Since 1973 when the LSU SVM accepted its first class of veterinary students, we have been dedicated to saving lives, finding cures and changing lives through outstanding clinical and community service, ground-breaking research and educational excellence. Coinciding with our 40th anniversary is our ABC Challenge, a fundraising plan to augment three key programs: advancing cures for cancer; biomedical research; and companion animal health facilities and equipment enhancements, which represent our future, our mission and our service to the community. Our goal is to raise $5 million for these three important programs. To learn more or to make a donation, please contact Laura Lanier, director of development, at llanier@lsu.edu or 225-578-9826, or Betty Karlsson, executive director of advancement, at bkarlsson@lsu.edu or 225-578-9870.
Veterinarian in Training

Kylie Dupre, the 2-year-old daughter of Dr. Krystal Pickett Dupre (LSU SVM 2007), helps her mother when they visit the LSU SVM. This veterinarian-in-training examines her dog, Sue (front cover) and checks out a computer in the SVM library (back cover).

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Photos Through the Years

To commemorate our last 40 years, this issue of the Advancement Report includes photos from the LSU SVM’s archives. These photos are a representation of our past but do not necessarily appear in chronological order.
I am pleased to share with you the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine’s Annual Advancement Report for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. With my career here at LSU coming to a close, it gives me the opportunity to reflect on the extraordinary progress the School has made since its inception. When I joined the faculty in 1974 as an equine surgeon, construction on the current Veterinary Medicine Building had just started, and our freshman class consisted of 36 students, 17% female, and all Louisiana residents. Understandably, then we were a very instructionally centered program focused on program development for our professional students.

Over the past 40 years, we have now matured into a comprehensive contemporary program with:

- Students of the highest quality, who are in demand on graduation for their service to society. Since our first class graduated in 1977, we have awarded 2,658 DVM degrees; 70% of the veterinarians in Louisiana and 35% of those in Arkansas are LSU alumni. In 2013, we accepted our 41st class of students, which consists of 89 students (65 from Louisiana and 24 from other states) and is 80% female.

- Faculty scientists who contribute to a robust extramural research portfolio approaching $8 million in expenditures annually, and who support an excellent graduate studies program. To date, we have awarded over 380 MS and PhD degrees.

- Advanced clinical services provided by a cadre of outstanding clinical specialists in an environment supported by the most contemporary diagnostic and therapeutic technologies.

- An SVM family committed to community engagement in so many meaningful ways.

- An evolving infrastructure to support our programs at all levels, reflecting nearly $50 million in investments over the last 10 years. In 2013, we completed a 16,000-square-foot Large Animal Disease Isolation Unit and a 58,000-square-foot Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

- Full accreditation by the AVMA Council on Education in October 2012, without any sanctions, for a period of up to seven years.

Without a doubt, the common factor of this notable success has been and will continue to be the quality of people within our SVM community. We have been blessed by very dedicated individuals who have contributed to the
Dean Haynes joined the faculty in April 1974, three months after the inaugural class began its studies. In 2013, he announced his impending retirement. Dr. Haynes has dedicated almost 40 years of his life to the LSU SVM, and his impact will certainly affect its future.
Dr. Peter F. Haynes became dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in June 2007 after serving as interim dean from July 2006. In 2013, Dr. Haynes announced that he will retire at the end of the year.

“All I ever wanted to be was a veterinarian,” said Dr. Haynes. “As I grew up, I truly enjoyed and appreciated all of the animals that our family had, including horses, cattle, rabbits, racing pigeons, and the standard dogs and cats. More importantly, however, I was attracted to this great profession by seeing our veterinarians provide for the health and well-being of our animals.”

Dr. Haynes grew up in Hawaii and came to the “mainland” to attend Colorado State University after graduating from high school in Honolulu. He received a bachelor’s degree in veterinary science in 1967, his DVM in 1969, and his Master’s degree in clinical science in 1974, all from CSU. Following an internship at the University of Minnesota, he began his academic career as a large animal surgery instructor in 1970 at CSU.

Dr. Haynes came to LSU in 1974 as an assistant professor and veterinary clinician in the Veterinary Clinical Sciences department. His clinical and research interests included general equine surgery with a focus on upper respiratory tract obstructive diseases. Dr. Haynes has served in a variety of roles in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and in administration as associate dean for research from 1994-1999, associate dean of administration from 1999-2000 and executive associate dean from 2000-2006.

“All I ever wanted to be was a veterinarian.”

In addition to his many academic accomplishments, Dr. Haynes’s résumé reflects a long-standing commitment to organized veterinary medicine and volunteer leadership. He has been a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons since 1977 and has served on numerous committees within that organization. Dr. Haynes is also a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and served as president of that organization in 1992. Exceptional contributions he made to the AAEP included driving the strategic planning initiative during a time when the association was in transition and subsequently being engaged in the governance changes of the association, as well as numerous other committee assignments. He was given Distinguished Lifetime Membership in the AAEP in 2001.

Dr. Haynes has been a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association since 1969 and served 17 years in the American Veterinary Medical Association House of Delegates starting in 1991. Dr. Haynes was honored in the summer of 2007 for outstanding service as the AAEP’s delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates. In this important role, Dr. Haynes worked to advance the issues that were most vital to equine veterinarians and the care of the horse, as well as the veterinary profession as a whole. He
served two terms on the House Advisory Committee, where he developed and implemented the formal meeting of the AVMA’s House of Delegates (HoD) at the Annual Leadership Conference, which subsequently led to its recognition as an official meeting of the HoD.

Dr. Haynes also championed the role of the Allied Organizations in the AVMA as a key resource on issues that represented their expertise and commitment (e.g., the AAEP being the recognized voice for the health and welfare of the horse). In addition to his participation in the HoD, he has also served in other capacities for the AVMA, including the Scientific Program Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, and other task forces and committees. In 2008, he received the association’s highest honor, the AVMA Award, which recognizes distinguished contributions to the advancement of veterinary medical organizations.

On a local level, Dr. Haynes co-developed and organized the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association’s Equine Committee, which has conducted a successful annual LVMA Equine Seminar for the last 35 years. He was named Veterinarian of the Year by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association in 1978.

In October 2012, Dr. Haynes received the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Distinguished Alumnus Award. Each year, the CSU Alumni Association honors an outstanding alumnus from each of CSU’s eight colleges.

Dr. Haynes shares that his journey in veterinary medicine has been extremely rewarding, both personally and professionally, and he is grateful for the opportunities that LSU has provided. “While the School has faced some challenges in recent years, the future looks bright,” he said. “I know the School will maintain its positive trajectory of excellence and national competitiveness in the years to come. Indeed, it will maintain its place as a unique resource for the state of Louisiana and beyond, as this wonderful profession continues to serve society in so many meaningful ways.”
For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine’s operating budget approached $40.7 million. Our revenue came from five sources: State Appropriations (47%); Self-Generated (24%—mainly Teaching Hospital operations); Tuition and Fees (27%); Philanthropic Giving (2%) and Investments-Interest (0.2%). Total philanthropic giving for this fiscal year was over $1.96 million, including planned gifts (those gifts designated to come to the LSU SVM as part of estate plans).

The School used these funds for education, research and community service to support our mission. Funds were spent for Instruction; Research; Academic Support; Public Service; Institutional Support; Scholarships and Fellowships; Student Service, Scholarships and Transfers; and Operations and Maintenance.

### Revenue
**Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (Unaudited)**

- **State Appropriations**: 46.59%
- **Tuition & Fees**: 26.86%
- **Self-Generated**: 24.19%
- **Philanthropic Giving**: 2.15%
- **Investments-Interest**: 0.21%

### Unrestricted Expenditures
**Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (Unaudited)**

- **Instruction**: 56.29%
- **Research**: 16.34%
- **Operations & Maintenance**: 9.72%
- **Scholarships & Fellowships**: 8.23%
- **Public Service**: 4.68%
- **Student Services/ Scholarship/Transfer**: 1.65%
- **Institutional Support**: 2.91%
- **Academic Support**: 0.18%
YOUR GIFTS PROVIDED FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, AS WELL AS WHITE COATS FOR OUR THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS. THEY HELPED FUND STUDENT PROJECTS AT OUR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND PROVIDED SPEAKERS AND MATERIALS FOR THE FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (PART OF NEW-STUDENT ORIENTATION). YOUR GIFTS ALSO COVERED THE COST OF LABS WHERE STUDENTS WERE GIVEN OR RECEIVED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE BEFORE THEY BEGAN THEIR HOSPITAL ROTATIONS.

