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ON THE COVER: New lighting shines on the J. Bennett Johnston Building. The lights are part of a multimillion dollar effort to enhance Tulane's downtown campus.



Hailey Phillips celebrated Match Day 2025 with her family. She is one of 22 students staying at Tulane for all or part of their residency.

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Letter From Dean Hamm



DEAR TULANE MEDICINE COMMUNITY,

The past year has been a time of broad momentum at Tulane University School of Medicine. Even amid a shifting landscape for academic medicine, our dedication to advancing research and patient care remains intense. That commitment is taking shape in visible ways - through the transformation of the seventh floor of Hutchinson for research labs, the revitalization of the former TMC building, and enhancements to many of our clinical spaces - laying the groundwork for the discoveries and clinical care yet to come.

Additionally, we have made many strides forward in the relationship with our new clinical partner of LCMC Health and our flagship hospital, East Jefferson General Hospital in Metairie, while continuing to provide medical services to our

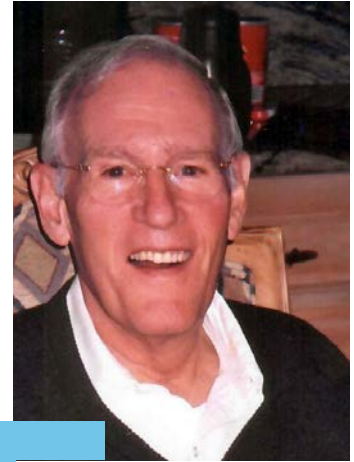
downtown community. This partnership strengthens our already robust clinical programs and will undoubtedly open new doors for collaboration and advancements in medicine.

With great pride, we launched a new nursing program in the fall of 2024. This significant addition to our curriculum illustrates our dedication to a dynamic, broad education in health and wellness - and will allow an optimal learning and training experience as these different but connected healthcare professions grow alongside each other.

At its core, this period signifies a time of profound change and growth at Tulane Medicine. We are not just evolving but soaring forward - pushing the frontiers of what is possible in medical education, research, and clinical care in ways that will transform the city of New Orleans. And we are doing so while ensuring an environment exists that nurtures growth and prepares our community to shape the future of healthcare.

L. Lee Hamm,
Senior Vice President & Dean

Featured Story



E. Pierce Marshall

Tulane School of Medicine receives \$10 million from the Marshall family to fight cancer

A combined \$10 million gift from the Marshall Heritage Foundation and the Marshall Legacy Foundation will help transform Tulane University's fight against cancer by creating a faculty chair, a dedicated research fund, and state-of-the-art laboratories at the School of Medicine.

The gift, prompted by Board of Tulane member and alumnus E. Pierce Marshall Jr., honors the memory of his father, E. Pierce Marshall, who died in 2006 of complications from leukemia at age 67.

Writing the Book on Medicine



HENRY GRAY PUBLISHED THE first edition of his comprehensive anatomy book in 1858. Gray's Anatomy, considered the doctor's bible by many, remains a standard reference for physicians and scientists more than 160 years later. Shane Tubbs, PhD, professor of neurosurgery and Director of Surgical Anatomy at Tulane University School of Medicine, has been named editor-in-chief of the 43rd edition of Gray's Anatomy, set to be released in October of this year.

"People always ask me, 'Shane, why are we coming up with these new editions? Don't we already know everything about the human anatomy?'" said Tubbs. "People are usually surprised that the answer is no. Anatomy changes, and our understanding changes. We make discoveries."

Each edition requires meticulous editing and updating, requiring thousands of hours of work by dedicated physicians and researchers. Tubbs became a section editor for the forty-first (2016) and forty-second (2021) editions of the book, leading many international authors to write about various parts of the body. He then moved up to co-editor-



A copy of an 1878 edition of Henry Gray's "Gray's Anatomy" that lives in the Tulane Libraries Archives & Special Collections.

in-chief for the forty-third edition, which will be released next year.

"It's about an 8-to-9-hour commitment, seven days a week, every day for a five-year period for me," said Tubbs. "It's reading, revising, and updating. We work closely with medical illustrators to update the images. We also work with radiologists who help us provide more cutting-edge imaging than it may have been five years prior."

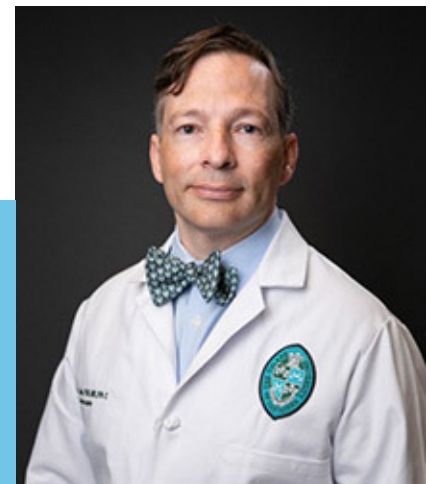
Tubbs wakes up at 4 a.m. each day to spend a couple of hours working on the book before a full day of work at Tulane, then stays up as long as he can in the evenings to continue editing. He considers the work his only hobby and relishes every chance to learn about the human body.

"In my lab at Tulane, we try not to look at the anatomy like people have looked at it for the 200 years we've been studying it; we try to

go in with fresh eyes," said Tubbs. "We could find a new muscle that someone's never talked about before, or it could be a nerve that someone mentioned 200 years ago, and then it fell through the cracks. No one looked for it again, and they forgot about it."

Tubbs' research lab at Tulane is a leading global center for anatomical discoveries, producing over 150 publications annually. With his leadership of Gray's Anatomy and his ongoing research at Tulane, Tubbs ensures that the book will continue to evolve, incorporate discoveries, and remain relevant for future generations.

