

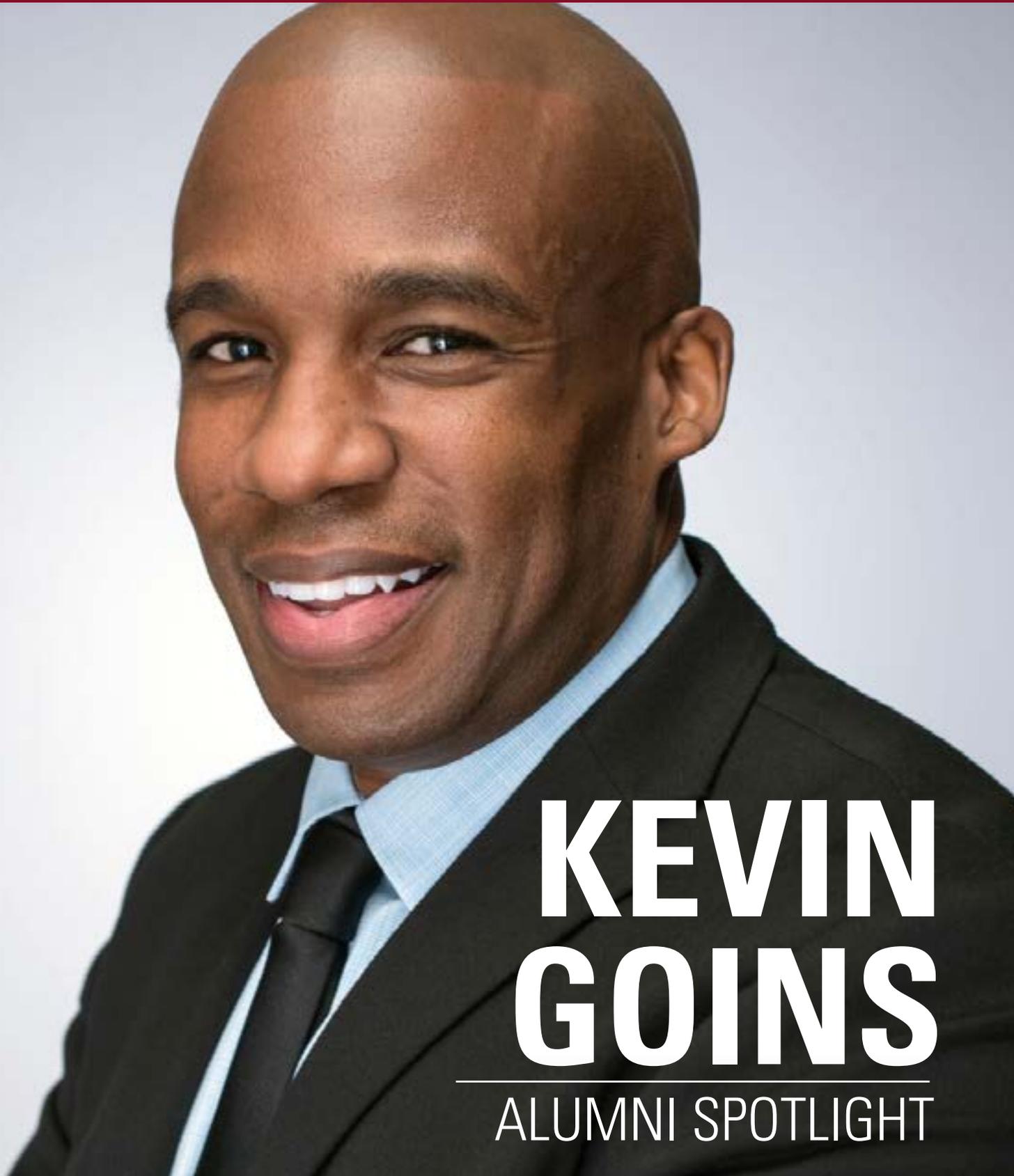


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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



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# DEAN'S CORNER

By: Dr. Gina Craft, Associate Dean of Assessment & Administrative Affairs

We build tomorrow together, starting today



"We build tomorrow together, starting today" is the theme of our strategic plan, the revision of which began in 2019. In the course of this process, we also updated our mission and vision statements, making sure that they reflect our current environment. We identified three key strategic goals: financial stability; improving our state, regional, and national reputation for pharmacy excellence; and advocating for the advancement of pharmacy services.

Our plan serves as the blueprint for building our "pharmily" home and is visually arranged to link together our mission, vision, and daily operations. We are using 3 strategic themes, which are very broad in scope, to help define our strategies for success. These themes are: Enrollment Management, Research, and Pharmacy Practice.

Visually speaking, our mission serves as the foundation of our home, while our 3 strategic themes serve as the pillars, or load-bearing walls, linking our mission to our roof, which represents our vision.

