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As a graduate of ULM's pharmacy, Ph.D. or Toxicology programs, the College of Pharmacy hopes you will stay in touch. There are many events throughout the year to help you re-connect with friends and former classmates. We hope to see you at one of these events and ask that you will take a moment to share any exciting news for upcoming newsletters. Connect today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11-13, 2024

LPA 2024 Annual Convention & Trade Show, DoubleTree by Hilton Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

July 12, 2024

ULM College of Pharmacy Alumni Reception, Double Tree by Hilton Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

October 11, 2024

ULM Pharm.D. Career Fair

October 11, 2024

ULM Pharmacy Homecoming Party

October 12, 2024

ULM Pharmacy Homecoming Super Tailgate and ULM Homecoming Game

December 8-12, 2024

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting & Expo, New Orleans Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

June 7, 2025

Dufilho Society Member Gala

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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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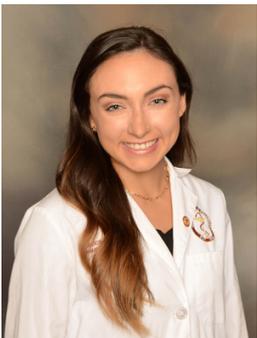
Taylor Beauchamp
Pharm.D. '23

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.

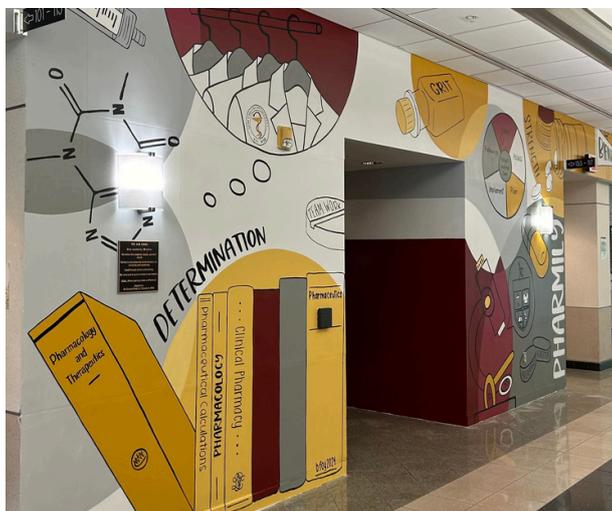
The check was presented to Sylvester by LCF Executive Director James Adams, Assistant Director Donna Jackson, and Cancer Foundation League Board President Debbie Sawyer.

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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