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137th Commencement
May 19, 2011



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The Commencement Ceremony

The audience is requested to stand during the Academic Procession, the singing of the National Anthem, and the Benediction, and to remain in place until the Recessional has left the Arena.

The Academic Procession

Chief Marshal.....Michael Levitzky, Ph.D.
Professor of Physiology
Director of Basic Science Curriculum, School of Medicine

MusicBienville Brass, under the direction of Joseph Skillen

Bearer of the MaceJoseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Procession of the Platform Party

Faculty Marshal.....Andrew Pellett, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department Head, Cardiopulmonary Science

Procession of the Faculty

Student Marshal.....William P. Newman, III, M.D.
Professor of Pathology

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Professions

Gonfalonier.....Holly Frances Ammerman
Master of Communication Disorders Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing

Gonfalonier.....Nedra Diane Keenan
Master of Science in Nursing Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health

Gonfalonier.....Reece Linden Travis Alkire
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies

Gonfalonier.....Lauren Michelle Brignac-Huber
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

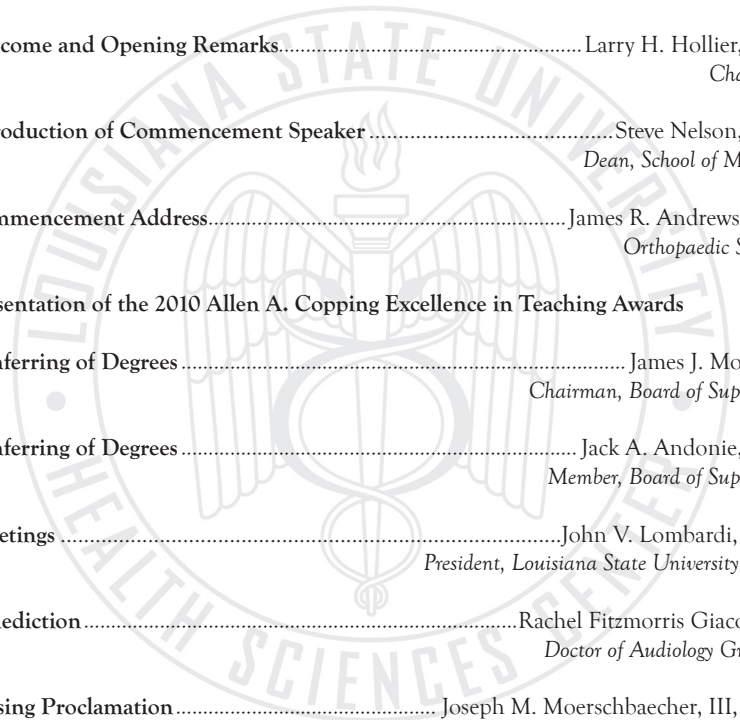
Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry

Gonfalonier.....Jared Paul Harris
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine

Gonfalonier.....James Richard White, Jr.
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

The Commencement Ceremony



Opening Proclamation.....	Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D. <i>Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies</i>
National Anthem	Ashley Rachele Hofsommer <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidate</i>
Invocation.....	Ryan Jacob Vega <i>Doctor of Medicine Candidate</i>
Welcome and Opening Remarks.....	Larry H. Hollier, M.D. <i>Chancellor</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Steve Nelson, M.D. <i>Dean, School of Medicine</i>
Commencement Address.....	James R. Andrews, M.D. <i>Orthopaedic Surgeon</i>
Presentation of the 2010 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards	
Conferring of Degrees	James J. Moore Jr. <i>Chairman, Board of Supervisors</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Jack A. Andonie, M.D. <i>Member, Board of Supervisors</i>
Greetings	John V. Lombardi, Ph.D. <i>President, Louisiana State University System</i>
Benediction.....	Rachel Fitzmorris Giacointere <i>Doctor of Audiology Graduate</i>
Closing Proclamation.....	Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D. <i>Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies</i>

The Recessional

National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight

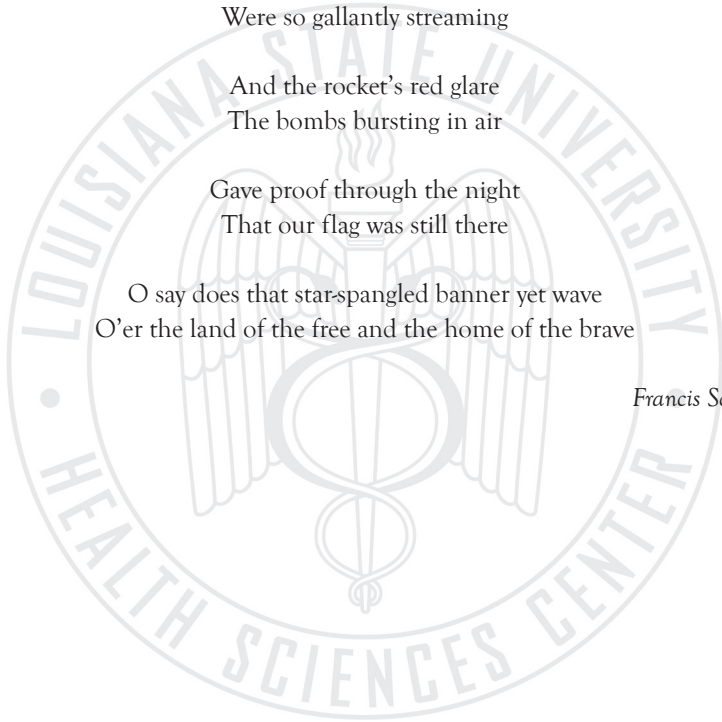
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming

And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air

Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

Francis Scott Key





Appearance of a name in the Commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but is not regarded as conclusive. The official Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans transcript, sealed and signed by the Registrar, is conclusive testimony of the student's academic record and possession of degree(s) awarded by this institution.

