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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DR. STEPHEN HILL

Dr. Stephen Hill (Pharm.D. 2008) is a ULM College of Pharmacy graduate and now serves as a Clinical Associate Professor for ULM's College of Pharmacy. He lives in Monroe, Louisiana, with his wife and three daughters.

In addition to his teaching, he also serves as a co-investigator on the Hero Grant and the PGY-1 Residency Director for the Monroe campus. He is the Northeast Regional Chair for LPA, the faculty advisor for APhA-ASP, an AM Care clinical pharmacist at Ochsner LSU Shreveport Health Monroe Campus Family Medicine Clinic, and loves to show off his pancake cooking skills twice a year during the College of Pharmacy's Pancakes & PJs, where faculty and staff cook and serve pancakes to students during finals week. His daughters give him plenty of practice at home cooking pancakes for them!

Family Life.

I have been married to my wife for 15 years (we met and started dating in high school). I have 3 beautiful daughters, twin 11-year-olds and a very feisty 4-year-old (she is the boss). We love to travel as a family, we go snow skiing most years as we have family in Colorado and Utah. The twins are complete opposites in what they enjoy doing as Hannah is my reader (#1 in AR points in her entire elementary school) and loves animals, horseback riding and singing. Rachel is our athlete and loves just about every sport and really excels in soccer and cross country/track. We attend St Thomas on the Bayou Episcopal Church near ULM main campus and the whole family is involved. I am currently a vestry member, my wife serves on the altar guild, and the twins sing in the choir.

What are some favorite hobbies or what do you enjoy when you aren't working?

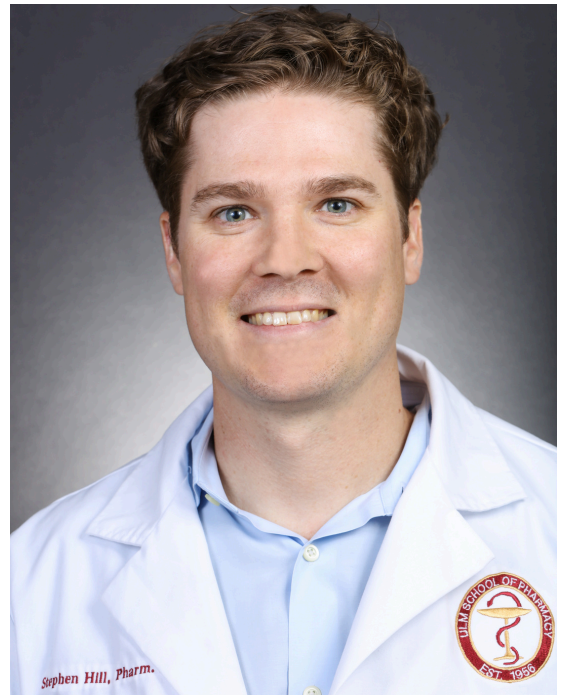
Playing with my kids and coaching Rachel in soccer. Watching LSU and Saints football, hanging out with friends and family, supporting my wife in her long-distance running. We recently traveled to Boston in April, where she ran the Boston Marathon.

Why did you choose to attend ULM?

ULM has the only public pharmacy school in the state. Monroe is where I grew up and where most of my family lives, and ULM has a reputation as a great pharmacy school that produces knowledgeable and prepared pharmacists upon graduation.

What did you do after graduation?

After graduating pharmacy school, I went on to complete a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency in Jackson, MS, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (2008-2009.) I then worked for 5 years as a clinical hospital pharmacist at Methodist Dallas Medical Center in Dallas, TX (2009-2014.) I also served as a preceptor for 3 different pharmacy schools in Texas and as a preceptor for the resident program we had at the hospital.



"The most rewarding aspect to my career in pharmacy is seeing former students, mentees, and residents go on to have successful and impactful careers in pharmacy and healthcare and to know that I may have played a small part in helping them achieve their goals."

Stephen Hill
Pharm.D.

We moved back home to Monroe and I started teaching in 2014 as a clinical assistant professor. I was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2020.



Dr. Stephen Hill attends the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders with a group of ULM Pharm.D. candidates.

What are some favorite memories of being in pharmacy school?