Lastly, we need to build the floors or levels of

our home. Each strategic theme is divided into 4 domains; each of which is associated with a question we must ask ourselves:

**Financial:** How does this strategic theme contribute to the financial stability of our program?

**Learning & growth:** How can we continue to improve and create value for our customers?

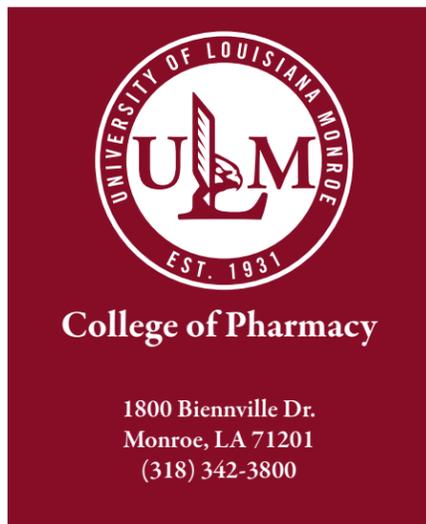
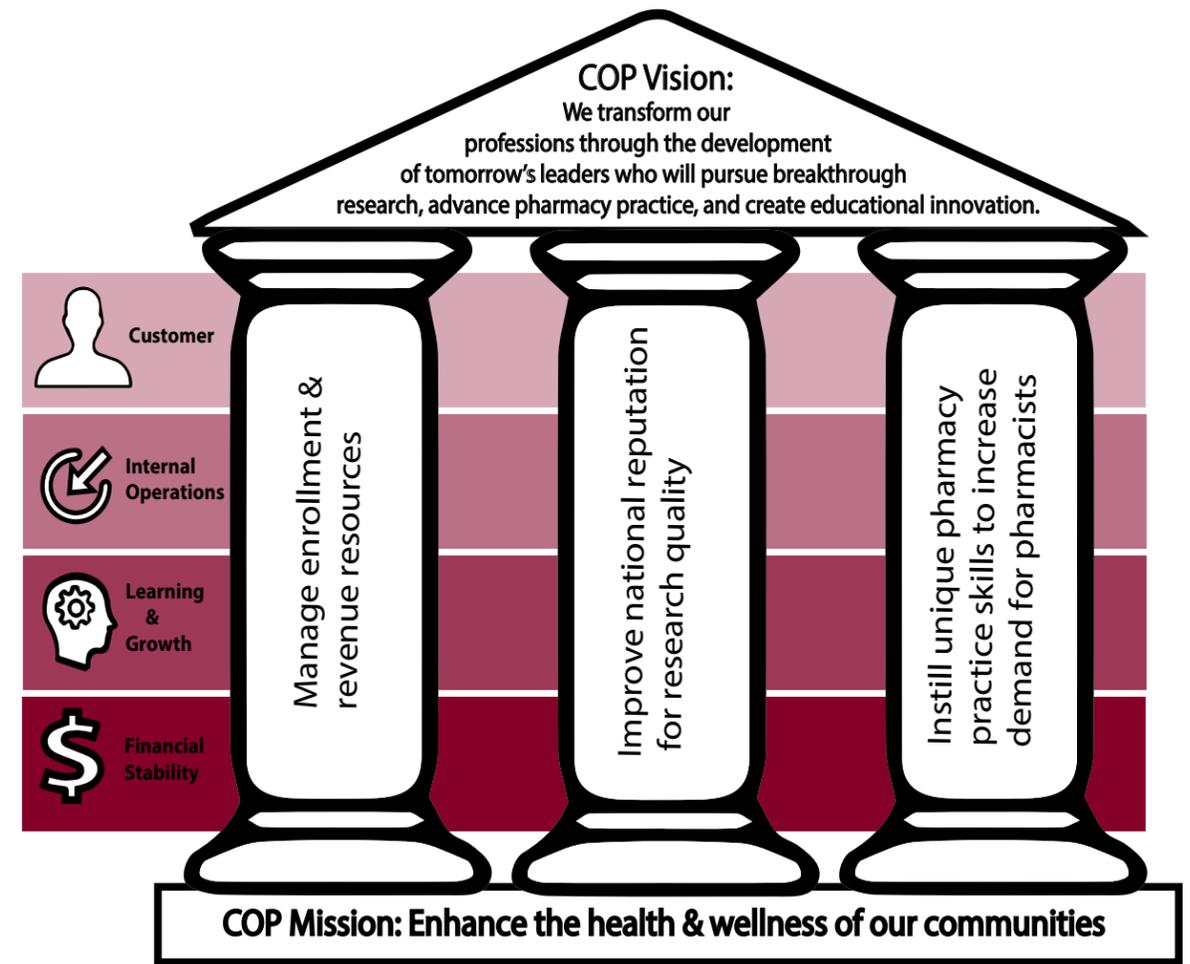
**Internal operations:** Do we need to change our daily operational activities to support this theme?

**Customer:** How do our students, community and other stakeholders see us?

Our strategic plan will guide us in setting direction and priorities, simplify decision-making, and ensure alignment of our daily activities.

By having a clearly defined and articulated strategy, all members of our Pharmily can speak a common language while working together to achieve our shared goals, rather than investing time and effort into areas that have no impact on our long-term, strategic success.

# College of Pharmacy Strategic Plan at a Glance



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Kevin Goins expands role as pharmacist into motivational coach and speaker



There's a singular ability I had regardless of job, title, or assignment that allowed me to rise to the top. I was humbled by that because I had no idea what was happening as I was working. I just knew how to position the company I worked for, as well as myself, in a way where we both "won". This has allowed me to be hired and chosen above many who applied and been working for years in different positions, and also what led to me to speaking and coaching. I began to cultivate that gift and laser it into a business while working as a pharmacist.

When I first got to Walmart, they had a blurb in their weekly communication saying, "write an essay

for our upcoming Wellness Day. If chosen, you'll be featured in our campaign."