GIFTS PROVIDE EDUCATION

YOUR GIFTS HELPED BRING IN SPEAKERS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS, AND ENABLED A FACULTY MEMBER TO BECOME CERTIFIED IN VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE. YOUR GIFTS ALSO HELPED OFFSET TRAVEL COSTS SO THAT FACULTY AND STAFF COULD ATTEND VETERINARY CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS TO FURTHER THEIR TRAINING, AND OFFSET THE COSTS OF CERTIFICATION FOR OUR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.

GIFTS HELP HOSPITAL PATIENTS

THE TWEAKY FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES FOR PETS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD CRITICAL VETERINARY CARE. THE FUND HELPS NEEDY PET OWNERS TO PAY FOR MEDICINES, SUPPLIES, SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES INCURRED AT THE LSU SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR SERIOUS AND CATASTROPHIC CASES. IN 2012-2013, YOUR GIFTS HELPED SAVE THE LIVES OF 24 PATIENTS.

GIFTS SUPPORT PET MEMORIALS

YOUR GIFTS PROVIDED BENCHES OUTSIDE OF THE SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC WAITING ROOM AND MAINTENANCE OF THE “CONNECTIONS” SCULPTURE LOCATED IN THE MILTON J. WOMACK SERENITY GARDEN, WHERE PETS AND PEOPLE ARE HONORED AND REMEMBERED. WHEN PETS DIE, WE PROVIDE THE OWNERS WITH A CLAY PAW PRINT TO MEMORIALIZE THEIR LOVED ONE; YOUR GIFTS OFFSET THE COST OF THESE PAW PRINTS.

GIFTS SUPPORT RESEARCH

YOUR GIFTS HELPED OFFSET EXPENSES INCURRED IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES AND HELPED FUND RESEARCH PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY STUDENTS AS PART OF OUR ANNUAL MERIAL-NIH SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM.
Where We Are

More than 70% of veterinarians licensed to practice in Louisiana and more than 30% licensed to practice in Arkansas received their veterinary degrees from the LSU SVM. However, our alumni are not just saving lives in Louisiana and Arkansas; they are making a difference across the U.S. The purple dots on the map below represent the cities where our alumni live. Alumni also live in Australia, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom.

Our donors, who are also located throughout the U.S., are represented by the yellow dots on the map on the right.

The dots show the wide reach of the LSU SVM.
Memorial Gifts

Gifts made in memory of pets or people benefit you, your clients and your school.

“Our gifts to memorialize our clients’ four-legged family members always result in a visit to let us know how special it is that we care so much. It is the best program we donate to and makes a marked impression on the clients.”

~ Roxy J. Leslie, DVM (LSU SVM 2000)
Village Animal Clinic, Mobile, Alabama

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For more than 40 years, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine has been educating veterinarians, providing superior care for animals and investigating diseases and injuries that affect both animals and people. The next 40 years promise to be even better because of today’s initiatives.

The ABC Challenge, part of the vision for the future of the LSU SVM and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, is a fundraising initiative that will bring awareness to all the important work that goes on every day at the LSU SVM. Our high standards for students, faculty, staff and programs, combined with the concept of “One Health”, help us save lives, change lives, and make a difference for every individual and for every pet.

The ABC Challenge is a $5 million fundraising plan, which, while modest, would enhance the future of the SVM. Three areas have been chosen for the ABC Challenge:

(A) Advancing Cures for Cancer—to enhance cancer treatment,

(B) Biomedical Research—to support discoveries in biomedical research, and

(C) Companion Animal Health Facilities and Equipment—to prepare our students to be “practice-ready” on graduation.

Cancer is the most common cause of death in older dogs and cats. A new linear accelerator will improve the lives of countless pets and advance the mission of saving lives every day. For over a decade now, the LSU SVM has provided the highest level of comprehensive cancer treatment to our animal friends, enabling hundreds of dogs
and cats to spend many quality years with their owners. Our current linear accelerator needs to be replaced so that we can continue to be on the cutting-edge of cancer treatment for animals.

Every day our faculty, staff and students experience “One Health” as they treat a variety of injuries and diseases, which are often the same as those that affect people. Our research teams seek to understand and develop treatments for cancer, diabetes, cardiac disease, PTSD, and infectious diseases, including herpes virus, malaria and other insect-borne human diseases. Innovative research conducted at the LSU SVM has a profound impact on our lives and our animals. Your investment in our biomedical research program will ensure that our efforts have an enduring impact on both animal and human health.

Pets have traditionally been brought to LSU for expert care. Now our hospital, which has been referral-only and rarely saw primary care patients for common conditions, health maintenance check-ups and routine spay and neuter surgery, is accepting both referral cases and providing primary veterinary care for those clients with patients who wish to receive care from our hospital faculty, staff and students. To enhance our facilities and to provide our students with more real-world veterinary experience in the clinical phase of their studies, additional funds are needed. The LSU SVM Community Practice facility will support outpatient services with design components that will specifically promote and facilitate student learning. Our students will have the opportunity to observe typical patients more commonly seen in a veterinary practice, in addition to the complex and difficult diseases usually encountered in patients admitted to our referral hospital.

The goal of the ABC Challenge is to raise over $5 million, which will impact our School, LSU, the community, Louisiana and beyond. The School of Veterinary Medicine and its Veterinary Teaching Hospital will meet this ABC Challenge, and we invite all who walk through our doors to help us achieve this goal. Our mission states that the LSU SVM is a dynamic community dedicated to saving lives, finding cures and changing lives through outstanding clinical and community services, ground-breaking research and educational excellence. We are here for you, A-Z.

For more information on how you can play a role in our future, contact Laura Lanier at 225-578-9826 or llanier@lsu.edu, or Betty Karlsson at 225-578-9870 or bkarlsson@lsu.edu.
During her fourth year of veterinary school at LSU, Dr. Jocelyn Hessel Kemp (LSU SVM 2007) completed a four-week externship at Quitman Animal Clinic (QAC) in Quitman, Texas. She was given the opportunity to learn and grow in a busy, mixed-animal private practice setting located in rural east Texas, that treated a variety of cases and species. Upon graduation, Jocelyn accepted a position at QAC, where she worked for five years.

During her tenure in Quitman, Jocelyn established the clinic as a preceptor-approved site with the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine. An eight-week (320-hour) board-approved preceptorship is a requirement for licensure in Louisiana.

Jocelyn has a passion for teaching and utilized her experience in private practice to help students apply their knowledge and skills to actual cases. She has mentored over 25 students, representing veterinary schools throughout the U.S. and internationally, including Ross University, St. Georges University, St. Matthews University, and the Royal Veterinary College of London. “I have been impressed with the quality of students our program has attracted, especially the high level of knowledge and skills from the LSU students,” she said. “They come ready to work and are not afraid to get dirty.”
Jocelyn can recall some of the struggles she faced as a new graduate, and she uses these memories when mentoring students. For example, confidence and decision-making in front of the client are difficult obstacles for many students. The students who come to QAC have a great educational foundation. Learning how to relate information to the client and create a treatment plan is difficult at first; however, students gain practice by actually going into exam rooms with the doctors and treating the patient from start to finish.

“Dr. Kemp is a wonderful mentor who spent a great deal of time and energy helping me to develop my skills as a practicing veterinarian,” said Dr. Elizabeth Pike-Kappus (LSU SVM 2009). “It is difficult to make the transition from student to doctor. Dr. Kemp did an excellent job of guiding me when appropriate or pushing me to make my own decisions.” The clients at QAC have been very welcoming to the students as well, and often call back to ask for them by name. That type of experience helps to confirm their ability to successfully practice veterinary medicine in a private practice setting.

A sign that hangs in the lab area of Wisdom Animal Clinic reads, “Never get so busy making a living, that you forget to make a life.” It is vitally important to show students that there is life outside of veterinary medicine. Jocelyn often invites students into her home, church, fitness center and service organization meetings. “The public holds veterinarians in high regard, and a strong presence in the community helps bolster that reputation,” she said. She also brings students to the local veterinary medical association meetings to introduce them to other veterinarians in the area, as networking is an important aspect of their careers.

Jocelyn enjoys the challenges students bring to the practice. “Having students around constantly keeps me on my toes, brings me back to the books, and forces me to slow down and explain my thought processes and courses of action,” she said. Jocelyn often quips that she has learned almost as much in her first five years out in practice as she did during school. “Students have helped make me a better doctor because they force me to always keep learning,” she said. “Hosting veterinary students has also kept me connected to the LSU SVM and the latest research projects and happenings at the school.”