"Studying anatomy is a bit old-fashioned, so it must be clinically oriented," said Tubbs. "I always tell students it's like a mechanic. If you go to a mechanic who doesn't know the car's parts, they're probably not going to be the best mechanic. A clinician who knows all the parts like a good mechanic - they're going to be a good doctor."



Shane Tubbs, PhD

A Nobel Laureate Remembered



Schally receiving his Nobel Prize.

Renowned endocrinologist and Nobel Laureate Andrew Schally died in October at 97, leaving a legacy of groundbreaking scientific contributions. A researcher at Tulane and the New Orleans VA Medical Center from 1962-2005, Schally shared the 1977 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for identifying the presence of key peptides in the hypothalamus that control pituitary hormone secretion and successfully synthesizing them. After receiving the award, his continued research led to the development of what is now the preferred treatment method for advanced

prostate cancer, in addition to groundbreaking discoveries in contraception, diabetes, and depression.

Schally donated his Nobel Prize to the School of Medicine earlier this year, which will soon be displayed to inspire the next generation of researchers to reach similar heights.

“Dr. Schally conducted such significant research that’s translated to patient care across so many fields,” said Lee Hamm, MD, senior vice president and dean of Tulane University School of Medicine. “We are honored by his loyalty, allegiance, and fondness for Tulane, and this

award is coming to Tulane at a time when we’re having such a phenomenal movement in research. We intend to continue that momentum.”

In a statement, Schally said that he hoped the award would remind students what can be achieved through hard work and scientific curiosity. Schally’s son, Gordon Schally, MD, a Tulane alumnus, said he is “thrilled the medal will be permanently displayed in my hometown” and that its presence “further demonstrates Tulane’s and the VA’s position as world leaders in the international research community.”



Dr. Schally’s Nobel Prize will be permanently displayed at Tulane University School of Medicine.

BIO ON THE BAYOU

noting its ability to nurture collaboration and innovation within the region's life sciences community.

The 2024 event featured new partnerships with The Bullpen, offering an exclusive gathering space for life science investors and CEOs, and Equalize, which supports women-led life science companies. The Bullpen's role as a dealmaking hub, along with Equalize's showcase of Gulf South leaders, underscored the event's commitment to meaningful industry and community growth.

BIO on the BAYOU has cemented its stature as the premier platform for biotech and healthcare innovation in the Gulf South, with plans already underway to make this year's gathering even more impactful. Mark your calendars for October 28-29, 2025!

For more info or to register, visit: www.bioonthebayou.com or scan the qr code below!



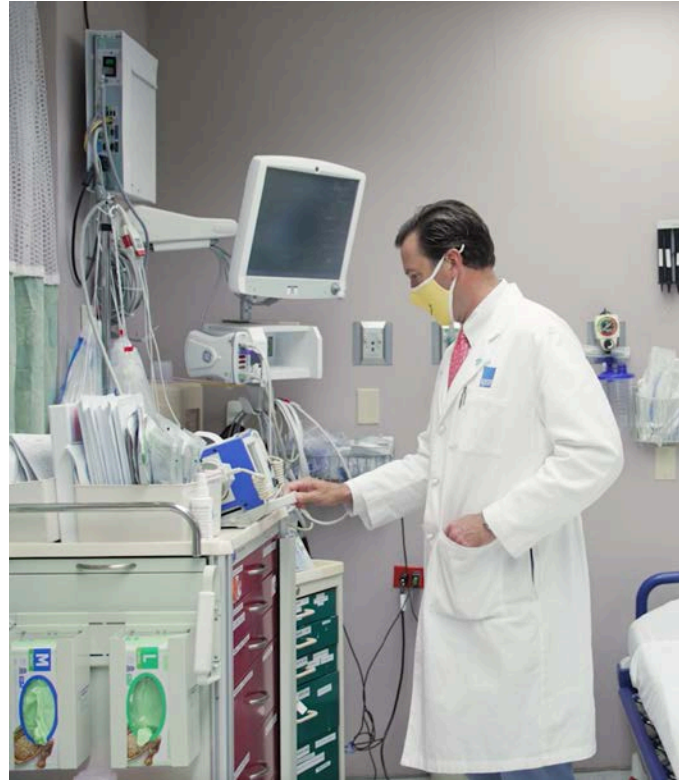
Featured panel during Bio on the Bayou 2024

BIO ON THE BAYOU 2024, co-sponsored by Tulane Medicine, set new standards in the biotech and healthcare sectors with a record-breaking turnout of 324 registered participants on October 29 and 30. The event buzzed with energy as attendees leveraged the PartneringOne™

system, resulting in nearly 621 meeting requests and over 126 confirmed meetings, establishing it as a key hub for networking and fostering impactful corporate and investor connections. James Zanewicz, chief strategy officer at Tulane University School of Medicine, highlighted the event's success,



NEW SPACES, NEW LOOKS



Bold, brilliant lights now illuminate the Hutchinson and J. Bennett Johnston buildings, casting a vibrant glow that reflects the bright future of medical innovation unfolding within their walls. The lights are part of a new \$5 million fund established by longtime Tulane donor and Board Chair Carol Lavin Bernick, which is driving a major landscaping and streetscaping effort on Tulane's expanding downtown campus, encouraging collaboration, socializing, and community in the heart of New Orleans' BioDistrict and commercial corridor.

"I'm excited about Tulane's future in downtown New Orleans and want to do my part to make the area as inviting and cohesive as the uptown campus," Bernick said. "The new landscaping and other improvements will

strengthen connections among students, faculty, and staff, as well as reaffirm Tulane's identity as an integral part of New Orleans and an indispensable asset to the city. The great environment that Tulane is building downtown will be the launching pad for even greater discoveries to come."