Though I had only been with Walmart for two months, I learned over the years to recognize opportunity when it comes. It's usually not bright and shiny. It tends to be hidden in plain sight.

I woke up the next day with inspiration all over me. I entitled the essay, "How Can I Become Someone's Miracle Today?" I knew the key to truly helping at the Wellness Day was not to act as if I knew everything. Believe it or not, your patients know so much. My true job was not JUST to

educate. My real job was to actively listen, engage, gently redirect to a more expanded view to help them see themselves clearly, and humbly position Walmart as a health care provider that cared about them. THAT perspective in my essay is what landed me in one commercial after the next. We just shot two weeks ago and I hear they are needing me for January.

But in addition, learning how to serve while listening, not barking orders, has also allowed me to create 9 Moments of Care Training Videos for our company of 17,000 pharmacists, positioned me to now be a follow up panel that we are shooting in

**Kevin Goins (COP '95) has served in many roles as a pharmacist over the years. He served as a supervisor at Medco Health where he managed, hired, and created cost-containment projects for 8 years; he was lead pharmacist in Baylor Hospital; and Director of Legend's Pharmacy, a nursing home facility where they consulted. He is currently pursuing his passion of speaking and coaching while working as a pharmacist for Walmart.**

**"People don't care HOW MUCH you know until they know HOW MUCH you care."**

about 3 weeks (COVID has us not sure of the live date) and even had someone reach out to me from my "special assignment" days and wants me to assist in shooting a video for the company on opioids. What I want your students, my future peers to know is two things:

1. You can have ANYTHING in life if you go in with the strategy of serving and listening. When I'm at the pharmacy, I'll get on the PA system and create mini flu clinics by telling 45 second stories that connect, tap into what the news reminds people about getting a shot, showcasing how it protects their families, and notifies them, "I'm

Kevin, you're pharmacist...and I recommend the flu shot THIS YEAR." With exuberance in color in my voice, I was asked by someone to be on their board to recommend certain drugs on formularies the other day! I kid you not...not making it up.

2. "People don't care HOW much you know until they know HOW MUCH you care." This has been the bedrock for my opportunities that have come my way. If I could reach just one of the students with this, their career will take off!

In closing, I know it is a tough market now as jobs may be hard to find. But what I know for sure is

this...if you truly "seek first to understand the company's needs BEFORE YOU seek to be understood" (Steven Covey), you will be one that stands out for selection to be hired and even more. I'm a living witness.

Patti LaBelle Diabetes Interview:  
<https://vimeo.com/454242489>

Dr. Christine Crawford Mental Health Interview:  
<https://vimeo.com/457328917>

## Patent awarded for ULM professor's research into olive oil treatment for breast cancer

The University of Louisiana Monroe is pleased to announce a U.S. Patent has been awarded based on research led by a ULM College of Pharmacy Professor.

Khalid El Sayed, Ph.D., a Professor of Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry in the School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences, College of Pharmacy, piloted the research into a process to isolate oleocanthal from olive oil for use in breast cancer treatment and relapse prevention.

The patent was awarded to the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors. El Sayed; Abu Bakar Siddique, a postdoctoral fellow at ULM; and Hassan Y. Ebrahim of Cairo, Egypt, were listed as the inventors.

In Louisiana, breast cancer strikes 126 of every 100,000 women. That's the highest incident rate among cancers in women in the states. Breast cancer is the second most deadly, behind only lung cancer.

"Most current treatments hit both the target cells and healthy cells, causing patients morbidity" El Sayed said.

Although the chances of surviving a diagnosis are better today, the destruction of healthy cells and the inability to kill dormant tumor cells leave patients vulnerable to disease relapse.

The countries along the Mediterranean Sea have a noticeably lower rate of breast and colon cancers. El Sayed studied the Mediterranean people's eating habits and realized the diet made frequent use of virgin olive oil. Based on corroborating epidemiological evidence of the medical benefits of olive oil, El Sayed started his research.

In breaking down the olive oil molecules, El Sayed began focusing on oleocanthal, a natural phenolic compound found in the oil.

"It took a lot of trial and error. In looking at the chemical structure of the molecule, it became apparent that we could fish the oleocanthal from the oil. But it took eight years to figure out how to do it," El Sayed said. In the end, it was so simple.

"All we do is shake it with water, freeze, and entrap on a special resin"

That changes up the molecule, making oleocanthal separation feasible. With enough

samples, El Sayed was able to experiment, and while studies using test tubes proved modest, he started oral dosages with mice. The findings: oleocanthal reduced the recurrence of most types of breast cancer in mice and limited the growth of other types of recurrent tumors.

The near future of oleocanthal as anticancer dietary supplement is bright and close.

El Sayed secured a grant from the National Cancer Institute-National Institutes of Health to fund research on the preventive and therapeutic benefits of oleocanthal in triple negative breast cancer recurrence. The award included a \$240,000 share for ULM.

Earlier, the Board of Regents' Industry Tie Research Subprogram awarded ULM a \$225,000 grant to develop the olive phenolic oleocanthal as functional food and dietary supplement products with suitable pharmaceutical dosage forms for breast cancer and Alzheimer's disease prevention.

[https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/olive\\_oli\\_patent\\_041921\\_mh\\_hy.html](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/olive_oli_patent_041921_mh_hy.html)



University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy Professor Khalid El Sayed, Ph.D., left, discusses with graduate students the potential of olive oil in cancer treatments. A U.S. Patent was awarded to the UL System Board of Supervisors based on El Sayed's research.

