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A TERRIFIC PHARMACY PHAMILY

It's amazing...eight family members, all pharmacists, and all graduates of ULM (and Northeast). Perry and Gail Leleux are proud of that family, and certainly they should be. Working in hospital, chain, and independent community pharmacies, they cover a wide range within the profession. I had the opportunity recently to spend the evening with all of them. After driving to Lafayette, we had a great dinner at the Blue Dog Café. Back at Perry and Gail's home, the family began to arrive for a 7:00 photo appointment for this newsletter. Tommy Leleux (Perry's brother) and his daughter Simone Leleux Stevens, Michael Leleux (also Perry's brother), and his daughter Kimberly Leleux Fontenot, as well as her husband Neil Fontenot, and Amy Leleux Ponti (Perry and Gail's daughter), all arrived and the good times began. Gail had managed virtually an impossible task: getting them all together at the same time!

What I heard was fun, laughter, and stories. They remembered some of the faculty and administration who made an impact on their lives, such as Dr. August Danti, Dean Ralph Wilson, Dr. Saenz, Dr. Cronk, Walter Pierron, Dr. Gene Watkins, Dr. Joe Kern, Dr. Martin, Dr. Goorley, Dean Bourn, Dr. Knott (Chiefy), and many others.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



From left to right: Kimberly Leleux Fontenot, Michael Leleux, Neil Fontenot, Simone Leleux Stevens, Tommy Leleux, Perry Leleux, Amy Leleux Ponti, and Gail Clarkston Leleux.



DEAN'S MESSAGE



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

The Spring 2014 semester has been an extremely eventful one for ULM in general and for the School of Pharmacy in particular. In January, ULM underwent a major reorganization that reduced the number of Colleges from five to three. We ended the Fall 2013 semester as the ULM College of Pharmacy. We started the Spring 2014 semester as the ULM School of Pharmacy housed within the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences. I remain as Dean of the School of Pharmacy and, additionally, am Dean of the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences that includes the School of Nursing and the School of Health Professions. The School of Health Professions is home to Counseling, Dental Hygiene, Gerontology, Health Studies, Kinesiology, Marriage and Family Therapy, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Radiologic Technology and Speech-Language Pathology.

As was reported in the last Pharmacy Student Newsletter, we had our ACPE accreditation visit last fall. On January 31, 2014, ULM received official notice that we have been granted a full 8-year accreditation and are compliant in all thirty accreditation standards. Dr. Eric Pani, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and I made a trip to ACPE headquarters in Chicago in January to verify that the reorganization detailed above would not have an adverse effect on the School of Pharmacy accreditation status. This was confirmed by ACPE with the understanding that they will make a visit here in 2016 to monitor the status and any effects of the reorganization on the pharmacy program.

It is also that time of the year when we give sincere congratulations to the Class of 2014 for a Job Well Done and wish them continued success as they move into their careers as newly-minted DOCTORS OF PHARMACY. We are proud of your accomplishments so far and know that you will continue to make us proud as you exemplify the outstanding characteristics that identify you as the most trusted healthcare professional. To the P1s, P2s & P3s, congratulations on successful years, have a great summer and try to get some R & R (August and Fall, 2014 will be here before you know it).

A TERRIFIC PHARMACY PHAMILY *(continued from page 1)*

They also remembered the food... Ray's PeGe, the Mohawk, poboy's from "the Frenchy Restaurant", and Johnny's Pizza. Other memories talked about included setting out trot lines on Bayou Desiard, the excellent track team from the early 1960's, the national champion water ski team, winning the Lilly Award, and Perry meeting his future wife Gail. Also discussed was how few

women were in the profession years ago...only five in Gail's class. After making the photo of all the Leleux's together, Gail served coffee, cake, cookies, and brownies. Absolutely awesome.

As I drove back home that night, I reflected on the tremendous impact that pharmacists across the state have every single

day. But that night I was also thinking of the impact of this one fun, happy family, who at the end of the day, has made such a difference in the lives of so many.

By: Dr. Richard Hood

ULM PHARMACY STUDENTS SHINE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Graduates, Brian Primeaux of Crowley (Pharm.D. '14,) and Nichole Witmyer (Pharm.D. '14) of West Monroe, represented the University of Louisiana at Monroe in the 18th annual American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) National Clinical Skills Competition in Orlando, Fla., in early December.