As the stretch of Tulane Avenue gets revitalized, the buildings on this block are undergoing major interior renovations. A section of the fourth floor in the former Tulane Medical Center building has been transformed into state-of-the-art lab spaces. The building will also be home to the Tulane Program of Nursing, which welcomed a second cohort in January. Plans also call for the expansion of Tulane Center for Advanced Medical Simulation

& Team Training and Standardized Patient Program in the space.

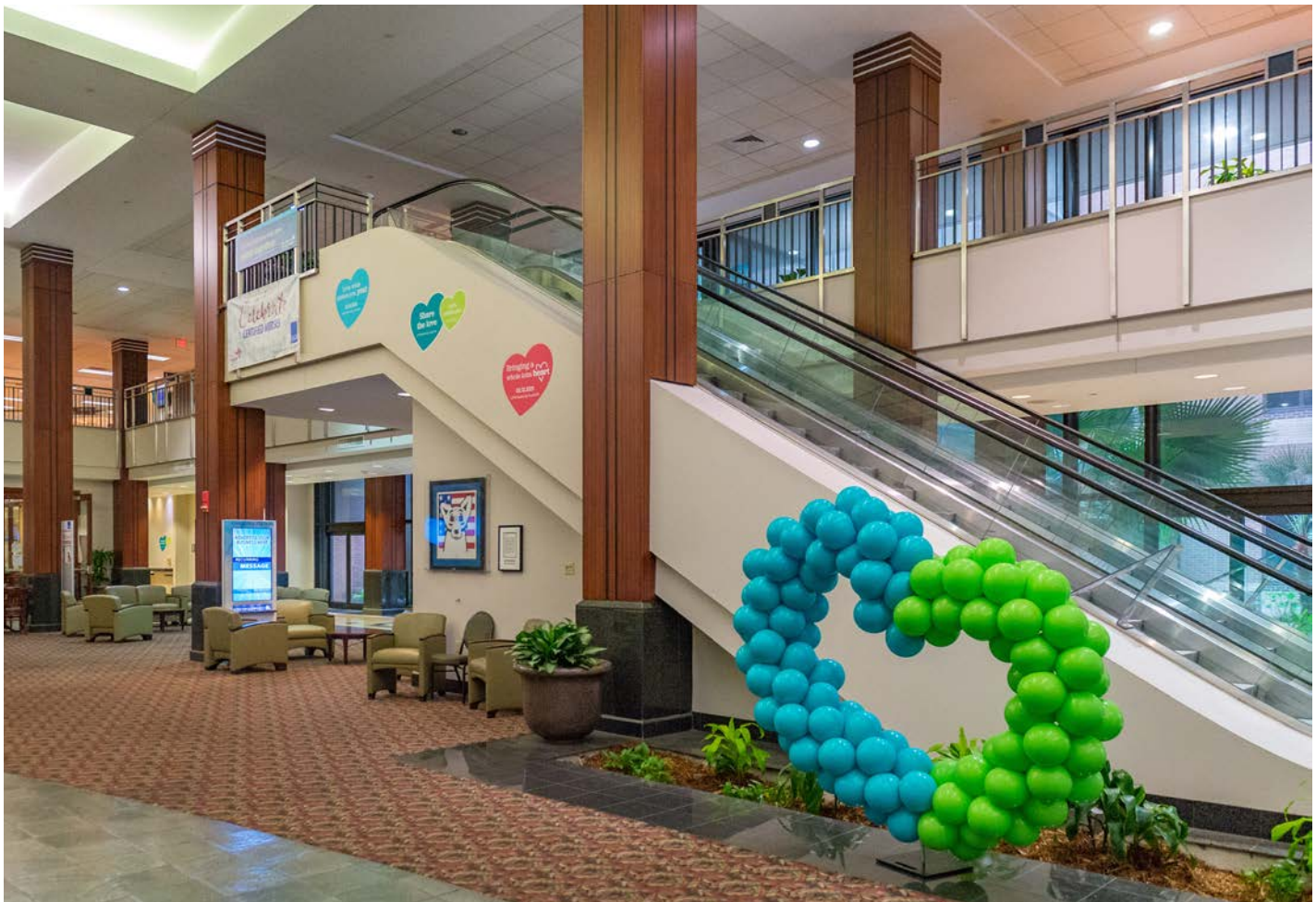
The seventh floor of Hutchinson is getting an upgrade to expand the research space, and the second floor of the J. Bennett Johnson Building is being renovated to create a new lab for Chad Roy, PhD.

The partnership between Tulane University and LCMC Health is transforming East Jefferson General Hospital into a destination academic medical center. With a \$216-million investment at the Metairie campus, EJGH opened four new critical care units, eight new operating rooms, and 15 new clinics. The Tulane Transplant Institute moved to the campus in mid-January of 2024 and celebrated its 100th transplant in September.

Construction is underway to expand the emergency department to 54 beds, and a new Heart and

Lung Transplant Center will open this year.

“The foundation of East Jefferson is rooted in a legacy of caring for the community of Metairie and greater New Orleans,” said Greg Nielsen, CEO of East Jefferson General Hospital and Tulane Lakeside Hospital. “This foundation, combined with the power of Tulane’s rich legacy of academic medicine, has placed EJ on a trajectory to become a world-class healthcare destination for clinical care, education, and research.”



**> MORE THAN
20% OF THE** U.S.
population will
be 65 and older
by 2040. Tulane
physicians and
scientists are
drawing up new
plans to help
people live longer
and healthier.