Jocelyn now resides in Texarkana, Ark., and works at Wisdom Animal Clinic, a busy six-doctor small animal practice. She is currently working on the externship/preceptor program at Wisdom Animal Clinic and is proud to announce that the clinic has been officially preceptor-approved though the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine.
Dr. Cindy Besch-Williford (LSU SVM 1978) grew up in an environment that was all about supporting and helping animals. “The perspective was that if you knew about a disease in animals, then you also knew about the disease in people,” said Cindy.

Cindy’s father, Dr. Everett Besch, was the founding dean at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. “It was very exciting to listen to my dad speak with family, friends, classmates and colleagues about interesting cases they were working on,” she said. “It was like detective work to solve the case and diagnose the disease. Two of our family friends had kids my age. One dad was a pathologist and the other ran a mixed-animal practice. They were terrifically charismatic people who loved to talk about what they did. At family events they told stories about their work; I thought it was great and wanted to be a part of it. I grew up believing that treating animals was one of the greatest things you could do.”

Cindy’s dream was to be a horse practitioner, and while she became a veterinarian, she ended up owning horses rather than treating them. She has worked with private practitioners and in academic laboratories. “The academic and research sides of veterinary medicine are somewhat ‘invisible’ to the public,” she said. “So only when I started working in the academic and research side did I develop a greater understanding of this aspect of the profession.

“Dad was interested in public health and education,” she said. “I asked my dad why he didn’t practice clinical veterinary medicine, because that seemed like the interesting part of the profession to me. At that time, I didn’t realize the role of veterinarians in academia and research. Before I started veterinary school, I had a job working in Dr. William Springer’s lab in the LSU Veterinary Science Building. He was researching infectious viral diseases in chickens. I started out washing the dishes, but as I was allowed to become more involved in the research activities, the more I learned about the research process and realized how important it was to advancing medicine. I became intrigued with how complex it is to do research and the passion researchers must have to dedicate their careers to science.”
Cindy was in the LSU SVM’s second graduating class; her father was in his 10th year as dean when she graduated. “Having my dad serve as dean of the school wasn’t too hard,” she said. “I felt I had to do well to prove I was qualified to be in veterinary school, but the pressure was from me and not from my peers. I always felt that he knew how and what I was doing, as if there might be a conduit of information going straight from my instructors to him. I don’t know if information traveled to him that way, but I remember waiting for him to say something after I did poorly on one of my first tests. He never mentioned it and neither did I.

“When I started school, there were only two classes enrolled, so we all knew each other pretty well. I learned just as much from my classmates as I did from my instructors. In those early years of the school, students and faculty worked together to create the SVM culture; we hosted social events, started clubs, created a bookstore, wrote newsletters and produced yearbooks. There were lots of fun times and many traditions were started.”

After graduation, Cindy practiced small animal medicine for one year in Shreveport, La. While investigating post-graduate options, she went to the University of Missouri to visit her boyfriend, who was doing a residency there. During that visit, she met Dr. Joe Wagner, the Interim Chair of Pathology at the Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine and Director of the Research Animal Diagnostic Laboratory (RADIL). She applied for a position in the laboratory animal medicine residency program and was interviewed on the spot (no CV, no preparation and in regular clothes). She was accepted and joined the program.

“I received a PhD in pathology and became a diplomate in the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine,” said Cindy, who joined the faculty at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. “I was doing the things I grew to love—teaching, diagnostics and infectious-based disease research. I oversaw the pathology service in the RADIL and taught undergraduate, veterinary professional and graduate courses. Because of my work in comparative pathology and interest in nutrition, I became involved with prostate and breast cancer research and the role of nutriceuticals in cancer prevention or treatment. Over the last 25 years, the RADIL grew from a three-person-faculty/five-person-staff lab to a program with eight faculty and over 50 staff and students. Two years ago, the university decided to spin out the diagnostic services section of the program and in November 2011, sold the diagnostic section to IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. At that time, I chose to start a new adventure, so I retired from the university and moved with the diagnostic program to IDEXX. I am currently the regional head of pathology in the IDEXX Bioresearch Division.

“It’s so easy for me to look back and recognize how the LSU SVM prepared me for this exciting career. My interest in education may have started at the age of 5 when my dad taught me to spell “Macracanthorhynchus hirudinaceus,” but it flourished as a result of my experiences with faculty and staff at LSU. My support of the LSU SVM is my attempt to give back to this great institution and help future veterinarian develop their amazing careers.”

“I grew up believing that treating animals was one of the greatest things you could do.”
The presentation of the scholarship in honor of my parents brings a flood of memories, particularly with respect to my father, who had an amazing way with animals and instilled in me a deep respect for animals and a love for pets,” said William Kutun, who founded the Herman W. and Estelle Z. Kutun Scholarship in 2005.

“Although he was not a veterinarian, my dad, Herman Kutun, was accepted to the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, an ambition that was curtailed when WWII broke out and he became an Army Air Force P-51 pilot, serving behind enemy lines in the OSS because of his fluency in German,” said William. “He had Dachshunds while in Germany and Austria, and I recall a family vacation when he took care of Tennessee Walking Horses in the Appalachians so the family could go riding. He owned a wolf-hybrid when he returned from his service in the European theater. This, incidentally, along with my chance meeting with Marlin Perkins in an airport transit lounge, fostered my own love of wolves, particularly wolf art. I became a lifetime member of the Wolf Sanctuary in St. Louis, Mo., and continued my family’s involvement with these remarkable animals.

Although he never fulfilled his dream of becoming a veterinarian, my dad had several veterinary friends who would offer him abandoned dogs from their clinics to take home. We frequently attended horse shows, and he and I would ride together on weekends. He would have been fascinated by the equine hospital at LSU. All of this has instilled

From left, Associate Dean for Advancement and Strategic Initiatives Dr. David Senior, veterinary student Andrea Cobb, and William Kutun.
in me a passion for the veterinary sciences, and I feel good about contributing to anyone in the veterinary profession.”

Andrea Cobb (Class of 2014) received the 2013 Herman W. and Estelle Z. Kutun Scholarship. Like many veterinary students, her career choice is a calling. “Honestly, I cannot recall a time where I desired something other than going to veterinary school. I would have to say a combination of my passion for medicine and my love for animals made veterinary school seem like the perfect fit. It has been my dream for a long time, and it is an unbelievable feeling to have almost accomplished such a dream.”

“My mother would be extremely proud to see me supporting young people, particularly young women who have the drive I see in LSU veterinary students.”

The Kutun scholarship was created in memory of both of William’s parents. “My mother, Estelle, would also have been very pleased to see the support I give for the scholarship in her memory,” said William. “Although she did not initially complete high school, as a young mother, she got her GED and went on to a professional career as an accountant, founding and operating a successful accounting firm in Miami Beach. This was at a time when women did not often pursue professional careers. So, in every sense, she was a self-made woman, and she would be extremely proud to see me supporting young people, particularly young women, who have the drive I see in LSU veterinary students.”

Added Andrea, “I would like to work in and eventually own a mixed-animal practice. The relationship you get to develop with your small animal clients is invaluable; however, I also really enjoy the unique challenge that equine medicine brings.”

William has been impressed by both the dedication and uniquely varied backgrounds of the scholarship recipients over the years. “It was a pleasure to meet Andrea, and, just like previous recipients, her intense desire to succeed had a powerful impact on me,” he said. “My wife, Kim, is happy that we can give back to Louisiana after operating a business here for 15 years. She and I take great care of our 15-year-old Scottish fold cat (diabetic for eight of those years), “Piawakit,” named after the cat in the Jimmie Stewart/Kim Novak movie, *Bell, Book and Candle.*

“My love for animals and my association with the veterinary field led my brother and I to create a successful veterinary dental care product line called Triple Pet Products. This, and my association with the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, have been very enlightening and give me great satisfaction.”

“I would like to express my utmost gratitude to people who donate scholarships,” said Andrea. “It is an incredibly gratifying feeling to stand out among other incredibly smart, hard-working students and be selected for one. I hope one day to be as generous as the people who have given to me; they have enabled me to continue to pursue my passion, despite financial constraints. Thank you for all that you have done.”

INTRODUCING THE FIRST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

In 2013, the Dr. Daniel J. Hillmann Memorial Scholarship became our first endowed scholarship dedicated to incoming veterinary students. Dr. Hillmann, one of the founding members of our faculty, retired in July 2011 after teaching anatomy to every student from the charter Class of 1977 through the Class of 2014. This scholarship, which was created in honor of his years of service to the SVM and the veterinary profession, will be awarded to an incoming veterinary student in the fall of 2014. The majority of donors to this scholarship are our alumni. Thank you!
Celebrating Our Students

All K.C. Toups ever wanted to be was a veterinarian,” said Deborah Toups about her son, who received his DVM from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in 2009. “He always wanted to take in strays and take care of animals. We had all types of pets while he was growing up. In addition to horses, dogs, cats, and show cattle, we also took care of orphaned wildlife, including squirrels and a raccoon. Veterinary medicine was truly his calling and his passion.

