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138th Commencement

May 17, 2012



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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

Music.....Bienville Brass
Under the direction of Joseph Skillen

Bearer of the Mace.....Joseph 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.....Caroline Anastasia Holland
Bachelor of Science Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing

Gonfalonier.....John Peter Tobin, III
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health

Gonfalonier.....Laurie Speyrer Chiasson
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies

Gonfalonier.....Annie Whitaker
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry

Gonfalonier.....Stuart Yeilding Huntsman
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine

Gonfalonier.....Kyle Patrick McMullen
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

The Commencement Ceremony

Opening Proclamation..... Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

National Anthem Theresa Renée Autin
Master of Occupational Therapy Candidate

Invocation..... Daniel Scott Eads
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

Welcome and Opening Remarks..... Larry H. Hollier, M.D.
Chancellor

Introduction of Commencement Speaker Elizabeth T.H. Fontham, Dr. P.H.
Dean, School of Public Health

Commencement Address Leslie Bernstein, Ph.D.
Dean for Faculty Affairs
Professor & Director, Cancer Etiology
City of Hope

Presentation of the 2011 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards

Presentation of the Honorary Degree to:

Rudolph L. Leibel, M.D..... Larry H. Hollier, M.D.
Chancellor

Conferring of Degrees Jack A. Andonie, M.D.
Member, Board of Supervisors

Remarks..... William L. Jenkins, M. Med.Vet., Ph.D.
Interim President, Louisiana State University System

Benediction..... Dr. Renee Elizabeth Bourgeois
Doctor of Dental Surgery Graduate

Closing Proclamation..... Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

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

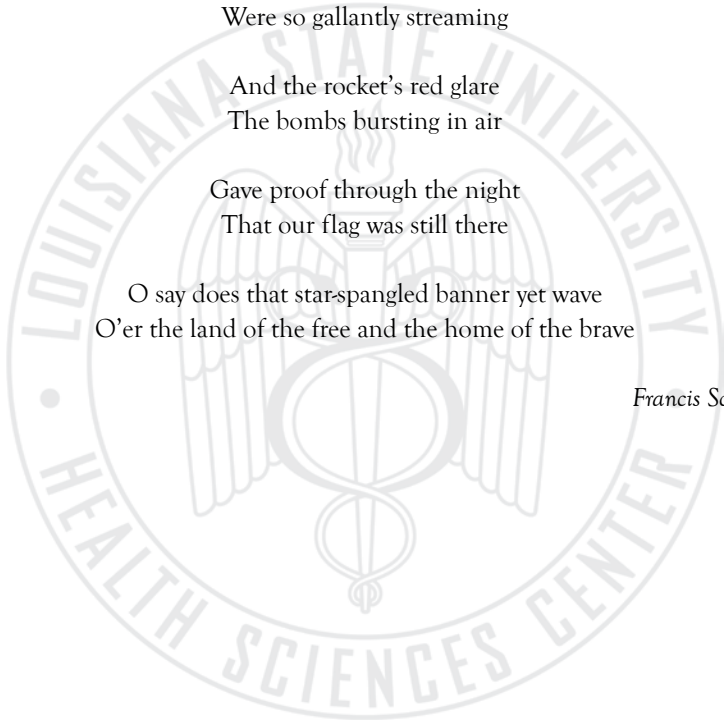
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming

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





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



Leslie Bernstein, Ph.D.

*Dean for Faculty Affairs
Professor & Director, Cancer Etiology
City of Hope*

Dr. Bernstein is Professor and Director of the Division of Cancer Etiology within the Department of Population Sciences, Beckman Research Institute and the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also serves as Dean for Faculty Affairs at the City of Hope. An internationally-recognized epidemiologist, she has focused her research primarily on cancer, seeking to identify modifiable lifestyle factors that will reduce incidence and extend survival. She was the first to show a link between exercise activity and lower breast cancer risk. She has also pursued research investigating the long-term chronic disease outcomes of therapeutic regimens for breast cancer. Dr. Bernstein has published more than 500 research papers and 50 book chapters during her career.

