The close of one academic year and the beginning of another inevitably offers time for reflection on the accomplishments and the future direction of the Department of Surgery. This past year the Department had some wonderful achievements. We can never list every individual accomplishment, but this newsletter serves to highlight several notable ones. Our educational programs continue to gain in strength and reputation. The focus and enthusiasm for education is exemplified by the number of medical students choosing a career in general surgery. This year 24 of the Tulane graduating medical school class matched into general surgery residency programs. This is a far greater percentage of students than is typical in any medical school in the United States. The positive influence the Surgery Department faculty, residents and staff have on the students indicates a bright future for the career of general surgery as enthusiastic, energetic young physicians see general surgery as a rewarding career.

The Department’s interest in international surgical programs continued to grow this past year. In addition to the trauma/first responder educational program overseen by Dr Jaffe, Emad Kandil received an American College of Surgeons Traveling Fellowship to Germany, and Eric Simms spent six months working as a Resident at the Universitie of Lyon in France.

During the upcoming academic year we look forward to strengthening our research in both clinical and basic science. Dr. Chip Bellows is using his expertise and leadership to strengthen our surgical research enterprise. The faculty members and residents had a number of exciting and noteworthy presentations and publications this year. The newsletter contains more information and links to examples of the work produced by the Department.

As we welcome our new categorical and preliminary residents to what will certainly be an exciting and event-filled year, I encourage all of our alumni and friends of the Department to visit our website frequently for updates on lectures, visiting professor seminars, and CME conferences.
This year’s MIS Fellow is Dr. Arthur Kim. He received his medical degree from Korea University Hospital in Seoul, South Korea and completed his surgical residency at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Under the Directorship of Dr. Charles Bellows, this fellowship is an important part of our training programs. The Fellowship is designed to offer exposure to a broad range of laparoscopic procedures including foregut, bariatric, solid organ, and colorectal. In addition, the Fellow will be exposed to and trained in the educational, research, and administrative aspects of minimally invasive surgery.

The 4th Annual Symposium: Contemporary Management of Thyroid and Parathyroid Diseases was held June 9 – 10, 2012 on the Tulane University School of Medicine campus. Dr. Emad Kandil and Dr. Rizwan Aslam were the Activity Directors for the symposium. In it’s fourth year, the conference attracted physicians from all over, including Saudi Arabia. Participants heard expert local and national faculty members discuss contemporary thyroid and parathyroid issues. Interestingly, many participants attended the symposium for the second or third time. Lectures were given by luminaries such as Dr. Gary Clayman from MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Ashok Shaha from Memorial Sloan-Kettering, M. Xing from Johns Hopkins and Erin Berber from Cleveland Clinic. Attendees also participated in a hands-on ultrasound session that was held Saturday afternoon and live surgery on Monday morning at the Tulane Medical Center. During this sessions models were used to gain experience in FNA techniques, as well as real time diagnostic ultrasounds. Audio digest requested to tape all lectures of this event. The activity directors wish to thank our Tulane faculty and Tulane center for continuous medical education for helping make this year’s conference a success!

Please plan to attend the 5th Annual Symposium on Thyroid and Parathyroid Diseases which is scheduled to be held on Presidents Weekend, February 16 – 18, 2013. The 5th symposium should include hands on cadavers with robotic surgery, ultrasound course and live surgery at Tulane.
The Valerie Gousman
Residency Education Fund in Surgery

“Valerie is the glue that holds the department together.”

Dr. Douglas Slakey, MD, MPH
Chairman
Department of Surgery

OVERVIEW
For the past 29 years, Valerie Gousman has been an important part of the Department of Surgery and as Senior Residency Coordinator, she has made a lasting impact on both residents and faculty. In honor of her contributions, the Valerie Gousman Residency Education Fund in Surgery will provide surgery residents with an endowed fund that will secure educational initiatives for future generations of scholars.

THE NEED
Within the Department of Surgery there is a need for residency education funding. As a part of our resident education is important, and nearly all our residents complete a research project. Unfortunately, funding for these endeavors, as well as travel to present findings at national meetings, is often hard to find within a department that has many needs. Budgets and expenses must be juggled and stretched in order to pay for research tools, travel to meetings or in-training exams. Some years the departmental budget might be slim and residents must forgo these educational exercises all together.