Primeaux and Witmyer competed against students from 124 schools and colleges of pharmacy from across the nation, finishing in the top 10 overall. The semi-final round consisted of a written case work-up, with the 10 highest scoring teams advancing to the final round to give oral presentations.

Dr. Jessica Brady, group adviser and assistant professor of pharmacy said, "After advancing to the final round and presenting their care plan to a live audience, the ULM team narrowly missed placing in the top three. We wish to congratulate these two on their accomplishment and representation of the ULM School of Pharmacy!"

The Clinical Skills Competition (CSC) is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for hospital/health-system pharmacists, sponsored by ASHP.

It provides pharmacy students the opportunity to enhance their skills in collaborative practice with physicians in providing direct patient care.

Local competitions are held each fall on college campuses around the nation, with the national competition taking place at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December.

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2013/1217-national-competition.html>



Brian Primeaux (PharmD '14) and Nichole Witmyer (PharmD '14)

STUDENT WINS RESEARCH AWARDS



ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno and Katherine Gary ('15 PharmD Candidate)

Katherine Gary ('15 Pharm.D. Candidate,) whose research titled "Isolation and Analysis of an Oleocanthal-Rich Fraction from Extra-Virgin Olive Oil and its Standardization as a New Dietary-Based C-Met Inhibitor for the Control of Metastatic Breast Malignancies," won the gold medal in the pharmacy category at the ULM Student Research Symposium. Gary also went on to compete with over 175 other participants from all nine ULS universities at the University of Louisiana Systems (ULS) Academic Summit, where she brought home another medal.

Other students who participated in the ULM pharmacy category were: Nathan Simpson (second place,) Courney Cain, Andrew Massey, Tam Le, Kim Ngoc Tran, Prashant Sharma, Ruta Gabregiorgis and Ahmed Sleem.

ULM PHARMACY HOLDS 3RD ANNUAL RX RALLY

The Third Annual School of Pharmacy Rx Games was held behind the Pharmacy Building on Friday, April 4, 2014. Even though the field was somewhat muddy from all the rain, a fun time was had by all.

The Pharmacy Student Council provided a great lunch prepared by Catfish Charlie's. During the afternoon, many activities were taking place, as the P1s, P2s, P3s, P4s, graduate students and faculty all competed in various events. Events included volleyball, sack races, egg-on-a-spoon races, tug-of-war, and water balloon toss.

After the scores were tallied for all the events, the P3's were declared the winners. The P1's won second place - only one point behind.

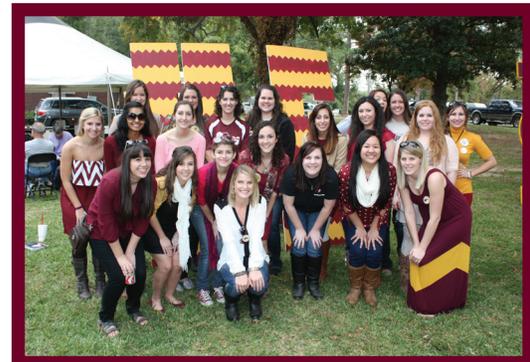
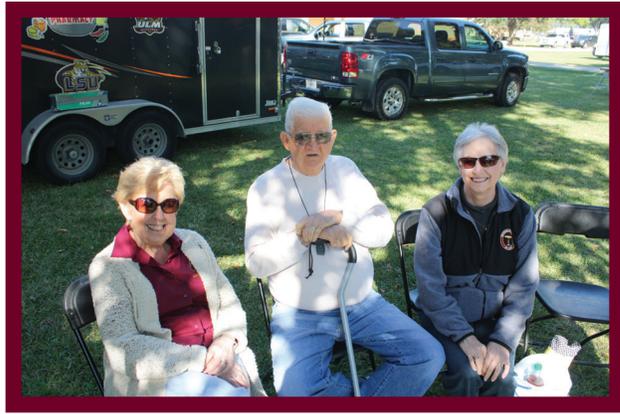


2014 RX RALLY & STUDENT LUNCH



HOMECOMING 2013

GOOD TIMES WITH OLD FRIENDS



FAREWELL CLASS OF 2014



The School of Pharmacy said farewell to the Class of 2014 on May 10. It is exciting to watch these young professionals move forward, but they will be missed by the SOP faculty and staff. Activities began Friday with a luncheon in their honor and a slideshow highlighting their time with the School of Pharmacy. Everyone shared stories, laughter and tears. The Senior Recognition Program was held Friday evening in Fant-Ewing Coliseum where awards were given for outstanding achievements and candidates were presented with their long coats. The commencement ceremony was held Saturday morning and our Pharm.D. candidates received their degrees along with other ULM graduates.