THE LONGEVITY BLUEPRINT

BY **CAROLYN SCOFIELD**
ART BY **GRIFFIN WRIGHT**

WHEN A GROUP OF DOCTORS FORMED THE Medical College of Louisiana in 1834, they began laying the foundation for what would become a transformative vision of health. Back then, the average life expectancy was less than 40. Nearly 200 years later, the average life expectancy in the United States has almost doubled to 77.5 years.

A 2023 study by the Administration for Community Living predicts that by 2040, more than 22% of the U.S. population will be 65 and older. Tulane University School of Medicine is pioneering pathways to improve longevity and the quality of life for this growing demographic.

TRANSFORMING PERSONALIZED CARE

The newly established Myrna L. Daniels Chair in Geriatric Medicine will lead collaborative efforts across Tulane's network of programs and partnerships, driving advancements in geriatric care, improving health outcomes for older adults, and championing the development of new approaches to aging-related health challenges.

This commitment is bolstered by a transformative \$17.2 million gift from Newcomb College alumna Myrna L. Daniels, which will fund geriatric and healthy aging initiatives, clinical research, a faculty chair in geriatrics, and capital improvements.

“My vision for Tulane is that we continue to build out a comprehensive geriatrics assessment center and expand the number of geriatricians embedded within the major clinical care areas of cardiology, oncology, and orthopedics that are highly utilized as people age,” said Geraldine Menard, MD, Section Chief of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics.

“A geriatrician working collaboratively with the patient’s specialists can help address issues of frailty, polypharmacy, delirium, cognitive issues, and work collaboratively with the team and family in navigating the healthcare systems.”

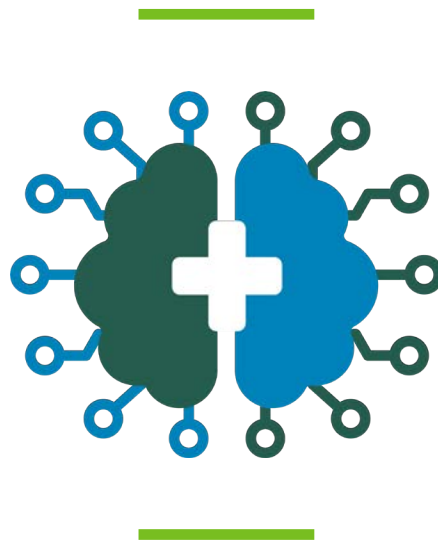
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, New Orleans saw a 9.5% increase in people 65 and up between 2020 and 2023. Their preliminary census data also found that more than 1 in 5 Louisianans continue to work beyond 65.

Making the later years more golden requires a healthy foundation. Terry Cummings, MD, talks to all her 40- to 65-year-old patients about developing better habits.

“It’s never too late to start,” said Cummings. “An 80-year-old could benefit from going to the gym, eating right, cutting back on alcohol, and getting better sleep. But the sooner you start, the better the outcome.”



Newcomb College alumna Myrna L. Daniels’ generous gift will fund geriatric initiatives and research at Tulane School of Medicine.



“1 in 5 women in Louisiana are at risk for cognitive decline.”

The complexities of geriatric care require a multifaceted approach. Many patients live with multiple chronic conditions and need coordinated care across several facilities and providers.

Luis Arenicibia, MD, a board-certified Family Medicine doctor serving the New Orleans community since 2008, joined as the Medical Director of Tulane Doctors – Connected Care (TDCC) in 2023.

TDCC focuses on physically frail elderly patients, delivering primary care directly to their homes, assisted living centers, or skilled nursing facilities. This team-based model, led by physicians, nurse practitioners, and clinical experts, coordinates all aspects of care, including emergency and hospital care, when needed. Each patient receives a personalized care plan encompassing medication management, support services, and round-the-clock coordination.

As part of his new Tulane role, Arenicibia sees patients in eight area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

“Innovation is all around us,” said Arenicibia. “All I have to do is walk into the shed and find the right tool. Tulane is this tool in the shed, empowering me to be even more effective at caring for my patients.”

Arenicibia recalled one of his nursing home patients who was



The Tulane Center for Clinical Neurosciences partnered with LSU Health and LCMC Health to launch The Healthy Brain Aging Initiative at the University Medical Center New Orleans. A ceremonial ribbon cut celebrates their mission of preventing cognitive decline and dementia, and reducing the burden of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

dealing with a host of chronic health problems – including chronic urinary tract infections, heart valve issues, and a fractured spine. Arencibia and the TDCC team connected the patient with Tulane urologists, cardiologists, and neurosurgeons.

“He’s now healthier than he was 10 years ago.”

ADVANCING COGNITIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS

Louisiana, and particularly Orleans Parish, ranks among the highest in the nation for Alzheimer's disease prevalence, with 1 in 5 women and 1 in 10 men at risk for cognitive decline.

Demetrius Maraganore, MD, Tulane's Chair of Neurology, envisions a future in which Alzheimer's disease can be prevented rather than managed. The Healthy Brain Aging Initiative, launched in collaboration at University Medical Center with LSU Health, is one such effort to transform care.

The initiative consists of three centers providing comprehensive care for patients facing neurological challenges or at risk of developing cognitive disorders. By creating personalized care plans, from dietary guidance to cognitive therapies, physicians aim to prevent cognitive decline and enhance quality of life.

“Through a four-pillared approach of prevention, treatment, support, and research, we will achieve these goals,” said Maraganore.

DRAFTING NEW RESEARCH FRONTIERS

“Our goal is to have everybody die young at an old age.”

That's how S. Michal Jazwinski, PhD, the John W. Deming, MD Regents Chair in Aging, sums up the research in the Tulane Center for Aging, a cohort of more than 70 investigators across the university. Supported by a NIH Center of

Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant in Aging and Regenerative Medicine in its thirteenth year, the center focuses on musculoskeletal health, neuroaging, inflammation and immunity in aging, and genomic stability.