SOLUTION
The Valerie Gousman Residency Fund in Surgery will create a pool of resources to reward our most deserving students. Conference and enrichment trips enhance not only the education of surgery residents but also Tulane itself as students travel around the nation and world to represent the department and the medical school, share knowledge and exchange resources.

An endowed gift of $25,000 will provide sustained support to assist residents in becoming competent and knowledgeable physicians. Your gift will give our best and brightest students the ability to attend academic meetings and national conferences, gain membership in professional organizations, secure research project support or purchase specialized educational materials.

YOUR GIFT
There are many options for funding this gift and it could be broken into numerous pledges. If you have any questions, please contact Mark McKeown, Senior Director of Development for Tulane University School of Medicine, at 504-314-7380 or mmckeown@tulane.edu for more information.
Dr. Kandil was selected as the 2012 American College of Surgeons Traveling Fellowship which is a great honor any surgeon in the United States. The ACS Germany Traveling Fellowship is awarded every year to an American or Canadian surgeon who travels to Germany, and a German surgeon is selected to travel to North America. The fellowship encourages the international exchange of surgical science, practice, and education, and establishes professional and academic collaboration and friendships.

In addition to attending the 129th German Surgical Society annual meeting in Berlin, he visited three major institutions in Germany that specialize in endocrine surgery. He saw new techniques and ideas that can be incorporated into his clinical practice and academic career. Dr. Kandil met with Professor Norbert Senninger, M.D., Ph.D., the General Secretary of the German Chapter of the ACS, during the 2011 ACS meeting in San Francisco, California, and helped to organize travel fellowship agenda.

His first stop was in Essen, which is among Germany’s oldest and largest cities. In Essen, he visited the Mecca of adrenal surgery, where he met Professor Martin K. Walz, the Chief of the Department of Surgery and Centre of Minimally Invasive Surgery Kliniken Essen-Mitte, and witnessed his retroperitoneal adrenal surgical procedures. Professor Walz runs an inspiring program with an impressive level of surgical competence and organization. Professor Walz created a robust educational program for Dr. Kandil’s visit. He assisted in almost a dozen laparoscopic retroperitoneal adrenalectomies, many of which were single-port-access surgical procedures. Dr. Kandil was fascinated by the two teams technique to perform bilateral adrenalectomies simultaneously, completing bilateral adrenalectomy in approximately 30 minutes. He also observed and assisted in pancreatic and thyroid procedures at that surgical center.

His second stop was in Berlin. His host in Berlin was Professor Martin Strik, who is a close friend to Dr. Slakey. Dr. Strif has traveled twice to New Orleans to participate in our annual thyroid symposium, discussing his axillo bilateral breast approach (ABBA) technique. In Berlin, Dr. Kandil attended the German Surgical Society Meeting and presented his experience with robotic thyroid surgery.

The 129th annual meeting of the German Surgical Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Chirurgie) was organized as a weeklong event similar to the ACS Annual Clinical Congress. At the meeting, Dr. Kandil attended the live surgery and video sessions and the ACS German Chapter meeting, where he gave his report about his fellowship.

Dr. Kandil had a personal meeting with Professor Markus Büchler, the President of the German Surgical Society and the Chairman of Surgery at Heidelberg University, Germany. Dr. Kandil was then honored with the certificate of the fellowship during the ceremony. At the very echelon of Germany’s surgical program, Professor Büchler remains a humble gentleman and a generous host. Dr. Kandil was also impressed by the number of video sessions on “How I do it” and live surgery sessions.

Dr. Kandil’s last stop was in Halle and his host was Professor Dralla, a world expert in intraoperative nerve monitoring. Dr. Kandil observed Dr. Dralla’s technique, and shared with him his experience on automatic periodic stimulation that currently implemented at Tulane.

In addition, Dr. Kandil presented his experience with robotic surgery to the surgical team, and assisted in several surgeries, attended all the morning reports, and rounds with these professors. He discussed future collaboration and discussed arranging for live surgery and cadaver training during the Tulane Thyroid symposium as a first tool for this collaboration.

Dr. Kandil noticed that German surgeons would always ask about “the American way,” and he would always ask about the “German way.” In everything he did, there was always comparison between the two, but in the end, the common goals for the well-being of our patients connect all physicians.

The benefit of this great fellowship experience can’t be underestimated and is an essential part of the ACS International Relations Committee’s mission.