The ULM Doctor of Pharmacy Degree recipients were:



Taiwo Aigberua	Carlos Irula	Tandi Price
Clayton Allen	Danielle Jones	Brian Primeaux
Katie Allen	Kourtney Kennedy	Sadegh Ramezani
Eric Ament	Stacie LaHaye	Maria Reulet
Caitlin Bertrand	Cali Larson	Jonathan Savoy
Chelsea Bertrand	Vinh Le	Dorothy Shelton
Jake Bourque	Krystal Lee	Sarah Shows
Margaret Broussard	Allison Louviere	Ashley Solley
Tony Brown	Christian McCall	Kari Spell
Thanh Hai Bui	Kyndal McCown	Caleb Stephenson
Lyndsey Butler	Taylor McMillion	Abel Stevenson
Larry Collins, Jr.	Steven Metz	Amy Tran
Seth DeBruhl	Ericka Morgan	Truc Tran
Sara DeJong	Rita Moussaoui	Brooke Vanderberg
Anthony Drummer	Amelia Nash	Samantha Veazey
Darren Ehrlicher	Richard Neel	Victoria Vince
Cshakenah Fisher	An Nguyen	Brooke Walker
Cody Fontenot	Christopher Nguyen	Eric Welch
Stephen Foster	Chuong Nguyen	Ashley Wilson
Kristin Frankhouser	Cuu Nguyen	Nichole Witmyer
Elizabeth Fuselier	Steven Parks, Jr.	Abbi Wright
Kellie Geoffroy	Reshma Patel	Anna Zaunbrecher
Megan Bernatowicz	Zarna Patel	Nujuma Ziad
Juowen Huang	Caleb Prestenbach	



2014 Senior Recognition Awards:

Merck and Co. Awards for Excellence
in the Basic Sciences:

Brian Primeaux, Vinh Le

TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA

Student Award:

Caleb Stephenson

Albert P. Lauve Memorial Award:

Nicole Witmeyer

Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence

in Pharmacy Award:

J. Michael Savoy

American Pharmacists Assoc. Sr.

Recognition Certificate:

J. Michael Savoy

Award of Excellence in Clinical

Communication:

Brian Primeaux

Natural Medicine Comprehensive

Database Recognition Award:

Ashley Wilson

Joseph Samuel Carso Student Award:

Caitlin Bertrand

Lauren Savoy Olinde Award:

Taiwo Aigberua

Highest GPA:

J. Michael Savoy

APhA-ASP Leadership Training Series
Recognition Certificate:

Caleb Stephenson, J. Michael
Savoy, Brian Primeaux

LSHP/SSHP Outgoing President

Award:

Stacey LaHaye

Phi Lambda Sigma "Chapter Member
of the Year Award":

Brian Primeaux

Lilly Achievement Award:

Steven Metz

NCPA Outstanding Student:

Brian Primeaux

LPA Scholarship Recognition:

Stacie LaHaye, Caleb

Stephenson, Caitlin Bertrand, J.

Michael Savoy, Carlos Irula

LPA Student Pharmacist Leadership

Award:

Stacie LaHaye

Outstanding Graduate Student

2013-2014:

Alaadin Y. Alayoubi

2014 Residencies:

J. MICHAEL SAVOY

Johns Hopkins Hospital PGY1

Pharmacy Residency

BRIAN PRIMEAUX

Johns Hopkins Hospital PGY1

Pharmacy Residency

CALEB STEPHENSON

University Health System PGY 1

Pharmacy Residency

DANIELLE JONES BRYANT

University of Mississippi Medical

Center PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

MARGARET BROUSSARD

Baptist Health Medical Center -

North Little Rock PGY1 Pharmacy

Residency

STACIE LAHAYE

University of Arkansas for Medical

Sciences Medical Center PGY1

Pharmacy Residency

MICHAEL CHUONG NGUYEN

G.V. Sonny Montgomery VA

Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy

Residency

NICHOLE WITMEYER

St. Dominic Hospital PGY1

Pharmacy Residency

STEVEN METZ

Intermountain Healthcare PGY1

Pharmacy Residency

SARA DEJONG

Our Lady of the Lake Regional

Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy

Residency

CAITLIN BERTRAND

South Carolina College of

Pharmacy/Barney's Pharmacy

PGY1 Community Pharmacy

Residency

2014 Preceptor and Faculty Awards:

Outstanding preceptors and faculty members chosen by the SOP student body were also recognized during the SOP Senior Recognition Program. Awards were:

