connections with each patient we met which deeply touched each of us and created a special bond with humanity that I know will keep us whole for the remainder of our careers.”

Dr. David Caldwell, Associate Professor of Pharmacy, indicated that this is just one example of the kind of outreach ULM pharmacy students are involved in.

“This outreach trip reflects the hearts of our students,” said Caldwell. “They gave up their spring break to work a 40-hour week and to provide care to an underserved area. In addition to the professional training we provide, we also want to instill a passion for humanity in the lives of our students here at ULM.”

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2016/46-pharmacy-students-faculty-spend-spring-break-serving-in-honduras.html>

# GRADUATE PHARMACY STUDENT WINS AWARD AT MALTO



Abu Bakr Siddique, a graduate pharmacy student at the University of Louisiana Monroe, won the Thomas L. Lemke Outstanding Poster Presentation Award at the 43rd MALTO Medicinal Chemistry-Pharmacognosy Meeting-in-Miniature held May 22-24 at the University of Houston.

MALTO gathers the faculty and students from colleges of pharmacy from Mississippi, Arkansas,

Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma, and is an annual research conference forum where undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral fellows can present the results of their research in a collegiate atmosphere.

This year's MALTO welcomed more than 70 attendees who shared their latest research in the discovery and design of synthetic compounds and natural products within the fields of medical chemistry and pharmacognosy for the treatment of cancer, inflammation, oxidative stress, and cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases.

Awards were given in three different categories for best

podium and poster presentations.

Siddique's winning poster presentation was a project named "Extra-Virgin Olive Oil Based Oleocanthal: A Promising Lead for the Control of C-Met-Dependent Breast Malignancies."

This was Siddique's first-time participating in an out-of-state scientific conference while a graduate student at ULM.

"As a ULM graduate student, I am honored to be recognized with this prestigious award," said Siddique. "I'm very optimistic this award will motivate forward my ongoing doctoral research and future career."

Beside Siddique, the project was also signed by Hassan Y. Ebrahim and Mohamed M. Mohyeldin who are coauthors of the project, while Dr. Khalid El Sayed, ULM Professor of Medicinal and Natural Products, sponsored it.

"This award is a great reflection of the high caliber of students from the ULM School of Pharmacy graduate program," said Dr. Sayed. "The Thomas L. Lemke Outstanding Poster Presentation Award is highly competitive as our students compete with universities from all over the southeast."

For more information about the annual meeting and the organization, visit <http://www.uh.edu/pharmacy/research/malto/>.

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2016/613-ulm-graduate-pharmacy-student-wins-award-at-annual-conference.html>

# ORGANIZATION UPDATES

## *AMERICAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (APHA-ASP)*

Three of our very active Patient Care Operations share a little bit of what we've been doing this semester.

### **Operation Diabetes**

Operation Diabetes and Operation Heart partnered together for a couple of events this semester, but one of our favorites is always at the McKeen Plaza Retirement Community. The faces of the residents light up when they see the School of Pharmacy,

and we look forward to their company as well. We screened about 20 patients at this event, and each one loved sharing their stories and discussing their health with us. Our outreach events are much more than lab values and pressure checks – we

bond with our patients and allow them to see the care that their pharmacists and student pharmacists have about their life and their health as a whole.

### **Generation Rx**

Generation Rx hosted the event "Generation Rx Goes Greek" during ULM's Greek Week. "The Truth about Stimulants" was presented to approximately 175 Greek students and

taught about stimulant misuse and abuse. The presentation highlighted the dangers of using stimulants without a prescription and informed students on smart study habits to use

to prepare for finals. It was a great event to reach out to our peers and we can't wait to host more educational events throughout Louisiana next school year!

### **Operation Self-Care**

On December 1, 2015 Operation Self-Care hosted a community outreach event at Boley Elementary in West Monroe, LA. APhA-ASP students educated the entire Second Grade

class on the cold and flu viruses and how to fight the spread of germs! Students were able to practice their hand-washing techniques, cover their sneeze and coughs correctly, and

enjoy some germ monster coloring time! They also received cold fighting "goody-bags" courtesy of donations from CVS Pharmacy.