“There’s a complex system of components making up the body that succumbs to the aging process,” said Jazwinski. “Understanding how these components and their interactions change with age and how this affects the aging system is key to designing a blueprint for a longer and healthier life.”

Scientists in the center are currently putting together a grant application to explore the consequences of chronic low-grade inflammation on aging. This research focuses on neuroinflammation, which plays a major role in conditions like Alzheimer’s.

One part of the project, led by Namita Rout, PhD, and Elizabeth Norton, PhD, examines how the gut’s protective barrier weakens with age and contributes to systemic inflammation. The scientists will explore how the immune system and gut microbiome change as we age. They’re also studying how vaccines can serve as a tool to better understand immune function in older adults. This work builds on Norton’s research on vaccine effectiveness in older adults and Rout’s research on the

gut’s role in health, combining expertise from multiple fields to address a critical issue in aging.

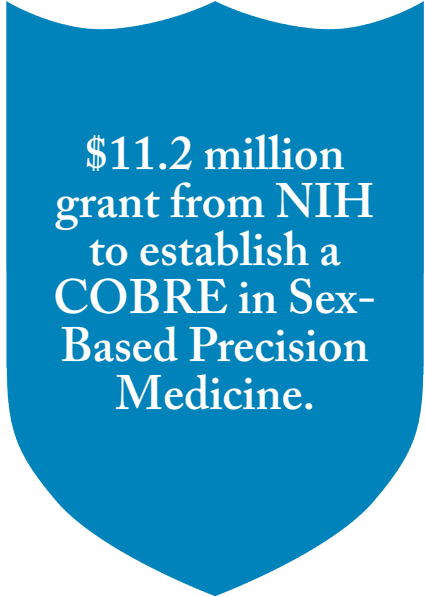
Kevin Zvezdaryk, PhD, is investigating how human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) can cause chronic inflammation in the brain, which has been shown to cause a loss of cognitive function in mice, while Victoria Belancio, PhD, is studying related effects that are elicited by L1 retrotransposons. Lisa Zhang, PhD, is focused on how aging contributes to prostate cancer development and its similarities to neuroinflammation.

“Our research underscores the notion of individual variability of aging,” said Jazwinski. “Different people age at different rates, and that difference can be quite dramatic. I’m hoping our research will provide the tools physicians can use to improve the quality of life of our aging population.”

A new center at Tulane will explore the differences between biological sexes and genders, investigate on how those differences can impact medical outcomes, and help shape specialized treatments. Tulane recently received a 5-year, \$11.2 million COBRE grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish the Center of Excellence in Sex-Based Precision Medicine (CESPM).

Principal investigators Franck Mauvais-Jarvis, MD, PhD, professor of medicine, and M.A.

“Tonette” Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH, the Jack Aron Chair in Primary Care Medicine, will lead the center’s efforts.



**\$11.2 million
grant from NIH
to establish a
COBRE in Sex-
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CESPM investigator Sarah Lindsey, PhD, is exploring the impact of estrogen loss on vascular health.

Heddwyn Brooks, PhD, Professor and Chair in the Department of Physiology, focuses on conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and menopause. Brooks is studying how inflammation contributes to aging, especially in postmenopausal women.

The Center for Health Outcomes, Implementation, and Community Engaged Science (CHOICES) works to improve



M.A. “Tonette” Krousel-Wood, MD, and Franck Mauvais-Jarvis, MD, PhD, will use the NIH grant to investigate how differences in sex and gender can impact health outcomes and shape new treatments.

health outcomes, achieve health equity, and increase access and quality of primary and preventive care in Louisiana, the Gulf South, and beyond.

The center recently hired Nicole Wright, PhD, whose research focuses on musculoskeletal aging epidemiology, primarily osteoporosis outcomes and management.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CARE

Tulane Medicine is developing the next generation of physicians for aging populations with residency and fellowship

programs focused on geriatrics, palliative care, and internal medicine.

The Geriatric Fellowship Program offers advanced inpatient and outpatient care training, with fellows providing services at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System and St. Margaret’s at Mercy. Fellows also train in the VA’s Hospital-At-Home program, which provides acute-level care in a patient’s home.

In addition, Tulane also offers a hospice and palliative medicine fellowship, the first of its kind in Louisiana. The fellowship emphasizes compassionate care at facilities, including University

Medical Center, and through partnerships with organizations such as Heart of Hospice.

CRAFTING A BLUEPRINT FOR AGING CARE

As Tulane University School of Medicine celebrates nearly two centuries of medical innovation, its vision for transforming aging care continues to evolve. Through a network of forward-thinking initiatives, Tulane is building a future where healthier, more vibrant years are within reach for aging populations in Louisiana and beyond—a commitment that will leave a lasting impact on future generations.





Nick Petrelli, MD (M '73) being presented with the Tulane Medical Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pictured left to right:
Julius Levy MD, Nick Petrelli MD, Lee Hamm MD

CLASS NOTES

TULANE DESIGNATIONS

A&S: College of Arts & Sciences

B: A. B. Freeman School of Business

E: School of Engineering

F: Fellowship

G: Graduate School

I: Internship

M: School of Medicine

NC: Newcomb College

PHTM: CSW School of Public Health and Tropical

R: Residency

SLA: School of Liberal Arts

SSE: School of Science and Engineering

TC: Tulane College

1950s

Max Dale Cooper, MD (M '57, R '60)

has recently been honored by Emory University with an award in his name. Over the course of the last half century, Emory researchers have made vital discoveries in the field of adaptive immunity that paved the way for current immunology research and clinical advancements. In an effort to honor one of those researchers and reward others in the field who are contributing to the advancement of immunology, Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center has announced the creation of the Emory Max Cooper

Prize in Immunology. The \$100,000 prize will be an annual award honoring Dr. Max D. Cooper, whose historic discoveries have forever changed our understanding of the adaptive immune system. Available to national and international candidates across the spectrum of immunology, the inaugural prize will be awarded in the fall of 2024. Nominations are open between November 1– April 1 with the prize being presented in September.