FACULTY PRECEPTOR

OF THE YEAR

Dr. Michelle Zagar

Dr. Blair Wilbert

1ST YEAR PHARMACY EXCELLENCE

IN TEACHING

Dr. Ron Hill

NON-FACULTY PRECEPTOR

OF THE YEAR

Dr. Charles Feucht

2ND YEAR PHARMACY EXCELLENCE

IN TEACHING

Dr. Courtney Robertson

3RD YEAR PHARMACY EXCELLENCE

IN TEACHING

Dr. Michelle Zagar

ORGANIZATION

UPDATES

SNPhA

We are happy to announce ULM School of Pharmacy is now an official chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA). It was founded in 1972 with currently 85 chapters nationwide. SNPhA is dedicated to the pharmacy profession and serving the underserved. It is an educational service association of pharmacy students who are concerned about pharmacy and healthcare related issues, and the poor minority representation in pharmacy and other health-related professions.

The 2013-2014 ULM-SNPhA Founding Officers are:

President: Ricky Jackson, P3
President-Elect: Courtney Payne, P2
Vice-President: Paul Hoang, P3
Secretary: Theresa Doan, P2
Treasurer: Seng Sisombath, P3
Faculty Advisors: Keith Jackson, PhD,
and Alexis Horace, PharmD

In the month of April, ULM-SNPhA members will be volunteering their time at the Sam's Club Health Screening Event. They will help Sam's members fill out health forms and assist in checking blood pressure, total cholesterol, glucose, and BMI. Also, ULM-SNPhA will host a Zumba event for the local community. It is promoting active lifestyles to help increase stroke awareness and decrease stroke risk in the Monroe community.

RHO CHI

In the Fall of 2013, the Beta Chi Chapter of Rho Chi inducted 15 new initiates representing the top 20% of the P3 class. Throughout the year, members have participated in service to both the School of Pharmacy and the community. We have held calculations tutoring sessions for the P1 class and helped serve lunch at the Grace Place Ministries Soup Kitchen and collaborated on a canned food drive. We recently had a student represent our Beta Chi Chapter at the Rho Chi Society Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Our chapter's main event for the year is our Bingo Fundraiser.

PHI DELTA CHI

Phi Delta Chi has a mission to provide quality services to our patients, thereby advancing public health and strengthening ourselves as health professionals.

The Beta Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Chi takes our mission and service to others sincerely. Throughout the past year we have traveled out of state to learn more about leadership, connecting with our alumni, and overall chapter growth.

We have also been actively involved in our community as well. Brothers volunteered at Grace Place in Monroe, participated in a canned food drive, and performed a service learning at St. Vincent de Paul's Community Pharmacy, where we performed blood glucose screenings for the patients, discussed their current medications, and any lifestyle modifications.

PDC held our annual "Dr. Dunk," where professors volunteer to sit in a dunking booth and students pay for an attempt to "dunk" their professors. All proceeds from this even go toward our philanthropy, St. Jude. In addition to "Dr. Dunk," the chapter did a fund raiser titled "Dining With The Doctor's" where professor's volunteered to host 6-10 students, cook for them and allow the students to know their professors on a different level. Each spot was auctioned off to the students.

Our Motto is Alterum Alterius Auxillio Eget meaning, Each Needs the Help of the Other. Phi Delta Chi firmly believes it is our duty to help others and we are passionate in our goal.

APHA

Forty-one ULM Pharmacy students attended the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Anthony Walker, their faculty advisor, also attended, and said that it was a great learning experience, as well as great fun, for all. Members were able to interact with other students and pharmacists from across the nation. They also attended lectures and leadership sessions that help develop important career skills.