“Our family was devastated and forever changed on January 20, 2011. K.C. was transporting animals from the Thibodaux office of Lafourche Animal Hospital to the Cut Off satellite office. He was involved in a fatal automobile accident, and we lost not only our son and our daughter’s brother and godfather, but also a vital member of the community.”

Soon after the accident, Hope for Animals, a local no-kill rescue group, approached the Toups family with the idea of a 5K run and dog walk in memory of K.C. Debbie knew the family wanted to establish a scholarship at the LSU SVM to help students defray the costs of externships and other expenses incurred as veterinary students, so “Kause for Critters” was born.
"If ever there was a man born to be a veterinarian, it was K.C. Toups."

“We share the proceeds from the event with Hope for Animals,” said Debbie. Through the dedication of Hope for Animals and K.C.’s coworkers at the Lafourche Animal Hospital, enough money was raised to establish the K.C. Toups, DVM, Memorial Scholarship, and the first scholarship was awarded in May 2011.

In June 2011, Triple P Farms organized an auction that was held at the annual summer meeting of the Lafourche Cattleman’s Association. K.C. was only in practice for 18 months, and he was still establishing himself as a farm animal veterinarian. He was a board member of the Lafourche Cattleman’s Association, and the cattle farmers in the community supported his family’s efforts, raising an additional $20,000 for the scholarship. By May 2012, there were sufficient funds to establish an endowed scholarship, and a plaque dedicated to recognizing the recipients is on display in the main lobby of the LSU SVM. “Kause for Critters is now an annual event that raises funds for the scholarship and provides us with the opportunity to remember K.C. and reflect on the impact he had on all our lives,” said Debbie.

“If ever there was a man born to be a veterinarian, it was K.C. Toups,” said Dr. Mike Ratcliff (LSU SVM 2009). “K.C. never did anything half way, and he did everything with a purpose. He brought a necessary layer of fun to most everything he participated in, making him a true joy to work around. His level of compassion for his patients, combined with his unique ability to bond instantly with pet owners and livestock producers, made him special. We could all be a little more like K.C., which is a major reason why I support his scholarship. It allows his spirit to live on and supports the profession to which he was so dedicated. If nothing else, supporting his scholarship gives us an excuse to tell his stories while smiling at the memories!”

Added Dr. Laura Sarradet (LSU SVM 2009), “This scholarship is astounding proof of the love and family strength that preserves the memory of K.C. By donating to this fund, I feel in my small way the stories of a great friend and veterinarian (and an even better dancer) will live on. It is a constant reminder of a man I am proud to call my friend, who will forever be in our hearts.”

“The scholarship is more than a way to honor K.C. and to help veterinary students,” said Debbie. “It is a testament to the type of person he was and the impact he had on so many people. All of the funds for this scholarship have been raised through the efforts of family, friends, clients and the community. We would never have been able to accomplish this monumental task without the tireless effort of Lafourche Animal Hospital, Hope for Animals, Triple P Farms, and all of our family and friends who miss K.C. as much as we do.”

TOP: From left, Cindy Albert, K.C. Toups, Meghan Respess and Verna Serra on the day they graduated from the LSU SVM.
Celebrating Our Open House

Thousands of people visit the LSU SVM each year for Open House, which began in 1983. In 2013, over 5,000 people attended. In 2014, Open House will take place on Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Hannelore and Johannes Storz Graduate Student Excellence Fund was established to honor the memories of Johannes (Hans) and Hannelore Storz. The Storz’s three children, Gisela (Gigi), Peter and Heidi, established this endowment to continue their parents’ tradition of valuing students and interactions between scientists around the world.

Hans was born in Hardt, Germany, in 1931, and raised under very humble circumstances on the family farm as the eighth of 10 children. While a youngster, Hans’s oldest sister recognized his potential and encouraged his parents to allow him to attend high school. Subsequently, Hans studied veterinary medicine at universities in Hannover and Munich and performed doctoral work at the veterinary research institute in Tübingen. He discovered he wanted to work around animals and help them. Hans believed in the “One Health” model that brings together the collaborative efforts of multiple disciplines, working locally, nationally and globally, to reach optimal health for people, animals and the environment.

Hans came to the U.S. as a Fulbright Scholar in 1958 and completed his PhD at the University of California, Davis. He then accepted a position as an assistant professor at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where he carried out work on agents such as chlamydia and corona viruses that cause infections in cattle. In 1965, Hans moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where he taught veterinary virology, microbiology and parasitology at Colorado State University for 17 years. While at CSU, Hans was awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Prize, a research award for studies that have made a significant impact in his discipline.

In 1982, Hans moved to Baton Rouge to become the head of the LSU SVM’s Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology Department. During his 19 years at LSU, Hans developed a vaccine for a bovine disease known as...
“shipping fever” and received an honorary PhD from the University of Zurich. Hans retired in 2002 and moved to Longmont, Colo., where he became an active member of the community until his death in 2010.

Throughout his career, Hans enjoyed collaborating with scientists from around the world, particularly with colleagues at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany. He mentored many students and fellows and was an outstanding teacher, demanding excellence while conveying his passion for animals, science, and learning. According to his daughter, Dr. Gisela Storz (Gigi), Hans had a commanding presence, in part because of his solid physical stature, but even more so because of his exuberance for life. However, his most defining feature was a sharp and insightful mind adept at discerning facts and divining character.

Hans was lucky in love, convincing Hannelore Röber, a charming research associate he met in Tübingen, to come to America to marry him in 1959. Hannelore, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1925, completed high school in Lüneburg, and then attended the Technical College in Celle, majoring in agricultural laboratory technology. After finishing her studies, she worked as a research associate in an animal disease research laboratory in Tübingen and operated one of the first electron microscopes in Germany. After joining Hans in the U.S., Hannelore worked as a technician at the veterinary school at the University of California, Davis.

Hannelore was a tremendous support to Hans, veterinary students and faculty, and was an active member of the veterinary auxiliaries of the universities where Hans worked. She was also a member of a service group for international students at LSU; she spent many years helping manage of the “Student Loan Closet,” which was founded to assist international students with their housing and living needs. Hannelore was an excellent cook and an exquisite hostess. Until she passed away in 2003, countless friends, students and scientists from every corner of the world had the good fortune to sit at her dining room table and share in her warmth and generosity.

According to Hans’s daughter, although her father entered veterinary medicine because of his interest in animals, he made important discoveries to aid people. Gigi, the eldest sibling, is most like her father. She says he, too, was an intense scientist who passionately enjoyed his work. She remembers him mostly as a gentle man with a brilliant mind, who was always giving back.

The time Hans and Hannelore spent mentoring and socializing with students outside of school, including family gatherings, made a profound difference in the students’ lives, as well as both Hans and Hannelore, who committed themselves to LSU and Baton Rouge for almost 20 years. They embraced the Cajun culture, Mike the Tiger, football, and many festivals and activities. They especially enjoyed, and were always surrounded by, the LSU SVM research students.

Upon their father’s death, the Storz children decided to honor him with an endowment. These funds will assist graduate students gain the experience he had, further benefitting the LSU SVM’s mission of pursuing educational excellence and ground-breaking scholarly research. They were so proud of their father but also wanted their mother’s name to be a part of the excellence fund because she was a caring and compassionate woman, who was always right by their father’s side.

“A gentle man with a brilliant mind, who was always giving back.”
Dr. Sanjay Batra, assistant professor in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, a biochemist, molecular biologist and immunologist, is investigating lung diseases to understand the molecular and cellular mechanisms involved in regulating innate immune responses during bacterial pneumonia, COPD and emphysema. His research is supported by a $370,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health and a $325,000 grant from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute.

Dr. Batra starts his day in the laboratory around 7:30 a.m. by setting up his experiments. He guides undergraduate and graduate students by giving them hands-on experience in the laboratory with experimental procedures; holds technical discussions with his laboratory colleagues and helps them analyze their results; and helps the students and junior members of the laboratory design and conduct their experiments on a day-to-day basis. Several presentations by students trained by Dr. Batra have received awards at local and national scientific meetings. Dr. Batra also spends some time each day reviewing manuscripts, analyzing his data, and...
planning his future experiments in consultation with committee members.

Dr. Batra has had outstanding research opportunities under the guidance of exceptional mentors throughout his career. He participated in both basic science and translational research projects and these experiences have solidified his commitment to translational research. He became interested in research when he was selected for the Junior Research Fellowship from the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, and joined the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) in Lucknow, India. He conducted his doctoral work to elucidate the role and metabolism of oxygen in helminth parasites and their hosts.