Dr. Kandil plans to stay in contact and to collaborate with the German surgeons. He is very grateful to the German Surgical Society and American College of Surgeons for the privilege and honor of participating in this most prestigious endeavor and odyssey.
Kimberly “Peezie” Allred and her sister-in-law, Shasta Leininger, led a parade of family members at the Tulane Transplant Institute Clinic recently on their way to a celebration of life. Allred, Leininger and four other individuals participated in a paired-donor kidney exchange at Tulane Medical Center on May 15, and now they were meeting one another for the first time.

At Tulane Medical Center, three patients received life-saving transplants in a paired-donor kidney exchange involving three families.

A paired-donor exchange occurs when patients needing a kidney transplant “swap” willing donors to make compatible organ matches. In this exchange, three people received life-saving transplants from three individuals they had never met.

This was Allred’s second kidney transplant. In 1995 she suffered an allergic reaction to an antibiotic that led to kidney failure. “My first transplant was on November 9, 1995, and my mother donated one of her kidneys,” Allred said. “It lasted me almost 17 years.”

Three years ago Allred’s transplanted kidney started a slow functional decline. A mother of two young children, she knew that another transplant was her only hope of seeing her children grow up. More than a dozen of Allred’s friends and family members offered to donate a kidney, but none matched.

When this happens, said Dr. Anil Paramesh, Tulane transplant surgeon, “that’s when we can use a paired-donor exchange to match willing donors with transplant recipients.”

Allred received a perfectly matched kidney from Amma Peterson, the wife of Morris Peterson. Peterson, a retired veteran of the Navy who had been waiting three years for a transplant, received a kidney from Sommer Anderson. Anderson is the sister of Vanessa Jackson, a mother of two who has been on dialysis for the past two years. Jackson received a kidney from Shasta Leininger, the sister-in-law of Peezie Allred.

On May 31, the donors and recipients came together with family and friends at Tulane Medical Center to meet and celebrate the gift of life they all now shared. If you are interested in being a living donor please check click here.

Article by Sarah Balyeat & Photo by Sally Asher
Sarah Balyeat is communications coordinator at Tulane Medical Center.
Ask any surgery resident worth their salt, and they'll tell you—sometimes you learn the most when you're scared. It certainly came as no surprise to me how much I learned as the first Tulane General Surgery resident to spend 6 months in Lyon, France, as part of the Tulane-Lyon Sud Surgical Exchange Program. I recall the first surgery I scrubbed into at the large hospital in Southern Lyon—an exploratory laparotomy for a left upper quadrant stab wound, the large butcher knife still sticking out of the abdomen. I was terrified. Even though I have scrubbed into a plethora of similar cases at University Hospital in New Orleans, I was utterly lost. Everything was different—how they scrubbed, how they prepped, how they draped, how they talked, and even, it seems, their definition of “exploratory laparotomy”, as we only made a 5 cm incision, explored the most superficial bowel surface, removed the blade, and closed the abdomen. 15 minutes, skin to skin. 15 minutes of terror. I was shocked we didn’t run the bowel. But with my mind swimming with all the little differences in our surgical cultures, and my presumed grasp on the French language reeling from their rapid speech, I was so scared I didn’t even have the guts to say “Ce n’est pas nécessaire d’examiner l’abdomen entier?” (Isn’t it necessary to examine the entire abdomen?).

When you feel scared and alone, you don’t quite feel human, and you don’t quite act human. In my first days, I awkwardly shook each person’s hand, even as the women stepped in to kiss both my cheeks, as is the custom in France. I was barely able to communicate, although I had prepared well to speak and understand French, even surgical French. As much as I prepared, I was left feeling completely unprepared in those first few days in Lyon. I was scared that my French was not good enough. The French people use an incredible amount of slang and jargon, and speak remarkably fast. I was not used to the French customs, especially in the OR. I was a stranger in a strange land, and at times I felt like I was there, passively watching myself bungle through every word, every procedure. Everything was so foreign to me, and yet, in some way I couldn’t put my finger on, it was all so oddly familiar. I’ve never done anything like this before. Why does this seem so familiar?

Things moved rapidly. They had to. I watched myself become comfortable with all of it, and it was initially finding solace in our commonalities that did it. Why had I been so focused on our differences before? I began to notice what was making me feel more and more comfortable—whenever I was stuck, the wonderful people I was working with reached out to me—they spoke slowly. They used small words. They spoke English with no jargon when I wasn’t getting it. They used their body language, and took the time with me when I was slow to understand. These tiny efforts on their part were utterly transformative for me, changing a terrifying environment into a beautiful one. And as my levels of comfort increased, I opened up, and I found incredible opportunities to grow.