Every year our students bring back new ideas concerning medication and disease state management, as well as make valuable connections with their peers. Dr. Walker said, "By attending the annual meeting, students are better able to assist their patients with medication usage. They get new updates in drug treatments and the newest FDA-approved medications." This is an invaluable experience for our students, and APhA extends its thanks to all who assisted with the fundraiser that helped make the trip possible.

PHI LAMBDA SIGMA

Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) is a pharmacy honors society that recognizes and helps to develop leaders within the pharmacy community. In order to become a member of PLS within our chapter (Alpha Omega), one must be nominated by a current member, a faculty member, or someone within the Office of Student and Professional Affairs at ULM as well as have demonstrated leadership both on and off campus.

This year, our chapter participated in the national Phi Lambda Sigma leadership challenge by creating a presentation on the ACA and its impact on pharmacies. We also promoted leadership by inviting Dr. Ed Adams to talk about his careers and how to be a leader at our professional development during the fall semester.

The ULM School of Pharmacy chapter of PLS inducted 16 new members on Thursday, May 1st.

CPFI

The ULM Chapter of Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International (CPFI) was founded by 5 pharmacy students with the purpose of uniting Christian students at ULM School of Pharmacy. CPFI has monthly outreaches to both the pharmacy school and the community. Our fundraising efforts have been used to purchase food for Grace Place Ministries. With \$183 worth of food, CPFI members served 200 people a meal this past February. Within the school we set up a "Love Board" for Valentine's Day and "Thanksgiving Board" before our fall break. These boards encouraged students to express "What love means" or "What things they were thankful for." During finals we started "the blessing of the pencils" where we invite a priest to say a blessing over the pencils and exams. The newest event aimed at the student body is Operation Inspiration which started fall 2013. Professors are invited to write words of encouragement to the students before finals to inspire hope in the student body. Last fall we spent Halloween at the VA Nursing Home playing Bingo and taking fun photos with the residents. The newest community project we have adopted is St. Andrew's Food Pantry in Sterlington. Students sort, bag and distribute canned goods to needy residents. During our final meeting of the spring semester we collected over 300 special request canned goods including baby food, canned fruit, and canned meat for the food pantry. Beyond the local community, we participated in Operation Christmas Child and created 34 gift boxes for children from toy donations throughout the school. Overall, the mission of serving Christ and others is being shared throughout the ULM School of Pharmacy campus, the local community and throughout the world through the members of CPFI.

KAPPA EPSILON

KE had an amazing 2013-2014 school year! In July members attended the National Convention in Richmond, VA. In August KE hosted Family Day, which introduces incoming P1s to the School of Pharmacy. KE inducted 46 new members from the P1 & P2 class! During recruitment we hosted a Back to School BBQ with Phi Delta Chi and sent the new pledges on a scavenger hunt through Monroe. Every September KE encourages all of its members to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, as breast cancer is our philanthropy and the cause is near and dear to all our hearts. In the spring we hosted a breast cancer dinner on the ULM main campus where we invited local breast cancer survivors and encouraged them to share their stories. This is one of our most emotional, yet inspiring, events. This semester we also welcomed Dr. Courtney Robertson as a co-advisor, and could not be more excited to share future experiences with a past member!

Throughout the year we had multiple social events to keep spirits up through the tough semesters! We shared a Handcuff Bowling event with PDC which was hilarious and a great time for everyone. We also encourage all of our members to attend football tailgates which are a fun way to kick off fall weekends! During Homecoming, KE had a table with desserts and pins for the attending chapter alumni! In November we hosted our annual Tacky Christmas Party where we give away prizes for the tackiest outfits. KE is also heavily involved in intramurals, and this year our co-ed football team made it to State!

KE would love to hear from alumni! If you are interested in receiving our newsletter or attending any future events please contact our Alumni Liaison, Amanda Johnson (johnsoam@warhawks.ulm.edu).



ULM PHARMACY PROFESSOR RECEIVES DONATION FROM LOUISIANA CANCER CENTER

Representatives from the Louisiana Cancer Foundation (LCF) presented Dr. Paul Sylvester—professor and director of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Louisiana at Monroe—with a check for \$20,000 towards Sylvester’s cancer research. A portion of the funds were donated by Ashley Garner, a representative of the “Striking out Cancer” baseball and softball fundraiser.

James Adams, director of the LCF said he looks forward to partnering with Sylvester every year. “This is our eighth year to be able to give Dr. Sylvester a donation,” he said. “It’s always a great honor to donate to our local university.”