### **Other APhA-ASP Spring 2016 Events:**

OTC Literacy Girl Scouts Event; Operation Immunization Wal-Mart; Fifth General Meeting guest speaker, Mr. Clyde Dearman, PharmD, BCACP; King Solomon Baptist Church Health Fair; Operation Heart Wal-Mart; Membership Bowling Night; IPSF World Cancer Day; Monroe Human Society Animal Shelter Community Service; Children's Museum Health Fair; Operation Immunization Elementary Outreach – Kiroli Elementary; Sixth General Meeting guest speaker, Chad Glover, Financial Advisor; Vagina Monologues Health Fair; Pennington Women's Wellness Day in Baton Rouge; OTC Literacy Wal-Mart; APhA-ASP Annual Meeting & Exposition in Baltimore, MD; Past President Drew Register received the 2016 APhA Foundation Scholarship; Past Presidents Drew Register and Kelsie Stark presented at the President-elect and Presidents Workshop to student pharmacist leaders from across the country; Operation Diabetes Chair, Shelby Cranfield, placed Top 10 in the

National Patient Counseling Competition; Our chapter was honored with the national Chapter Policy and Legislative Award; Spring Semester Chapter Fundraiser; Operation Diabetes Wal-Mart Wednesday; Browse on the Bayou - Operation Immunization; Seventh General Meeting guest speaker, Katie Dean, Registered Dietitian; Professional Development Event – Dr. Bindu Batra, PCCA Compounding; Louise Williams Branch Library Children's Health Fair; Pre-Pharmacy Organization Training & Preview Night; Legislative Day; Camp Hope Fundraiser; Life on Rotations Meeting; Anna Meyer Library Event – World Immunization Week; Conway Health Fair; and Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana Food Drive.

Overall, APhA-ASP had a fantastic semester and school year, and our newly elected and selected Board is excited to make next year even better!

# ORGANIZATION UPDATES

## *CHRISTIAN PHARMACISTS FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (CPFI)*

This year, CPFI participated in several events throughout the year. We implemented a monthly devotional (both in person and via email) that included an after-hour worship session with other Christian pharmacists. In addition

to local involvement, we participated in several community outreach opportunities including the Richland Parish donation drive, Ronald McDonald Meals on Wheels, and Operation Christmas child. Once per semester we offered a service

learning opportunity at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, where we partnered with APhA to provide blood glucose screening and immunization education.

## *LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF HEALTH SYSTEM PHARMACISTS (LSHP)*

LSHP had the pleasure of hosting several great speakers during the 2015-2016 school year. Drs. Tibb Jacobs and Jeffery Evans visited from Shreveport to discuss CV/ interview tips and license reciprocity, respectively. In the fall, we hosted a Clinical Skills Competition where self-selected teams of two competed

to come up with the best solution to a clinical case. Stuff-A-Bus was our fall community service project where our members volunteered to help the community fill a bus with Christmas presents for children in need. The spring involved a service learning opportunity at the ULM campus, where members gave skin cancer

education and passed out sunscreen samples. Lastly, LSHP partnered with LIPA and hosted a professional development meeting featuring Mr. Alexander Maceilak, a financial advisor that tailored his discussion on professional students.

## *STUDENT NATIONAL PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION (SNPHA)*

Even before SNPhA's second year with ULM, officers began developing great plans for the fall 2015 semester. With an enthusiastic executive board, this year is set for success! On September 1st, ULM SNPhA met for our first general meeting. During the previous month, SNPhA promoted our new chapter through social media campaigning and discussions with first year students at ULM's new student Bootcamp. We had a great response to our August membership drive with almost 40 members in attendance! During the meeting, officers and advisors provided brief introductions. In addition, members told personal stories about Region III, IV, and V Meeting in Kansas City and SNPhA Annual Meeting in Orlando. After covering details about membership and chapter goals, we mixed up the normal meeting logistics with a pharmacy version of Jeopardy. This new game tradition is now a meeting staple that we must

continue! After we closed out the first meeting, several new students signed up for SNPhA co-chair positions and committee membership, strengthening our capabilities for the year ahead. SNPhA was so excited to see so many new faces from every pharmacy class. With such a diverse group of students from different backgrounds, ULM SNPhA will possess a wide-variety of strengths, skills, and insight.