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- **IN LOUISIANA, BREAST CANCER STRIKES 126 OF EVERY 100,000 WOMEN.**
- **BREAST CANCER IS THE SECOND MOST DEADLY, BEHIND ONLY LUNG CANCER**

# RESEARCH NEWS

## Research Symposium Winners Announced

### Pharmacy faculty and students win research and scholarship development funding

During October 2020 the ULM College of Pharmacy kicked off its inaugural Virtual Research Symposium. COP faculty and students were invited to share any research that had been presented during the past academic year or any research question or idea that was currently a work-

in-progress.

The first round showcased 29 participating faculty, students, and faculty-student teams. Winners of each category during the first round were invited to participate in the finals.

We were fortunate to be able to return to live events so the final round, "Warhawk Lightning Talks," was held in hybrid format on April 16, 2021.



**RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM - WARHAWK LIGHTNING TALKS**

**Warhawk Lightning Talk Grand Prize Winner: Tie - Dr. Ashley Barbo and Dr. Georgios Matthaiolampakis**

**Faculty Encore Scholars: 1st place: Dr. Georgios Matthaiolampakis**

**Runner-Up: Dr. Ashley Barbo**

**Faculty Works-In-Progress Scholars: 1st place: Dr. Jill Comeau and Dr. Calette Corcoran**

**Runner-Up: Dr. Victoria Miller**

**Student Scholars: 1st Place: Jesse Grazier**

**Honorable Mention: Leah Spence, Jacob Kessler and Andrew McMillan**

**Research Symposium Peoples' Choice Awards**

**Faculty Encore Presentations: Dr. Ashley Barbo**

**Faculty Works-In-Progress Presentations: Dr. Victoria Miller**

**Student Presentations: Tie - (a) Leah Spence, Jacob Kessler and Andrew McMillan; (b) Kayla Thibodaux and Jacquelyn Green**

### Dr. Jean Christopher Chamcheu Spring 2021 Research Grants

- Three year \$123,575 Board of Regents Research Competitive Grant entitled "Role and Modulation of mTOR/Rac1 Pathway in Skin Inflammation and Psoriasis".
- Three year \$415,599 LBRN Full Project entitled "Development of Fisetin as a Novel Inhibitor Co-Targeting PI3K/Akt/mTOR and IL-17A for Treating Psoriasis."



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### Dr. Georgios Matthaiolampakis Spring 2021 Research Grants

- One year \$190,640 Board of Regent Enhancement Grant entitled "Acquisition of a Mass Spectrometry System to Maintain and Enhance Research and Education".
- Three year \$96,000 Board of Regents Research Competitive Grant entitled "Novel miRNA Based Therapeutics for regulating Cell Cycle Progression."
- Three year \$422,186 LBRN Full Project entitled "miRNA-mediated inhibition of Lung Cancer Progression".



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# RESEARCH NEWS

## ULM's Dr. Seetharama Jois receives \$1.65M for lung cancer research



PHOTO: Seetharama Jois, Ph.D., a professor at the ULM College of Pharmacy, has received a \$1.65 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to fund cancer research at the university.

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The National Institutes of Health awarded \$1.65 million to fund cancer research being done by Seetharama Jois, Ph.D., a professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences at the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy.

The research will be carried out in collaboration with Yong-Yu Liu, M.D., Ph.D., a cancer pharmacologist at the ULM College of Pharmacy, and a lung-cancer researcher from the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Lawanna Gilbert-Bell, said, "This is the second R01 awarded by NIH to the University since 2016. This is the highest award possible from the NIH. It reiterates and highlights the profound research being conducted by our distinguished faculty."

"ULM's faculty and staff continue to do remarkable things to ensure that our research matters and we remain a relevant force in public health," said John W. Sutherlin, Ph.D., Chief Innovation & Research Officer.

Jois is working with proteins from sunflower seeds, modifying them in the laboratory using mini-proteins called peptides to arrest the rapid growth of lung-cancer cells.

The process is called grafting.

"There are different kinds of lung cancer. I'm specifically looking at non-small cell lung cancer, which affects 85 percent of lung-cancer patients," Jois said.

Properties of peptide drugs can be beneficial to the body, but the problem, Jois said, is finding a way to deliver the drug.

"If we give the peptide drug orally, it will be digested, and it won't work. We can deliver the drug through IV, and it would work for a short time, but it will eventually get digested as well."

The use of the sunflower seed protein provides a stable platform, keeping the peptides from breaking up.

"I can make the unstable peptide stable through grafting, replacing some of the chemical group of the sunflower seed protein with what I want in the lab," Jois said.

Jois is concentrating on non-small cell lung cancer because "This type of lung cancer is hard to cure, and the survival rate of these patients is poor."

Cancer spreads when affected cells multiply at a rapid rate. The problem with current treatments, Jois said, is that chemotherapy kills healthy cells as well as cancerous ones.

Jois also said available therapeutic agents help only a small number of patients, and they often develop resistance.

The grafted sunflower seed protein is being tested to see if the chemical interaction that causes cancer to spread can be interrupted.

Jois is testing the protein on cancer cells grown in a lab. "We have to make sure it does not kill noncancerous cells," he said. The next step is testing in a model system.

"What we are looking for is this: Will it work orally? We will check for the development of resistance, and find new ways to treat non-small cell lung cancer," Jois said.