I don't have one particular favorite story but I generally enjoyed my entire 4 years of pharmacy school. What sticks with me the most is my P4 year on rotations, as I had a fantastic group of preceptors both faculty and non-faculty. The experiences I had and the mentorship I received propelled me to pursue a residency and first piqued my interest in academia as a pharmacy career. Two preceptors that really stand out are Dr. Tibb Jacobs and Dr. Jeff Evans who I now get to call my colleagues.

My favorite professor (outside of the two I mention for rotation) and the person who had a huge impact on my career and professional growth was Ed Adams. When I was a student he occupied the role that Dr. Laurel Sampognaro now runs so well.

As a ULM pharmacy student, I was most involved in our the APhA-ASP chapter. I created a "travel coordinator" position to help get groups of students to pharmacy conferences. The position didn't exist at the time, but by creating one, it allowed me to marry my interests of organizational involvement and travel. Another full circle moment is that I now serve as the faculty advisor for APhA-ASP.

Is there any particular area of pharmacy that you are particularly passionate about?

I am most passionate about substance use disorders and harm reduction (more specifically opioid use disorder) which I teach in Neurology and have a lab in the P3 Fall. I developed this passion after attending the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders in 2016, which I have now attended 6 times. I also have given CE's on this subject to pharmacists, MDs, veterinarians, law enforcement, and other healthcare students. I currently serve as a co-investigator on a 2.5 million dollar

grant from SAMHSA, which we named the HERO Project. I work on the project, along with three of my ULM COP colleagues. We are involved in substance use disorder and harm reduction education along with distributing harm reduction to those we educate. We target 3 main groups with the HERO grant: first responders, community members, and healthcare students in training. Dr. Alexis Horace is our PI in the project and has brought great passion, leadership, and guidance to the project and I am thankful to be apart of such an impactful group and project.

What do you like most about teaching future pharmacists?

I love both teaching large classes and teaching to smaller groups in my elective. Students keep you on your toes and when they are actively engaged, they make teaching fun and rewarding. I also enjoy the one on one teaching/interactions with P4 students on my rotation in the Family medicine clinic at Ochsner in Monroe. Finally, the reason I love my job in academia is seeing our students graduate and go on to have rewarding careers, positively impacting their patients, and making a difference in our profession.

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

My biggest piece of advice is twofold, first there are so many career paths for pharmacists that most people and even students don't initially realize all of the options. If someone is thinking about pharmacy or are already in pharmacy and aren't satisfied with their current option, then explore all the different areas of pharmacy. Second to piggyback on the first statement find an area of pharmacy that you love and that you are passionate about and you will have both a successful and rewarding career.

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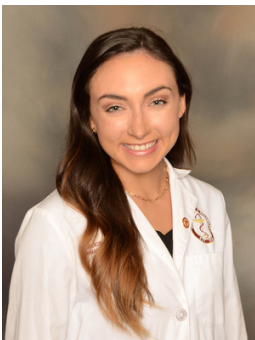
Taylor Beauchamp
Pharm.D. '23

Matched for a PGY2 Residency with Legacy Health, Portland OR – PGY 2 Ambulatory Care



Chyna Sical
Pharm.D. '23

Matched for a PGY2 Residency with Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL - PGY2 Pediatric Care



Monica Whitman
Pharm.D. '23

OLOL Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA, PGY2- Critical Care

CLASS OF 2024 PGY 1 RESIDENCY MATCHES

Chelsea Bock: Cleveland Clinic Akron General in Akron, OH

Emily-Kate Perrin Carter: St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, MS

Amber Deviller: Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, GA

Logan Dugas: Baylor Scott and White Medical Center – Temple in Temple, TX

Abigail Edwards: Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery, AL

Jennifer Eubanks: VA- James A Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, FL

Anna-Marie Freeland: Ascension Sacred Heart , Pensacola, FL

Brooke Habetz: UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock, AR

Emily Hutchinson: Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center, Houston, TX

Nicole Johnson: OLOL Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Timothy Dean Roberts: UMC – NO, New Orleans, LA

Collin Strickland: Norton Children's Hospital, Louisville, KY

Gerienne White: LSU Health Shreveport LA

Antoinette Leo: Indian Health Service Program, Lawson Indian Hospital in Lawson, OK

Shylon Francis: Fellowship position, Amgen Global Regulatory Affairs team, in conjunction with Howard University College of Pharmacy

Shannon Lavergne (Pharm.D. '19) became Board Certified as a Pediatric Pharmacy Specialist.