Dr. Bernstein received her BA in Mathematics from UCLA. She raised her family working part-time as a swimming coach and as a high school math teacher. She did not go to graduate school until her late 30's when her children were in junior high and high school. She received her PhD in Biometry in 1981 at the age of 42 years from the University of Southern California (USC). She then spent the next 25 years as a faculty member at the Keck School of Medicine where she held the AFLAC, Inc., endowed Chair in Cancer Research, and served as Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the medical school and Vice Provost for Medical Affairs for the University. At USC she received its highest honor, the Presidential Medallion.

Dr. Bernstein leads the California Teachers Study, a prospective cohort of 133,479 female public school professionals formed in 1995 to study breast and other cancers. As the study's principal investigator, she manages a broad collaboration of 22 investigators at four cancer centers and leads research efforts in breast cancer and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She is an active participant in a number of national and international research collaborations that are examining the genetic and environmental risks for second primary breast cancer, evaluating genetic predictors of breast cancer risk and of different characteristics associated with risk among African American women, and evaluating predictors of long-term survival following breast cancer in multiethnic populations. Finally, she is initiating a new cohort, the Health of Women Study, which will be initiated in June 2012 to collect data over the internet, recruiting women who are members of the Love/Avon Army of Women as cohort members.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Bernstein has focused her efforts on mentoring the next generation of cancer prevention scientists, creating programs for postdoctoral fellows and PhD students at USC and at the City of Hope to enhance their training experiences and address issues pertinent to their future careers. She is the recipient of a prestigious K05 award from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) which supports her training and mentoring activities and capitalizes on her research. Currently, she actively mentors junior and intermediate level cancer research scientists at the City of Hope, USC, Claremont Graduate University, and many other institutions throughout the US.

In 2007, Dr. Bernstein received the Brinker Award for Scientific Distinction in clinical breast cancer research from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure and the American Association for Cancer Research-Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention Research. She has also received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Society for Preventive Oncology. In 2010 she received the Rosalind E. Franklin Award for Women in Science from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Abraham Lilienfeld Award from the American College of Epidemiology for her scientific and mentoring achievements in epidemiology. This past year Dr. Bernstein was honored as one of City of Hope's most influential scientists with the hanging of her portrait in the City of Hope's Gallery of Research Achievement.

Honorary Degree Recipient

Rudolph L. Leibel, M.D.

The Christopher J. Murphy Memorial Professor of Diabetes Research at Columbia University



Dr. Leibel is Christopher J. Murphy Professor of Diabetes Research, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, and Head of the Division of Molecular Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics. He is also Co-Director of the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center and Executive Director of the Berrie Program in Cellular Therapies of Diabetes, Co-Director of the New York Obesity Research Center and the Columbia University Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center. The latter two are NIH-funded Centers.

Dr. Leibel has worked in obesity research for over 25 years. His research has related to adipose tissue biochemistry and cellular physiology, the molecular genetics of control of body weight in rodents and humans, the bioenergetics of body weight regulation in humans and the role of leptin in these processes, and the

molecular genetics of type 2 diabetes. His recent work includes the use of human stem cells to elucidate the molecular/developmental processes related to diabetes and obesity.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and has served as a member of the Federal Advisory Council for NIDDK and as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*. His research is supported by the NIH, ADA, the New York State Stem Cell Science Program, the Russell Berrie and Helmsley Foundations, and AstraZeneca.

School of Allied Health Professions

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

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

Casey Richardson Bergeron
Amy Caroline Boll
Ashleigh Elizabeth Creel
Randy Joseph D'Antoni
Amber Troxler Garza
Lakieva LaShawn Gerard
Peggy Ann Hill
Caroline Anastasia Holland

Jennifer Kay Hutchison
Jordan Lynn Killeen
My-An Nguyen
Daniel Fredrick Redard
Tiffany Ann Reese
April Lynn Schmidt
Kylie Marie Tissue

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Don Patrick Adams Jr.
Liliana Lorena Arce Delgado
Elizabeth Ashley Bayers
Laura Janet Bogren
Elizabeth Marie Breaux
Christopher George Brummerhop
Miriam Corti
Christine Astrid Creger
Naomi Joyce Cross
Ashlee Marie Deeters
Casey Ann Dugas
Brandon Lee Garrett
Cameron Lewis Gelis