Sylvester has spent many years researching the relationship between nutrition and breast cancer growth and development, and the effects of tocotrienols—a rare form of Vitamin E that displays potent anticancer activity.

In 2011, Sylvester was part of a research team which earned a patent for their discovery of anti-cancer prototype compounds, which are found in the waxy substance on fresh tobacco leaves, and which show potential for controlling metastatic breast and prostate cancers.

Sylvester received his B.S. from Western Michigan University, Ph.D. from Michigan State University, and completed his Postdoctoral Training at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. He has taught at ULM for over 15 years.

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2014/0117-check-presentation.html>



Pictured (L to R): Dean of the ULM College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. Benny Blaylock; Assistant Director of the Louisiana Cancer Foundation, Donna Nolan; Dr. Paul Sylvester; Director of the Louisiana Cancer Foundation, James Adams; Director of the Cancer Foundation League, Johnette Sellar; Ashley Garner; ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno.

PHARMACY FACULTY HONORED

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, the faculty of the University of Louisiana at Monroe gathered to honor excellence in Research, Teaching, Creative/Artistic Activity, and Service at the third annual ULM Foundation Awards for Excellence. Each winner was chosen based on a set of standards determined by a selection committee. For each category, recipients were awarded unique honors based on the recipients’ overall effectiveness in their field and their contributions to the university.

The ULM Foundation Award for Excellence in Research went to Dr. Karen Briski, Professor and Head of the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy. “Nothing surpasses being honored and recognized for something that you love to do – there is no greater joy,” said Briski, “and I love doing research. I believe that my research can significantly contribute to improved understanding of diabetes and its complications.” She continued, “I am very proud of the research that my students do in my laboratory, and am confident that the training they receive here will enable them to be very successful and productive scientists. I’m very happy to be recognized for my efforts to grow and maintain a research-intensive department.”

Since beginning at ULM, Briski has been awarded funds for 19 research initiatives totaling over \$3.6 million, published 60 peer-reviewed articles, has been heavily involved in Louisiana Consortium Grantsmanship initiatives, and has been an active member in numerous organizations. Her colleagues have called her an “extremely gifted academic researcher who also possesses the qualities of integrity, vision, and sound leadership, with a strong work ethic and inclusive leadership style that have transformed the ULM Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences.”

Dr. Elizabeth Perry, Assistant Professor of Clinical and Administrative Sciences in the College of Pharmacy, was named the winner of the Award for Excellence in Service, having dedicated herself to patient care and the profession of pharmacy, particularly through serving indigent and at-risk patient populations.

“I am thankful to the Foundation for selecting me as the recipient of this award amongst such a talented group of peers at ULM,” said Perry.

“I feel truly honored to be recognized for my contributions and feel that my life has been enriched by each activity. I plan to continue dedicating my time and efforts to the service of our university, the profession of pharmacy, the students of ULM, and my patients both locally and abroad.”

Perry has received the Merck Academic Achievement Award and the Eli Lilly Pharmacy Achievement Award, among many others.

She is also a current member of various professional pharmacy organizations and has accompanied students on medical trips to Haiti, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.

Those who recommended her described Perry as an effective communicator with a commitment to providing excellent experiences for students, encouraging them to pursue future involvement in professional and community service work.

ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno initiated this recognition program soon after his appointment at ULM. The awards are sponsored by the ULM Foundation.

<http://ulm.edu/news/archives/2013/aug13/excellence.html>

LPA'S PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

ULM's Dr. Anthony Walker was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Louisiana Pharmacists Association (LPA). "This award is one of LPA's prestigious honors, given during the president's banquet, the last evening of LPA's annual convention. I didn't know that my award would be for Pharmacist of the Year," Walker said. "Words cannot express how humbled I am to have received this award. I am so thankful to my professional friends and colleagues who nominated me for it. I am honored to serve alongside each of them."

"My desire to serve is the driving force behind this accomplishment," said Walker, an assistant professor in ULM's School of Pharmacy. "I'm most honored to service my patients, my community, my profession, my students, and my family."

The Pharmacist of the Year Award is given in recognition of Outstanding Service to LPA and the Profession of Pharmacy.

Dean Blaylock said, "Dr. Walker being named Pharmacist of the Year is not only a testimony to his professional excellence, but is an outstanding example of the level of excellence found in our faculty in the School of Pharmacy and throughout the university."

