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LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport

Boyd Professors Gather in Shreveport for Annual Dinner



Back row: Matthew B. Grisham, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Physiology, LSUHSC-S; William J. Cooper, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of History, LSU-Baton Rouge; Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D., Boyd Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, LSUHSC-S; Jimmie D. Lawson, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Mathematics, LSU-Baton Rouge; and H. Jesse Walker, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Geography and Anthropology, LSU-Baton Rouge.

Front Row: Dr. Pelayo Correa, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Pathology, LSUHSC New Orleans; Adrian J. Dunn, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience, LSUHSC-S; James M. Coleman, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Marine Sciences and Coastal Studies, LSU-Baton Rouge; Gary D. Joiner, Ph.D., Department of History, LSUS; and D. Neil Granger, Ph.D., Boyd Professor and Head of the Department of Physiology, LSUHSC-S.

Shreveport's status in the academic world was confirmed recently when nine Boyd Professors, the LSU System's coveted highest academic rank, gathered at Ristorante Giuseppe's for their annual dinner meeting.

It was the first time in the nearly 55-year history of the Boyd Professors that the event has been held north of Baton Rouge.

LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport is home to four of the 35 living Boyd Professors—Neil Granger, Ph.D., Boyd Professor and Head of the Department of Molecular

and Cellular Physiology; Dennis O'Callaghan, Ph.D., Boyd Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology; Adrian Dunn, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience; and Matthew Grisham, Ph.D., Boyd Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology.

To mark the historic occasion of the first Boyd Professor's meeting in Shreveport, LSU-S historian Gary Joiner acquainted the South Louisiana guests with local history in after-dinner remarks. ■

Dr. Nanda Serves as Featured Speaker

Anil Nanda, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Neurosurgery, was honored with the Penn Distinguished Skull Base Professorship at the University of Pennsylvania.

In his guest lecture, "Skull Base Surgery: Terra Nullius to Terra Firma," Dr. Nanda presented techniques, video clips of surgeries and case studies that illustrated lessons learned through his personal experience of performing more than 2,000 skull base and aneurysm cases.

A dinner was held in Dr. Nanda's honor the night before his presentation.

Dr. Nanda's expertise has earned him worldwide acknowledgment of his leadership in neurosurgery and he is a sought-after lecturer with more than 30 international presentations each year.

Dr. Nanda specializes in general and spinal neurosurgery, as well as Gamma Knife radiosurgery, skull base tumors, AVMs, and aneurysms. ■

Emergency Medicine Resident Wins Fire Department Award



Amy Gutman, M.D.

For the first time, the Shreveport Fire Department bestowed its highest honor on a civilian and a female, Amy Gutman, M.D., third-year resident in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Gutman received the Shreveport Fire Department Chief's Award for her research efforts involving cardiac patient survival rates.

During the last three years Dr. Gutman has worked closely with Emergency Medical Service crews, not only riding with them from time to time, but also collecting data which shows how new techniques and equipment have increased survival rates for local cardiac patients from less than 10 percent to more than 30 percent. ■

Dr. Venable Elected as Organization's President



Dennis Venable, M.D.

Dennis Venable, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Urology, was elected President of the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association (SESAUA) during its recent annual meeting.

As President, Dr. Venable will serve for the next year as Chairman of the SESAUA Executive Committee. He will chair the

organization's annual scientific meeting, scheduled for next March in San Diego.

The Southeastern Section represents approximately 2,500 urologists, with all active members having been certified by the American Board of Urology, practicing, teaching and researching in 10 states in the southeast United States as well as Panama, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Numerically, the Southeastern Section is the largest among the sections of the American Urological Association, itself an international organization of more than 13,000 urologists.

Each component section is dedicated to the study, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the genitourinary tract in adult and pediatric patients.