I soon felt quite comfortable in the OR—with the language barrier, it was my life outside of the OR that remained challenging the longest. But in the OR there were only a limited number of things that anyone could say, and I knew all the procedures—they were the same ones I had learned in New Orleans. Anyone that says laughter is the universal language is right, but no one says the other great truth for surgeons: surgery is another universal language. I loved the OR, I could understand and be understood, and my hands could move with the fluidity that my mouth had not yet found. More and more opportunities were revealed to me as I opened up. My French mentor, Dr. Eric Voiglio, took me under his wing and began to present me with the myriad opportunities I was afforded while in Lyon...

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My Adventure As A Short Term Resident In France continued......

“Voulez-vous enseigner un peu?” (Would you like to teach a little?) My French must have been improving. Students and residents no longer furrowed their brow and tilted their heads from side to side like a dog hearing a high-pitched noise whenever I spoke. And now Dr. Voiglio was asking me to teach? I jumped at the opportunity. I taught ATLS (Advanced Trauma Life Support) with Dr. Voiglio and a group of military surgeons. France is one of the last countries in the European Union to adopt ATLS, so it is still relatively new, and the physicians who come to the courses are eager to learn it. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had teaching ATLS, especially during the workshops. I was also teaching another course, called TEAM (Trauma Evaluation And Management), to a group of 16 medical students at a local medical school in Lyon. This was a particularly wonderful experience. I taught two to three times per month, and the students were always so happy to see me. So happy to learn, and so eager to stay after class to discover more, or to ask about life operating in the United States. I couldn’t believe how content I was living, operating, and teaching in France.

I walked back into the OR holding area, strolling in like I was walking into my kitchen. I was so comfortable now, with only a couple of weeks left in Lyon, that I began to wonder how foreign the OR at Tulane would seem to me upon my return. Dr Caillot, an outstanding chirurgien d’urgence (emergency surgeon) was there in the holding area, stroking a woman’s hand and leaning in so close his mouth almost touched her ear as he spoke softly to her. She sat there on the stretcher, bitterly crying, and occasionally nodding in agreement with Dr. Caillot’s words of comfort. It was her first big surgery. She was terrified. Dr. Caillot soon left her to go check on one of his residents, operating in another OR, but the woman was still crying.

There and then it hit me, so hard I had to swallow my shock and the lump in my throat. She was scared that her understanding of what was about to happen to her was not good enough. Surgeons use an incredible amount of slang and jargon, and speak remarkably fast. She was not used to medical customs, especially in the OR. She was a stranger in a strange land, and she looked like she was passively watching herself being swept into the OR. It was all so oddly familiar. This was it, this was why it seemed so common to me, some impossible déjà vu in a place where I could not have possibly been before. I moved rapidly. I had to. I reached out to her—I spoke slowly. I used small words. I spoke French with no jargon when she wasn’t getting it. I used body language, and took the time with her although she was slow to understand. She stopped crying, and reached up to pull my face close to hers so she could kiss both cheeks.

Et voila.

Upcoming Resident Interview Dates

Friday, Sept. 14, 2012

Friday, Oct. 5, 2012

Friday, Oct. 19, 2012

Friday, Oct. 26, 2012

Friday, Nov. 16, 2012

Friday, Dec. 7, 2012

Friday, Jan. 11, 2013
A general, vascular and trauma surgeon and leader in trauma and emergency surgical care, A. Brent Eastman, M.D., FACS, is chief medical officer and corporate senior vice president of Scripps Health. He is also N. Paul Whittier Chair of Trauma for Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla and the immediate past chairman of the Board of Regents, and President-Elect to the American College of Surgeons.

Scripps Health is a nonprofit, integrated health care system in San Diego County with five acute-care hospital campuses, home health care services and an ambulatory care network of clinics, physician offices and outpatient centers.

Dr. Eastman’s clinical involvement with Scripps focuses on trauma care and trauma systems. As co-chair of the Physician Leadership Cabinet, he serves as the physician liaison between Scripps and its 2,500 affiliated physicians, ensuring open communication between administrators and clinical professionals. He serves on the Scripps executive cabinet, where he provides clinical expertise on system-wide issues. Dr. Eastman leads key physician groups and oversees clinical quality, graduate medical education programs, disaster preparedness, clinical research and other key issues across the Scripps system.