As a PhD scholar at CDRI, Dr. Batra was the first to discover the mechanism of clearance of the intestinal helminth parasite *Nippostrongylus brasiliensis* from the host. His work helped to elucidate the role of oxygen free radicals during filariasis and the effect of CDRI-based anti-filarial compound 81/437 and was published in many prestigious journals, including *Biochemical Pharmacology*, *Parasitology* and *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*.

After completion of his PhD, Dr. Batra was selected by the Union Public Service Commission of India as biochemist-in-charge of the Biochemistry Department at the Kalawati Saran Children’s Hospital in New Delhi. He received the Regional Service Award at the 8th Asian Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1998, and the Bursary Award at the XVII International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC-World Lab) in Florence, Italy, in 1999 for his contributions in the field of clinical biochemistry. Dr. Batra was also a qualified assessor for the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories in India. However, due to limited research resources at the children’s hospital in India, he immigrated to the U.S. to pursue his advanced research career at The Ohio State University in 2006. Dr. Batra’s research there and later at Texas Tech University as a postdoctoral researcher focused on molecular mechanisms involved in the regulation of cell fate (a project related to cancer and inflammation) and lipid homeostasis.

Dr. Batra joined the Lung Biology Laboratory at the LSU SVM as Senior Research Associate in 2009 and was promoted to his current position in January 2012. In addition to his duties as a faculty member, he is an ad-hoc reviewer for four international journals and sits on the editorial board of two others.

“Understanding these mechanisms in detail may provide novel insights to identify new therapeutic targets.”

Dr. Batra’s overall goal while working with the Lung Biology Group is to investigate the role of intracellular pattern recognition receptors (NOD-like receptors) during pulmonary bacterial infection, COPD and emphysema. His preliminary work has identified the significant role of membranes (lipid rafts), tyrosine phosphorylation, and ubiquitination in regulating receptor interacting protein and NLR-mediated immune responses. Understanding these mechanisms in detail may provide novel insights to identify new therapeutic targets that may be important in regulating neutrophil recruitment and their function in the lung during various pathological conditions.
Taking care of the only live tiger to live on a college campus in the U.S. requires the work of some talented people. Beginning in 1936 with Mike I, the tiger’s daily care was provided by students hired by the LSU Athletic Department, which was responsible for the tiger. In 1976, during the reign of Mike III, Dr. Sheldon Bivin of the LSU SVM was asked to take over as Mike’s veterinarian (the school had accepted its first class of students in 1973), marking the formal transfer of responsibility for the tiger from the Athletic Department to the LSU SVM. Since 1976, veterinary students have been responsible for Mike’s daily care under the supervision of LSU’s attending veterinarian, who is now Dr. David Baker.

MIKE I (1936–1956)

From Mike the Tiger: The Roar of LSU

In 1934, Athletic Department trainer Chellis “Mike” Chambers, Athletic Director T. P. Heard, Swimming Pool Manager and Intramural Swimming Coach William G. “Hickey” Higginbotham, and LSU law student Ed Laborde decided to bring a real tiger to LSU, then known as the “Old War Skule.” They raised $750 (collecting 25 cents from each student) and purchased a 200-pound, 1-year-old tiger from the Little Rock Zoo. The cub was born on October 10, 1935, and was originally named Sheik. His name was changed in honor of Chambers, the man most responsible for bringing him to LSU. Mike I arrived on campus on October 21, 1936, and died on June 29, 1956, of complications associated with kidney disease. Following Mike’s death, a fund was established to perpetuate his memory by mounting his pelt in a lifelike manner and displaying him at the university’s Louisiana Museum of Natural History, where it remains to this day.
MIKE II (1956-1958)

**From Mike the Tiger: The Roar of LSU**

A few days after the death of Mike I, Rep. Kenneth Deshotel of St. Landry introduced a resolution in the Louisiana Legislature endorsing the purchase of another tiger. On campus, the Mike the Tiger Fund was launched by student body president Enos Parker and fellow students Vic Koepp and John Nunn. On August 4, 1956, the LSU Board of Supervisors passed a resolution stating that caretaker salaries and maintenance costs for the new tiger would come equally from student fees and the Athletic Department. Mike II was born on February 28, 1956, at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. He arrived secretly on campus on September 28, 1956. Legend has it that less than a month after his arrival at LSU, Mike II died of pneumonia at only 8 months of age. Reportedly, Mike II was then secretly buried under a willow tree along the Mississippi River by newly appointed Athletic Director Jim Corbett, Campus Police Chief C.R. “Dick” Anderson, and LSU Athletic Department Business Manager Jack Gilmore. To explain Mike’s absence, a statement was issued in the *LSU Daily Reveille* on October 23 saying that Mike was having trouble adjusting to his enclosure and was being kept inside “until he becomes more accustomed to the excitement of being a mascot.” Another cub of the right age was located at the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, according to Gilmore. Photographs of Mike II taken before and after his convalescence are clearly of two different tigers (facial markings of tigers are as unique as fingerprints), and he seemed to have grown at a tremendous rate. All rumors of the death and replacement of Mike II were denied. The second Mike II reigned at LSU for only one season. He died at the Audubon Zoo on May 15, 1958, of complications associated with multiple fractures to his left rear leg (it was not known exactly how or when the leg was injured).

MIKE III (1958-1976)

**Paul Marks, Jr.**

On one occasion I was informed by what was then known as “Campus Security” that Ole Miss fans were planning to paint Mike red and blue on the night before the big game. A police officer suggested that I spend the night guarding the cage (I work as a mediator and could now resolve this problem differently). On Friday afternoon, I loaded Mike into his travel trailer and parked it in my parents’ garage. No problems developed. On another occasion, I was told by the previous caretaker that Mike had a bad time when he was transported to south Florida for the Orange Bowl.

### Mike’s Caretakers

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*The LSU SVM took over Mike’s care with Mike III in 1976 with veterinary student Randy Kilgore.*

| Randy Kilgore (1972-76)|                       |
| Sonny Corley (1976)|                |
on January 1, 1962, and spent time in the Miami Zoo. For that reason he was hesitant to go into the travel trailer the following year. With that background, I decided that it would be best to start loading him on the morning of my first game in 1963. Despite his food being in the trailer, Mike refused to leave his relatively small cage at the time. About an hour before we were scheduled to leave for the stadium, I went to the athletic department, which was then in the northeast corner of the stadium. I told the Athletic Director about the problem, after which Mr. Jim Corbett immediately hurried over to the cage with me. He waved his hands at Mike and said, “Go in the trailer,” and Mike entered the trailer with no further difficulty thereafter.

MIKE IV (1976-1990)

**Dr. Don J. Harris (LSU SVM 1980)**

Caring for Mike during the four years I was at the LSU SVM was one of the true highlights of my time there. My favorite story is the one about the tug-of-war between the football team and Mike… literally. The team was breaking from practice one day when I was feeding Mike. I had rigged a tire on a rope for the energetic feline to exercise with. A few linemen asked if they could take hold of the rope to see how strong Mike was. For a few seconds, the linemen thought they had control. Then Mike engaged. Taking two or three steps back, Mike yanked all of the linemen into the side of the cage. Mike clearly won that war. Experiences ranging from spending quiet times near him at his habitat to bringing him onto the field on Saturday nights punctuate my memories. Truth is, that was the beginning of a full career path. Now, 33 years later, my practice is still dedicated exclusively to the care of exotic animals.

**Dr. W. Byron Garrity Jr. (LSU SVM 1982)**

One year during my stint as tiger keeper for Mike IV, we played Alabama at home, and Bear Bryant was the Alabama head coach at the time. We always parked in the southeast corner of the end zone before the game (that’s near the visitors’ tunnel). In fact, that tunnel is where we drove the truck and trailer into the stadium. I had been working with Mike because, at that time, we always used a live roar from a handheld microphone when we stopped to let the cheerleaders off in front of the student section. So I had to have a way to make him roar on cue. While Coach Bryant was watching his team warm up, he was standing near Mike’s trailer but had his back turned to it. One of the field security guys talked me into making Mike roar early. Coach Bryant was heard to say before the roar that “he wasn’t worried about that tiger,” but when Mike stood on his hind legs and gave out a long roar, Coach Bryant turned ghost-white and said in a weak voice (not his usual deep drawl), “Let’s move up the line toward the team more!”