Professional photographers will record each graduate as the diploma is presented and color portraits will be available for purchase, if desired.



James R. Andrews, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgeon

Doctor James Andrews is one of the founding members of Andrews Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Birmingham, Alabama. He is also a founder of the American Sports Medicine Institute (ASMI) a non-profit institute dedicated to injury prevention, education and research in orthopaedics and sports medicine. This foundation is recognized as one of the world's leaders in this field. Doctor Andrews continues to serve as Chairman and Medical Director of ASMI. He has mentored more than 250 orthopaedic/sports medicine Fellows and more than 45 primary care sports medicine Fellows who have trained under him through the ASMI Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. Doctor Andrews is also a founding partner and the Medical Director of the Andrews Institute and the Andrews-Paulos Research and Education Institute also dedicated to prevention, education and research which is located in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Doctor Andrews is internationally known and recognized for his skills as an orthopaedic surgeon as well as his scientific and clinic research contributions in knee, shoulder and elbow injury prevention and treatment. In addition, he has made major presentations around the world, and has authored numerous scientific articles and books.

Commencement Speaker

Doctor Andrews graduated from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1963, where he was Southeastern Conference indoor and outdoor pole vault champion. He completed LSU School of Medicine in 1967 and completed his orthopaedic residency at Tulane Medical School in 1972. He had surgical fellowships in sports medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1972 with Doctor Frank McCue, III and at the University of Lyon, Lyon, France in 1972 with the late professor Albert Trillat, M.D., who is known as the Father of European Knee Surgery.

Doctor Andrews is a member of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is the past President of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, having served as President for the 2009-2010 term. He also served on that board as its Treasurer and its Secretary. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Arthroscopy Association of North America as well as the International Knee Society. He is Clinical Professor of Orthopaedics Surgery at the University Alabama Birmingham Medical School, the University of Virginia School of Medicine, the University of Kentucky Medical Center, and the University of South Carolina Medical School. He has been awarded a Doctor of Laws Degree from Livingston University, Doctor of Science Degree from Troy University and a Doctor of Science Degree from Louisiana State University.

At present, Doctor Andrews serves as Medical Director for Intercollegiate Sports at Auburn University; Senior Orthopaedic Consultant at the University of Alabama; and Orthopaedic Consultant for the athletic teams of Troy University, University of West Alabama, Tuskegee University and Samford University. Doctor Andrews serves on the Medical and Safety Advisory Committee of USA Baseball and on the Board of Little League Baseball, Inc.

In the professional sports arena, Doctor Andrews is Senior Consultant for the Washington Redskins Professional Football team; Medical Director for the Tampa Bay Rays Professional Baseball Team; and team physician for the Birmingham Barons Double A Professional Baseball Team, an affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. Doctor Andrews is the Medical Director of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Previously, Doctor Andrews has been a member of the Sports Medicine Committee of the United States Olympic Committee having served during two previous quadrennia. He has also served on the NCAA Competitive Safeguards in Medical Aspects of Sports Committee.

Doctor Andrews serves as the National Medical Director for Physiotherapy Associates, a national outpatient rehabilitation provider. He serves on the Board of Directors of FastHealth Corporation and Robins Morton Construction Company. He is also a member of Troy University's Board of Trustees.

Doctor Andrews was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and was named recipient of their Distinguished Sportsman Award in 1992. In 1996, Doctor Andrews was inducted into the LSU Alumni Hall of Distinction. He was featured as one of the LSU's 2007 Southeastern Conference Stories of Character. In 2008 Doctor Andrews received the LSU Cox Communication Academic Center for Student-Athletes Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award and was inducted into the State of Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and was named recipient of the prestigious Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award. Doctor Andrews is a 2009 recipient of the "Live the Dream!" award presented by the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce. Doctor Andrews was presented the 2009 Distinguished American Award by the Auburn Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Doctor Andrews was recipient of the Excellence in Sports Medicine Award from the 2010 Orthopaedic Foundation for Active Lifestyles on October 26, 2010.

A native of Homer, Louisiana, Doctor Andrews has called Birmingham home since 1986. He and his wife Jenelle have six children, Andy, Amy, Archie, Ashley, Amber, Abby and four grandchildren.

Yacht racing is one of Doctor Andrews' keen interests. His 50-foot racing sloop *Abracadabra III*, won the 1990 International 50-foot Yacht Association World Cup and was named the best offshore racing sloop in the last 100 years by Sail Magazine. He has also won many other yacht racing offshore regattas. Doctor Andrews served as President and Chairman of the Board of Aloha Racing Foundation, an American's Cup Syndicate based in Honolulu, Hawaii, which challenged for the 2000 America's Cup contested in Auckland, New Zealand. His other hobbies include golf and hunting.

