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# LSUSD Joins TeamSmiles

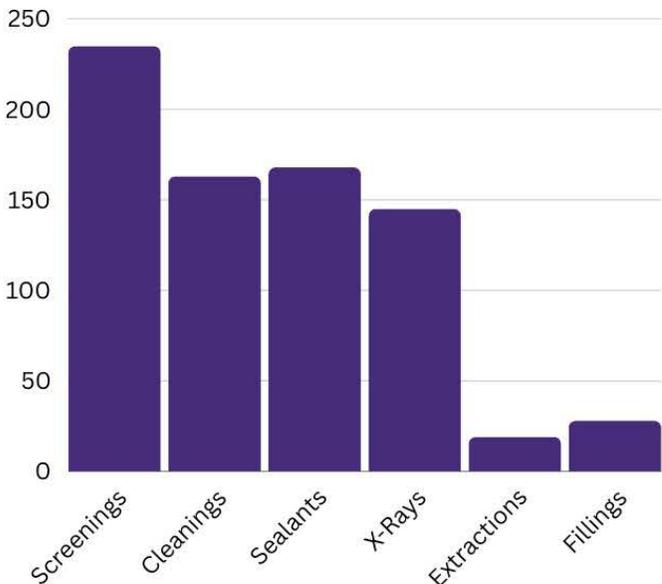
On November 21, 2024, LSU Health School of Dentistry dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygiene and dental students had the opportunity to give back to kids in our community through TeamSmile! Providing oral health education, screenings, treatments, and more, nearly 100 volunteers came together at Caesars Superdome to make a difference in the lives of 245 school-aged children.

TeamSmile's mission is to provide dental care to underserved children by partnering with oral health professionals and professional athletic organizations in the communities they serve. With a goal to establish a dental home for each child treated, collaborations between volunteer clinicians, local dental homes, and families encourage improved oral health and wellness for a lifetime.

LSU School of Dentistry's commitment to serving the community has influence over all they do. Thank you to our LSUSD faculty and students who worked to make this day a success!



## At a Glance: Service Outcomes



# 2024 Chancellor's Excellence Award

Three LSU Health School of Dentistry's (LSUSD) faculty and staff were recognized by the LSU Health Science's Center Chancellor for excellence. Tricia Barker, RDH, Associate Professor, Toby Cheramie, DDS, Associate Dean, and Inga Moses, Dental Assistant, are the representatives from the dental school who received the honor.

Dr. Steve Nelson, Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center, started to solicit for nominations for these awards and selected the first winners in 2022. Each year, 15 faculty and 15 staff members are recognized for being those who advance the vision and mission of the university in an exceptional way.



## Faculty Recipients

- Tricia Barker, RDH, Associate Professor, School of Dentistry
- Kari Brisolaro, ScD, MSPH, Associate Dean, School of Public Health
- Charles W. Chappuis Jr., MD, Professor, School of Medicine
- Toby Cheramie, DDS, Associate Dean, School of Dentistry
- Gary Duhon, MD, Professor, School of Medicine
- Lisa Harrison-Bernard, PhD, Professor, School of Medicine
- Mina Hogan, MS, Instructor, School of Nursing
- John J. Hutchings, MD, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Amelia Jernigan, MD, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Daryl Lofaso, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Medicine
- Michelle Moore, PshD, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Christy Mumphrey, MD, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Fern Tsien, PhD, Assistant Dean, School of Medicine
- Sonya Van Nuland, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Brittney Wright, MCD, Instructor, School of Allied Health

## Staff Recipients

- Braylin Artigues, Talent & Organization Development Manager, Division of VC for Administration & Finance
- Maurice Coman, Physical Plant Operations Manager, Division of VC for Administration and Finance
- Denise Cox, Community Navigator, School of Public Health
- Erin Davis, Research Associate, School of Medicine
- Scott Embley, Campus Assistance Program Director, Division of VC for Academic Affairs
- Pam Galindo, Assistant to the Dean, School of Allied Health Professionals
- Diana George, Custodian, Division of VC for Administration and Finance
- Amy Gray, Business Manager, School of Medicine
- Yolanda Lundsgaard, GME Manager, School of Medicine
- Angel Miller, Assistant Manager, Division of VC for Administration & Finance
- Kathy M. Miller, Central Service Worker, School of Medicine
- Inga Moses, Dental Assistant, School of Dentistry
- David Nelson, IT Web Manager, Division of VC for Administration & Finance
- Dontrell Palmer, Administrative Coordinator, Division of VC for Administration & Finance
- Troy Powell, Custodian, Division of VC for Administration & Finance