Camille Elizabeth James
Erik Kent Janeke
Tori Michelle Jones
Rhiannon Marie Kidd
Arianne Michelle Lee
Nathaniel Mayfield II
Rachel Ashley McMillian
Jacob Paul Morvant
Linda Nhung Nguyen
Evan Randall Pierce
Shalon Antoinette Polite
Amy Janelle Ratley*††
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Candidates for Degrees

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Eileen Ester Aguilar††
Nakia Chynell Banks††
Lauren Nicole Baudoin
Amy Lynn Catalano
Melissa Ann Chabert
Courtney Leigh Chaisson
Lauren Marie Colvin
Hannah Blair Deshotels
Ashley Danielle Ellis
Amna Damin Essa††
Jillion Clare Gostl††
Halley Elizabeth Hennington*††
Paraskevi Nichola Karahlanis
Kayla Michelle LeBlanc
Laura Elizabeth LeBlanc

Holly Nell Mabry
Nicole Erica McTernan*††
Virginia Lill Netterville
Elizabeth Ann Picou
Andrea Claire Pinac
Sarah Rose Prudhomme
Kristen Marie Reboul
Maegan Claire Reese
Meredith Mize Reuter††
Sheena Colleen Ryan
Renee Michelle Souther
Angelle Marie Villarrubia
Amber Nicole Whitfield
Lisa Kathryn Zeppuhar

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Catherine Morella Arceneaux
Theresa Renée Autin
Katherine Elizabeth Beckman
Kayla Rebecca Bruce
Mary Elizabeth Buras
Lacey Marie Clement
Michele Elise Domengeaux
Anna Lucy Giannobile
Andree Katherine Gooch Gray
Lisa Meza Harrell
Willie Clarence Harris IV
Reshelle Leonita Jones
Elise Michel Kelone
Katherine Marie Kinler
Kristin Elizabeth Cloud Labranche
Alexandra Lee LaMarca
Clare Louise Landry
Kasey Marie Legrand

Kristy Lynn McCoy
Abby Lynn Meehan
Ervin Douglas Miller
Rachel Ann Nelson
Heidi Rebecca Newman
Vy Thuc Nguyen
Jennifer Lynn Nicholson
Amy Marie Pellerin
Charles Francis Piazza
Carly Elizabeth Ristroph
Traci Marie Serio
Krish Kiran Sethi
Rosemary Hulda Smith
Lauren Ann Sonnier
Lisa Marie Todd
Lynda Du Thi Tran
Laura Catherine Weeks
Gloria Elizabeth Yuratich

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MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Sonica Surendra Babu	Rehabilitation Counseling
Erica Paige Backes	Rehabilitation Counseling
Amee Marie Boquet*††	Medical Technology
Cathleen Drew Castle*††	Rehabilitation Counseling
Tracy Lynn Cochran	Rehabilitation Counseling
Kirsten Lanara Feast	Rehabilitation Counseling
Monica Addeli Filos	Rehabilitation Counseling
Virginia Louise Hamilton	Rehabilitation Counseling
Daniel Patrick Held*††	Blood Banking
Elizabeth Anne Jennings	Rehabilitation Counseling
Camille Inez Kean	Rehabilitation Counseling
Jessica Ann Lalumia	Rehabilitation Counseling
Nikki Christina Lawrence	Rehabilitation Counseling
Becky Lynn Melerine†	Medical Technology
Jasmine Hasley Paul††	Medical Technology
Lauren Elizabeth Randazza	Rehabilitation Counseling
Andrea Kathryn Sanders	Rehabilitation Counseling
Rhonda Sheikha	Rehabilitation Counseling
Shannon Adams Skena††	Medical Technology
Joseph Charles Sudkamp Jr.††	Medical Technology
Ashley Dina White	Rehabilitation Counseling

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Candidates for Degrees

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

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Adelaide Jane Dowell	Erin Graugnard Rushing
Samantha Marie Jones	Tiffany Fontenot Schexnayder
Brittany Catherine Milligan	Amanda Michelle Troyer