Candidates for Degrees

School of Allied Health Professions

Presented by J.M. Cairo, Ph.D., Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

Kristina Diane Bosch	Khanh Phuong Ngoc Nguyen
Clark Michael Brien, Jr.	Kristen Rachel Russo
Erika Lynn Hernandez	Margarita Rosa Salas
Bailey Jean Ivey	Mohammad Mustafa Salem
Brittany Ellen McAdam	Anh Quynh Vo
Carolyn Ruth Mendez	Suzanne Marie Zadel
Debbie Maria Moncada	

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Kailee Elizabeth Adams	Natalie Lynn Jones
Elizabeth Black-Montealeone	Sonni Janelle Kirkwood
Rory Michael Bouzigard	Kasey Lynn Leonard
Christy Elizabeth Carney*	Lauren Elizabeth Martinez
Darryl Joseph Duncan	Bethany Marie Moncel
William Read Founds	Melissa Melancon Rigdon
Caitlin Krieger Gallegos	Mary Hartman Smith
Kandyce Tessier Gary	Bridget Lois Sullivan
Sean David Giblin	Chanhthu Thi Truong
Tanya Marie Gilbert	Alicia Marie Williams
Keri Lian Hepting	Corinne Lynda Williams
Ashley Nora Hoft	Szu-Han Yang
Erica Lee Hunter	

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Nino Alejandro Acuña	Jennifer Elizabeth Hallner
Holly Frances Ammerman	Jennifer Nicole Hebert
Meka Shontá Battle	Margaret Anne Homer††
Allison Elise Behlar	Tova Danielle Horowitz††
Kelli Nicole Carreras	Katie Lynn Kelly
Katherine Miller Coll	Lindsay Ann Loup
Lindsay Rae deBoisblanc	Janée Frances Rogers
Brittany Elizabeth Falcon	Aimee Marie St. Germain
Claudia Katherine Favret	Christine Michelle Schwab††
Cindy Mayo Freeman*†	Rachel Ann Timm*††
Megan Elizabeth Giroux	Mary Ann Zapp

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MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Emily Morris Abraham	Bryan Blake Harper
Allison Leigh Ardoin	Collins Elizabeth Harris
Katheryn Ann Baker	Heather Marks Hollier
Jessica Lynn Bennett	Dinah Marie Howard
Kandice Lafleur Birdsall	Kristen Elizabeth Julian
Mary Elizabeth Broussard	Katie Ann Karr
Jennifer Leigh Burge	Kira Louise Kuebler
Lindsay Marie Cappiello	Blake Henry LaGrange
Krystle Ann Chatman	Kimberly Lynn Meaux
Alyce Grace Crochet	Jamie Lynn Rosiere
Lauren Claire Davis	Bridget Clare Ryder
Jessica Lynn DeMers	Tiffany Lynne Stafford
Theresa Ann Duplantix	Rebecca Jane Touns
Jennifer Badeaux Falke	Stephanie Frances Trainor†
Katherine Elizabeth Gort	Lindsay Elise Vigliano
Bradley Nobile Greco	Brittney Elizabeth Weyenberg

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Cheryl Lyn Abana-Emmer	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Jessica Lea Chambliss*††	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Elizabeth Michelle Evans*	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Ashley Morelle Generose	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Meritt Jane Godleski	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Ian Jared Hegwood	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Sarah Elouise Jones	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Kathleen Anne Locmelis*	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Eric Dion Matthews	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Adam Daniel Rivas	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Danielle Patrice Sanders	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Jeffrey Michael Schiro	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>
Leah Augustine Veal	<i>Rehabilitation Counseling</i>

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Candidates for Degrees

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Danielle Glenn Gautreaux
Rachel Fitzmorris Giacontiere
Emily Lynne Heath
Megan Pollman Majoué

Allison Clara McKenzie
Christina Elizabeth Primo
Alaina Christine Waller

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Kevin Louis Becnel
Joshua Kevin Berthelot
Breigh Elizabeth Bonin
Whitney Rose Bradford
Christopher John Cancienne
Ashley Elizabeth Cantrelle
Kylie Renee Carbo
David Jason Cargill
Jeffrey Paul Cresson
Craig Daniel Dauterive
Kevin Patin Dessauer
Jennifer Leigh Frederick
Paul Steven Gallant, Jr.
Ashley Elizabeth Garnett
Kerri Chatelain Graham
Jennifer Lauren Hall
Javon James Hayes
John Aloysuis Hayes*†
Derrick Blaine Hines
Michelle Lee Jones

Jason Todd Keigley
Gregory Kyle Kintzing
Monica Lynn Kronfel
Anthony Pascal Jude LaMarca
Jennifer McKenzie Lee
Scott Thomas McLaughlin
Michael John Murray
Caitlin Elaine Pate
Jonathan Paul Pecoraro
Brett James Perera
Charles Bradley Pevey
Mattie Elizabeth Pontiff
Jennifer Michelle Rhodes
Ryan Kenneth Roussel
Chad Robert Spears
Farrah Ann Velasquez
Emily Paige Wallace
Pamela Alyse Williams
Karissa Lee Wimsatt
Luke Anthony Zumo