Dr. Venable, chairman of the Department of Urology since 1985, is a 1975 graduate of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport. He completed his residency training at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport before joining the faculty in 1980. ■

Dr. Kablinger Recognized for "Making a Difference"

Anita Kablinger, M.D., Associate Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience, was recognized in March as one of three area "Women Who Make a Difference," an award bestowed by the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana.

Dr. Kablinger was among 60 nominees for the award, which is designed to recognize individuals and women's organizations whose efforts have had a significant positive impact on the lives of others in Northwest Louisiana, the service area of the YWCA. ■

Medical Students Learn their Futures During Match Day

Senior medical students who will graduate from the LSU school of Medicine in Shreveport on May 26 cheered each other during Match Day ceremonies March 15 as they took turns learning where classmates will enter residency training.

More than 53 percent of them selected to remain in Louisiana to begin their residency training.

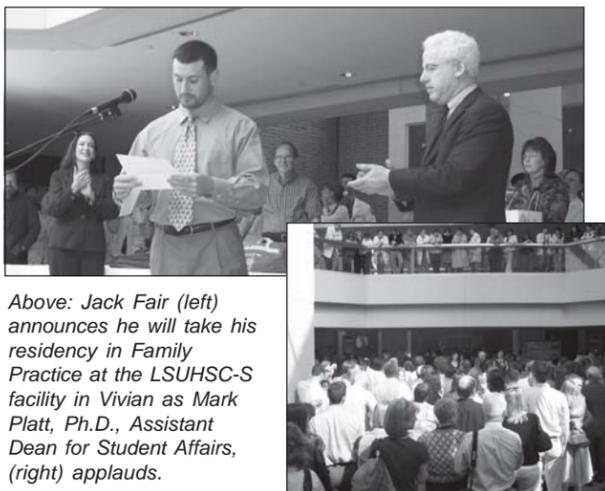
Of the 92 seniors who will enter residency training programs on July 1, 28 matched to residency training programs offered through the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, which includes Family Practice residencies at Alexandria and Vivian.

It is important for Louisiana to retain its graduating medical school seniors as research has shown that where a resident completes training is the single biggest influence on where he or she will enter practice.

Thirty-six medical students from the School of Medicine in Shreveport will enter residencies in internal medicine, family practice or pediatrics, or the combine medicine/pediatric track, the specialties most often referred to as primary care.

Encouraging students to enter primary care is a major goal of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.

The Match determines where graduating medical students will train for the next three to seven years, or longer, depending on the requirements of the specific residency program. At the same time, the Match notifies all teaching hospitals in the United States, like the LSU Hospital in Shreveport and E. A. Conway Medical Center,



Above: Jack Fair (left) announces he will take his residency in Family Practice at the LSUHSC-S facility in Vivian as Mark Platt, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, (right) applauds.

Right: Friends and family watch as senior medical students learn where they will take their residencies during Match Day ceremonies.

which new physicians will enter their residency programs.

The LSU Hospital will welcome 89 first-year residents July 1, including the 28 seniors from the School of Medicine in Shreveport who matched there. Conway will welcome eight new Family Practice residents. Two Family Practice residents will enter the Alexandria community based residency offered by LSUHSC-S in Alexandria. ■

Safety and Health Fair Planned

Keeping children safe and healthy year round is the goal of an upcoming community-wide Family Safety and Health Fair, coordinated by the LSU Hospital's Education and Standards Department, to be held Saturday, April 14, in the Biomedical Research Institute Atrium from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The fair will feature exhibits from organizations such as the Caddo Sheriff's Office, the American Heart Association, and Louisiana Organ Procurement Network. Various of health screenings will be offered.

The free event is designed to help parents and children make smart choices and develop good habits that promote a healthy lifestyle.



New Physical Plant Work Order System

In an effort to cut down on paperwork and improve accuracy, the new Physical Plant Work Order System for the Shreveport campus of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport is now operable. The change does not affect E.A. Conway Medical Center.