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Lindsey Kathryn Abell	Teri Clouatre Hammonds
Jonathan Logan Albritton*†	Ryan Thomas Hill
Quinn Vito Asaro	Kaitlin Elizabeth Hoychick
Robert John Banta Jr.	Allen Joseph Julian
Christopher Arthur Baracco	Beth Griffin Kimball
Brittany Ann Bates	Robert Dave Lazarine Jr.
Erica Michelle Baum	Rebecca Ann Mahoney
Lindsay Lee Benjamin	Chelsea Elwick Martinez
Dustin Valls Bernard	Lori Waguespack Matherne
Jonathan Clark Bonfiglio	Ashley Rose Miramon
Justin Anthony Breaux	Leah Mouledous Naquin
Chelsea Marie Broekstra	Ansley Coscarart Niland
Byron Nicholas Cart	Melissa Ann Ortego
Sarah Elizabeth Clesi	Angele Marie Park
Bryan Russell Crowder Jr.	Lindsay Michelle Randazzo
Lindsay Blair Day	Sarah Rose Schmidt
Carrie Elizabeth DeLuca	Jeremy Lee Smith
Whitney Patricia DeVun	Krista Leigh Stern
Austin Michael Glahn	Patrick Joseph Thompson
Derek Harris Guidry	Lydia Hamilton Tompkins

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School of Nursing

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

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Linda Walley Abner*††
Alaina Lynne Adams
Jessica Lynn Adams
Rachel Louise Adams
Amanda Michelle Allain
Rodmistrial Riance-Miggonnettia Allen
Jessica Angerdina
Julie Brooke Arthur
Elise Caitlin Atkinson
Cody Wallace Aucoin
Katasha Maria August
Mary Catherine Ayo*††
Matthew Gerard Babin
Courtney Belsome Bahr*††
Brittany Jeana' Bailey
Brandie Marie Baque
Julia Elizabeth Batchelder*††
Lauren Elizabeth Baudry*††
Alexis Jameka Tashe' Bennett
Kelly Jayne Bennett*††
Hannah Lynn Best
Brittany Rose Bienvenu
Brittany Michelle Blenkarn
Jessica Danyel Bolin
Jeffrey Jay Bordelon
Trang Bui Bordes*††
Elyse Dianne Bower*††
Jocelyn Jones Braselman
Zoe Tagen Brauner
Emily Mary Breaux
Ashley Dawn Brown
Chelsea Catherine Buchanan
Patrick Dean Buchta
Sean Michael Buchta
Bryan Thomas Buechler*††
Lauryn Theresa Burns*††
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Jessica Catherine Chauvin
Meagan Nichole Claret
Victoria Lafaye Clark
Hannah Louise Clarke
Natasha Franklin Cleveland*††
Cullen Barry Coffman*††
Ariane Marie Collins*††
Katherine Elizabeth Conley
Brett Thomas Connolly*††
Camille Marie Cousin*††
Jennifer Cruz*††
Amy Elizabeth Dares*††
Jamie Caitlin Davis*††
Laura Kathleen Davis
Cody Marcel DeMagnus*††
Nicholas Ramon Diaz*††
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Joseph Lucas DiLeo III*††
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Abby Orkus Donnelly
Erin Elizabeth Donnelly*††
Collynn Marie Driscoll*††
Anjell Monique Duplantier*††
Danielle Marie Dupont
Erika Lynn Edwards*††
Heidi Marie Eiserloh*††
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Kaitlyn Marie Hayes
Rebecca Lee Hentze
Chester Leandro Hernandez*††
Kaycie Lynn Hernandez*††
Amanda Lynn Hill
Meghan Lee Hodson*††
Shayna Harper Hogan
Wendy Renée Hounsel*††
Erin Elizabeth Hughes
Hillary Elizabeth Hymel*††
Vivian A. Isaula*††
Andrea Houston Jeane*††
Andrea Favalora Jeanfreau*††
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Patrice Ann Johnson*†
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Erin Rachel Kalbacher*††
KaChettral Cha-Vonntae Kasley*††
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Andrew William Larkin
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Rebecca Florence Levy*††
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Gretchen Rochelle Loeber
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Corey Garrod Luke*†
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Kadi Dreher Malek
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Yakisha Gatlin Montes*††
Jerrilynn Lillie Moore
Lance Ryan Morello*††
Angela Parker Murray
Casey Collins Myers
Brittani Lynn Naccari
Matthew Charles Naquin*††
Carli Danielle Newell
Sophia Thi Thuy Nguyen
Tuan Van Nguyen
Jessica Sophia Nieves
Kerryn Margo O'Flaherty*†
Tabitha Callahan Overby*††
Sarah Conarty Owens*††
Brittany Ann Pastor*††
Kimberly Catherine Paternostro*††
Moniqueko Lewis Percival*†
Phillip Jason Podret
Haley Theresa Pontiff
Sarah Caroline Posseno
Rebecca Susan Powers
Monique Nicole Price
Amanda Lynn Rabalais
Jeffrey Allen Rachal
Craig Robert Redgrave
Melissa Grant Richmond*††
Brady Trist Rivet*††
Jillian Hanover Rodick
Vallerie Danette Rogers
Jeffrey Paul Roussel
Heather Marie Rouyer
Krista Marie Rozycki*††
Mary Elise Saitta*††
Rachel Mary Sander*††
Lori Stephens Sandifer
Richon Marie Saunders*††
Sarah Anne Scheidler
Trena Crawford Schenck