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School of Nursing

Presented by Demetrius Porche, D.N.S., Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Joia Kimberly Alfonso*††
Andrea Renee Alleman*††
Hallie Richelle Allweiss*††
Emily Cooper Anders*††
Lauren Venable Andrepont
Sarah Elizabeth Andrepont*††
Emily Louise Andrus*††
Jenifer Fortier Andry*††
Mary Elise Arbour
Katie Elizabeth Armstrong*††
Bethany Esther Ash*††
Terri Williams Balser*††
Lacey Michelle Balancier*††
Esther Fontenot Barrios*††
Jacqueline Marija Baudier*††
Carli Rebecca Bordelon*††
Emily Nicole Benoit
Youssef Estevan Bou-Mikael
Katianna Simmons Boyd
Ashley Elizabeth Breland*††
Sarah Jean Broderman
Frederica Nicole Brown
Kevin Scott Brown
Jaime Leigh Bruno *††
Krista Linnie Bruns
Michelle Ann Buccola
Christopher Michael Buchart
Susan Marie Burck
Samantha Lynn Caillouet
Shannon Pearl Canning*††
Blythe Michel Casadaban*††
Lauren Elizabeth Cefalu*††
Luke Anthony Cenac*††
Katherine Lucille Champagne*††
Anne Louise Ciulla*††
Elise-Marie Mayeux Collins*††
Sarah Louise Connick*††
Lander Omar Coscarart
Carlisle Frances Crawford*††
Charlotte Christine Crawley
Brittney Renéé Curlin*††
Cherie Alyse Daigle*††
Traci Bland Daigle*††
Jordan Mark Daughenbaugh*††
Frances Gene Dauterive
Chad Edward Debarbieris
Katrina Louise Delpit
Ina Suzette Dragicevic*††
Caroline Ellis Dubbin*††
Jennifer Elizabeth Ducote*††
Emily Lucille Duffy*††
Shannon Brouphy Dufrene*††
Wesley Larry Dupriest
Therrina Esther Eden*††
Maggie Lue Fanguy*††
Ashley Marie Fath
Alison Claire Faust*††
Courtney Marie Fenn*††
Melissa Marie Fennell*††
Melissa Eileen Ferniz
Lacie Ann Fiest
Erin Elizabeth Firmin
Cherelle Monica Fleury
Kimberly Ann Flynn

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Miles David Foley
Suzanne Michelle Fourrier
Patrick Meredith Frye*††
Andrea Marie Garcia
Courtney Allison Garcia
Natalie Teresa Garzotto*††
Abbie Marie Gauthreaux*††
Corey Michael George*††
Timothy Joseph Gioe*††
Jessica Katie Goldberg*††
Angela Kristin Gould
Sean Michael Grand
Molvie James Greene
John Byler Greer
Jeliece Edna Mae Griffin
Ashley Nicole Gritter*††
Gretchen Elizabeth Guderian*††
Raymond Joseph Gutierrez
Whitney Marie Harbin*††
Jessica Rae Hamann
Holly Kristina Harris*††
Susan Eva Harrison*††
Samantha Roo Hawkins
Diana Diaz Herbert*†
Holly Nicole Hebert
Kayla Ann Hecker
Michelle Theresa Hellmers*††
Brittany Elizabeth Hoff*††
Ashley Rachelle Hofsommer
Angele Therese Hooks*††
Alexandra Sofia Hurtado*††
Megan Elizabeth Ibos*††
Hanan Allan Ibrahim
Monica Idoyaga
Megan Rhea Irby
William Seth Jarrell
Chantay Jaloni Johnson*††
Lindsey Strecker Johnson*††
Nicole L. Johnson*†
Elizabeth Marie King*††

Melvin Lewis Keefer, Jr.
Heather Bergeron Kippers
Linda Suzanne Kurtz*
Blake Taylor Lagarde
Brittany Lynn Lancie
Molly Elizabeth Landriau
Thao-Vi Thi Le
Anna Katherine LeBlanc*††
Samantha Anne Lee
Kathie Annette Lendeborg*†
Stephanie Renee Liberta
Sarah Elizabeth Lirette*††
Jimarie Price Louviere
Heather Marie Ludwig
Erin Burger Mahone
Heather Marie Maness*††
Johnna Marie Manso*††
Jessica Santina Maras
Michelle Lyn Matthews
Michele Elizabeth Martin*††
Emily Frances Martinez*††
Michelle Elizabeth Maurin
Victoria Grace McAdam*††
Donald Edward McConnell, Jr.*††
Erin Jennifer McElroy*††
Rona Bartolome McKee*†
Caitlyn Norine McMullen
Jena Elizabeth Meche
Randi DeNeil Meche*
Marissa Ann Mederos
Spencer Stephen Metcalf*††
Lauren Elaine Miller*††
Laura Michelle Misiak*††
Virginia Maria Mistretta
Jennifer Alexis Mitchel*
Jamie Lynn Monaghan
Abby Marie Moody*††
Samantha Lyn Morales*††
Gretchen Marie Moskau*††
Shannon Mary Netherby

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Amy Thao Nguyen
Thuy An Minh Nguyen
Kelly Marie Nuckley*†
Katie Rebecca Olasin
Travis Sinclair Osborne
Katherine Scarlet Penton
Molly Jean Perrin
Jennifer Elizabeth Perry*††
Celeste Mary Poché
Jeffrey Laurence Poché*††
Lauren Patricia Pou*††
Kasey Lynn Pratt
David William Prieur
Emily Kay Prudhomme*††
Amy Elizabeth Punecky*†
Jessica Ann Raines
Beverly Anne Rainey*†
Lyndi Jae Relle
Allison Leigh Riemer*††
Amanda Nicole Ronquille*††
Gloria Michele Roussell*††
Samantha Lynn Sagona
Jessica Lynn Sanders
Margo Annette Sanders
Amy Bell Schmitt*††
Jenny Dupre Schneider