The NIH grant will support research for five years.

**STORY REFERENCE:** [https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/jois\\_cancer\\_grant\\_041221\\_](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/jois_cancer_grant_041221_)

# COLLEGE NEWS



## Pharmacy's new active learning classroom fosters creative thinking, team-building

A new approach to learning needs a new kind of classroom.

That's the belief of Glenn Anderson, Pharm.D., Dean of the University of Louisiana Monroe's College of Pharmacy. He took that belief, and a magazine article, to Greg Andrews, ULM's classroom and audio-visual coordinator.

He pointed to a picture accompanying the article about an active learning classroom in Cincinnati and told Andrews, "I want this." Andrews and Pharmacy manager of technology services Marcia Wells delivered.

That active learning classroom, the first of its kind in Louisiana, is now in use. It's clear something different happens here.

"We wanted to create a learning environment that goes beyond memory. Students, we know, are going to learn more here," Anderson said.

### **Creative thinking enhanced by technology**

In a traditional classroom, students all face the instructor with their backs to their fellow students. A teacher shares expertise; students take notes, memorize those notes, and then state those facts

when test time comes.

"That's really the lowest form of learning, the regurgitation of facts," Anderson said, referencing Bloom's Taxonomy, a classification system used to define and distinguish different levels of human cognition. "At this level, students can tell you only what a drug can do."

It doesn't encourage students to think for themselves, however.

"We want our students to move to the highest level of Bloom's Taxonomy, creative thinking. We want them to be able to build a treatment plan."

In the center of the studio-style classroom is the instructor, usually a professor, workstation with an interactive smartboard. The students sit all around the instructor at 14 tables.

Each table features a 360-degree microphone, plugs for laptops, and a large multiscreen monitor. The technology enables professors and students to wirelessly share notes, presentations, project materials, and other content from any laptop, smartphone, or tablet between the instructor station and the tables where students collaborate as a team.

"The idea is if you sit here in the classroom, you should always see content from the learners and from the instructor. Students will learn faster and deeper through group learning," Anderson said.

### **Team-building and innovation**

Students work together to find answers, challenge each other, and call upon the instructor as a resource. As the team's individuals compare notes, swap ideas, and resolve conflicts, creative thinking evolves, Anderson said. What follows is development of solutions based on collaboration as a team.

Each team presents its findings and proposals with the other teams in the room, which view the presentation on the monitor at their tables.

"As professionals, we don't get to pick who we work with. Team-building involves conflict resolution. And today, medicine is moving more and more to a team-care concept," Anderson said. "It's all about team-building."

The technology expands the reach of the classroom as well, Anderson said. ULM's College of Pharmacy has two satellite campuses in New Orleans and Shreveport. A 360-degree camera and up-to-date technology allow the instructor in the Monroe classroom to extend learning to include teams there.

College of Pharmacy endowments funded the \$250,000 classroom. The college worked with Scott Albarado of Metairie, a liaison with technology company Trox, in developing the room.

Story by: Mark Henderson  
[https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/pharm\\_class\\_062421\\_hy.html](https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/pharm_class_062421_hy.html)

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**Dr. H. Glenn Anderson, Jr.  
Dean, ULM College of Pharmacy**

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## College of Pharmacy faculty, students and alumni help with vaccinations across State



As COVID-19 vaccinations rolled out across the state, many of our pharmacy faculty, students and alumni were on the forefront helping administer shots.

To help ensure that our students and faculty were prepared, Book's Pharmacy organized an immunization day at the College of Pharmacy for the COP pharmacy. George Book (COP 1994), and wife Telina, also a ULM graduate, are the owners of both Book's Pharmacy and J & K Drugs. They are also the proud parents of two of our current pharmacy students, Bailey and Trey.

Since early February 2021, the College of Pharmacy, joined by the School of Nursing, hosted COVID-19 vaccination clinics on campus. Pharmacy and Nursing students, along with faculty from these programs, administered the vaccine and monitored patients for adverse effects after the vaccine was given. All planning, scheduling, and clinic oversight was under the supervision of the College of Pharmacy.

Over the course of 15 clinics, ULM students and faculty contributed to the administration of 2,476 Moderna vaccine doses. Early clinics targeted the elderly population and health sciences students, with expanded eligibility throughout the Spring, and ultimately to anyone aged 18 and older. ULM faculty, staff, and students, along with community members received the vaccine at our clinics.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## 2020 COP Faculty Selected Awards



### **Educational Innovation of the Year: Dr. Hilary Tice (Shreveport Campus)**

Dr. Tice revamped the PHRD 4047 Parenterals course, which was previously taught in a “traditional” format, and completely flipped it to be TBL for the entire Spring 2020 semester (including our “stay at home” time). She found literature lacking on the topic of providing a TBL-format course through distance lectures, so she paved her own way.



### **School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences Best Manuscript of the Year: Dr. Khalid El Sayed (Monroe campus)**

Title: Oleocanthal Prevents Breast Cancer Locoregional Recurrence After Primary Tumor Surgical Excision and Neoadjuvant Targeted Therapy in Orthotopic Nude Mouse Models (Cancers (Basel)). Full author list: Siddique AB, Ayoub NM, Tajmim A, Meyer SA, Hill RA, El Sayed KA. This article reported the creation of a new breast cancer recurrence research model and led to the recent awarding of a National Cancer Institute STTR grant (total \$400,000) which is the first of its kind at ULM.