Raechel Lynn Schexnaildre
Cortney Rebecca Schmidt
Allison Michelle Scurria*††
Heidi Ann Serigne*††
Whitney Marie Serio*††
Stephanie Elizabeth Sevier*††
Emily Clair Small
Erin Catherine Smith*††
Frances Kavanaugh Smith*††
Jigna Harshul Soni
Kelly Matherne Spalt*††
Michelle Aucoin Stieffel*††
Jennifer Lynn Stovall*††
Amber Nichole Swisshelm*††
Katasha Taylor*†
Tamara Akilah Taylor
Ashley Lauren Tessitore*††
D'Juan Sylvester Thompson
Carrie Ann Thomson*††
John Peter Tobin III
Mary Elizabeth Truxillo
William Evron Tujague*†
Erin Elizabeth Van Zandt
Linda Jean Veals*††
Roma Latoria Victor*†
Robert Clarence Villio III*††
Tina Thanh Vo*††
Leslie Clair Wade*††
Victoria Ann Wagley*††
Anthony Olson Watkins*††
Erin Elizabeth Watson*††
Danielle Jessica Weaver*††
Renata Monique Weber*††
Caitlin Michelle Weilbaeher
Ronisha Jhonique White*††
Danielle Nicole Whitney*††
Emily Danielle Williams*††
Alycee Theresa Wilson
Caitlin Worthington Yerkes
Jared Michael Yore*††
Hector Jordan Zayas*††

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Candidates for Degrees

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Allison Vallee Cado	Nurse Educator
Shelly Ann Duet	Nurse Educator
Kimberly Dawsey Easterling	Nurse Educator
Gerard Rupert Guidry Jr.	Nurse Educator
Margaret Elaine Leonard	Nurse Educator
Trudy Baker McLaurin	Nurse Educator
Anna Brewster Morris*†	Nurse Educator

MASTER OF NURSING

Thomas Edward Allison III	Nurse Anesthesia
Andrea Alvarez-Dorsey	Nurse Anesthesia
William Louis Anderson	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Heather Sue Aymond	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Patti Gilthorpe Barovechio*††	Nursing Administration
Aimee Breland Barrois*††	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Tara Marie Blake	Nurse Anesthesia
Kristyn Rosa Bohrer	Nurse Anesthesia
Trisha Bonanno Bordelon	Nurse Anesthesia
Michaelyn Hernandez Brabham	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Laneshia Thomas Bracy	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Arynn Breaux	Nurse Anesthesia
Heather Lynn Brooks	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Brandon Carleton Brown	Nurse Anesthesia
Mack Allen Brown	Nurse Anesthesia
Robin Ardoin Bundick	Nurse Anesthesia
Jennifer Rae Chambers	Nurse Anesthesia
Carrie Leigh Comeaux	Nurse Anesthesia
Karen Hauptmann Cretini	Nurse Anesthesia
Denise LeBeau Dandridge*††	Public & Community Health Nursing
Dominick Diecidue III	Nurse Anesthesia
Sarah Wallace Esworth	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Christine Elizabeth Ewing	Nurse Anesthesia
Jude Julien Foret	Nurse Anesthesia
Ashley Justin Galloway	Nurse Anesthesia
Erin Leila Maxwell Gardner	Nurse Anesthesia
Jennifer Lane Gilly	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Shekinah Monique Gleason	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Celina Theriot Hargenrader	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Rose Humphreys*	Nurse Anesthesia
Nikki Michelle Hunter	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