Germaine Allen Seals
Kenneth Gordon Sehon*††
Joy Rihner Seube
Christopher Aaron Sissell
David Bertrand Smith
Mya JéNay Smith*†
Tomeka Donaldson St. Cyr
Ashley Danielle St. Roman*††
Caroline Anne Stanley
Heather Lyn Stann*††
Bretta Loupe Tassara*†
Elizabeth Jean Thibodaux*††
Erica Lynn Thompson*††
Charlene Denise Townshend
Michele Rae Toye*†
Paul Michael Triche, Jr.
Mia Michelle Trupiano*††
Maria Regina Turner
Nneka Janet Uwaemelu
Tiffany Marie Vidrine*††
Jacques Chester West
Evan Taylor White
Lindsey Williams Willis
Heather Solomon Wright
Marissa Lauren Zarba

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Candidates for Degrees

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Courtney Bacon Barrilleaux*††	Nurse Educator
Nedra Diane Keenan	Nurse Educator
Diane Hilinski Schramm	Nurse Educator

MASTER OF NURSING

Alicia Pellegrin Aikman	Nurse Anesthesia
Pablo Rene Albores	Nurse Anesthesia
LaTerrica Desiree Antoine	Nurse Anesthesia
Jared Anthony Aucoin	Nursing Administration
Christopher Michael Aupied	Nurse Anesthesia
Jennifer Lynn Aymond	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Gavin Nathan Baker	Nurse Anesthesia
Jonathan Blake Benefield	Nurse Anesthesia
Callie Stone Bergeron	Nurse Anesthesia
Constance Parker Bonnet	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Kara Elisabeth Bono	Nurse Anesthesia
Lori Woullard Breland	Nurse Anesthesia
Mandy Lea Broussard	Nurse Anesthesia
Walter Woodrow Cambre	Nurse Anesthesia
Heather Nicole Carbajal	Nurse Anesthesia
Chontel Monique Carter	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Pamela Bryant Cestia*††	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Christopher Wayne Chaisson	Nurse Anesthesia
Mandy Lynn Chaisson	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Kelli Renee Collins	Community Health Nursing
John Edward Covington	Nurse Anesthesia
Robert Stephen Crochet	Nurse Anesthesia
Allison Morgan David	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
David Randall Davis	Nurse Anesthesia
Ivory Cloranda Davis*††	Community Health Nursing
Rebecca Elizabeth Dydynski	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Angelle Wagner Estopinal*††	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Alva Bocage Farnell	Nurse Anesthesia
Desireé Hollier Feucht	Nurse Anesthesia
Keri Horton Fischtziur	Nurse Anesthesia
Gabriel Simmons Franklin	Nurse Anesthesia

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Benjamin Blair Gautreaux	Nurse Anesthesia
Chelsea Lynn Jasper	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Bridgette Stewart Johnson	Public & Community Health Nursing
Mekenzie Spencer Johnston	Nurse Anesthesia
Dustin David Junot	Nurse Anesthesia
Jean Melvin Karpan	Nurse Anesthesia
Sarah Elizabeth Kimble	Nurse Anesthesia
Tanya Auzenne Kindrick	Nurse Anesthesia
Nicole Elizabeth Laiche	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Irene Levy	Nurse Anesthesia
Scott Randall Luttrell	Nurse Anesthesia
Chad Michael Majoue	Nurse Anesthesia
Susan Lynn Matranga	Nurse Anesthesia
James Edward Mayeux	Nurse Anesthesia
Tanya Lee McGowan	Nurse Anesthesia
Rebeca Pina Medina	Nurse Anesthesia
Elsa Carmen Mejia	Nurse Anesthesia
Heidi Lane Murray	Nurse Anesthesia
Michele Julia Musso	Public & Community Health Nursing
Shelly Sylvain Narcisse	Public & Community Health Nursing
Katherine Marie North	Public & Community Health Nursing
Ryan Willard Nunez	Nurse Anesthesia
Rebecca Clayton Palmer	Nurse Anesthesia
Jessica Guin Piediscalzo	Nurse Anesthesia
Karen Brown Pitts	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Laurie Cumberland Ray	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Shane Stephen Robichaux*††	Nursing Administration
Shantell Michelle Rounds*††	Public & Community Health Nursing
Harald Jorge Sampson	Nurse Anesthesia
Hillary Diane Seay	Nurse Anesthesia
Bobby Clinton Siler	Nurse Anesthesia
George Rayford Smith, II	Nurse Anesthesia
Lori Michelle Smith	Public & Community Health Nursing
Robert Glenn St. John, Jr.	Nurse Anesthesia
Priscilla Ann Trahan	Nurse Anesthesia
Christopher James Trainor	Nurse Anesthesia
Tuyet Dung Thi Tran	Nurse Anesthesia
Kim Migand Tumminello	Public & Community Health Nursing
Chloe Davidson Villavasos	Nursing Adult Health & Illness
David Reed Whitehead	Nurse Anesthesia