Taylor McMillion (Pharm.D. '11) started a new position as Compounding Pharmacist Supervisor at Covetrus.

Carlos Irula (Pharm.D. '14) was promoted to Pharmacy Director at St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy North Texas -June 2023

Emilee Howard (Pharm.D. '22) started a new position as Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist @ Baptist Medical Center East - June 2023.

Kaitlin Comeaux Tyler (Pharm.D. '21), and husband Tyler, welcomed a beautiful baby girl in January.

Danielle Bryant (Pharm.D. '14) was promoted to Director of Pharmacy at Rapides Regional Medical Center LLC.

Hai Bui (Pharm.D. '14) is the new owner of Soileau's Pharmacy.

Kristin Howell (Pharm.D. '16) started a new position as Medical Science Liaison for AbbVie.

Armani Bennett (Pharm.D. '23) started a new position as floater pharmacist for Albertson's.

Josiah Land (Pharm.D. '13) started a new position as Medical Science Liaison for Jazz Pharmaceuticals.

Stephen LaHaye, Pharm.D., BCPS, FVSH (BS Pharm '91) was inducted into the inaugural class of Fellows of the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists at the VSHP Spring Seminar in April.

Greg Smith, Pharm.D. (B.S. '94) won ULM's 38th Annual Don Weems Memorial Chili Cook-Off, winning both the 1st Place prize and "People's Choice" award.

Kelsey Welch Gillis (Pharm.D. '18) and husband welcomed a sweet baby boy, Gene Abel Gillis, on May 24, 2023!

Connie Smith, Pharm.D. (B.S.'94) retired from the ULM College of Pharmacy.

Roxie Stewart, Pharm.D. (B.S. '90) retired from the ULM College of Pharmacy.

PHARMACY NEWS

Sylvester research receives continued support from the La. Cancer Foundation.

The Louisiana Cancer Foundation continued its support of ULM's Paul Sylvester, Ph.D. with a \$10,000 donation to support Sylvester's cancer research. The donation made on December 6 marks the 18th year that the LCF has donated to Sylvester's work, bringing the total amount donated to \$180,000 over that time.

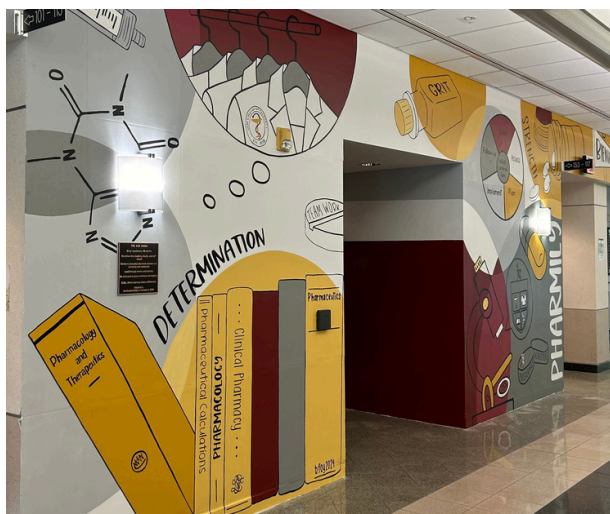
The check was presented to Sylvester by LCF Executive Director James Adams, Assistant Director Donna Jackson, and Cancer Foundation League Board President Debbie Sawyer.

Poor Man's Run provides donation to St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy



The ULM College of Pharmacy Student Council hosted its Seventh Annual Poor Man's Run on March 2, 2024, raising a total of \$8,000 for the St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy.

College of Pharmacy gets refreshing new art



Brooke Foy, Associate Professor of Art, and ULM's School of Visual & Performing Arts created a new mural for the College of Pharmacy. The mural covers the entry wall of the Bienville lobby and is a beautiful addition to the building.