Dr. Eastman received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, where he completed his general surgical residency and served as chief surgical resident. He also completed a year of surgical training at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital in Norwich, England. Dr. Eastman began his career with Scripps in 1972 in the practice of general, vascular and trauma surgery.

He is one of the co-founders of San Diego County’s trauma system, regarded worldwide as a model. Before San Diego’s trauma system was developed, the percentage of preventable trauma deaths in the region’s hospitals stood at 22 percent. Since the system was deployed in 1984, the percentage of preventable deaths has declined to approximately 1 percent.

Dr. Eastman helped develop trauma systems throughout the U.S., England, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, South Africa, India and Pakistan.

Dr. Eastman is an active member of leading surgical organizations, including the American Surgical Association, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST), International Society of Cardiovascular Surgery, Society of Clinical Vascular Surgery and the Pacific Coast Surgical Association. He is a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention (part of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC). He also represents Scripps Health on the board of The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI).

Previously, he served as chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) from 1990-1994. Dr. Eastman also helped create and was the first chair of the ACS COT’s Trauma System Consultation Committee. He also serves as chair of the CDC Research Agenda Steering Committee.

In 2007, he participated in the ACS/AAST Distinguished Visiting Surgeon in Combat Casualty Program at the U.S. military hospital, the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany. In 2010, Dr. Eastman helped lead the Scripps Medical Response Team to aid victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti.

Dr. Eastman has authored or co-authored multiple publications and articles related to trauma. He served on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) committee that in 2006 published the landmark report, “The Future of Emergency Care in the United States Health System.” In 2009, Dr. Eastman delivered the Scudder Oration, the signature speech on trauma care, at the annual ACS Clinical Congress.
2012 Surgery Resident Graduation
June 22, 2012
The Blue Room
Roosevelt New Orleans

Dr. Brent Eastman

Valerie Gousman, Drs. Brent Eastman, Tom Chaly and Marco Hidalgo

Dr. Tom Chaly

Dr. Marco Hildago

Drs. David Jansen, Douglas Slakey, Frederick Ecko and Eliza Tran

Dr. Jennifer Malsbury
Where Are Our Resident & Fellow Graduates Going?

Thomas Chaly, Jr., M.D.  
Surgery Resident
Place of Birth  
Montreal, Canada
College  
University of California
Medical School  
Americas Charlestown, Nevis, West Indies
Honors  
2012 Owl Club Award Winner
Post Graduate Plans  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship
New York, New York

Jennifer Malsbury, M.D.  
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellow
Place of Birth  
Media, Pennsylvania
College  
St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA
Graduate School  
Masters of Science in Health Policy
University of the Sciences, Philadelphia, PA
Masters of Science in Biomedical Science
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical School  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Honors  
2010 Second Place Resident Paper Competition
Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
2006 Second Place Clinical Essay Contest
Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association
2005 Simmy Ginsburg Humanitarian Award
Academic Standing at PCOM Graduation – First Quintile
Post Graduate Plans  
Working at River Parishes Hospital
LaPlace, Louisiana

Thomas Eko, M.D.  
Plastic Surgery Resident
Place of Birth  
Cameroon, Africa
College  
University of California, Los Angeles
Medical School  
University of California, Irvine School of Medicine
Post Graduate Plans  
Private Practice
Palm Springs, California

Marco Hildago, M.D.  
Surgery Resident
Place of Birth  
New Orleans, Louisiana
College  
University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate School  
University of California, Irvine School of Medicine
Medical School  
Tulane Medical School
Honors  
Chief Surgery Resident
Post Graduate Plans  
General Surgery
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Eliza Jasmine-Baotran Tran, M.D.  
Plastic Surgery Resident
Place of Birth  
Bien Hoa, Vietnam
College  
University of California, Berkeley
Medical School  
University of California, San Diego
Honors  
Magnolia High School Valedictorian (1996)
UC Berkeley
Regents’ Scholarship Recipient (1996-1999)
Dean's Honor List (1996-1999)
Golden Key Honor Society (1997-1999)
Immunology (2000)
Ob Gyn (2003)
Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Achievement Award recipient (2009)
Post Graduate Plans  
Private Practice Group
Newport Beach, California
Dr. Albert Sam is an Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery and the Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the Tulane Heart and Vascular Institute. A native of New Orleans, LA who attended Brother Martin High School, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. After graduating from the Duke University School of Medicine, he completed a general surgery residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). At UIC Dr. Sam received a Master of Science degree in Surgery from the UIC graduate college where his thesis directly resulted in a new drug use patent for the treatment of sepsis.