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Candidates for Degrees

DOCTOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

Mary Cathleen Maher-Griffiths

Major Professor: Dr. Denise Danna

Dissertation: *The Neonatal Nurses' Roles in the Interception of Medication Errors*

Tanya Pitre Schreiber

Major Professor: Dr. Marsha Bennett

Dissertation: *Identification and Validation of Premortem Surge: A Delphi Study*



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School of Public Health

Presented by Elizabeth T.H. Fontham, Dr. P.H., Dean

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Reece Linden Travis Alkire	Nichole Jermica Love
Charles William Berthold, III	Emily Ann Mabile*
Caroline McCrae Brazeel*	Carmen Joann Maldonado
Daniel Rolland Broy	Gavin Julian Montgomery
Megan Elizabeth Burns	Chibuzor Nwokeji Norbert†
Kentrisa ReyShawn Butler	Keith Edward Peres
Mary Adaire Chatry*††	Meagan Marguerite Relle
William Charles Cole Claiborne	Lois Marie Sellers
Michael Allard Duplantier*††	Danish Qavi Siddiqui
Flor Elizabeth Espinoza	Dylan Joseph Caraway Tête
Yan Gao*††	Bryan Paul Vidrine*†
Jessi Leigh Howard	Sarah Elizabeth Vitenas*
Lindsey Nicole Jones	

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Candidates for Degrees

School of Graduate Studies

Presented by Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D., Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Mohamed Elsaid Elsaid Abdraboh

Program: Pathology

Professor: Andrew Hollenbach, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *The Role of the Cell Adhesion Molecule CD44 In Breast Cancer Metastasis*

Russell Joseph Amato

Program: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Professor: Peter Winsauer, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Characterization of Neurosteroids that Modulate the GABA_A Receptor on Complex Behavior in Rats*

Lauren Brignac-Huber

Program: Pharmacology

Professor: Wayne L Backes, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *State of the Membrane: Linking Endoplasmic Reticulum Lipids to P450 Function*

June Ann D'Angelo†

Program: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Professor: Bonny Dickinson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Functional Characterization of the Cystine/Glutamate Antiporter in Dendritic Cells*

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Rahul Datta*††

Program: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Professor: Hamid Boulares, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Poly(ADP-ribose) Polymerase-1 and Its Role in Allergen-induced Airway Eosinophilia*

Tiffany Niemoller Eady

Program: Neuroscience

Professor: Nicolas G. Bazan, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Docosahexaenoic Acid, Neurolipidomics, and the Ischemic Penumbra of Stroke*

Jone Garai *††

Program: Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology

Professor: Bonny Dickinson, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Cyclic AMP Regulation of Dendritic Cell Maturation*

Hongbo He

Program: Neuroscience

Professor: Jeffrey D. Erickson, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: *Human Host Cellular Responses to Chlamydia trachomatis Infection in the Female Genital Tract*

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Dissertation: *Adaptation in the Auditory System: Effects on Temporal Coding and Novel Stimulus Detection*

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Dissertation: *Dentate Gyrus Hyperexcitability following Status Epilepticus: Characterization and Attenuation by Neuroprotectin D1*

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Dissertation: *Ubiquitin Conjugation Pathway Specificity and Mechanism of Trim Ligase-Catalyzed Polyubiquitin Chain Formation*

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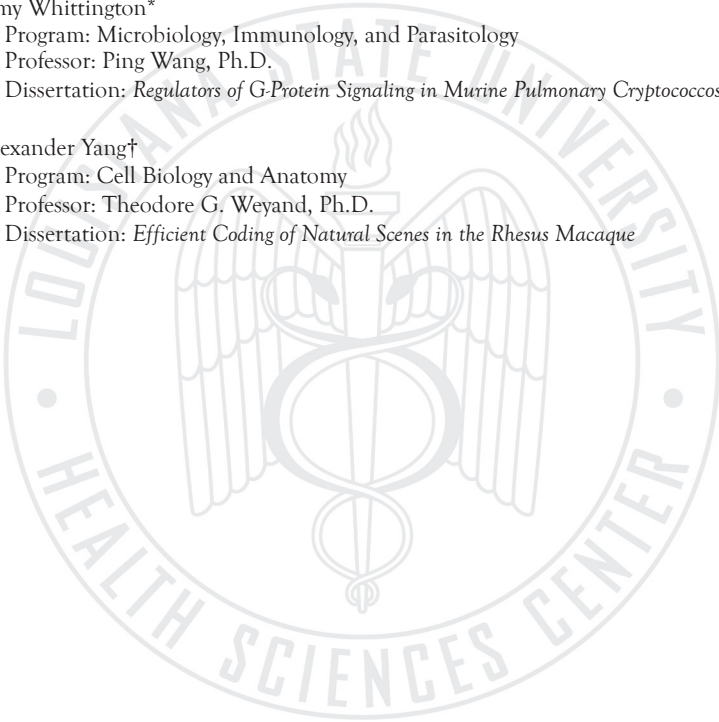
Dissertation: *Regulators of G-Protein Signaling in Murine Pulmonary Cryptococcosis*

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Program: Cell Biology and Anatomy

Professor: Theodore G. Weyand, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Efficient Coding of Natural Scenes in the Rhesus Macaque*