ULM Student Research Symposium

The 2023 ULM Student Research Symposium was held October 23, 2023. Pharmacy winners were:

I. Pharmacy Graduate Student Poster Presentations

First Place: **Ashkan Hassankhani Rad**

Mentor: Dr. Khalid El Sayed

Presentation Title: "Pseurotin A Culture Conditions Optimization and Validation as a Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Recurrence Suppressing Lead."

Second Place: **Archana Shrestha**

Mentor: Dr. Georgios Mattheolabakis

Presentation Title: "Impact of Individual and Combined Deregulation of miR-143 and miR-506 on Cytokinetic and Morphometric Parameters in A549 Lung Cancer Cells."

II. Pharmacy Graduate Student Oral Presentations

First Place: **Ethar Mudhish**

Mentor: Dr. Khalid El Sayed

Presentation Title: "Cannabidiol Suppresses Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Progression and Recurrence through Modulating Tryptophan Catabolism."

Second Place: **Jessie Grazier**

Mentor: Dr. Paul W. Sylvester

Presentation Title: "γ-Tocotrienol Inhibition of the Metastatic Phenotypic Behavior is Associated with a Decrease in Galectin-3 Expression and Distribution in Highly Malignant Mammary Tumor Cells."

III. Pharmacy Undergraduate Poster Presentation

First Place: **Shylon Francis**

Mentor: Dr. Hanna Rotundo

Presentation Title: "Assessing Health Needs in a Dominican Republic Community During an Interprofessional Service-Learning Trip."

ULM Pharm.D. Candidate receives ACCP Student Travel Award

2025 Pharm. D. candidate, Kylie Michot, was awarded an American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Annual Meeting Student Travel Award. This requires an application process and is open to all pharmacy students across the country, so we are incredibly proud of Kylie for being selected!

Dr. Ron Hill retired from the ULM College of Pharmacy on June 30, 2023.

CONDOLENCES

Dr. Sharon Meyer was born June 1, 1949 in Jefferson, Iowa, and passed from life July 24, 2023 in West Monroe, LA at the age of 74. She was a longtime professor for the College of Pharmacy and dear friend and mentor to many. She was greatly respected and accomplished in her profession. In 2021 she was awarded an endowed professorship for the University of Louisiana System Foundation and Willis-Knighton Health System.

Mr. Walter Joseph Pierron Jr. was born July 14, 1933, in Monroe, Louisiana, and died on October 17, 2023. He loved the practice of pharmacy and was well known professionally. He was an active member of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association and served as its president. He was honored as Pharmacist of the Year in 1970, was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia in 1977 and the ULM Meritorious Award in 2011. He was also active in the Mississippi Pharmacy Association and alumni affairs of Ole Miss.

Walter taught at the ULM School of Pharmacy for 15 years, where he was the faculty advisor for Phi Delta Chi professional fraternity. He and Nancy loved the pharmacy students and frequently had them over to their home for meetings and home cooked meals.

TOXICOLOGY NEWS

Toxicology welcomes new instructor.

Name: Ms. Lauren Cramer, M.S.

Title: Instructor of Toxicology

Job Responsibilities: Teaching Environmental Toxicology and General Toxicology I while also assisting Mr. Banks with the Gen Tox Labs for the Spring and Fall. I will be teaching Clinical Toxicology and General Toxicology II during the Fall semester.

Degree: I graduated with a Bachelors in Toxicology from ULM in 2019. In 2022, I graduated with a Masters in Biology, also from ULM.

Family: My older sister, Mckenzie Cramer, works for the university as well as the Associate Registrar.

Hobbies: I love reading/collecting books, drinking coffee, and spending time with my family and three cats!



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PHARMILY SPOTLIGHT: KOLBY COOK

Hometown: Bossier City, LA

Education: BSPS in December 2023, PharmD/MBA Candidate of 2026

Work History: Pharmacy Intern at CVS Pharmacy for 2 years; Previous: Services Associate at Office Depot, Biology Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader at ULM, Teller at Commercial Capital Bank

Area of Pharmacy I'm Passionate About: After graduation, my current plan is to pursue a PGY-1 and PGY-2 residency, specializing in Pharmacy Administration and Leadership. With this experience, I want to work my way up to hospital administration, and eventually Director of Pharmacy for a hospital system. I have a huge passion for business along with my even larger interest in patient care, so I feel that this is the best career for me to get the "best of both worlds."