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Mary Kathleen Jackson

Alfred Wilford Johnson

Melissa Jean Jumonville

Kenya Knox-Lewis

Stefanie Ann Laiche

Suzanne Savage Lancaster

Tiffany Monique Leake

Shawndolyn Kenyitta Lebine

Laura Duet Leckelt

Angelle Marie Lew

Michelle White Lindsey

Melissa Adcox Lumpkin

Michelle Andrea Macaluso

Shari Lyn Malaki-Tran

Frederick Bentz Mallini

Summer Andrews Marshall

Dale La Van Martin

Catherine Rita Mayer

Grenes Joseph Meyaski II

Todd Daniel Morgan

Erin Shackelford Murphy

Jeanette Leona Naquin

Blanche Kimberly Norton*

Yonnie Popovits Oakley

Derrick Bernard O'Neal

Mia Portier Oubre

Chevelle Lordez Parker

Michele Smith Patel

Bridgette Elizabeth Payne

Mark Henry Peart

Tara Brady Percle

Wanda Seiders Pezant

Debbra Thompson Pogue*††

Neal Randall Popichak

Kelsey McNitt Prather

Gina Marie Ragusa

Wendy Lynn Ramirez

Jason Paul Recatto

Candis Dawn Reily

Kristen Allenday Rogers

Brittany Wax Saale

Nursing Administration

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

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Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Nursing Administration

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Nursing Adult Health & Illness

Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

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Candidates for Degrees

Ashley Elizabeth Sabrier	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Angel Marie Schexneider	Nurse Anesthesia
Seth Paul Schouest	Nurse Anesthesia
Rose M. Schaubhut*†	Nursing Administration
Joy Adele Soniat	Nurse Anesthesia
Simone Olivier Stewart	Community Health Nursing
Yong Mei Tan	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
John Ross Taylor	Nurse Anesthesia
Elsa Elizabeth Treadway	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Amber Noele Varnado*††	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Tracy Celeste Villarreal	Nurse Anesthesia
Hai Tuan Vu	Nurse Anesthesia
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DOCTOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

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Dissertation: *Impact of "Take a Walk in My Shoes" Simulation Educational Intervention on the Attitudes and Behaviors of Certified Nursing Assistants toward Older Adults in Long Term Care Settings*

Todd Michael Keller*††

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Dissertation: *The Effect of a Standard, High and Low Language Intensity Colorectal Cancer Screening Education Fact Sheet and Level of Functional Literacy on the Stage of Readiness to Participate in Colorectal Cancer Screening in an Older Adult Population in Three South Louisiana Parishes*

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Dissertation: *Analysis of Longitudinal Categorical Data with Nonignorable Dropout Using Shared Random Effects Models*

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Department: Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Alistair J. Ramsay

Dissertation: *CD40 ligand as a molecular adjuvant for genetic vaccination*

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Major Professor: Dr. Alison J. Quayle

Dissertation: *The innate immune response to Chlamydia trachomatis in a novel polarized endocervical epithelial cell model*

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Major Professor: Dr. Jay Kolls

Dissertation: *STAT 3, Reg3γ, and acute alcohol in pulmonary host defense against MRSA USA300*

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Department: Genetics

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Dissertation: *Acute Ethanol Suppresses Murine Macrophage Proteasome Function Leading to Altered Macrophage Cellular Functions*

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Department: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. Hamid Boulares

Dissertation: *Apoptotic DNA Fragmentation in Intestinal Tissue Homeostasis and Carcinogenesis*

Mary Worrel Hulin

Department: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. Peter Winsauer

Dissertation: *A behavioral analysis of the interaction between dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) and ethanol*

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Department: Cell Biology and Anatomy

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Dissertation: *Sensorimotor representation in human subthalamic nucleus*

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Dissertation: *Inhalation of Environmentally Persistent Free Radicals Adversely Affects Cardiac Function*

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Dissertation: *Novel mechanisms of regulation of ROCK signaling*