### **School of Clinical Sciences Best Manuscript of the Year: Dr. Alexis Horace (NOLA Campus)**

Title: A Scoping Review of Medications Studied in Pediatric Polypharmacy Research (Paediatric Drugs). Full author list: Horace A, Golchin N, Pestana Knight E, Dawson N, Ma X, Feistein J, Johnson H, Kleinman L, Bakaki P. Dr. Horace worked with an interdisciplinary research team (starting in 2017) to produce this scoping review. It took approximately 1.5 years of gathering and cleaning data, and lots of teamwork. She has built external relationships and plans to use the knowledge she gained from her work on this project to spearhead new, clinically-based projects.

## 2020 COP Dean's Selected Awards



### **Dean's Award for Excellence in Research (2019-2020) - Dr. Karen Briski (Monroe campus)**

For the past 16 years, Dr. Briski has acted as the Director of the School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences in the ULM College of Pharmacy. This administrative position requires a great deal of time and effort. Nevertheless, Dr. Briski has maintained a very active and productive research laboratory. Currently, Dr. Briski is the Principal Investigator of the largest NIH grant ever awarded to ULM. 09/19/16 to 07/31/21 “Estradiol Regulation of Hypothalamic Astrocyte Glycogen”. NIH R01 DK109382 P.I. K.P. Briski, Total costs \$1,647,428.00 (Total direct costs \$1,250,000) This was Karen's seventh NIH grant awarded during her career that includes two other R01 grants, three R21 grants and one R56 grant. This is in addition to other funding support she has received from the American Diabetes Association, Louisiana Board of Regents, the National Science Foundation, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the United States Department of Education. In total, Karen has been awarded nearly six million dollars in extramural grant funding. Dr. Briski has served as a reviewer on numerous federal and foundation grant study sections, including NIH, NSF, JDRF among others. Dr. Briski has also served as a reviewer for many high priority journals including Brain Research, Endocrinology, Neuroendocrinology, among others. At present, Dr. Briski has published more than 130 peer reviewed publications and currently has another 10 papers submitted that are in press or under review. Dr. Briski has chaired or been a member on more than 50 doctoral candidates' (Ph.D.) thesis committee.



### **Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Care – Dr. Jennifer Hoh (NOLA campus)**

Dr. Hoh serves as the Emergency Department clinical pharmacy specialist at University Medical Center New Orleans, caring for the critically ill underserved patients of the New Orleans area. Over the last year, in addition to the excellent care that she has provided at UMCNO's Level 1 Trauma Center, she stepped up to assist during coronavirus. Jen returned to work just a few short weeks before coronavirus hit the greater New Orleans area. And though a global pandemic is worrisome for almost anyone, Jen, as a new mom, remained steadfast in her commitment to continue to provide excellent clinical care. While her practice site was one of the few that continued to allow our faculty to practice, she was committed to continuing care in whatever capacity she was needed. She assisted with triaging and screening in the beginning of the COVID pandemic. She risked her health during a time with a lot of unknowns to help her patients when PPE was scarce to help stabilize patients for transfer to the intensive care areas. She worked alongside nursing to ensure proper handling of medications that had potentially been exposed to infected patients to prevent waste. She has also quickly established herself as one of the most desirable rotation sites with our APPE students. She makes learning fun in a sometimes scary and unpredictable environment. She allows students to choose their own path in the ED, whether they love the rush of an incoming trauma or prefer the face to face counseling of patients that are directly discharged. In the last year, she precepted 2 residents and 2 student groups in clinical research in the ED. Her resident projects added guidelines for the mid level practitioners in the ED for treatment of uncomplicated pyelonephritis, directly helping the hospital's antimicrobial stewardship efforts. The second project was the first in a multi-phased plan to integrate pharmacists into the cardiac arrest response teams hospital wide. Both of these projects have had and will have a significant impact on the pharmacy department and the clinical care provided at UMCNO.

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## 2020 Dean's Selected Awards (Cont.'d)



### **Dean's Award for Excellence in Service (2019-2020) - Dr. Katie Aymond (NOLA campus)**

For the university, she has spearheaded a transformation in the curriculum committee platform, increasing ease of use and access for the COP faculty. She has also diligently worked to guide the committee in completing in-depth course reviews for 11 courses to guide our students and enhance our curriculum. For her practice site, UMCNO, Katie established her own cardiology pharmacy service upon starting at UMCNO in which the physicians have become reliant on her daily presence. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Katie has gone above and beyond to help the patients of Southeastern LA. When the hospital was inundated with COVID-19, a new ICU was opened. Katie volunteered to transition services to care for the critically ill patients suffering from the global pandemic. She continues to serve in her role to both the cardiology service and the medical ICU. Katie has also demonstrated a great deal of service and commitment to the community through organizational leadership on both a local, regional and national level. Katie was elected by her faculty peers at ULM to take over as the AACP representative for the college. She is the current secretary for LSHP and sits on the board. She has also served LSHP as the immediate past New Practitioner Committee Chair and Newsletter Editor, responsible for all of the student and new practitioner programming at the annual meeting, which always received great reviews from the students and new practitioners alike. Katie is continuing to expand her reach throughout the region and nationally through the American College of Cardiology (ACC), an multi-disciplinary organization. Katie was first elected the LA Chapter Cardiovascular Team Ambassador last year. Most recently, she was voted by members of the organization at the Cardiovascular Team State (LA) Liaison. She hosted a national webinar "The CV Team and COVID-19: Lessons From the Frontlines", in which healthcare providers around the nation logged on to learn how Katie, and other members of the organization are caring for patients during COVID19.