Advice for those looking to a career in pharmacy: As a pharmacy student, my biggest piece of advice is to keep your options open. Don't tie yourself down to one aspect of pharmacy and think you're stuck doing that for the rest of your life. There are so many different facets of pharmacy that you're bound to find something that piques your interest and makes you excited to commit yourself to lifelong learning and enjoy the ride.

Why did I choose ULM College of Pharmacy: The easy answer was that ULM is close to home and was the easy option. However, as I completed my undergraduate coursework at ULM, I fell in love with the down to earth, family dynamic of the university and I'm very happy with my decision.

School Organization Involvement: Pharmacy Council President, Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) Treasurer, APhA Operation Immunization Co-Chair, Pharmacy Alumni Liaisons (PALs)

Family: I'm the youngest of two children. A couple years after I was born, my family relocated from West Monroe to Longview, TX, where we spent 7 years before moving back home to be with family in my actual hometown of Delhi, LA. About 3 years ago, my dad's job relocated him once again to Bossier, where we now call home. My older brother has a 2-year-old girl, who has my heart, despite the fact that I'm NOT a kid person.

Hobbies: Honestly, it's hard to have hobbies when I stay as busy as I do. Between school, organizations and work, there's not much time for hobbies. I guess you could say when I'm not doing those things, I enjoy sleeping!

I'm extremely excited to represent my pharmily as the Pharmacy Council President this coming year, and I have so many plans that I can't wait to put into action!

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Welcome to our Newest Alumni

The Class of 2024 was celebrated on May 10 with a Senior Recognition Ceremony. During the ceremony, they were presented with their long white coats and recognized for their achievements. On May 11, 2024, the class walked across the stage at ULM's Commencement Ceremony to receive their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. Thirty-one graduates received Latin honors, having achieved GPAs exceeding 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Out of those 31 students, 14 graduated cum laude with a 3.5 – 3.749 GPA; Eleven graduated magna cum laude with a 3.75 – 3.89 GPA; Six graduated summa cum laude with a 3.9 – 4.0 GPA; and 1 graduated with a perfect, 4.0 GPA. Lastly, 16 graduates will be pursuing postgraduate residencies or fellowships across the United States. Congrats to the Class of 2024!

Brian Primeaux (Pharm.D. '14) Promoted to Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Services at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Thomas J. Bergeron (B.S. '75) retired on January 4, 2021.

Emily McGee (Pharm.D. '18) accepted a faculty position with the ULM College of Pharmacy School of Clinical Sciences. She is on the Monroe campus and will practice with the inpatient medicine teams at Ochsner LSU Monroe.

Lauren Belleau (Pharm.D. '22) Celebrated one year as pharmacy director at Byrd Regional Hospital in Leesville, LA.

Kelsey Dearman Beatrous (Pharm.D. '18) and husband, Dr. Britton Beatrous, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on March 26, 2024. Baby girl's grandfather, **Dr. Clyde Dearman (B.S. Pharmacy '88)** is also a ULM graduate.

Harlee Richardson Cox (Pharm.D. '23) and husband, Chance, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on May 7, 2024.

Dustin Becnel (Pharm.D. '20) started a new position as Pharmacy Manager at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington, LA.

Ryan Boe-Ashley (Pharm.D. '16) was promoted to Pharmacy Manager at CVS Health.

Carlos Irula (Pharm.D. '14) was awarded the Excellence in Innovation award by the Texas Pharmacy Association.

Jami Jenkins (Pharm.D. '16) started a new position as Walmart Market Health and Wellness Director .

Stephen Hill (Pharm.D. '08) was awarded Faculty Preceptor of the Year by the ULM College of Pharmacy Class of 2024.

Christina Tubberville McCormick (Pharm.D. '05) was awarded Non-Faculty Preceptor of the Year by the ULM College of Pharmacy Class of 2024.

Blake Pitre (B.S. Pharmacy '62) and **Juanita Pitre** Celebrated 66 years of marriage, June 1, 2024.

Robert Hollier (B.S. Pharmacy '93) and **Nikki Hilton Hollier (B.S. Pharmacy '93)** - After 22 years in business in Breaux Bridge, LA, Rob and Nikki have sold Hollier's Family Pharmacy and retired. The Pharmacy will continue to be a proud independent pharmacy.