Work request can be submitted electronically through the LSUHSC-S Physical Plant web site <http://www.sh.lsuhs.edu/physplant/> by clicking on "Submit a Work Order."

Physical Plant now ONLY accepts work orders submitted electronically. For emergency services, however, employees should continue to call our work control dispatcher at 675-6319.

For questions about submitting work orders electronically, please contact Tammy Roy at 675-6312. ■

LifeShare Blood Drive
Thursday, April 12
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Biomedical Research Institute Atrium

Human Resources Corner

It's that time again....**Human Resource Benefits Annual Enrollment for 2007-08** is underway until April 30. During this time employees have the opportunity to switch their medical plans and/or enroll into other plans not offered during the fiscal year such as: Health, Dental, Vision, Flexible Spending Accounts, The Cafeteria Plan, and Long Term Disability.

Please be mindful that FARA (MCO) and Vantage Health plans will no longer be an option when selecting Medical Insurance. All employees currently enrolled in either of the two plans must visit the Benefits Office before April 30 to make a new selection; otherwise, participants will be automatically defaulted to the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan effective July 1.

Employees of LSUHSC-S can obtain information concerning the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) April 5 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Medical School Auditorium and at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria's Bistro.

Definity Health Plan Meetings will be held April 4 at the same times and location as the OGB meetings.

Benefits Fair will be held on April 5 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Room G-221.

At E. A. Conway Medical Center the Benefits Fair will be Friday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room.

A representative from the Office of Group Benefits will conduct an informational session at 1 p.m. to answer employees' questions and provide information regarding premium rates and changes to health and life insurance plans.

Human Resources encourage all eligible employees to attend meetings and the Benefits Fair.

Changes can be made at the Human Resources Benefits Office during the month of April between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call for a special appointment time.

The SF-3 (position description form) has been revised as of January 2007.

HR Info Center / Downloadable forms - www.dscs.state.la.us

Begin using the new form as of April 1. Any position description submitted on the old form will be returned without action.

Documents are now imaged at Civil Service, requiring new procedural changes.

- White paper is required for all SF-copies submitted; no color copies.

- All position descriptions including the organizational charts must be on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Legal size documents will no longer be accepted.

- Include the agency name, department, correct job title and code and position number as a header – right margin on each page.

Remember Classified position descriptions should be updated: At least every 5 years, when major duty changes have taken place, prior to filling a vacant position at the supervisory level or above, unless position description has been updated within the last 12 months.

Position descriptions prepared correctly should assist management and supervisory staff in executing the yearly PPR of subordinate staff.

In addition to the hard copy of the SF-3 please submit an electronic version to dscott@lsuhsc.edu. Please direct questions to Dana Scott 675-5612, or Linda Bozeman 675-5625.

Unclassified Hiring: If a department has a resident or fellow completing their training and staying on as faculty member for a July 1 start date, please begin the hiring process now.

Medical Library Receives Educational Grants

The Medical Library of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport has been awarded three Information Access Projects by the South Central Regional Office of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine in Houston.

The goal of the projects is to improve access for the consumer to quality Internet-based health information.

Four grants of \$5,000 each were awarded within a five state region and the LSUHSC-S Medical Library received three.

The grants will be used to enhance Internet connectivity and promote access to reliable health information for consumers at three sites in North Louisiana: the Martin Luther King Health Center and the Multicultural Center of the South, both in Shreveport; and the Outpatient Medical Center in Natchitoches. ■

"What's Up Doc?" Date Set by Foundation

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation's annual fundraiser, "What's Up Doc?" is scheduled for Monday, April 30 at Sam's Town Casino and Hotel, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction, followed at 7:30 p.m. by dinner.

This signature event sponsored by the Foundation allows community members to enjoy intimate dinner



conversation about a pre-determined topic of interest with one of 40 Faculty members. This year's topics range from "Curry a day, keeps cancer at bay!" to "How IT is changing healthcare".