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Major Professor: Dr. Wayne V. Vedecis

Dissertation: *The role of c-Myb in pre-B cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*

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Dissertation: *Synaptic Activity Drives a Novel Phosphoproteome of the ATM/ATR Kinases that Regulates Homeostatic Plasticity through Protein Phosphatase*

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Dissertation: *Synaptic and extrasynaptic NMDA receptors differentially modulate neuronal cyclooxygenase-2 function, lipid peroxidation, and neuroprotection*

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Department: Physiology

Major Professor: Dr. Patricia Molina

Dissertation: *Alcohol and Shock: Mechanisms of Impaired Vasopressin Release*

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Dissertation: *DAPK1 Regulates Extrasynaptic NMDA Receptors in Stroke Damage*



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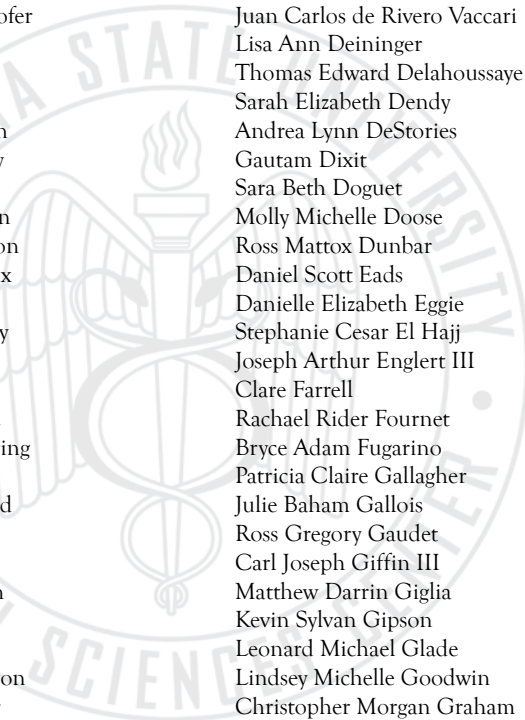
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The celebration of commencement is a rich tapestry of tradition. Each tradition adds to the pageantry and the majesty of one of the Health Sciences Center's most solemn, yet joyous occasions. The conferring of degrees is formal recognition that our 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.

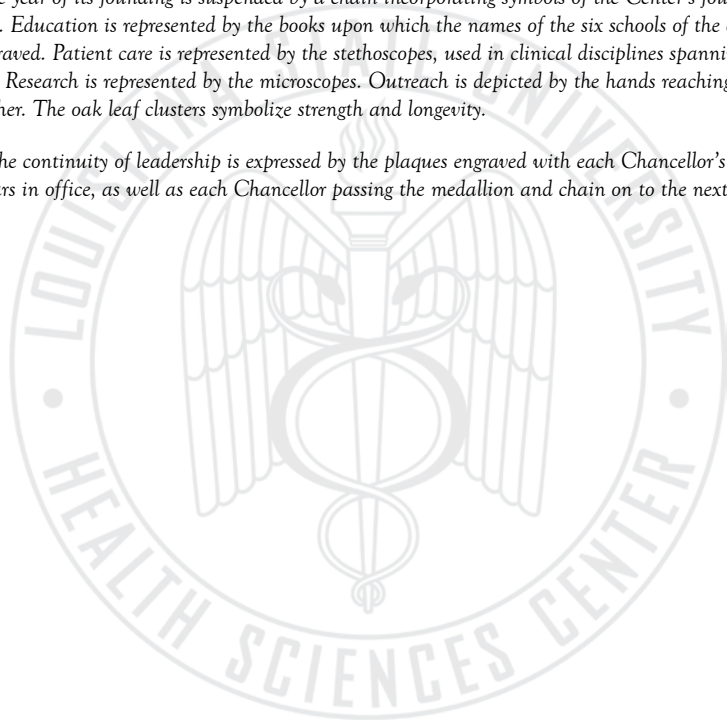
The mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans was designed to define the Center and to reflect its missions and its heritage. The mace is topped with the mother pelican feeding her young taken from the Louisiana State Seal. The nest rests atop a custom-made purple glass globe, engraved with 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.



Academic Traditions

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.