# Spreading Holiday Cheer for Local Families

This year, LSU School of Dentistry kicked off the holiday season by celebrating its 10th year of participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. This long-standing tradition brings students, faculty, staff, and LSUSD family members together to brighten the holidays for those in need within the community. Over the past decade, the LSU School of Dentistry has built this tradition into its foundation, supporting families and giving back to the community.

Each year, LSUSD's chapter of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) organizes the annual Adopt an Angel event, where the School of Dentistry comes together to provide Christmas gifts for individuals and families through the Salvation Army. Salvation Army "angels" include young children who belong to families in need during the holiday season.

Each child lists the gifts they need, which include items such as new clothes, toys, shoes, sports equipment, and essential hygiene/personal care products. Generous donors then purchase the gifts and drop off the unwrapped gifts at LSUSD's Office of the Dean, where they await transport to the Salvation Army Center for distribution.

As service to the community continues to shine as a trademark value of the school, school participation reached unprecedented heights this year as 100 "angels" were adopted and even more gifts were purchased. Monetary donations were also collected to help further support families.

Student volunteers spent their afternoon assembling toys and loading up gifts for delivery. Thanks to their efforts, local "angels" will receive presents made possible by the generosity of the LSUSD community.

A special thank you to the LSU ASDA Philanthropy Committee --Emily Seighman, Margaret Hovan, Tammy San, Colin Schultz, Catherine Raggio, Emily Eberts, and Brooke Badeaux, for coordinating this year's initiative.





## LDA Continues to Provide C.E., Travel, and Fun

Annette B. Droddy  
Executive Director, Louisiana Dental Association

It's hard to imagine that in just a couple weeks it will be 2025! LDA leadership and staff are preparing for an exciting year that includes bringing back the New Orleans Dental Conference/LDA Annual Session April 10-11 (the 2024 meeting was not held since the ADA annual meeting was in New Orleans) and a new event, Sip & C.E. in Napa Valley, California. Registration is open for NODC/LDAAS 2025 at [www.nodc.org](http://www.nodc.org) and the room block is open now for the Sip & C.E. and rooms are filling quickly.



As always, we ended our C.E. program for 2024 with a bang, hosting a successful Last Chance Seminar in Baton Rouge on Friday, December 13, with 160 registrants. The date and speaker are set for next year for those of you who rely on the Last Chance Seminar for your C.E. It will be Friday, December 12, with Dr. Nathaniel Lawson, in Baton Rouge. Mark your calendars and please share this information. with your hygienists and other dentists in your office.

Note other dates below and a complete list of all upcoming travel events, including Winter C.E. events through 2028, at [www.ladental.org/events](http://www.ladental.org/events).

As we move into 2025, remember that your LDA staff is here to serve you, not only with meetings but with rules and regulations, government affairs, and so much more. If you need to contact us, here's a current photo of our staff, from left to right, Colin Zvosec, director of membership development; Amber Allen, executive assistant; Jeanne McFall, director of conference services; Annette Droddy, executive director; Rebecca Bordelon, director of communications and public affairs; and Tiffany Waddell, director of accounting.



## Upcoming LDA/ADA Events

***LDA members save an average of \$150 per C.E. event.***

Adult Sedation Renewal Course (Live, on Zoom) **February 21, 2025**

Winter C.E. at Walt Disney World (Orlando, FL) **March 2-5, 2025**

New Orleans Dental Conference/LDA Annual Session **April 10-11, 2025**

Summer Education Conference (Pensacola, FL) **June 18-21, 2025**

LDA Foundation Fishing Rodeo **July 18-19, 2025**

Kick-Off C.E. (Live, on Zoom) **August 22, 2025**

Pediatric Sedation Renewal Course (Live, on Zoom) **September 12, 2025**

Sip & C.E. (Napa Valley, CA) **September 17-19, 2025**

Winter CE in Big Sky, MT **February 15-17, 2026**

Summer Education Conference **June 17-20, 2026**

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