Just during September, ULM SNPhA has made great strides in serving our northeast Louisiana community. We kicked off the year with a professional development lunch with executives from Rite Aid on September 21st. Mr. Earl Pace, Rite Aid Regional Recruiter, discussed leadership and selfless service. Coming up at our September 25th CAPS event, ULM will partner with Xavier to provide healthy fruits along with stroke prevention information to the public.

In our pharmacy school neighborhood in Monroe, SNPhA members will educate the public from St. Francis Community Health Center. ULM SNPhA leaders are also serving the community outside of the healthcare field. At Monroe elementary schools this fall, SNPhA leaders will begin tutoring through the United Way of LA's READ LEARN SUCCEED program. READ LEARN SUCCEED works with second and third graders to assist young students with reading practice and comprehension skills. In the months ahead, ULM SNPhA will continue to strive to meet our chapter goals. Through socials and service, ULM SNPhA hopes to build an organizational community where every member can find their niche. As one of the newest organizations on campus, we have the opportunity to create a new sense of community within our school.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2016 Franklin Parish ULM Alumni Association Dinner  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016  
Brown's Landing

Richland, East & West Carroll Parishes ULM Alumni  
Association Chapter Event  
Tuesday, August 16, 2016  
Black Bear Country Club

\*P1 White Coat Ceremony  
Friday, August 19, 2016  
Brown Auditorium

Southern & ULM Kick-off Party  
Thursday, September 1, 2016  
Monroe City Airport

Alumni Association Pre-Game Tailgate - Southern  
Saturday, September 3, 2016  
The Grove

ULM Alumni Assc. Pre-Game Tailgate - Idaho  
Saturday, October 8, 2016  
The Grove

\*ULM SOP 11th Annual Preceptor Conference  
Friday, October 14, 2016  
ULM School of Pharmacy

\*ULM SOP Alumni Social  
Friday, October 14, 2016  
Location TBA

2016 ULM Golden Society Cocktail Party  
Friday, October 14, 2016  
Class of 1966 will be inducted into The Golden  
Society in honor of the 50th anniversary of your  
graduation

ULM Homecoming Brunch  
Saturday, October 15, 2016  
ULM Library

\*ULM Pharmacy Super Tailgate  
Saturday, October 15, 2016  
ULM's Grove

ULM Homecoming Game  
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\*School of Pharmacy Career Fair  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
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\*School of Pharmacy Fall Interview Day  
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ULM Away Tailgate - Arkansas State  
Friday, October 28, 2016  
Jonesboro, Arkansas

ULM Hall of Fame Golf Tournament  
Friday, November 4, 2016  
Calvert Crossing Country Club

ULM Alumni Assc. Pre-Game Tailgate - South Alabama  
Saturday, November 5, 2016  
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2016 Chili Cook-off  
Saturday, December 3, 2016  
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ULM Alumni Assc. Pre-Game Tailgate - ULL  
Saturday, December 3, 2016  
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\* Reflects School of Pharmacy events

# ULM TOXICOLOGY STUDENTS ATTEND, WIN AWARDS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MONROE, La. — Six Ph.D. and three B.S. students from the ULM Toxicology Department participated at the 2016 meeting of the Society of Toxicology (SOT) in New Orleans last month.

The SOT is an international organization of professional toxicologists working in academia, industry, government regulatory agencies, risk assessment and consulting.

This was the 55th annual meeting and approximately 7,000 attended the annual meeting.

Bree St. Germain, Taylor Snell and Sydney Wade from Donaldsonville, Farmerville and Bogalusa, LA, respectively, participated in several networking and recruiting events hosted by the SOT for undergraduate students and viewed cutting-edge research in scientific sessions and posters.