Britney Dyer Hill (Pharm.D. '15) was promoted to PIC for Good Day Farm in Natchitoches, LA! They opened May 22, 2024.

Aaron Head (Pharm.D. '17) Was recently recognized as Pharmacy Manager of the Year for Walmart Pharmacy out of region 13. Based out of store #309 in Abbeville, LA. We love working with our citizens and patients of Vermillion Parish.

Chelsie Head (Pharm.D. '18) and husband, **Aaron Head (Pharm.D. '17)** welcomed baby girl, Amelia Anne, in June.

Rufus Romero (B.S. Pharmacy '72) celebrated 50 years of service as a registered pharmacist in Louisiana on September 13, 2023. He received a Gold Certificate from the Board of Pharmacy in honor of this achievement. He has retired as of January 1, 2024 and resides with his wife, Faye, in Acadia Parish.

Logan Murray (Pharm.D. '18) completed his Master of Health Administration at LSU Shreveport.

Savannah Parker (Pharm.D. '19) started a new position as Medical Science Liaison at Sandi.

John Timothy Smith (B.S. Pharmacy '83) Retired from Walgreens in April 2024.

Mike Scott (B.S. Pharmacy '78) Graduated from pharmacy school at NLU in 1978, and completed anesthesia training in Florida in August 1985. For the last 39 years I have been on the anesthesia staff at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, where I am still working. My wife, Anita, Of 38 years and I have three grown daughters. I cherish my great memories of my Rx school days.

Chandra Mitchell Savage (B.S. Toxicology '00) - Mid 2023, promoted to Director of Research Services at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Earned an MBA from Christian Brother University in Memphis, TN, and also earned the prestigious certification of Certified Manager of Animal Resources (CMAR). "The background knowledge I gained at ULM has carried me far and I use most of the knowledge I obtained from the College of Pharmacy while completing my Tox degree. Thank you Dr. Blaylock for changing my life when he introduced me into the world of Lab animal science. It is an amazing world to be in. "

Lauren Ragan (Pharm.D. '13) promoted to Pharmacy Manager at Walgreens.



Dr. Karen Briski pictured with ULM President, Dr. Ron Berry

Briski awarded Ken Clow Award for Excellence in Research

The University of Louisiana Monroe celebrated the successes of its faculty and staff at the annual Foundation Awards for Excellence on Monday, April 30, at Bayou Pointe Event Center. The Ken Clow Award for Excellence in Research went to Dr. Karen Briski, professor of pharmacology and neuroanatomy.

Dr. Briski's career has spanned over 40 years. She has worked in the ULM College of Pharmacy since 1999. She has maintained a highly successful independent biomedical research program, which has yielded 167 peer-reviewed publications.

"Dr. Briski is exactly the type of professor that should be honored with this award," said ULM Chief Research and Innovation Office Dr. John Sutherlin. "Dr. Briski's involvement with students and teaching abilities have all been enhanced by her research. Yet, the thing I value most with Dr. Briski is her commitment to research integrity and honesty," continued Sutherlin.

Pharmacy Faculty Recognized for Promotions

College of Pharmacy faculty were recently recognized during the 2024 Foundation Awards for Excellence. Those recognized include Dr. Oscar Garza and Dr. Alexis Horace, promoted to Professor; Clinical Professor, Dr. Anthony Walker; and Associate Professor, Dr. Nektarios Barabutis. Dr. Bryan Donald and Dr. Victoria Miller. Professors and Associate Professors awarded tenure included Barabutis, Donald, Garza and Miller.

Dr. Nektarios Barabutis Named Researcher of the Semester

Dr. Nektarios Barabutis has been named Researcher of the Semester for Spring 2024 by the ULM Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR.) Dr. Barabutis is an Associate Professor of Pharmacology in the College of Pharmacy at ULM. He joined forces with the School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences in October 2017 as a tenure-track Assistant Professor.

His basic research endeavors are focused on elucidating cellular mechanisms involved in human disease in order to try to promote our understanding of disease pathogenesis and contribute to the development of new pharmacotherapies against severe disorders. Special emphasis is given to delineating the molecular network dictating endothelial barrier function since vascular leak is the hallmark of potentially lethal conditions. Based on that expertise, he was invited to participate as an ad-hoc reviewer in The Respiratory Integrative Biology and Translational Research standing study section of the National Institutes of Health.

