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LSUSD ALUMNI DAY 2024

Continuing Education and a Bayou Bash



On April 6th, LSUSD alumni, students, faculty and friends gathered to reunite and strengthen connections at Alumni Day 2024. A joint effort of alumni relations and continuing dental education, the day kicked off with an engaging Continuing Education Course featuring speaker Dr. Todd C. Snyder, who spoke on leveraging cutting-edge technology and artificial intelligence to enhance the dental practice. Event sponsors also exhibited during scheduled course breaks.

Following the course, the festivities began with a spring-classic Crawfish Boil Bayou Bash accompanied by a vibrant faculty/student band and an award ceremony honoring outstanding alumni Dr. Kristi M. Soileau and Dr. Trey Carlton.

With over 150 attendees and 450 pounds of crawfish, Alumni Day 2024 was a successful, enjoyable reunion, full of connection and enjoying each other's company. LSUSD thanks all attendees, sponsors and supporters for helping make this event a success.



Dr. Trey Carlton

Alumnus of the Year



Dr. David "Trey" Carlton has a passion for education and leadership. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Centenary College of Louisiana, a doctorate degree in dental surgery from the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry and later earned fellowship status from the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Learning. His concentrated post-graduate studies focused heavily on both dental sleep medicine and Temporomandibular Dysfunction. He has lectured to fellow dental professionals and has appeared in publications regarding these topics.

Dr. Carlton has been a dedicated tripartite member of the LDA, the American Dental Association and the Central Dental Association for 26 years. He is also a Committee of a Hundred member for the LSU School of Dentistry.

He is involved in many professional organizations, has served in various leadership roles, and regularly volunteers for his profession. He has served as President of the Central Louisiana Dental Association, President of the LSU School of Dentistry Alumni Board, a member of the Louisiana Academy of Sleep Medicine member,

a member of the American College of Dentists, a clinical instructor of the LSUA Hygiene Program, an LDA Governmental Affairs Committee member, and recently serves as the President of the LDA. He is the current Chair of the LADPAC Committee for the LDA. Dr. Carlton also is and has been a volunteer provider for Community Health Worx and Donated Dental Services for Alexandria for many years.

Because of his dedication to his community and to the field of dentistry, Carlton was an LDA New Dentist Award winner, an LSUSD White Coat Ceremony Keynote speaker and was the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies Alumnus of the Year. He was just awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Louisiana Dental Association, this year at the LDA House of Delegates.

Dr. Kristi Soileau

Distinguished Alumna



Dr. Kristi M. Soileau is an LSUSD graduate practicing in New Orleans, Louisiana since 1986. She received a DDS in 1985, a certificate in advanced education in general dentistry in 1986, and a certificate in periodontics in 1988, all from LSUSD. Before attending LSUSD, Dr. Soileau graduated from Silliman Institute in Clinton, and then Southeastern Louisiana University. She also attended Northeastern, McNeese, and LSU Baton Rouge universities, and has two master's degrees: one in education from University of New Orleans and one in healthcare ethics from Creighton University.

Dr. Soileau is passionate about dentists having a united front through membership in organized dentistry and believes concerted efforts through education, volunteerism, and political action must be maintained or, one day we may not recognize the profession as we know it now. Her membership and involvement in professional dental organizations are extensive. She is a member of the American Dental Association, Louisiana Dental Association, American Academy of

Periodontology (AAP), Louisiana Society of Periodontists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, American Association of Dental Research, and Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity.

Dr. Soileau also has a heart for teaching. Since 1979, she has taught a variety of courses to junior high, high school, and dental students, and presents topics related to periodontology regularly at dental-related conferences and organizations. She has also engaged in significant research with results being published in prestigious journals such as the Journal of the American Dental Association, Journal of Periodontal and Restorative Dentistry, and the Journal of Periodontology. She resides in New Orleans and is married to fellow alumnus, Dr. David DeGenova, who received both his DDS and his orthodontic certificate from LSUSD in 1978 and 1984 respectively. They have three sons.

LSUSD DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS AND FACULTY CONTINUE EASTER BASKET TRADITION

From coloring books to chocolate bunnies, the LSU Student Chapter of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (LSU SADHA) partnered again this spring with Covenant House of New Orleans to assemble and provide Easter baskets filled with goodies and more. The LSU Student Chapter of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) has engaged in this project for several years now with the goal to bring joy to those served by Covenant House. Covenant House of New Orleans is a local non-profit that provides food, shelter and other resources to young people in need. Each year, they touch the lives of over 650 youth and children under 23.

With the support of project sponsor, Campus Federal, LSU SADHA was able to expand their reach and provide 50 easter baskets filled with items such as children's toothbrushes and toothpaste, chocolate bunnies, plastic eggs, shoes, coloring books and pacifiers. After assembling each basket, dental hygiene volunteer students were also able to personally hand deliver these gifts to Covenant House. The LSU Student Chapter of the American Dental Hygienists' Association is committed to serving the community through promoting oral health and providing service through many means and avenues. The success this spring resulting from the partnership with Covenant House highlights this commitment and encourages continued engagement in meaningful community service.



Special thanks to Campus Federal for sponsoring this project



DASH... INTO DENTISTRY WELCOMES YOUNG STUDENTS TO CAMPUS

On April 9th, students from multiple high schools in rural areas in central Louisiana attended Dash...into Dentistry, held at LSU School of Dentistry campus. These students, who are interested in dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental lab technology, participated in activities as well as group discussions about university programs, the admissions process, and dental public health as an example of alternative careers to clinical dentistry. At a lunch-time Q&A session, a panel of LSUSD students shared their own experiences with the high school students to provide them with a clearer understanding of what to expect in dental school.

Dash...into Dentistry is available to high school juniors and seniors who live in rural areas and show an interest in health care, are enrolled in honors/advanced science and math classes, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

The Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) worked with LSUSD school officials to facilitate the event. Dash... into Dentistry targets high school students from Central Louisiana AHEC's 17-parish service area that includes: Ascension, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, LaSalle, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Helena, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, and Winn.

Encouraged by the success of the event, the Central Louisiana AHEC staff plans to continue Dash...into Dentistry as an annual program, hoping to expand the number of interested students.



Dr. Toby Cheramie, Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Services, presents on admission statistics and processes