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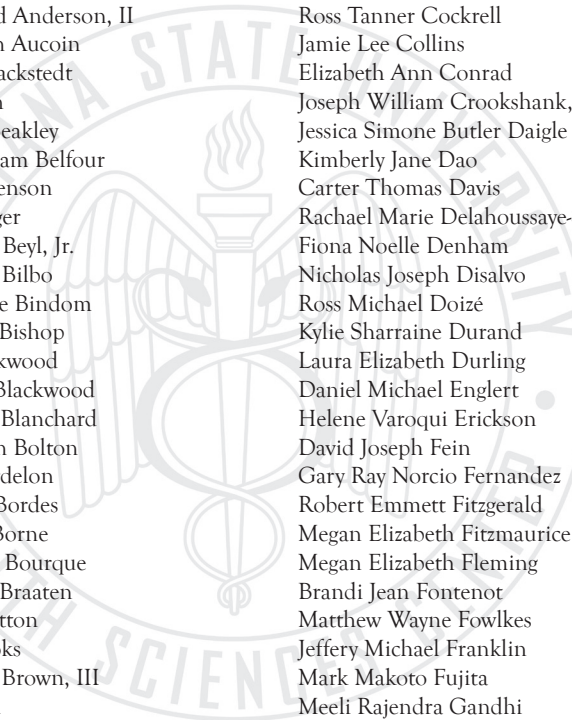
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Academic Traditions

The celebration of commencement is a rich tapestry of tradition. Each tradition adds to the pageantry and the majesty of one of the Health Sciences Center's most solemn, yet joyous occasions. The conferring of degrees is formal recognition that our graduates have attained mastery of the healing arts and sciences and are fully prepared to accept the sacred trust, which will soon be bestowed upon them by their patients and clients. This is a very special day for the entire LSU Health Sciences Center family, and so that the meaning of this ceremony will be deepened and the celebration more fitting the magnitude of accomplishment of our faculty and students, the Health Sciences Center has woven a number of time-honored traditions into our commencement tapestry.

Academic Regalia

The origins of academic regalia date back to the 12th and 13th centuries. The long robe and hood were borrowed from clerical dress with a nod toward practicality for the warmth the costume provided in unheated and drafty halls. While proper academic dress was defined for the first time during the reign of Henry VIII at Oxford and Cambridge, it was not until the 19th century and, then only in the United States, that it was standardized. Colors were assigned to signify the various areas of scholarly pursuit. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was chosen for medicine, and golden yellow, representing the wealth produced by scientific research, was selected for the sciences. In 1932, the American Council on Education approved an academic costume code which, with few changes, is still used today. The principle features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap and the hood.

The Gown. The flowing black gown comes from the twelfth century. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers dress of rank or social standing beneath. Gowns with pointed sleeves designate the Associate and Bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves are used for the Master's degree, with a slit for the arm; and round, open sleeves indicate the Doctor's degree. The gown worn for Associate, Bachelor's or Master's degree has no trimmings. The gown for the Doctor's degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. For certain institutions, the official colors of the college or university may appear on the gown or its decorations.

The Cap. The freed slave in Ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim the mortar board is a symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline, although a gold tassel may be worn with any Doctor's gown.

The Hood. Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college or university. The color of the face of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

The academic colors used in LSU Health Sciences Center's commencement ceremony are green for medicine, lilac for dentistry, apricot for nursing, gold for allied health professions, dark blue for graduate studies, and salmon for public health.

The University Mace

The academic mace comes from a heritage imbued with tradition and symbolism. Long held as a symbol of strength and authority, there are a number of theories about its origin. Although some say the word mace is derived from the French word *masse*, meaning club, one of the earliest references to a mace was an ebony-black effigy discovered in King Tut's tomb of "a King, gold-sandalled, bearing staff and mace." During medieval times, the mace of arms was cast as a weapon - a heavy staff or club often made of iron with a spiked end used by knights to penetrate and break armor. Bodyguards carried maces to protect their royals in processions.

But by the 14th century, the use of maces was becoming more ceremonial, sometimes carried in processions of civil ceremonies with mayors and other dignitaries. The mace began to lose its warlike appearance, instead being adorned with jewels and precious metals. Maces were not used as weapons after the 16th century. The first dated record of the mace's transition to academics was in 1385 when a mace was carried at the University of Vienna.

Today, the British Parliament, the Congress of the United States, and many other governmental bodies use stationary ceremonial maces. Increasingly more universities are embracing the enduring tradition of heralding their academic processions with a ceremonial mace, carried before the university leadership as an ensign of authority, dignity, succession, and the rich symbolism unique to each university.