1960s

Michael Aloysius Sullivan, MD (A&S '61, M '64) recently celebrated 55 years of service at Ochsner New Orleans and

was recognized for that milestone. He is noted by Ochsner as an inspirational leader, mentor, and colleague to so many. Dr. Sullivan joined Ochsner Group Practice in 1969 and has spent the last five and a half decades dutifully caring for his patients while also molding and leading teams of top-notch physicians. Dr. Sullivan's dedication, talent, and pioneering spirit have made him a true embodiment of Ochsner's commitment to patient care, education, and research. As a specialist in Radiology, Dr. Sullivan spent 30 years serving as the program director or co-director of the Radiology Residency Program.

His mentorship has been integral in helping to develop future generations of radiology professionals. Congratulations, Dr. Sullivan!

1970s

William (Bill) Patrick Coleman III, MD (M '74, R '78,) received the Tulane Medical Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in May 2024 at his 50th reunion. After graduating from Tulane School of Medicine, Dr. Coleman did his residency in the departments of Surgery and Dermatology at Tulane. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Coleman serves on the cosmetic

surgery faculty of Tulane Medicine as clinical professor of Dermatology, and adjunct professor of Surgery (Plastic Surgery). Dr. Coleman has served on the boards of directors of several medical organizations and was President of The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, as well as Vice President of The American Academy of Dermatology, and Secretary of the International Society for Dermatologic Surgery. He is the author of over 300 scientific publications, including nine textbooks. In addition, he is Editor in Chief of the prestigious surgical journal *Dermatologic Surgery* where most of the breakthroughs in cosmetic surgery are published. He has been featured in hundreds of magazines and newspapers and appeared on numerous local and national television shows. He has been listed over and over in Best Doctors in America, as well as Best Doctors in Louisiana, and Top Doctors in New Orleans. Dr. Coleman is an expert in Liposuction.

Frederick (Rick) Neil Lukash, MD (A&S '69, M '73) recently published book three in the series "Safe and Sane Guide." 2010 – *Safe and Sane Guide to Teenage Plastic Surgery*; 2015 – *Restore Point: a lifetime of lean for kids, teens,*

and families; and 2021 – Operation Art: reconstructing children's self-esteem.

Nicholas (Nick) James Petrelli, MD (M '73) received the Tulane Medical Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award during the celebration of his 50th reunion. The award recognizes an alumnus whose life has been an exemplary one. The individual may have made significant contributions to the field of medicine, offered outstanding leadership in his/her community, exhibited an unusual degree of dedication and/or service to Tulane, or any combination of the above. Over the past 22 years, Dr. Petrelli has been a nationally recognized leader in the fight against cancer, he developed the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute into a national model of cancer care, prevention, outreach, and research. Thanks to Dr. Petrelli's leadership and partnerships with others in the state and elsewhere, Delaware's cancer mortality rate is now dropping twice as fast as the national rate. The state is outpacing the nation in reducing deaths from a number of cancers, including breast cancer and colorectal cancer. The State has gone from No. 1 in cancer

mortality to No. 17.

1980s

Clifford (Cliff) Mark Gevartz, MD, MPH (M '81, PHTM '81) received the Tulane Medical Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award in April 2023. The award recognizes career accomplishments and/or excellence in the medical profession, distinguishment in medicine, and is given to someone who has received previous recognition from their peers. Dr. Gevartz completed his residency in Anesthesiology at Albert Einstein/Montefiore system and a fellowship in Pain Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. Following his interest in academic

medicine, he served as an attending at NYU and at Einstein/Montefiore. His leadership skills led him to the positions of Chief of Service at both Metropolitan Hospital in Manhattan and the Bronx VA Hospital. Pursuant to his interests in pain, he has also served as Chair of the Veteran's Integrated Service Network #3 Pain Management Committee. Dr. Gevartz has published more than 60 peer reviewed articles and book chapters. He has also served on 12 third-world medical missions. Currently, Dr. Gevartz is Medical Director of Somnia, Inc, a perioperative practice management organization. His areas of expertise include Ambulatory Anesthesia, Orthopedics, Neuroanesthesia, and Pain Medicine. **Stephen (Steve) M. McCollam, MD (A&S**

'78, M '82), along with his daughter **Grace M. McCollam, MD (M '23)** and her classmate **Tristan Eric Chun, MD (M '23)**, who were first co-authors, recently published an article in the *Journal of Hand Surgery: Progressive ulnar neuropathy due to anomalous distal forearm muscle: distal forearm decompression: a case study.* **Belinda (Sissy) Sartor, MD (NC '79, M '81, I '82)** continues to practice at The Fertility Institute of New Orleans (now part of First Fertility). She was featured as a Top Doctor in the August 2021 *New Orleans Magazine*. Her son and daughter are both graduates of Tulane School of Medicine. **Emmett (Alton) Alton Sartor, MD (M '11, B '12)** finished at Dana Farber in Neuro Oncology and is now



Debra E. Houry, MD, MPH (M '98, PHTM '98) and **Clifford Gevartz, MD, MPH (M '81, PHTM '81)** were both recipients of the Tulane Medical Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award.

working in Boston at Astra Zeneca.