Walker's position as a ULM faculty member keeps him busy. "When I'm not working in the lab," he said, "I try to work on committee projects within my college. My role as advisor for the Academy of Student Pharmacists requires never-ending assistance with organization and facilitation of their community health projects. As my elders used to say, 'Sometimes, I don't know whether I'm coming or going.'"

"Nevertheless," he said, "I love what I do!" He considers working alongside the Academy of Student Pharmacists both an honor and his favorite aspect of working for ULM. He considers learning to teach the new generation of students – whom he calls "Generation Y" – the most rigorous challenge of his professional career. "I had to get past the methods that I used to learn, as a student, and how I was taught in the traditional classroom," said Walker.

"I have found better ways to reach students in the classroom. If we are able to reach the student, we can teach the student."

Walker attributes his interest in pharmacy to his wife, Beverly M. Walker, who works for ULM Pharmacy Internal Operations. "We were both practicing medical laboratory scientists with a burning desire to do a little bit more," said Walker.

"Beverly first went through the pharmacy program at ULM while I worked full time as an MLS. After she graduated in December of 1994, we reciprocated. I graduated from pharmacy school in December of 1998."

Over the next few years, Walker hopes to see students thrive in his classrooms. "I always pray that our students learn to the utmost of their abilities," he said.

"In the profession that I teach and love, human compassion and empathy are necessary components. This is what I wish for in my professional students."

Blaylock said, "It is always gratifying to see deserving people recognized for their hard work and professional accomplishments. Dr. Walker is certainly most deserving of this honor. Having Dr. Walker as a professor, colleague, and friend makes the College of Pharmacy a great place to educate future pharmacists."

Walker has been a member of the ULM faculty since 1999 when he was first hired as a Poison Information Specialist.

He received two B.S. degrees in Medical Laboratory Science and Pharmacy from ULM then went on to obtain his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree in 2009 from Shenandoah University, Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy, Winchester, Va. He grew up in Clayton, La.

<http://ulm.edu/news/archives/2013/july13/walker.html>



Dr. Anthony Walker

"In the profession that I teach and love, human compassion and empathy are necessary components. This is what I wish for my professional students."

Dr. Anthony Walker

248 APPLY FROM ACROSS THE NATION

ADMISSIONS PROCESS CONCLUDED FOR CLASS OF 2018

Two hundred forty-eight applicants submitted application packets to become members of the Class of 2018. Ninety-one outstanding applicants were selected to fill these seats. Applicants were evaluated on the following criteria: Overall GPA, Prerequisite GPA, Math/Science GPA, composite PCAT (Pharmacy College Admission Test) score, and interview scores. The Class of 2018 has an average over-all GPA of 3.47, Prerequisite GPA of 3.45, Math/Science GPA of 3.30 and a composite PCAT score of 56.

This year's class will also include two students who were admitted to the Provisional Entry Program (PEP) in

2012. PEP targets a select population of academically superior students coming out of high school with an interest in pursuing pharmacy as a career. PEP provides these students the opportunity to develop both personal and professional relationships with the SOP faculty and students when they enter ULM as freshmen starting their pre-professional program in pharmacy. This program is unique to ULM and only admits up to 20 high-achieving students to ULM each year. The primary advantage of the PEP is that, as long as students maintain the requirements, they avoid the competitive selection process for admissions into the professional

pharmacy program, which traditionally occurs following completion of three academic years of required pre-professional classes.

Incoming students who have been accepted into the professional program attended a one-day orientation June 23, 2014, and will attend a week-long orientation called "Boot Camp" August 11 - 15, 2014. Boot Camp is designed to help transition students from undergraduate to professional school. During this week, students will sit for actual class lectures, learn note-taking skills, participate in BLS/CPR training, have discussions about learning styles and gain valued advice from Upper Class students on how to be successful in Pharmacy. A White Coat ceremony concludes this intense week. During this ceremony, Upper Class students present newly admitted students their first white lab jackets. Classes begin August 18, 2014.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fall 2014 ULM Football Games