### **SHARE YOUR NEWS!!**

Keep your ULM "Pharmily" informed and let us know what you've been up to.

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## ULM 2020 Foundation for Excellence Awards

On April 1, 2021, University of Louisiana Monroe President Ron Berry announced the 2020 Foundation Awards for Excellence recipients. Four faculty and one staff member were selected based on the overall effectiveness in their field and contributions to the university. Of those selected, three recipients are employed by the College of Pharmacy.



### **Award for Excellence in Teaching**

**Mr. Shannon Banks**  
**Instructor**  
**School of Basic Pharmaceutical and Toxicological Sciences**  
**College of Pharmacy**



### **Award for Excellence in Service**

**Anthony Walker, Pharm.D.,**  
**Clinical Associate Professor**  
**School of Clinical Sciences**  
**College of Pharmacy**



### **Award for Service by Unclassified Staff**

**Marcia Wells**  
**Manager of Technology Services**  
**Pharmacy Administration**  
**College of Pharmacy**

# COLLEGE NEWS

## Fourth Annual Poor Man's Run Tops Previous Years



This year the College of Pharmacy hosted over 250 runners for the 4th Annual Poor Man's Run benefiting St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy. In addition to the annual 5K/1-Mile Fun Run, and health fair, a jambalaya cook-off was added to the mix. Six teams participated in this new event, each with its own take on a favorite Louisiana dish.

The Poor Man's Run is an annual 5K/1-Mile Fun Run to raise money for our local community charity pharmacy, St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy. The pharmacy serves 19 parishes in Louisiana.

Volunteers, sponsors, and event participants all work together to make this a huge event each year.



On May 11 the College of Pharmacy Student Council had the honor of presenting a check in the sum of \$8,675 to St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy. These funds represent the proceeds from the annual St. Vincent de Paul Poor Man's Run and first Jambalaya Cook-off hosted by our COP Student Council. We would like to thank all sponsors and participants for making this possible. We would also like to acknowledge the countless hours of work put in by our Council members.

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# COLLEGE NEWS

## Spring Into Health allows students to practice interprofessional teamwork

Each year the College of Pharmacy and College of Health Sciences put on a community health fair at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo. The purpose of the fair is to bring health and wellness to the community while also giving students the opportunity to learn the importance of being able to work as a team with professionals in other fields. These interprofessional teams teach students the value of providing optimal patient care by acting together.

During this annual event, students provided free health screening and health education. Patients had the opportunity to receiving screenings for blood sugar, blood pressure and bone density, among others. A few of the health education and wellness topics covered were diabetes, bullying, cancers, cholesterol, eating right and smoking.



## College of Pharmacy Recognized by State

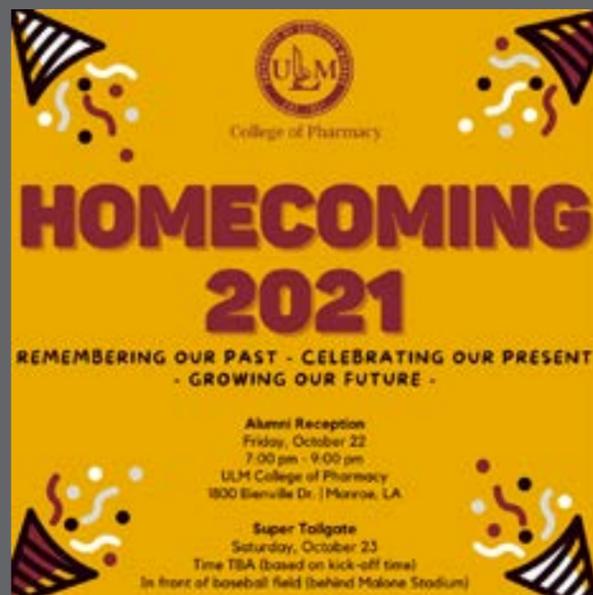


On April 15, the ULM College of Pharmacy's (COP) Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) chapter took 17 students, organized by P2 student Jared Anders, to the Louisiana State Capitol to put on a health fair for state legislators. While the COP has taken students to participate in Advocacy Days at the State Capitol for many years, this Advocacy Day was also part of the 2020-2021 Charles Thomas Leadership Challenge posed by PLS. While there, the College received a resolution from the House of Representatives, written by Representative Michael Echols, acknowledging the ULM College of Pharmacy for its contributions to healthcare in the state of Louisiana. Other sponsors of House Resolution No. 14 were Representatives Foy Gadberry, Frederick Jones, Jack McFarland, Pat Moore, and Francis Thompson.

# ALUMNI NEWS

Mark your calendar now and plan ahead!

RSVP links for September & October 2021 alumni-only events can be found at: <https://www.ulm.edu/pharmacy/alumni/alumnievents.html>



As always, we have a great HOCO weekend planned!

Homecoming weekend will kick off with our annual Pharm.D. Career Fair on Friday, October 22. If your company would like to meet our up-and-coming pharmacists be sure to register soon. There is no fee for company registration but space is limited.