After completing a fellowship in vascular and endovascular Surgery at the Feinberg Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, he joined the Vascular Specialty Center in 2003 where he served as the Chief of Vascular Surgery at the Baton Rouge General Hospital from 2007-2012. In addition to becoming one of the first physicians nationally to be board certified in general surgery, vascular surgery, and endovascular medicine; while there, he served as principle investigator for several national and international vascular clinical trials including the largest and only NIH sponsored stroke prevention trial (CREST) - whose results have been published in the New England Journal of Medicine. In 2010 he received an executive Master of Medical Management degree from Tulane University’s School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine - department of Health Systems Management.

Authoring more than 30 manuscripts in both local and national scientific journals, his clinical, research and advocacy efforts resulted in his appointment as a national spokesperson for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

Dr. Sam has received numerous awards including selection by the Baton Rouge Business Report as a "40 under 40" award recipient in 2006. He is a graduate of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber leadership program and serves on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana State Board of Regents, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAF), the River City Jazz coalition of the Arts Council, and WRKF (NPR).

Dr. Jim Korndorffer has recently been named the Vice Chair of Surgery.

Jim has been increasingly involved in providing administrative input and time toward departmental needs. In addition to his work as Residency Program Director, with Dr. Jeff Weise and Graduate Medical Education, and as Director of the Simulation Center.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of 2,430 licensed MD’s practicing in New Orleans, 380 (or 15.6 percent) are graduates of Tulane School of Medicine.

The new Tulane Stadium will have 25,000 seats, with a total capacity of 30,000.

Tulane scientists have reported research results of a promising new therapy for triple-negative breast cancer.
Meet Our New Tulane Surgery Interns

2012 - 2013

Jiselle Heaney, MD
Tulane University
(Categorical)

Dietric Hennings, MD
University of Washington
(Categorical)

David Pointer, MD
Tulane University
(Categorical)

Ashlie White, MD
University of Arkansas
(Categorical)

Babak Mardani, MD
Shahid Beheshti University
(Prelim Non-Desig.)

Tyler Moore, MD
Tulane University
(Prelim-Design)

Julie Wang, MD
Tulane University
(Prelim Non-Desig.)

Tyler Moore, MD
LSU New Orleans
(Prelim Non-Desig.)

Charles “Alex” Riley, MD
University of Connecticut
(ENT)

Trey Martin, MD
LSU New Orleans
(Ortho)

Lane Rush, MD
University of Mississippi
(Ortho)

Lora Kahn, MD
UTMB
(Neuro)
“One of my main focuses has been the concept of experiential learning,” says Dr. James R. Korndorffer Jr., professor of clinical surgery and recipient of the 2012 Tulane School of Medicine Teaching Scholar Award. As medical director of the Tulane Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and Team Training since 2008, Korndorffer has been putting that concept into robust practice at Tulane. Dr. James Korndorffer, director of the Tulane Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and Team Training since its inception in 2008, says experiential learning improves medical education.

The simulation center is comprised of 14,000 square feet of realistic environments and meeting space for hands-on training and instruction using state-of-the-art-simulators, followed by skills assessments sessions.

“This has been an area where a large amount of my scholarly activity on education has been focused,” Korndorffer says. “With the build-out of the simulation center and utilizing simulation in all areas of medical education at Tulane — undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education — I think this is one area in which we will continue to grow and progress.”

In addition to introducing new forms of instruction at the simulation center, Korndorffer, as residency program director for the Department of Surgery, charted a complete redesign of the surgical residency program after Katrina.

“That redesign included the utilization of all the hospitals within the New Orleans area, really becoming a citywide residency, as opposed to having a residency based in simply one or two hospitals,” he says. “And we based that citywide residency starting with the goals and objectives that we wanted the residents to accomplish, as opposed to many residencies, which have always based their goals and objectives on their clinical opportunities.”

As winner of the Teaching Scholar Award on Medical Education Day on March 6, hosted annually by the School of Medicine’s Office of Medical Education, Korndorffer was inducted into the Tulane School of Medicine’s Society of Teaching Scholars.
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