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A Letter from the Chairman

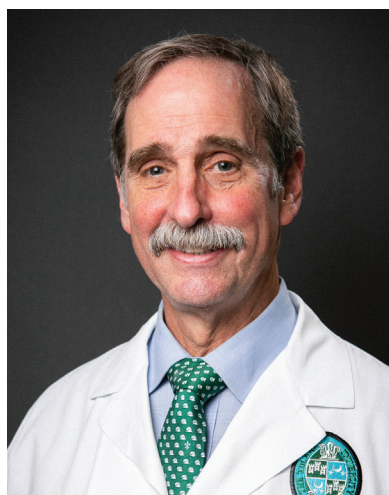
Greetings to all our Orthopaedic family!

I am pleased to let everyone know we had a great Edmunds lectureship/symposium in October. One of our alumni, Mark Brinker, returned to provide some great information on trauma. Drs. Ollie Edmunds, Charlie Billings and Raoul Rodriguez attended, along with all our faculty, residents and many former Tulane alumni. It was simply fabulous! Thank you, Mark, for sharing your wisdom and all our trauma staff and residents for their excellent presentations.

I had previously reported to you about the purchase of Tulane Hospital by the Children's Hospital group, LCMC. That has been progressing with a closure date of Tulane Hospital (Downtown location) set for January 8-13, 2024. Patient transfers to EJGH and UMC will start with plans to be complete by January 13. The transition will be ongoing, as well as changing to Epic from ECW. This transition will continue through the summer, so it may be a while before it settles into regular practice.

Even with this massive change, your Orthopaedic department remains strong in our missions, in research, in education and with a very busy clinical practice. Many of our faculty have been presenting nationally and internationally. We have continued to be a top-ranked department in training residents, fellows and our own university and medical school students. We currently lead the entire university in peer-reviewed publications, thanks to outstanding leadership from Dr. Gleb Medvedev and Dr. Bill Sherman. Dr. Jacques Courseault has started one of the few EDS specialty clinics in the world and has been making significant advances in the management of this crippling disorder.

Interview season is getting started. We had over 850 applicants for our four spots, with 287 signaling their interest in Tulane. Signaling started last year as a way to prevent a bit of redundancy in Orthopaedic interviews. Each medical student is allowed to signal interest in their top 30 programs. As you might imagine, with so many applicants, it



is beneficial to both programs and applicants to narrow the field a bit. We still plan to interview at least 60 applicants, so if you know of students who are interested and who have signaled their interest in our program and would like to provide some input, please email (fsavoie@tulane.edu) or text me (504-655-1849) anytime.

I am pleased to share we welcomed three new faculty members this fall, Drs. Kelly Hill, Leland McCluskey, Jr and Jami Montagnino. Kelly and Leland have rejoined Tulane after completing fabulous fellowships in Sports Medicine at Vanderbilt and Spine at Brown, respectively. Jami, a former Tulane women's basketball player, specializes in Sports / PM&R after completing a Sports Medicine Primary Care fellowship at Stanford.

I would also like to share that I have been traveling as an Ambassador for the AAOS. In the past few months, it's been an honor to represent AAOS at the Orthopaedic associations of the UK, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. It has been a fabulous experience for Amy and me to interact with our colleagues and update everyone on our program's advances in the past few years. I am proud to say that thanks to the past efforts of Ray, Tom and Raoul, Tulane Orthopaedic Surgery has a fabulous international reputation.

Lastly, in this season of giving, we are always thankful for your support and ask that you please consider a small donation to any of the funds listed on the last page of the newsletter. We could use your help.

Hope everyone has a blessed holiday season!
- Buddy Savoie

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Tulane Orthopedic Physicians Listed in New Orleans Magazine as “Top Doctors in New Orleans” By EHG’s Castle Connolly

We are proud to announce that eleven of our doctors (listed below alphabetically) were selected by Castle Connolly as the Top Doctors in Orthopedic Surgery, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation in New Orleans!