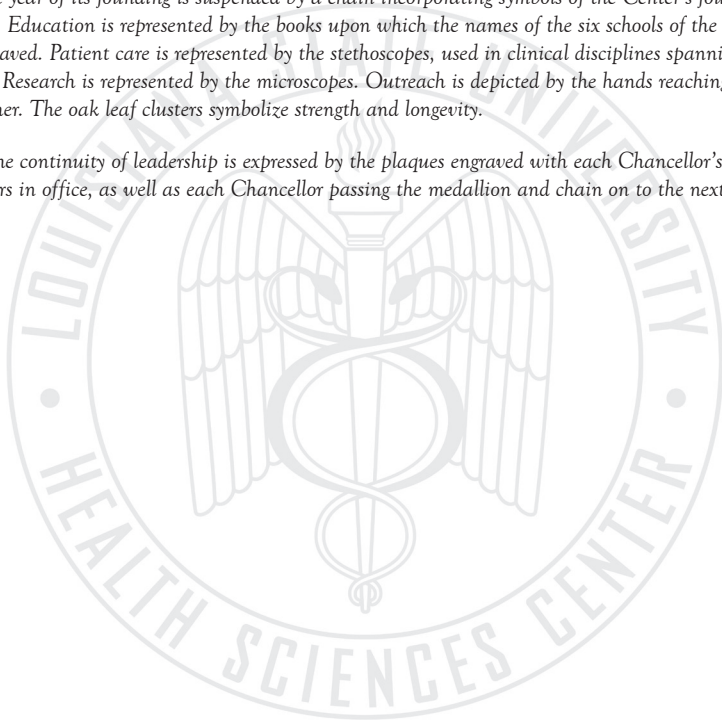
The mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans was designed to define the Center and to reflect its missions and its heritage. The mace is topped with the mother pelican feeding her young taken from the Louisiana State Seal. The nest rests atop a custom-made purple glass globe, engraved with the names of the six professional schools of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans. The neck of the solid mahogany staff is finished in gold, adorned with the symbols depicting the four missions of the health sciences center—education, patient care, research, and outreach, as well as a representation of Hygieia, the daughter of Aesculapius and the Goddess of Health. The base is finished with the founding year, 1931, and decorated with a fleur-de-lis, to recognize the founding of the Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.

The Chain of Office

A symbol of authority whose origins may lie in chains bearing portraits of monarchs given to scholars as signs of honor and favor, or in the badge of office said to date back to the age of chivalry when officials were more readily identifiable by their badges of rank, the chain of office is steeped in ceremonial significance.

The Chain of Office of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, fashioned in bronze, represents the authority and great responsibility of the Chancellor as head of the university. A medallion encircling the seal of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center engraved with the year of its founding is suspended by a chain incorporating symbols of the Center's fourfold mission. Education is represented by the books upon which the names of the six schools of the center are engraved. Patient care is represented by the stethoscopes, used in clinical disciplines spanning our schools. Research is represented by the microscopes. Outreach is depicted by the hands reaching out to each other. The oak leaf clusters symbolize strength and longevity.

The continuity of leadership is expressed by the plaques engraved with each Chancellor's name and years in office, as well as each Chancellor passing the medallion and chain on to the next.



The University Gonfalons

A gonfalon is a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame. The first gonfalons were displayed in medieval Italy as an ensign of state or office as well as in ecclesiastical processions. From the Germanic compound *gund-fanon* (battle flag), gonfalons were also used as flags of battle. They are frequently seen at the heads of religious or military processions, always accompanied by “valets” or “honor guards”. Many universities around the world have adopted them to lead academic processions as they comprise a unique and colorful ceremonial display. The gonfalons are made in the appropriate academic color for each school, and contain a visual element representing the academic discipline of the school, as well as the university seal.

Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man is the symbol on allied health's golden gonfalon. Vitruvius, a Roman engineer of the first century B.C. influenced da Vinci's drawings of the human body. The drawing is based upon a model of ideal proportions which Vitruvius established and is the symbol most frequently representative of the specialties of the allied health professions.

The nursing gonfalon is apricot and its symbol is the burning lamp of Florence Nightingale. Florence Nightingale was called “the lady with the lamp” because she used a lamp in her selfless duty in the Crimean War, although hers was a collapsible paper cylinder which protected the flame and diffused more light. The lamp has come to symbolize nursing to honor Florence Nightingale's enormous dedication and contributions to the nursing profession, as well as to represent the lamp of knowledge.

The dentistry gonfalon is lilac with the official emblem for dentistry adopted in 1965. The design uses as its central figure a serpent entwined about an ancient Arabian cautery. The Greek letter (delta), for dentistry, and (omicron) for odont (tooth) form the periphery of the design. In the background of the design are 32 leaves and 20 berries, representing the permanent and temporary teeth.

The graduate studies gonfalon is dark blue and its symbol is DNA, the building blocks of life. These building blocks are essential in the research done in the doctoral programs of Cell Biology and Anatomy, Biochemistry, Human Genetics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pathology, Pharmacology, and Physiology.

The medicine gonfalon is green, and its symbol is the caduceus, the staff with winding serpents topped by a pair of wings from Greek mythology that has come to represent the medical profession in the United States. In Greek and Roman mythology, the caduceus, like the staff of Aesculapius, was associated with healing and immortality. Both were used as printer's marks from the 16th century on, especially as frontispieces to pharmacopoeias in the 17th and 18th centuries. One theory postulates that as printers saw themselves as messengers of the printed word and thus disseminators of knowledge, they chose the symbol of the messenger of the ancient gods, Hermes. The United States Army adopted the caduceus as the official emblem of its medical department in 1902, cementing its use as such in this country.

Hygieia, the Greek goddess of health, adorns the public health gonfalon. The granddaughter of Apollo and the most important of Asclepius' five daughters, Hygieia personifies physical and psychic health. She was said to relieve illness in humans as well as animals through diet and medication. Often depicted feeding a snake wrapped around her body, Hygieia was sometimes called “The Health.” Derived from the Greek word, *hygieinos*, meaning healthful, Hygieia survives today in the word hygiene—a basic preventive discipline in public health.