MIKE V (1990-2007)

**Dr. Rollie Norris (LSU SVM 1992)**

The first time I backed Mike’s trailer up through a sea of frenzied Tiger faithful to load him up for a game,
I was absolutely astounded at how connected the fans were to Mike. LSU fans were lined up 20-30 deep, hoping to catch a glimpse of their beloved Mike the Tiger. Yells of “Hey Mike,” “Geaux Mike,” and “Get’em, Mike,” were constant, and the love for Mike was abundantly clear! This initial experience made me quickly realize that Mike was no ordinary tiger, but more like royalty—he was everyone’s tiger. Pulling Mike’s trailer into Death Valley for the first time was surreal. As you circle the field in Tiger Stadium with Mike in tow, an indescribable energy builds, finally erupting as you near the student section. Definitely a WOW moment where the hair stands up on the back of your neck! Each day while at Mike’s compound, people would come up and want to discuss all that I knew of Mike. They wanted to know what he ate, where he was born, his weight, did he like to go to the games, etc. One afternoon, as I was about to enter Mike’s enclosure, a visitor approached me and asked if I was his caretaker, and I said that I was. He told me that he had always wanted to meet the caretaker, and I said, “Thanks very much,” but it was really the other way around. I said, “Shaq, it was me who always wanted to meet you.” We talked for a while, and I invited him in for a closer visit, but he kindly declined. Many years after graduating from LSU, I approached Mike’s habitat to find it surrounded by numerous fans trying to rouse him from his slumber, to no avail. Everyone was making noises and clapping their hands, but Mike wouldn’t budge. As his caretaker, I would often respond to Mike’s chuffing vocalizations with the same sounds. No one’s pleas were waking Mike that day, and I had not seen him for years, but I wondered if the chuffing sounds that he had responded to years before would work now. I decided to give it a try and as soon as Mike heard the first chuff, he raised his head and sprang to his feet and began to vocalize while rubbing up against the fencing that separated us. The crowd was astounded that he responded to the sounds I made, but I was the one truly amazed that Mike remembered me after so many years. It was a very humbling moment. I have always felt blessed to have had the opportunity to be Mike’s caretaker. It was an experience that I cherish and never take for granted. I love to see the glow in people’s faces when they discover that you had the rare chance to be a part of an incredible LSU tradition!

Dr. Shelly Phillips (LSU SVM 1992)

Why being an LSU mascot caretaker and Mike V were special to me: (1) my grandfather donated 25 cents towards the purchase of Mike I in 1936; (2) I was the first female to be given the opportunity of serving as an LSU mascot caretaker; (3) we were able to play with Mike when he was kept at the vet school prior to placing him in his enclosure (he was just a few
months old at the time); and (4) my most memorable event was the one and only time we took Mike to the New Orleans Superdome for a basketball game against the Texas Longhorns when Shaquille O’Neal played for LSU. Also special were Mike V’s playfulness, and his ability to recognize his caretakers and his fans (he had many loyal fans) and express communication to those who visited him on a regular basis.

**Dr. Randolph Hayes (LSU SVM 1996)**

Lance Hidalgo and I took care of Mike V. He was a big, beautiful animal that had quite the personality. He would sometimes look at the people outside of his habitat, pace back and forth, then back up and spray them with a fine mist. Lance and I would often get a big group of opposing fans near the fence, and Mike would do his thing! Caring for Mike V was the highlight of many highlights at the LSU SVM.

**Dr. Timothy “Toby” Wallis (LSU SVM 2006)**

One night as I was cleaning Mike’s old habitat (the new one was completed in August 2005), I noticed an elderly gentleman hanging around watching. Now this was not uncommon, as we always had at least a few of Mike’s fans hanging around, and Nelson Lewis and I were always happy to answer questions. However, this time, it was I who got the education. This gentleman proceeded to tell me how he was an active member of the group of students who walked around with a hat collecting money—a quarter at a time—in order to purchase LSU’s first live mascot. Unfortunately, the gentleman’s name escapes me, but the sight of the fire in his eyes as he told the story never will. When I took the position of caretaker, it was with extreme pride and excitement. However, not in a million years did I ever think that I would actually use that experience in my veterinary career. At our clinic in Wylie, Texas, we are the main veterinarians for In-Sync Exotic, a big cat sanctuary that is USDA-licensed to care for neglected and abused big cats. We work on everything from lions, multiple subspecies of tigers, cheetahs, pumas, servals, lynx, bobcats and leopards. Procedures range from spays and neuters to mass removals and medical management of cases. The experience and education I received from LSU and Dr. Baker has been priceless.

**MIKE VI (2007-PRESENT)**

**Dr. Wendy Day (LSU SVM 2008)**

One of the many blessings in my life was the opportunity to have a personal relationship with Mike V in his last year and the development of a new bond with Mike VI. The privilege of working with both of these wonderful creatures has been such an honor to me—a memory I will always cherish.

**Dr. Adam Caro (LSU SVM 2010)**

I consider myself very lucky to have been one of Mike’s caretakers. I had known about the position before I was accepted into the veterinary program at LSU and knew how difficult it was to attain. It was a very special time in my life, and I will always look back fondly on those two years. I have so many great

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Wendy Day, Dr. David Baker and Wesley Lee at Mike VI’s first football game (Wendy and Wes were Mike’s caretakers at the time). LSU defeated Florida 28-24. Geaux Tigers!
memories of working with Mike. I think my favorite memory is from a time after I graduated. I visited him about a year after his new caretakers had taken over. He was sleeping in one of his usual corners of the enclosure and, as I approached, I made a chuffing sound as I typically did when greeting him in the afternoons. He woke up and ran across to greet me with his own chuffs. It was very heartwarming to see that he recognized me after all that time had passed.

**Dr. Kelly Folse (LSU SVM 2010)**

I cared for Mike VI when he was an adolescent tiger, and he was stubborn and hilariously mischievous. His routine in the wee hours of the morning before he would leave his nighthouse for the day was to stretch out, chuff in my general direction, and then take the longest, most foul-smelling bowel movement possible. He would then look back at me and happily chuff. It’s funny the things that I remember the most. My years with Mike are some of the best experiences of my life.

**Dr. Randee Monceaux (LSU SVM 2012)**

Although I have many wonderful memories working with Mike VI, my most treasured ones happened early in the morning when I first arrived to let him out of his nighthouse for the day. It was always very quiet on campus, and Mike was always very calm. As I walked into the nighthouse and turned the light on, Mike was usually fast asleep, lying in some strange position (like on his back with his feet in the air or completely twisted with his hind limbs on one side of his body and his front limbs on the other). He would open his eyes very slowly, look at me for a few moments, then softly chuff as if to say, “Just five more minutes, please.” After he woke up, he would come up to the bars of his cage, and we would spend a few quiet moments together. He would rub his face against the bars while I talked to him: “Good morning, Michael! Look at how handsome you are.” On occasion, as I drove my scooter up to the back of the nighthouse to let him out in the morning, I would hear him emitting his mighty roar. He was usually in a very playful mood when he was up before I arrived at the nighthouse. We always had a protective barrier between the caretakers and Mike, so when he was in one of those moods, I would let him out, and then go to the front of his enclosure to run back and forth as he chased and pounced at me on his side of the habitat. These mornings would end the same—with him at the chain-link fence rubbing his face on it as I whispered sweet nothings to him. I spent a lot of time with Mike and his fans, talking about his care and the plight of tigers in the wild, but my favorite memories of Mike are by far the times that Mike and I bonded alone.

Randee Monceaux and Nick Cross say good-bye to Tiger fans before an LSU baseball game. The caretakers were presented with a plaque honoring their service to Mike VI as part of the pre-game festivities.
In early December 2012, on a rural road in Natchitoches, La., Paige and Jeff Peoples saw something dark on the roadside but couldn’t make out what it was. They stopped and found an injured dog. Paige sent her husband home to get a blanket, and they took her home. The Peoples then called Juanita Murphy, a volunteer for the Natchitoches Humane Society.

Aubrey had scratches from dragging herself along the road, and both legs were injured (one leg was broken in three places). She was examined by a veterinarian, who told the Peoples that the injuries were most likely sustained when Aubrey was thrown from a moving car.

“After hitting the ground and breaking her right leg at the elbow, she rolled on her left side and hyper-extended her left leg so severely the radial nerve was damaged beyond repair,” said Paige, who has since adopted Aubrey. “Neither front legs worked, so she scooted herself on her chest. She also had a hole in her tongue where her tooth went through.”

“We didn’t know what to do,” said Juanita. “We knew that helping Aubrey was going to require funds. Paige and I decided to commit ourselves to finding those funds. We didn’t know how—we just knew we had to do it for this darling, precious girl. We started calling our friends and getting donations. One of my best friends, Lynnel Gill, saw Aubrey on our Facebook page, and she called Ed Antie, an old friend of hers in Lafayette. He is the one who recommended that Aubrey be treated at LSU.”