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Paul B. Gladden
Wendell M. R. Heard
Stephen D. Heinrich
Gleb Medvedev

Michael J. O’Brien
Fernando L. Sanchez
Felix H. Savoie, III
William F. Sherman, Jr.
Gregory W. Stewart

Every Day Health Group’s (EHG) Castle Connolly Top Doctors is a healthcare research company and the resource for Top Doctors for the past 25 years. Castle Connolly’s established nomination survey, research, screening and selection process, under the direction of an MD, involves many hundreds of thousands of physicians as well as academic medical centers, specialty hospitals and regional and community hospitals across the nation.

Physicians are nominated by other physicians in their respective medical specialties, both regionally and nationally. The selected physicians are then thoroughly screened for their educational and professional experience before the final selection process. We are honored to have these talented and brilliant doctors as a part of the Tulane Orthopedic Surgery team. We are very proud of their achievements.



Faculty News

1. Dr. Vemulapalli leads at UMC

University Medical Center New Orleans held a special reception in September to celebrate the newly selected service line leaders. Dr. K. Chandra Vemulapalli was among the outstanding leaders honored for his new role as Medical Director of Surgical Subspecialties at UMC.

2. Health Care Hero

New Orleans City Business named its 2023 class of “Health Care Heroes.” We’re happy to announce Dr. Gregory W. Stewart was among the 23 physicians selected in the Greater New Orleans area. The Class of 2023 was a group of first responders, nurses, physicians, professionals and volunteers who have shown exceptional achievement and community involvement. They were celebrated at an in-person event on Monday, October 9, at the New Orleans Museum of Art. New Orleans City Business launched “Health Care Heroes” in 2007.

3. J. Ollie Edmunds Jr., MD Lectureship

We hosted the 4th Annual J. Ollie Edmunds Jr., MD Orthopaedics Lectureship on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We heard from Tulane alumni and trauma surgeon Dr. Mark Brinker. Dr. Brinker joined us from Texas Orthopedic Hospital in Houston. We also had presentations from our trauma staff and residents. The lectureship was approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. Registration was complimentary thanks to Dr. Edmunds, Mrs. Karen Edmunds and their family.

4. Dr. Savoie at NYU

Dr. Buddy Savoie was honored to be the guest lecturer for this year’s Sir Robert Jones Lecture and Alumni Scientific Meeting hosted by NYU Langone Orthopedics. This annual academic meeting has been held continuously since 1930 and is the premier academic event of their year. Each year, they select a prominent orthopedic surgeon as the guest lecturer.

5. Dr. O’Brien in Qatar

In November, Dr. Mike O’Brien discussed and practiced cutting-edge techniques in shoulder arthroscopy at the AANA / Aspetar World Cup of Arthroscopy course in Doha, Qatar. They tapped Mike as faculty alongside Drs. Mary Mulcahey, Mark Hutchinson, Joe Tauro & the world-class orthopaedic surgeons from Aspetar, Drs. Pieter D’Hooghe, Bashir Ahmed Zakira, Manos Papakostas, Bruno Olory, & Khalid Alkhelaifi.

6. The Spirit of Charity

In December, Dr. Paul Gladden joined UMC staff by celebrating the Spirit of Charity! This special event was a time to reflect on the legacy of Charity Hospital and to celebrate the spirit of compassion and care that’s at the heart of UMC.

7. Back-to-Back Great seasons

Our Sports Medicine team, pictured with Dr. Riz Aslam (ENT) at Tulane, were ready to tackle any injuries that came their way, on or off the field, this season. The Tulane Green Wave had another great season, remaining ranked for most of the year. With an 11-1 record, the team hosted Southern Methodist University (SMU) in the American Athletic Conference Championship. Unfortunately, the AAC Championship game did not go our way. However, the Green Wave will play the Virginia Tech Hokies in the Military bowl in Annapolis, MD on Wednesday, December 27 at 1 p.m. CST.