R. (Abby) Abigail Sartor, MD (PHTM '18, M '19) is finishing her fourth year of OB/GYN residency at Yale and will be doing Gynecology Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Alton (Oliver) Oliver Sartor, MD (M '81, R '86) was chosen as one of the Worthy 100 (presented by Worth) who have made the most significant impact on the world in 2022. The list includes innovators across various industries such as art, entertainment, business, government, non-profits, and philanthropy. He was selected from more than 1,000 nominees by Worthy's editorial staff. Sartor's selection was based on his new developments in the treatment of prostate cancer in 2022. He and other scientists have moved to review the clinical use of PSMA agents in prostate cancer treatment. Sartor has been a practicing oncologist since 1982 and is a cancer research scientist. Currently, he's the director of radiopharmaceutical trials at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. In his long career, he has published over 500 peer-reviewed articles, and led or co-led multiple national and international clinical studies, including four phase III studies pivotal for FDA approval (Quadramet, Xofigo,

Pluvicto, and Jevtana). He has lectured widely, and at last count has given invited lectures in 33 countries.

Kristen T. Sparrow, MD (M '81), after graduating from Tulane School of Medicine, did a residency in Pediatrics, and then a second one in Anesthesiology. She now has a private practice practicing acupuncture. She has published a book called *Radical Resilience: The Dazzling Science Behind Ancient Practice for Great Health, Long Life and a Promise for Medicine's Future*. She feels that she needed to write this book because she thinks it's one of the biggest stories hiding in plain sight in the field of medicine. The book aims to explore the abundant science behind acupuncture, but in telling this story, it introduces a new way of looking at health with new possibilities for longevity, robust health and good mood just as ancient practice promised. Recent advances in immunology, neuroscience, and systems biology explain and verify the potential and power of not only Chinese medicine but also current health hacks. The book is on Amazon, and has received many 5-star reviews.

1990s

Franklin R. Long,

MD, MPH (M '93, PHTM '93) is a proud member of the Board of Directors for LocalHope.org, a non-profit organization supporting education and self-reliance through entrepreneurship for a Mayan community in the highlands of Guatemala near Quetzaltenango. The organization has a school scholarship program, community leadership training, a medical clinic, a clean water filtration initiative, and adult education. Most recently, a three-story building was completed, which houses a Montessori preschool, adult education, and an EcoLodge to stimulate the economy in the area.

Debra E. Houry, MD, MPH (M '98, PHTM '98) was the distinguished speaker during the Tulane School of Medicine 2023 spring reunions. She is currently the Chief Medical Officer and the Deputy Director of Program and Science at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She previously served as the acting Principal Deputy Director (2021-2023) and the Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2014-2021). **Dr. Houry** was also presented with the Tulane Medical Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award in

April 2024. She is an innovative, strategic, and visionary national leader with significant experience in overseeing and growing programs in the federal government, healthcare and hospital systems, and academia. As a board-certified emergency physician, she has seen firsthand the impact of infectious diseases, chronic health conditions, and injuries on individuals, families, and communities. Dr. Houry also serves as the Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Committee to the CDC Director, working directly with private and public sector constituents to prioritize CDC's activities and address key areas including data modernization and health disparities. Dr. Houry served for 18 months (2021-2022) as the acting Principal Deputy Director, the "alter-ego" of the CDC Director. She was a key leader in the reorganization of the agency (12,000 staff and >\$8 billion budget) resulting in structural changes to immediate office of the director and elevated cross-cutting units in preparedness, data, and laboratory. From 2014-2021, Dr. Houry was the Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC.

Under her leadership, the budget grew from \$150 to \$714 million, and staff expanded from 317 to 813 employees. Other notable achievements during her Injury Center leadership included release of the CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Chronic Pain; management of the Drug Free Communities program, encompassing 700 local coalitions; and standing up new funding lines in suicide and mental health prevention programs. Dr. Houry was elected to several boards including as president of the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. She has also served on the Emory University Alumni Board, Georgia State University School of Public Health Board of Advisors, and Georgia Safe Kids Board of Directors. Dr. Houry is the recipient of numerous awards throughout her career including the American Public Health Association Jay Drotman Award, US Department of Health and Human Services Award for Service to America, American Medical Association award for Outstanding Government Service, and selection to the National Academy of Medicine. Dr.

William Coleman, MD
(M '74, R '78) being
presented with the
Tulane Medical Alumni
Association Lifetime
Achievement Award

Pictured left to right:
Left to right William
Coleman MD, Lee Hamm
MD, Kirk Bellard MD



Houry is a graduate of Emory University where she received a B.S. in Biology. She received her MD and MPH degrees from Tulane University and completed her residency training in emergency medicine at Denver Health Medical Center.

Donna Gilman Tepper, MD (M '98, R '99) is a plastic surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She became division head in 2022 – the first female division head in the hospital's history.

John G. Wideman, MD (R '99) has joined the Cullman Regional Medical Group in Cullman, Alabama. Wideman provides care for uncomplicated pregnancy, high-risk pregnancy, polycystic ovary syndrome, infertility, pelvic pain, abnormal bleeding, cervical dysplasia and vulvar disorder.

2000s

Amy Gordon Bono, MD, MPH (M '08, PHTM '08) is in private practice

(outpatient internal medicine) in Nashville, Tennessee. She is active in the Tennessee Medical Association (division of the AMA), and ForwardTN/ProtectMyCare 501(c)3.