The Natchitoches Humane Society, the Peoples and Juanita asked friends to contribute towards Aubrey’s surgery and care. They put out a jar at the Krewe of Wagun’s Pet and Children’s Mardi Gras Parade, and Paige kept a jar with Aubrey’s photo on her office desk for “Aubrey’s love fund.” Paige and Jeff also paid for what they could. Some of the costs were provided by the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital’s Tweaky Fund, which can be used for critical cases like Aubrey’s, where the chance of survival is great, but the cost of medical care is more than can be provided by the animal’s owners. The Tweaky Fund was created with an original gift by Paula Manship, and a committee oversees the fund and evaluates each individual case.

“Aubrey with Paige Peoples, who rescued and later adopted Aubrey.

“Caring for animals makes us better people.”
“I picked up this pitiful looking broken dog on a Thursday night, not knowing the extent of her injuries, but I knew she would not survive for very long,” said Paige. “After a grim trip to the vet, I considered having her euthanized because she could not walk. My husband and I brought her back home, and after just one weekend, we realized she was something special. First of all, I had to give her a name, Aubrey, then I called Juanita for help. She got the ball rolling with her contacts, and we eventually took Aubrey to the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. I walked in carrying Aubrey, and the staff told us that everything was going to be all right. I don’t have the words to express my gratitude for the knowledge and care that Dr. Jude Bordelon (LSU SVM 2002), veterinary surgeon, and Dr. Lauren Kramer, surgery intern, showed us during her treatment. The LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital is an exceptional facility, and the angels that work, learn and teach there will forever have our gratitude.”

“Y’all are heroes,” said Juanita. “She would not have her only good front leg if LSU had not done the surgery required, and LSU had the surgical specialists Aubrey needed. LSU graduates Dr. Joey Bynog (LSU SVM 2011) and Dr. Jaimie Wise (LSU SVM 2006) also worked with LSU with some of her follow-up x-rays.

“We are just regular people trying to do the right thing,” said Juanita. “When Paige and I committed to saving Aubrey, we knew it would be time-consuming and stressful with no guaranteed outcome. We had no idea if we could raise the funds, but we did it with the help of the Natchitoches Humane Society’s wonderful friends, the Tweaky Fund, and people as far away as Boston. This, together with extraordinary veterinary care from the LSU Veterinary School, enabled Aubrey to have the gift of a great life with a wonderful family.

“And Aubrey has returned that gift. Aubrey’s injuries were terrible, and she is living a handicapped life as a result, but the love she displays toward people is so overwhelming. Aubrey has taught me how animals can forgive the wrongs committed against them and how much love they can still share with us. Aubrey has shown me how important perseverance and forgiveness are. Caring for animals makes us better people.”

Thanks to you, animals like Aubrey can receive the critical care they need.
Thousands of animals enter Louisiana shelters each year. Before many of these animals are ready to be adopted, they must receive medical care. The LSU SVM’s Shelter Medicine Program helps provide that care while simultaneously giving veterinary students valuable experience in shelter medicine and surgery.

The shelter medicine rotation was founded in July 2007 through a grant from the Humane Society of the United States. The program initially had one faculty member and an average of two students per two-week block, who visited six shelters. The rotation now has an average of four students per two-week block and includes 30 shelters and three shelter programs at prisons. In 2011, the program added a fellowship position, which was held for two years by Dr. Alison Salmon (LSU SVM 2011); the current fellow is Dr. Brandy Duhon (LSU SVM 2013).

The shelter medicine group travels to some of the shelters with its own truck and a mobile veterinary unit (a trailer complete with exam and surgical facilities). The trailer was purchased with funds from the American Kennel Club following Hurricane Katrina; it is designed to provide veterinary care in disaster areas, but in the meantime it is used to provide a sterile, surgical environment and exam space for animals at shelters. A new truck was recently purchased for the trailer with funds from a grant from the Coypu Foundation.

The shelter medicine program gives students valuable medical and surgical experience while providing assistance for animals in underserved communities in Louisiana. These students gain a better appreciation of animal shelters and what they can do to help as veterinarians. They also see a variety of animals and learn about the medical conditions that can be unique to animal shelters (e.g., skin diseases, infectious upper respiratory diseases and parasites).

“Now I realize how important routine health maintenance, vaccinations and parasite control are to the individual pet and to pet and human populations,” said Sarah Shedenhelm (Class of 2014).
Thanks to you, thousands of shelter animals have received health exams and been spayed or neutered to make them more adoptable. Your gifts help these animals find their forever home.

Working with the “Pen Pals” program at Dixon Correctional Institute in Jackson, La., more than 110 feral cats on the prison grounds have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated against rabies over the past two years. Also, many dogs and cats have been adopted as a result of this program, which is supported by a grant from the Humane Society of the United States.

In addition, some of the inmates working with the Pen Pals program have indicated a desire to continue working with animals upon their release. Some have furthered their education about animals, and one inmates is part of a work-release program that enables him to work with Villa Lobos, a pit bull rescue group in New Orleans. Villa Lobos and the Pen Pals inmate are featured in an episode of Animal Planet’s “Pitbulls and Parolees.”

The Shelter Medicine Program is Dr. Wendy Wolfson’s passion. She joined the faculty on May 1, 2007, as the new shelter veterinarian and as an Instructor of Veterinary Surgery. A 1986 graduate of the LSU SVM, Dr. Wolfson worked in shelter medicine for 21 years at the Louisiana SPCA in New Orleans before joining the faculty at LSU.

“This program is great for LSU and the community,” said Dr. Wolfson. “Students get to see why it’s important for veterinarians to help shelter animals, and the students who go through this program are more likely to volunteer at shelters after they graduate.”

“Dr. Wolfson is one of the most dedicated animal advocates that I have ever met,” said Sarah. “She is tireless in her pursuit to improve shelter conditions and educate vet students on their part in shelter awareness.”

The shelter medicine program serves 30 animal shelters and three shelter programs at Louisiana prisons.
The LSU SVM has four endowed professorships and one endowed chair. An endowed professorship provides the resources to reward a renowned professor for academic achievement and enables the professor to pursue research or innovative teaching methods. Professorships are critical to enhance research, and each one is awarded for five years. Recipients are selected on the basis of a distinguished and sustained record in the areas of teaching, research, and public and professional service. The award is used to support academic activities of the professorship position, including instruction and research, equipment and materials, faculty improvement and travel.

Endowed chairs are one of the most prestigious contributions at any university. Donors can name endowed chairs in the college or program of his or her choice. Income from the endowment can be used to supplement salary or provide additional funds at the discretion of the incumbent, such as graduate student stipends, post-doctoral student salaries, and special research equipment and library acquisitions, all in support of the academic program. The chair and professorship last in perpetuity and always provide income to the designated college or program.
Kenneth F. Burns Chair
In 1990, Kenneth F. Burns, DVM, retired chairman of the Department of Vivarial Science and Research at the Tulane University School of Medicine, created a $1 million charitable remainder trust with the LSU Foundation specifically for the establishment of a matched chair in Veterinary Medicine. In addition to his position at Tulane, Dr. Burns, a graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, was an adjunct faculty member at LSU and served as a consultant with many pharmaceutical companies.

The trust has transferred to the LSU Foundation and $600,000 has been realized to provide funds for a matched chair at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. In April 2010, the Kenneth F. Burns Endowed Chair was awarded the $400,000 state match by the Louisiana Board of Regents, thereby achieving a historic first for the LSU SVM.

Dr. Burns’s support of the School stemmed from his close personal relationship with Dr. Sheldon Bivin, who headed the LSU SVM’s Division of Laboratory Medicine when Dr. Burns had the same role at Tulane and the Veterans Administration Hospital in New Orleans. According to Dr. Bivin, Dr. Burns had no children and was intent on leaving a legacy in his chosen field of veterinary medicine.

Paula and Milton W. Shepard Professorship
The Paula and Milton W. Shepard Professorship in Veterinary Medicine, the LSU SVM’s first endowed professorship, was established in 1996. David G. Baker, DVM, PhD, MS, MPA, DACLAM, the current recipient, is Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences and Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He is also the attending veterinarian for LSU and is responsible for the care of LSU’s live tiger mascot, Mike VI.

Mary Louise Martin Professorship
Frédéric P. Gaschen, Dr.med.vet., Dr.habil., DACVIM, DECVIM-CA, has been awarded the Mary Louise Martin Professorship in Veterinary Medicine, which was founded in memory of Dr. Mary Louise Martin (LSU SVM 1982). Dr. Martin moved to Africa in 1995 and lost her life in the terrorist bombing of the U.S. embassy in Nairobi on August 7, 1998. Dr. Gaschen is Professor of Companion Animal Medicine in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. Before coming to LSU, Dr. Gaschen spent over 13 years on faculty at the University of Bern in Switzerland, where he became Professor and Head of the Division of Small Animal Medicine.