Resident News

1. Ortho Boot Camp

In June, we hosted an Orthopedic boot camp to welcome our new residents, Drs. Brent Albertson, Taylor Troutman Blair, Andrew Gabig and Sione Ofa at the med school. The educational experience combined didactic and hands-on learning to help with the transition from a medical student to an orthopaedic surgical resident.

2. Emergencies in Sports

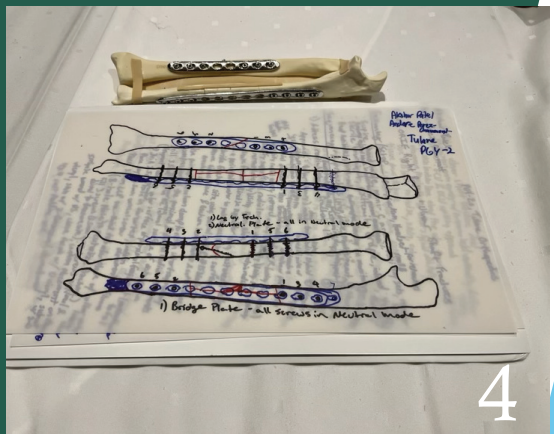
Our residents learned a lot at the Emergencies in Sports Lab in August. They felt prepared to keep athletes safe this football season. Special thanks to Dr. Greg Stewart and Tulane's Center for Sport for organizing it! Photo from Teresa Belt.

3. Seattle in the summer

Later in August, PGY3 Drs. James Clemmons and Onyebuchi Imonugo attended AO Trauma in Seattle. They gained valuable knowledge and skills plus enjoyed a nice break from Louisiana's summer heat.

4. Another trip to the west coast

Drs. Hunter Williams (PGY3), Akshar Patel (PGY2), Andre Perez-Chaumont (PGY2), and Zachary Salas (PGY3) attended the AO Basic Course in San Diego this November. Our residents are always continuing their education to learn the best modern ways to provide care for patients.



Giving Opportunities

- **The Residents' Support Fund for Orthopaedics**
to purchase needed equipment and pay for travel and other expenses for the residents
- **Felix "Buddy" and Amy Savoie Professorship in Orthopaedics**
to support an Orthopaedic Surgeon responsible for Tulane Athletics
- **Raoul P. Rodriguez, MD Professorship in Orthopaedics**
to support a faculty member
- **W. Kennon McWilliams Professorships in Sports Medicine**
to support faculty in the sports medicine program
- **Dr. and Mrs. Paul Davis Fund for Orthopaedic Services**
to support the services and programs of the department
- **Ray J. Haddad, Jr MD Chair in Orthopaedics**
to support teaching and research by the Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics
- **Thomas S. Whitecloud, III, MD Professorship in Orthopaedics**
to support a faculty member selected by the chairman
- **The Ray J. Haddad, Jr MD Memorial Lectureship in Orthopaedics**
to support the annual graduation lectureship
- **Bette and Jack K. Wickstrom, MD Professorship in Orthopaedics**
to support a faculty member

If you'd like to make a donation specific to one of these funds, please use the following steps:

1. Log on to giving.tulane.edu/ortho
2. Type in the amount of the donation you'd like to make.
3. When asked where you'd like to direct your contribution, select "Other."
4. In the "Specify if you selected 'Other'" text entry box, type out the name of the fund you'd like to receive your donation, such as the Dr. and Mrs. Paul Davis Fund for Orthopaedic Services.
5. After you've filled in the mandatory personal and billing information, you can be assured that your gift will be applied to the fund of your choice.

You may also make a donation by contacting
Michael Johnson in the Office of Advancement at (504) 314-7282 or fjohnso4@tulane.edu.

Upcoming Events

AAOS and Caldwell Alumni Society Reception

February 12 - 16, 2024 - San Francisco, CA (Exact Location TBA)

Louisiana Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting

March 15 - 16, 2024 - The Roosevelt New Orleans

Ray J. Haddad, Jr MD Lectureship & Senior Resident Graduation

June 7, 2024 - Tulane Medical School