Graduate student Vivekkumar Dadhanian was the 3rd place recipient of the 2016 Graduate Student Award from the Molecular and Systems Biology Specialty Section. Mr. Dadhanian also received a Supplemental Training for Education Program Award from the SOT Graduate Education Subcommittee.

Graduate student Joshua T. Salley won the outstanding poster award from the Mixtures Specialty Section for his poster “Use of Partial Least Squares Regression to Identify GC/MS Spectral Peaks Correlated with Toxicity Outcomes in Rats of Crude Oil from Various Sources.

Graduate students Hanin F.A. Hussin and Vivekkumar Dadhanian won the SOT Graduate Student Travel Support Awards. Ms. Hussin and Mr. Dadhanian presented posters “Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Fingerprints of Echinacea Purpurea Extracts with Stimulation of Myelopoiesis in Rat to Identify Active Constituents” and “Wnt/Catenin Signaling Drives Thioacetamide-Mediated Heteroprotection against Acetaminophen-Induced Lethal Liver Injury,” respectively.

The major professor of Mr. Dadhanian is Dr. Harihari M. Mehendale, and of Mr. Salley and Ms. Hussin, Dr. Sharon A. Meyer of the ULM Department of Toxicology.

According to Meyer, “This meeting was an extraordinary opportunity for the Toxicology students to present their research to leaders of the field and network for the purposes of being recruited for employment and for exploring career options. The ULM Toxicology Department is very proud of the outstanding performance of our students before this prestigious international audience.”

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## SPRING 2016 PRESIDENT’S AND DEANS’ LISTS ANNOUNCED

University of Louisiana Monroe President Dr. Nick J. Bruno has announced the President’s List and Deans’ List for the spring 2016 semester at ULM.

To be eligible for the President’s List, a student is required to earn at least a 3.9 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours completed.

Students on the President’s List have an (\*) after their names.

To be eligible for the Deans’ List, a student is required to earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours completed.

To view the list, visit [ulm.edu/news/documents/2016spring-presidents-deans-list.pdf](http://ulm.edu/news/documents/2016spring-presidents-deans-list.pdf).

For all questions about this list, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 318-342-5262.

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2016/520-ulm-announces-spring-2016-presidents-deans-lists.html>

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016**

**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY PRECEPTOR CONFERENCE**

FOR: All active ULM Pharmacy Preceptors

TIME: 7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

PLACE: School of Pharmacy Building, 1800 Bienville Ave., Monroe, LA

All active preceptors are invited to attend this free conference and earn 6 hours of ACPE approved CE credit. R.S.V.P. to Mary Rhea at [caldwell.ulm.edu](http://caldwell.ulm.edu) or (318) 342-3803.

**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY'S ALUMNI SOCIAL**

FOR: All ULM Pharmacy Graduates

TIME: 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

PLACE: TBA

Kick off homecoming with us and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, silent auction and reconnecting with old friends. R.S.V.P. to Mary Rhea at [caldwell.ulm.edu](http://caldwell.ulm.edu) or (318) 342-3803.

*Make plans now to join us for our annual ULM Homecoming activities. Find us on Facebook for updates and more information on these events.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016**

### **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY “SUPER TAILGATE” PARTY**

FOR: All ULM Pharmacy Alumns, Current Students, Faculty, Staff and families.

TIME: 12:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: ULM campus. This year we will be located on the bayou side, across the street from the Grove.

Meet us in The School of Pharmacy tent for a day of great food and fun as we get ready to cheer on the Warhawks. There will be lots of activities for all ages so bring your whole family.

### **ULM HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME**

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Malone Stadium

Come cheer on the Warhawks as they take on Texas State.

# NEWS & NOTES

Brian Primeaux (Pharm.D. '14) completed PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. After completion of residency, he has accepted a job at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center as an Oncology Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Lymphoma/Myeloma.