Everett D. Besch Professorship
James E. Miller, DVM, MPVM, PhD, has been awarded the Everett D. Besch Professorship in Veterinary Medicine, which was established in honor of the LSU SVM’s founding dean. Dr. Miller has been a member of the faculty since 1984; he was appointed full professor in 1995 and was acting head of the former Department of Epidemiology and Community Health. He is currently serving as Interim Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies.

Blanche Donaldson Professorship
The Blanche Donaldson Professorship for the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences will support a faculty member with a concentration of investigation in any aspect of small animal medicine and surgery, the various sub-specialities of these disciplines, and supporting disciplines to include anesthesiology, radiology, dermatology and ophthalmology.

Thanks to you, faculty have the resources they need to continue our mission of saving lives, finding cures and changing lives every day.
Cancer Treatment Unit
On January 31, 2003, the LSU SVM became the second veterinary school in the United States to install an intensity modulated radiation therapy unit. The LSU SVM now sees between 300 to 400 cancer cases each year that are treated using surgery, medical oncology (chemotherapy) and radiation. Funds are currently being raised to obtain a new linear accelerator to enhance our radiation treatment capability.

Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
The Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory is used for a variety of heart tests and to make repairs, such as pacemaker implantation, balloon valvuloplasty of the pulmonic valve, and patent ductus arteriosus occlusion. The cath lab is equipped with a Pulsera 12–Philips Medical C-arm, which provides 2-D imaging in a variety of view planes, a transesophageal ultrasound system, a surgical C-arm table, cardiac monitors and an angiographic injection system.

Diagnostic Imaging
The Diagnostic Imaging Service has both a GE Lightspeed 16-slice Computed Tomograph (CT) scanner and a Hitachi Echelon 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit. Both small and large animals can be scanned using the CT scanner and the MRI unit, which uses a powerful magnet to send and receive radiofrequency impulses between the MRI unit and the patient that carry information specific to the tissue type. This produces high resolution images that are especially good for contrasting different types of soft tissue, so that fat, muscle, fluids, and the grey and white matter of the brain may be easily visualized and differentiated from one another. This makes MRI ideal for detecting lesions in the brain, spine and musculoskeletal system.

Equine Intensive Care Unit
The 10-stall Equine ICU enables the SVM to provide the most comprehensive, advanced emergency and critical care services for horses. The construction of this unit was made possible by the vision and generosity of private donors.

Equine Lameness & Performance Evaluation Unit
This unit, which allows us to evaluate gait abnormalities in horses, has a 75’ x 125’ pavilion with appropriate footing for jogging, lunging, and riding horses. The facility also features a force plate for precise detection of subtle gait abnormalities.

Large Animal Isolation Unit
The John Franks Equine and Large Animal Isolation Unit ensures enhanced separation of potentially infectious animals from those animals that are being admitted for other procedures. The complex includes eight stalls, each with its own patient care area, an audio/video monitoring and communications system, and a ventilation system to ensure containment of airborne disease. The unit features two patient examination rooms, two mare-foal stalls equipped with foal-care areas, two stalls where patients can be hoisted and maintained in slings, and a large animal swing gate stall with a working area for cattle. The project was realized through the support of both private and public funding.

Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
This full-service American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostician-accredited laboratory provides animal disease diagnostic services to agricultural and general communities, primarily through the veterinary medical profession. The lab also conducts research for the continued enhancement of development and adaptation of diagnostic tests and protocols, research and investigation of livestock and companion animal diseases.
diseases impacting the health and well-being of the animals and people, and research on selective diseases impacting the economics on Louisiana’s animal industries. The lab also oversees the Arbovirus Surveillance Laboratory, the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory, and the Louisiana Aquatic Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

**Analytical Systems Laboratories**

ALS consists of three laboratories: the Laboratory for Drug Residue Studies, which provides instrumentation and expertise for the performance of drug and biological molecule pharmacokinetics, metabolism, tissue distribution and analytical method development; the Equine Medication Surveillance Laboratory, which screens over 8,000 urine and blood samples per year and has developed sophisticated methodology for detection and confirmation of drugs and their metabolites; and the Analytical Systems Laboratory, which houses advanced mass spectrometry and other analytical equipment that is used to support the research of LSU SVM faculty and graduate students.

**Aquatic Toxicology Laboratories**

The Aquatic Toxicology Laboratories include state-of-the-art aquatic animal holding, rearing, exposure, surgical and preparative areas.

**Division of Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine**

BioMMED conducts innovative research to determine the molecular basis of various diseases and to develop novel therapeutics for the treatment of cancer and infectious diseases. It provides centralized access to state-of-the-art equipment and advanced training in molecular and cell biology and also oversees three research cores: the Non-Human Primate Laboratory Core, the Molecular Biology and Immunology Core Laboratories, and a Louisiana undergraduate institution molecular and cell biology training core.

**Flow Cytometry Facility**

Flow cytometry is a process in which individual cells or biological particles are labeled with fluorescent markers and pass in single file through a fluid stream. While in this stream, the cells are hit by a laser beam, resulting in emitted scattered visible light and fluorescence detection. Physical and chemical properties of cells or particles are then analyzed. Flow cytometric analysis has been performed on cellular elements, chromosomes, tumor cells, bacteria and fungi. Immunophenotyping, cell cycle analysis, apoptosis studies, and measurements of cellular function are examples of its applications.

**Gene Probes and Expression Systems Laboratory**

GeneLab undertakes specific research and training projects that require expertise in gene cloning, PCR, DNA sequencing, cDNA library construction, gene expression and other molecular methods. Computer analysis of DNA sequences, as well as consultation on molecular biological research, is provided.

**Inhalation Research Facility**

This facility enables studies to be conducted on the effect of various pollutants and other substances on a variety of diseases, including asthma and cardiovascular diseases.

**Microscopy Center**

This center houses a superb array of equipment that includes a laser capture microdissection microscope, a confocal microscope, transmission and scanning electron microscopes, a fluorescent microscope, and a wide array of other imaging instrumentation for assisting with biomedical research.

**Vector-borne Disease Laboratory**

This lab investigates viral, bacterial and parasitic pathogens that can affect both humans and animals. Researchers in this lab investigate pathogen-host interactions that drive pathogenesis and transmission. State-of-the-art equipment and containment facilities (certified at BSL-3 for infected vertebrate and arthropod experimentation) support the activities.
Thank You—for helping us transform lives!

Each and every gift is important to us!

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Support for the School of Veterinary Medicine through financial contributions enhances our programs, clinics, and future growth. We are deeply grateful for the many supporters like you who continue to believe in our mission and the services we provide.

This information reflects the cumulative giving level of our supporters for all gifts and pledge payments made between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. We have made every effort to ensure that this information is accurate, and we regret any omissions. Please provide corrections via email to our LSU SVM Office of Advancement at bkarlsson@lsu.edu.

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine is pleased to acknowledge the alumni, organizations, foundations and private donors who gave so generously during the Fiscal Year 2013. LSU SVM alumni are noted by an asterisk.

Join Us and Celebrate Your Love for Animals—Saving Lives, Finding Cures, Changing Lives Every Day

Our ABC Challenge is a fundraising plan to augment three key programs: advancing cures for cancer, biomedical research, and companion animal health facilities and equipment. Each represents our future, our mission and our service to the community. The financial goal of this challenge is to raise $5 million for these three important programs of the LSU SVM. To learn more or to make a donation, please contact Laura Lanier, director of development, at llanier@lsu.edu or 225-578-9826, or Betty Karlsson, executive director of advancement, at bkarlsson@lsu.edu or 225-578-9870.
### 2011-2012 Alumni Giving By Class

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Until one has loved an animal a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.

~ Anatole France
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A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.
~ Josh Billings
There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.
~ Albert Schweitzer
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Advancement Team

Ensuring that the LSU SVM has the resources it needs to continue its mission as state dollars dwindle is the responsibility of our Advancement Team (though our Advancement Team is truly made up of all of the generous people who support our mission and our programs). We are dedicated to the LSU SVM’s mission of saving lives, finding cures and changing lives every day. Your passion, your time and your treasure help us to improve the lives of both animals and people every day.

There are so many different ways that your gifts can help: student scholarships, new hospital and laboratory equipment, veterinary care for wildlife, training for faculty, staff and students, and much more. Gifts can be made in memory of people or pets, and your gifts can be made over time or you can leave a gift to the LSU SVM by including us in your estate plans. For more information, please contact any member of our team.

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