This fundraiser is designed to broaden community awareness of the distinguished "docs" and programs at LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

Funds raised are used by the Foundation in support of the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

Tables of 10, including the faculty member and his/her guest, are available starting at \$1,250. Individual tickets are \$125. A portion of each contribution is tax deductible.

For more information, please call the Foundation office at 675-5002, or visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org. ■

Dr. Bahna Invited Speaker at International Meetings



Sami Bahna, M.D., Dr.P.H.

Sami Bahna, M.D., Dr.P.H., Professor and Chief of the Section of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Pediatrics, delivered invited lectures at several professional international meetings this year.

At the Southwest Allergy Forum, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, he presented two lectures which addressed "Optimal choices for food challenge testing" and "What is a hypoallergenic formula?"

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Dr. Bahna also spoke to members of the Saudi Arabia Medical Society in Riyadh about the "Role of leukotrienes in the pathogenesis of asthma"

In his native Egypt, Dr. Bahna addressed the Fifth International Congress of the Egyptian Society of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology with lectures entitled, "Adverse food reactions by skin contact" and "Evaluation of children with suspected immunodeficiency".

Dr. Bahna also spoke at the Joint Meeting of the Sixth World Congress of the International Society for Apheresis and the Eleventh World Apheresis Association in Yokohama, Japan, on "Pathogenesis and recent therapeutic trends in Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis."

In May, Dr. Bahna will address the XVII Argentine International Meeting on Asthma, Allergy & Immunology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with a lecture entitled, "Adverse reactions to foods: What is allergy & what is not?" and "Hypoallergenic formulas." ■

New Faculty

George Haag, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

Asthma Walk Scheduled

The American Lung Association of Louisiana urges everyone to help "Blow the Whistle on Asthma" by participating in the Shreveport chapter's annual 5K walk on Saturday, April 21, at LSU-Shreveport.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. near the Physical Education building for the 9:30 a.m. walk. Food, beverages, and prizes will be available for participants.

Walkers obtain sponsor pledges to raise funds. Organizers have a goal of \$18,000 for this year's event. Proceeds support asthma research, asthma school-based programs in Caddo Parish, and the Dr. Ronald B. George Scholarship Fund at the LSUHSC-S School of Allied Health Professions.

Call 1-800-LUNG-USA, or visit www.louisianalung.org for registration information.

Psychiatry Residents Published in Prestigious Paper

For the first time, psychiatry residents from LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport have had an article published in the *Psychiatric Times*, an important professional publication.

Manish Saran, M.D., third-year resident; Sachin Phansalkar, M.D., fourth-year and chief resident; and Anita Kablinger, M.D., Associate Professor, all of the Department of Psychiatry, were authors of the article, "Biological Markers and the Future of Early Diagnosis and Treatment in Schizophrenia".

The article focused on how biological markers may be utilized as risk factors for the development of schizophrenia, abnormalities associated with the illness, or expression of the disease itself. Schizophrenia is now largely viewed as a neurodevelopmental disorder. ■

Head and Neck Cancer Screening Planned

A free screening will be offered later this month by cancer specialists at LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport whose goal is early detection of cancer to save lives.

The Feist-Weiller Cancer Center of LSUHSC-S will offer the annual head and neck cancer screening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 20. Conducting the screenings will be faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery.

An appointment is required for the free screening. To schedule an appointment, call (318) 675-6262.

Free valet parking is available at the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Outpatient Treatment Building.

LSUHSC-S conducts the annual free cancer screening in conjunction with the national Oral and Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week sponsored by the Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation.

E.A. Conway Employee of the Month



Tomi Tharp

Tomi Tharp was honored in March as E. A. Conway Medical Center's Employee of the Month.

Ms. Tharp, who has worked at Conway for 16 years, was graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a Bachelor of Science in 1990.

As a pharmacy supervisor, she oversees the Outpatient Pharmacy,

including the Patient Medication Program. ■

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