Since joining the University of Louisiana Monroe, Dr. Barabutis has published 68 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, including *Endocrinology*, *American Journal of Physiology - Cell Physiology*, *Trends in Endocrinology and Metabolism*. The investigator was recently invited to submit an article to *Trends in Cell Biology* (Impact Factor: 19), in order to review and articulate deliberations on the topic of endothelium regulation and advanced therapeutics. He also serves as a Section Editor in *Data in Brief* (Elsevier) and *MethodsX* (Elsevier), as an Associate Editor in *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, and participates in the editorial board of *BMC Pulmonary Medicine* (Springer Nature). His research program has been continuously funded by extramural resources since 2018, and it is currently supported by the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network (NIGMS/NIH P20 GM103424-21).

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research commends Dr. Barabutis for the important research and work he is doing on behalf of the University of Louisiana Monroe and his impact on the world.

See article at: www.ulm.edu/news/2024/barabutis_researcher_052424

TOXICOLOGY NEWS

Scholarship established in Memory of Dr. Sharon Meyer

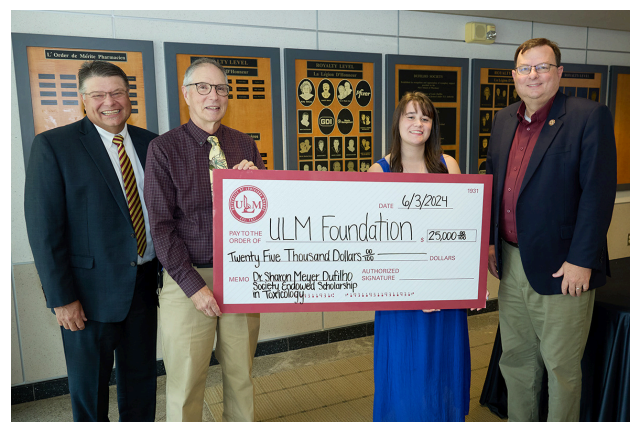
Dr. Robert Meyer, widowed husband of ULM's Dr. Sharon Meyer, donated \$25,000 to establish the Sharon Meyer Dufilho Society Endowed Scholarship in Toxicology. A check presentation was held at the ULM College of Pharmacy on June 3, 2024.

"ULM is where Sharon got a chance to be an academician and researcher. We knew we had to set up a memorial in her name, seeing as this is where she made her career," said husband, Robert Meyer. Sharon impacted the lives of students, faculty, and her community of toxicology colleagues across the nation.

Sharon was raised on a farm in Panora, Iowa, often attempting to make chemicals with items purchased from her local family. After receiving her undergraduate and master's degrees at Iowa State University, she went on to complete a Ph.D. in Physiology at Cornell University and two postdoctoral fellowships, one at Harvard Medical School and one at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Her career led her to ULM in 2000, where she was recognized as a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences, honored with an endowed professorship from the University of Louisiana System Foundation and Willis-Knighton Health Systems, and was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success.

She retired from ULM in January 2023. Prior to retirement, she was studying the risks of exposure to complex chemical mixtures and deciphering their toxicologically "active" agents using multivariate statistics. As an 8-year breast cancer survivor and undergoing treatment for metastatic uterine cancer, a personal research interest for her was examining the dietary supplement Echinacea as a means to boost the production of white blood cells when bone marrow has been compromised, such as during chemotherapy. She passed away in July 2023.



(L-R): Dean of the ULM College of Pharmacy Dr. Glenn Anderson, Dr. Robert Meyer, scholarship recipient Cara Juneau, ULM President Dr. Ron Berry

Dr. Sindhura Ramasahayam, one of Sharon's graduate students, shared "Her endless support and encouragement have made many of us succeed in our Ph.D. and her passion and dedication towards research has shaped many students towards high expectations and achievements. I truly appreciate her for her valuable and tireless guidance. She left behind a legacy in the field of toxicology."

Robert and the 2024-2025 recipient, Cara Juneau, met at the event for the first time. Cara is pursuing a bachelor's degree in toxicology.