- Aug. 28, 6P.M. vs. Wake Forest (home)
- Sep. 6, 6P.M. vs. Idaho (home)
- Sep. 13, TBA vs. LSU (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Sep. 27, 6P.M. vs. Troy (ULM Homecoming)
- Oct. 4, TBA vs. Arkansas State (Jonesboro, AR)
- Oct. 11, TBA vs. Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
- Oct. 25, 6P.M. vs. Texas State (home)
- Nov. 1, TBA vs. Texas A&M (College Station, TX)
- Nov. 8, TBA vs. Appalachian State (Boone, NC)
- Nov. 15, 6P.M. vs. UL-Lafayette (home)
- Nov. 22, TBA vs. New Mexico State
(Las Cruces, NM)
- Nov. 29, 5P.M. vs. Georgia Southern (Statesboro, GA)

ULM Homecoming will be Saturday, September 27, 2014. Make plans to join the School of Pharmacy for pre-game tailgating!

ULM UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:

Tues., July 30: Farmerville, LA
Lincoln/Union (Farmerville) Golf Outing, Silent Auction, and Alumni Dinner at Lake D'Arbonne Country Club. For more information, contact Robert Earle at (318) 368-2246.

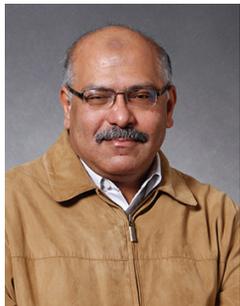
Sat., August 2: Shreveport/Bossier, LA
Silver Star Smokehouse annual family dinner and silent auction. Special guests include ULM President Dr. Nick Bruno and Athletic Director, Brian Wickstrom. Please RSVP to: obryant@ulm.edu.

Tues., August 5: Richland Parish/West Carroll Parish Chapter Dinner
Annual alumni chapter dinner at Bleack Bear Golf Club. Please RSVP to girod@ulm.edu.

For more information on these events, or to look for other upcoming ULM alumni events, please go to: <http://www.ulm.edu/alumni/events/upcoming>

ULM SCHOOL OF PHARMACY OUTSTANDING NEWS

Dr. Khalid El Sayed and Dr. Candace Chelette have had an article published in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* titled "Laboratory Exercises to Teach Clinically Relevant Chemistry of Antibiotics."



Dr. Susan Sirmans and Dr. Kristen Pate have written an article for the journal *Clinical Epidemiology*, titled "Epidemiology, Diagnosis and Management of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome."



Dr. Robert Kemp has recently had an article titled "Remember the MaineRx" published in *Applied Health Economics and Policy*. Along with John Francis, Dr. Kemp presented research at the Business Outlook Summit at CenturyLink titled "Analysis of Medicaid Expansion in Louisiana." In addition, he was interviewed for an article in the *Bloomberg Businessweek* concerning the reason for specialty drug price increases. Dr. Kemp has also had a textbook concept accepted by Jones and Bartlett for "Understanding the Pharmaceutical Payment and Distribution System."

Several Pharmacy faculty members have been promoted to new academic ranks within the past year. Congratulations to all of them!

Promoted to Professor:
Khalid El Sayed, Ph.D.

Promoted to Associate Professor:
Scott Baggarly, Ph.D.
Keith Jackson, Ph.D.
Amal Kaddoumi Khalil, Ph.D.

Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor:
Connie Smith, Pharm.D.
Roxie Stewart, Pharm.D.
Amanda Storer, Pharm.D.

OUTSTANDING SOP NEWS

OTHER EXCITING COP STORIES:

- ULM pharmacy students rack up awards: <http://www.ulm.edu/news/2013/1205-pharmacy.html>
- ULM pharmacy professor travels abroad to present groundbreaking research: <http://www.ulm.edu/news/2013/1219-sylvester.html>
- ULM health professions students exceeding national standards: <http://ulm.edu/news/2014/0611-chps-pass-rates.html>

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NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Burke (PharmD '13). Dr. Burke has completed his PGY1 Residency with APhA Foundation and has accepted a permanent position with them as their Senior Manager of Governance.

Congratulations to Dr. Josiah Land (PharmD '13). Dr. Land has been chosen for a PGY2 Oncology Residency with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, NY.

Retirements:

Dr. Richard Hood
Director of Alumni Relations and Development
24 yrs. with ULM

Dr. Harvey Rappaport, Assc.
Professor of Pharmacy Admin.
32 yrs. with ULM

Dr. Michael Racca, Clinical Asst.
Professor
8 yrs. with ULM

Ms. Lois Dearman, Administrative
Coordinator 3,
40 yrs. with ULM

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