Our annual Friday night College of Pharmacy Homecoming party has outgrown the Warehouse so this year the party will move to our COP building. Party goers will be able to take a walk back in time, with foods from some of Monroe's all-time favorite restaurants and dance to tunes spanning the decades. There is no cost for pharmacy alumni and guest. Food, water, beer and wine included. Cash bar for other drinks. Be on the lookout for RSVP information!

If you haven't attended one of our Pharmacy Super Tailgates, you have been missing out. Pack up the family and join us before the game Saturday for unbelievable Cajun cooking, family fun and catching up with old friends. This yearly event, sponsored by LPA, LIPA & LWD, is always a favorite. We will be in front of the baseball field (behind Malone Stadium.)

## ALUMNI AFTER HOURS

<p><del>July 29, 2021 Shreveport, LA</del></p> <p><del>ULM COP Shreveport Campus Open House 400 Texas St., Ste. 1000 7:00 pm</del></p>	<p>September 23, 2021 New Orleans, LA</p> <p>Landry's - Lake Pontchartrain 8000 Lakeshore Dr. 6:30 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>October 15, 2021 Alexandria, LA</p> <p>Alumni Reception Holiday Inn Downtown 701 4th St. 8:00 - 10:00 pm</p>
<p>October 22, 2021 Monroe, LA</p> <p>Homecoming Alumni Reception 1800 Bienville Dr. 7:00 - 9:00 pm Super Tailgate October 23 - Time TBD</p>	<p>February 24, 2022 Lafayette, LA</p> <p>Drago's 3151 Johnston St. 6:30 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>April 28, 2022 Lake Charles, LA</p> <p>Location TBD 6:30 - 8:30 pm</p>
<p>September 22, 2022 Baton Rouge, LA</p> <p>Location TBD 6:30 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">College of Pharmacy</p>	

Join us for an event in your area!  
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(318) 342-3800.

# FOOTBALL

ULM LA-Monroe	Sep 4 11:00 AM	Jackson State	Sep 18 7:00 PM
ULM Kentucky		ULM LA-Monroe	
ULM Troy	Sep 20 TBD	ULM LA-Monroe	Oct 2 TBD
ULM LA-Monroe		ULM Coastal	
ULM Georgia State	Oct 9 TBD	ULM LA-Monroe	Oct 16 TBD
ULM LA-Monroe		ULM LA-Monroe	
ULM South Alabama	Oct 23, 21 TBD	ULM LA-Monroe	Oct 30, 21 2:30 PM
ULM LA-Monroe		ULM App State	
ULM LA-Monroe	Nov 6, 21 TBD	ULM Arkansas State	Nov 13, 21 TBD
ULM Texas State		ULM LA-Monroe	
ULM LA-Monroe	Nov 20, 21 TBD	ULM LA-Monroe	Nov 27, 21 TBD
ULM LSU		ULM LA-Lafayette	

All times are in Central Time.

## COMING IN 2022



**Poor Man's Run  
& Jambalaya  
Cook-off  
April 2022**



**Dufilho Society  
Evening of Thanks  
June 4, 2022**

# ALUMNI NEWS



## Dufilho Society An Evening of Thanks

The Dufilho Society, is a ULM Foundation fund established to support the College of Pharmacy. The fund is named after the first Louisiana licensed pharmacist, Louis Dufilho and was established

in 1991 by former Dean, William "Bill" Bourn. Funds generated by the society are used to support student achievements and innovation in the College of Pharmacy pursuit of excellence.

The Dufilho Society's vision is "Every student gets a scholarship." We want "Dufilho Society" to be a household name within the profession of pharmacy and health care professionals.

Give today at:  
<https://www.ulm.edu/pharmacy/alumni/alumnigiving.html>



## Dufilho Society - Structure of Giving

### **La Legion D'Honneur**

Annual donation of \$2,500+ (individual) or \$10,000+ (corporation)

ROYALTY LEVEL: Achieved after 10 years or monetary equivalent of 10 years (\$25,000). Bronzed photographic image, logo or company name displayed permanently in the COP and diamond lapel pen.

### **La Guilde des Apothecaries**

Annual donation of \$1,000 - \$2,499 (individual) or \$5,000 - \$9,999 (corporation)

ROYALTY LEVEL: Achieved after 10 years or monetary equivalent of 10 years (\$10,000). Bronzed name plaque displayed permanently in the COP and garnet lapel pen.

### **L'Ordre de Merite Pharmacien**

Annual donation of \$500 - \$999 (individual) or \$2,500 - \$4,999 (corporation)

ROYALTY LEVEL: Achieved after 10 years or monetary equivalent of 10 years (\$5,000).

# Your Support Matters



## Thank You!

### OPTIONAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEE

To those who choose to participate in the optional "pharmacy education support fee," the ULM College of Pharmacy students, faculty, staff and administration says "Thank You!"

Your donation of \$100 goes a long way toward helping us maintain the high standards expected of today's pharmacists and provides opportunities these young adults would otherwise miss. Your unwavering commitment to the profession, and the examples you set, establish a standard for all to follow.

When you support pharmacy education, you invest in our students and the future of the profession. Your gift helps to 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:

### ANNUAL GIVING

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

#### Check

Payable to *ULM Foundation* and mailed to:  
ULM Foundation  
700 University Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71201

\*Specify *Dufilho Society* in memo line

#### Online

[www.ulm.edu/give](http://www.ulm.edu/give)

\*Use the designation tool to scroll and select *College of Pharmacy/Dufilho Society* from the 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](mailto:foundation@ulm.edu).

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