Jennifer Teat Bourgeois (Pharm.D. '09) gave birth to Lily Kate Bourgeois on January 7, 2016, in McKinney, TX.

Drs. Adam and Kristen Pate (SOP faculty,) welcomed baby girl, Ivy Chapman Pate on February 6, 2016.

Kim Dalton Harvey (B.S. '89) accepted a position as Area Vice President, Sales and Operations for BioScrip.

Dr. Amanda Storer (Pharm.D. '06/SOP faculty) gave birth to Audrey Rose Storer, on April 18, 2016.

Dr. Michael Cockerham (Assoc. Dean) and wife, Lenette, became the proud grandparents to granddaughter, Ydell Holynn Russ, born April 21, 2016.

Grace Reynolds (Pharm.D. '15) wed Manasseh Heeralall on March 19, 2016.

Dr. Gina Biglane (B.S. '91, MBA '15/Assoc. Dean) wed Edwin Craft, Jr., on December 12, 2015.

Condolences to Dr. Connie Smith (SOP Faculty) for the loss of her father, Emory Manning, on March 20, 2016.

Condolences to Dr. Mary Gauthier-Lewis (SOP Faculty) for the loss of her mother, Olivia "Mae Mae" Gauthier, on April 11, 2016.

Condolences to Dr. Anthony Walker (B.S. Pharm '98/SOP

Faculty) for the loss of his mother, Edna Montgomery Walker, on April 24, 2016.

Condolences to Dr. Khalid El Sayed (SOP Faculty) for he loss of his mother in Egypt.

Condolences to Lauren Ashley Coker (Pharm.D. '15) on the loss of her boyfriend of seven years, Brady Thomas Cox, on October 27, 2015, and the loss of his mother, Rebecca Ann Thomas Cox, on May 16, 2015.

Dr. Blair Wilbert accepted a position at Baton Rouge General Medical Center beginning June 1, 2016.

Richard Stephen Tullos (B.S. '66) of New Roads, Louisiana, passed away May 8, 2016, at the age of 72.

William Alfred "Bill" Cooper (B.S. 1969) of Monroe, Louisiana, passed away on June 24, 2016, at the age of 70.

Jamie Terrell (Pharm.D. '07), and husband welcomed their daughter, Brynn Sibley, born June 18, 2016.

Lauren Ashley Coker (Pharm.D. '15) completed her PGY-1 residency with University Health in Shreveport, LA, where she will now begin employment as a clinical staff pharmacist.

Kelsie Green Trimble (Pharm.D. '06), and husband Kevin, welcomed son, Jayden Matthew Trimble, in August 2015.

George Matthaïolampakis, Ph.D., has joined the ULM SOP as Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Dr. Beth Cady has joined the ULM SOP as Assistant Professor in Pharmacy at our Shreveport campus.

Dr. Roy Parish was names Professor Emeritus in July 2016.

*Let us hear from you!*

*Add your news to our next newsletter.*

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The ULM School of Pharmacy is Louisiana's only state-supported pharmacy school. Alumni support and involvement are critical as we plan exciting cutting edge educational experiences for our students and faculty.

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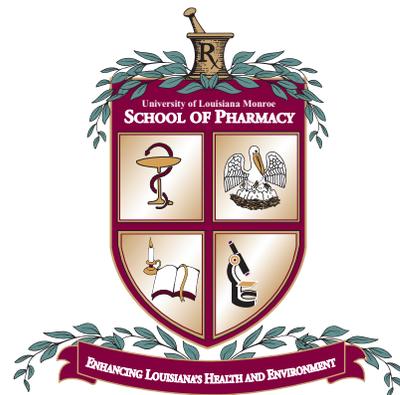
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## ULM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PHARMACY CHAPTER



Did you know that the ULM School of Pharmacy has an alumni chapter?

If you are not already a member, be sure to join. Reconnect with old classmates and network with other SOP graduates.

To become a member:

1. Go to <http://www.ulm.edu/alumni>
2. Select "Alumni Chapters"
3. Select "Pharmacy"

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