Justin F. Hayes, MD, MPH (SSE '07, M '13), Clinical Associate Professor, University of Arizona College of Medicine, continues to practice Infectious Disease and has been involved in an original research publication identifying predictors of cephalosporin resistance. In addition, he has increased national involvement with the Mycoses Study Group Education and Research Consortium education committee and Doctor Fungus subcommittee. Dr. Hayes serves as medical director of the antimicrobial stewardship program at Banner University Medical Center-Tucson and South with significant interest in antifungal stewardship. He has also developed a strong interest in diagnostic stewardship.

Now in his 7th year as both ID physician and antimicrobial steward, he has seen the real need for increased efforts to establish best practice in an endemic region for coccidioidomycosis related to diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship.

Melanie M. Henry, MD (PHTM '95, M '01), is a seasoned anesthesiologist and pain management specialist who currently holds the position of Director of Telehealth and outreach at the UCSF Pain Management Center, in San Francisco. She also collaborates closely with the faculty at the UCSF Spine Center to formulate comprehensive treatment plans for patients undergoing spinal surgery, extending her care throughout the entire surgical process.

Lipi Roy, MD, MPH (M '08, PHTM '08) is the Medical Director at Housing Works, a member of the NYU School of Medicine faculty,

an NYU Langone health media medical commentator, Forbes health contributor, and YouTube health show host.

David (Dave) Christopher Yu, MD (TC '98, M '04, I '05, R '11) assumed the pivotal role at the New Orleans Children's Hospital of Service Line Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Trauma Medical Director. In this capacity, he is entrusted with overseeing the delivery of top-notch surgical care for the youngest and most vulnerable patients. Under his leadership, Children's Hospital has achieved the significant milestone of being verified as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, a testament to the relentless efforts of Dr. Yu and his dedicated team.

2010s

Steven D. Jones, Jr., MD (M '17) recently joined North Oaks Orthopaedic Specialty Center

in Hammond, Louisiana. Jones is a sports medicine physician and orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of disorders of the bones, joints and muscles for athletic and non-athletic adolescents and senior adults. Accolades include the 2020 Resident Educator of the Year, 2019 Junior Resident of the Year, and 2019 Compassionate Care awards from the University of Colorado School of Medicine (Aurora), where he completed his residency in orthopedic surgery.

Benjamin Sill Tuck Leong, MD (M '14) was recently appointed the Physician Director for the Center for Healthy Living, Physician Education, and Graduate Medical Education for the Downey, California, service area for Kaiser Permanente. He also continues practicing as an urgent care physician in Downey.

Feature

ALVIN AUBRY, MD, MPH '72**Alumni Spotlight**

Tulane University School of Medicine Class of 1972

ALVIN J. AUBRY, JR., MD, MPH, was the first person of color to graduate from Tulane University School of Medicine. A native New Orleanian, attending Tulane felt like a natural choice but came with challenges. “There was only one other Black student in my class, and unfortunately, he didn’t make it to the end,” he reflects. “But I knew I had a fair chance when I learned they were grading tests in class, in front of everyone. That was reassuring.”

While Aubry’s time at Tulane was rigorous, filled with moments like dissecting in the anatomy lab and learning life lessons in Parasitology, his experience shaped the doctor he would become. His medical training

laid the foundation for a career that would eventually take him across the world, serving in the U.S. Army and completing his internship at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, residency in pediatrics at Fort Lewis, Washington, and his allergy fellowship at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

“The Army training programs were excellent,” he notes, and it was during this time that he gained a deep appreciation for the sense of duty that would guide his career. “I felt I owed something to my country, and the military was my way of giving back.”

Today, Aubry applies that same dedication to his patients

in Irving, Texas. As an ABAAI board-certified allergist, he has seen firsthand how debilitating allergies can be.

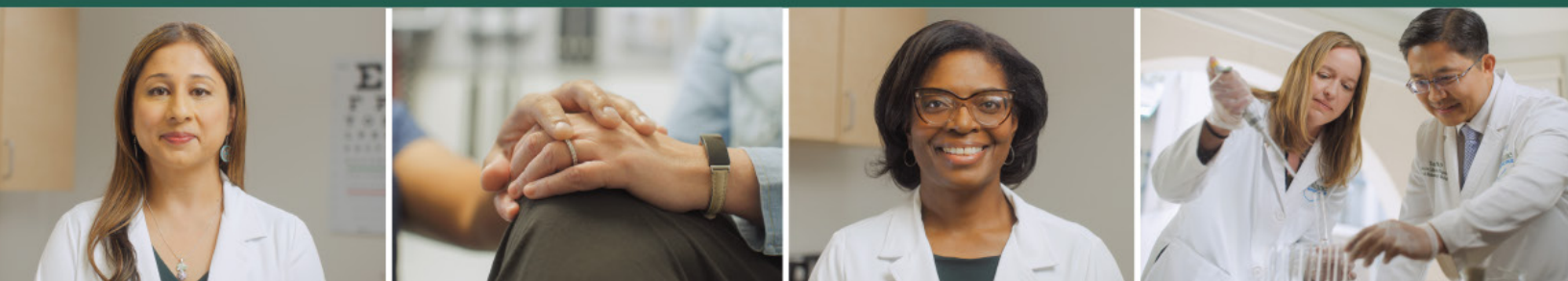
“When people think of allergies, they often shrug it off, but it affects the entire body,” he explains. “I’ve had patients who couldn’t even remember football plays from the huddle to the line, all because their allergies were wreaking havoc on their brain.” It’s challenging work, but helping people find relief makes it worth it.”

Even decades later, Aubry fondly recalls the lessons he learned at Tulane, both in and out of the classroom. His time serving underprivileged patients at Charity Hospital during medical school gave him a lifelong perspective on the importance of providing care for those in need.

“Many of our patients were homeless or struggling,” he recalls. “That experience shaped how I approach medicine today—it’s about treating the whole person, not just their symptoms.”



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