The endowed status of the scholarship will live on in perpetuity to ensure financial support for future toxicology students. Robert is hopeful that this scholarship will evolve into a Superior Graduate Scholarship, totaling \$60,000, and be awarded to Ph.D. students pursuing toxicology.

Cara is the daughter of Mark Juneau (B.S. Toxicology '97) and Angela Juneau (ULM Financial Aid).

By ULM Office of Marketing and Communications

Spring '24 B.S. Toxicology degrees awarded

Eleven students were awarded Bachelor of Science in Toxicology degrees during ULM's Spring Commencement Ceremony held on May 11, 2024.

Herrock receives award

Mr. John Herrock, Toxicology Instructor, recently received the Excellence in Teaching award for the College of Pharmacy.

Toxicology welcomes new faculty

The School of BPTS has completed the hiring process for the Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutics faculty positions. Dr. Andrew Bolinger will begin in July 2024, and Dr. Huy Dao and Dr. Meng Su will begin in September 2024.

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI NEWS



PHARMILY SPOTLIGHT: Courtney Robertson, Pharm.D.

Hometown: Lake Charles, LA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Tailgate and ULM Homecoming Game

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New Orleans Morial Convention Center,
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Monroe, Louisiana

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ALUMNI NEWS



Scholarship Honoring “Doc” Murphy

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

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

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

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

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

https://www.ulm.edu/news/2024/murphy_scholarship_070924.html

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

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

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
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Alumni Party
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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ALUMNI NEWS



Congratulations to LPA's 2024*2025 Board Members

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pharmacy Community Mourns Loss of Donna Aron

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

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

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

PHARMACY NEWS



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CAREER FAIR

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

OPTIONAL INTERVIEWS
11:00am - 3:00pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 20, 2024

REGISTER TODAY - SPACE IS LIMITED!

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

ULM COP SNPhA Chapter brings home awards.

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

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

College of Pharmacy hosts summer PharmFUTURE recruitment event.

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

College welcomes new Pharm.D. class.

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

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

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

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

September 24, 2024,
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PHARMILY SPOTLIGHT:

Drs. Hai Bui and Tala Badwan Bui

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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December 14, 2024

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

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ALUMNI NEWS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

IT'S LICENSE RENEWAL TIME!

The banner features a photograph of a pharmacist in a white lab coat working in a laboratory setting. To the right of the photo is the University of Louisiana Monroe logo, which includes the text 'UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE', 'ULM', 'EST. 1931', and 'College of Pharmacy'. Below the photo and logo is a yellow bar with the text 'IT'S LICENSE RENEWAL TIME!' in white.

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

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

ALUMNI NEWS

Homecoming 2024

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



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



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



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

Join us for a
Louisiana
good time!

Louisiana Pharmacists Reception

in conjunction with the 2024 ASHP Midyear Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Grand Isle Restaurant

575 Convention Center Blvd.

New Orleans, LA 70130

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

https://www.ulm.edu/news/2024/sylvester_lcf_scholarship_091824.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawGDWOFleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHV5T91Y2tEldKaD9-uBANyAgbjr4MBYraw9bPOcxKoGOxUf1RILl5mUNA_aem_cZqF9fJ_fDJUupMYORLKjgA

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

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

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

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

Your gift helps fund student education, facility improvements, faculty development, community outreach and other programs that strengthen the mission of the ULM College of Pharmacy.

Ways to Give

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

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Scroll down to select "Dufilho Society" from the second drop-down list

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

Other ways to give include stock or security gifts, IRA gifts, endowments such as chairs and professorships, planned giving through a will or estate, or a naming opportunity.

For more information or to learn how to leave a lasting legacy to ULM, please contact the ULM Foundation by phone at (318) 342-3636 or by email at foundation@ulm.edu.

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

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

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



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Position: Relief Pharmacist

Schedule:

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

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

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

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

- Correctly interpret physician's orders for inpatients while checking compatibility of orders and dosages by monitoring the patient profile.
- Consult physicians with clinical activities, including substitutions, IV to oral switches, and stop orders.
- Effectively answer drug information questions and communicate knowledge concerning pharmaceutical skill and law to other health professionals and patients.
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