Fiscal Year 2011
Academic Year 2010-2011
As the only dental school in the state, LSUSD serves a vital role in delivery of oral health care to the citizens of Louisiana. Its mission is to educate future dental professionals, provide health care services to the public, and lead research in dental care and oral diseases.

Since its founding in 1968, the school has graduated 2,380 dentists, 1,198 dental hygienists and 362 dental laboratory technicians. Additionally 1,008 residents have completed advanced education programs.

LSUSD is also the only U.S. dental school to offer on-site training for dentists, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technologists. This unique feature accelerates the transfer of knowledge among the disciplines and enriches the educational experience for all students.

Fostering lifelong learning is another important focus of our mission. Through the LSU Continuing Dental Education nonprofit association, 55,405 members of the dental health care profession have attended our 1,066 courses.

The dental school is located three miles from the downtown campus of the LSU Health Sciences Center, which includes the schools of medicine, nursing, public health, allied health and graduate studies. Interaction with these schools affords unique opportunities for interdisciplinary education, community service and research.

For more information about the school and its programs, click here.
Message from the Dean

Over three years ago, I made the pivotal decision to come home to Louisiana to serve as dean of the LSUHSC School of Dentistry (LSUSD). Although the challenges have been significant, the experiences have been rewarding and the progress is promising.

My initial goals were to develop a visionary strategic plan, rebuild the facilities, and remain focused on our primary mission to educate the finest dental professionals possible. I am pleased to report that we are moving forward. Our strategic plan is finalized and being implemented, facility upgrades progress, and our faculty members continue to revise and improve the curriculum to stay abreast of the latest trends and discoveries in the field.

With over 35 years in the profession, my commitment has been and always will be to provide the best possible care for patients. My LSUSD education created a strong foundation for providing such care. As dean, my primary concern is ensuring that our graduates are competent in meeting the demands of an ever-changing profession while serving an increasingly medically-complex patient population.

The mix of educational elements must be just right and include evidence-based scientific learning, effective and varied clinical experiences, exposure to access-to-care issues, and training to work as part of a health care team. Because the curriculum is so intense and compact, it is important that every course, clinical experience, research opportunity and community service program contribute to our mission of graduating skilled health care clinician-scientists. This is our focus and will continue to serve as a common thread in everything we do.

Due to numerous budget reductions, the recent years have not been easy for dental education in Louisiana. However, I believe that the best is yet to come. LSUHSC School of Dentistry will always be vibrant and ripe with possibilities because of our clear focus on education.

By way of this report, I want to thank our students, faculty, staff, alumni and funders. Our accomplishments happen because of you.

Warm regards,

Henry Gremillion, DDS, Dean
The concept of “Education First” is the driving force of the LSUHSC School of Dentistry. We understand that we are the only school that educates the dentists, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technicians who will provide the majority of oral health care to Louisiana citizens. This is a tremendous responsibility that keeps us focused on making students our top priority.

Our commitment to you is to educate the highest quality clinician-scientist whose training is based on an innovative curriculum, clinical excellence and evidence-based learning, all infused with the ethical standards that make dentistry one of the most respected professions in our society. We understand that the students we educate today will determine the future of dentistry.

Some benchmarks achieved in the 2010-2011 academic year:
- 98.9% dental student pass rates on National Board Examinations Part I and II
- 97% retention rate of first- and second-year dental students
- 100% graduation rate for dental hygiene students
- 100% pass rate for dental hygiene students for CITA licensure

In various surveys, dentists confirm the importance of ethics. Every year our students publicly pledge to uphold the highest standards in ethics during the F. Harold Wirth Professionalism and Ethics Ceremony. The honor code is uniquely rewritten by the students of each first-year class.
Curriculum Enhancements

Our commitment to teaching excellence requires a continually evolving curriculum. This ongoing process of innovation is possible through bold thinking, new technology and deep commitments by faculty and students. We have made major advancements with the implementation of grand rounds and the development of the interprofessional education program.

Interprofessional Education (IPE)

The goal of the interprofessional health care component is to develop experiences through which students from two or more health care professions will learn together while treating patients in a team-based environment. Developing respect and a common language among the health professions will result in the ultimate goal of improved patient health. Interprofessional Practice I, an elective course that will include students from the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Public Health, will be offered in 2012-13.

Grand Rounds

Initiated in 2009, the Grand Rounds program enhances evidence-based practice with the integration of basic and clinical sciences. Every Thursday morning, six fourth-year dental students present a case to other students and faculty. Once this cycle is complete, six third-year students present one case each week.

Students of Tomorrow

To insure that students are well-prepared for the demanding DDS curriculum, two pre-enrollment programs are offered annually.

Pre-Dental 101: A Brush-Up on Dentistry

Co-sponsored by the LSU Pre-Dental Society and LSUSD on December 18, 2010, 175 college students from across Louisiana came to the dental school to learn first-hand about the profession of dentistry. Students and members of the faculty and dental community provided 28 presentations on topics such as how to apply and interview for dental school, financial aid, chalk carving, dental anatomy, CAD-CAM, the history of dentistry, dental hypnosis, dental forensics and each of the dental specialties. The dental hygiene faculty also gave classroom presentations and a clinical orientation to about 45 pre-dental hygiene students.

Summer Enrichment Program

The 4th annual program consisted of 140 hours of lectures and labs that provided students with hands-on experience in dental anatomy and the principles of operative dentistry. Volunteer faculty members taught the labs and classes and provided preparation for the Dental Admissions Test. The purpose of the summer program is to increase the number of minority dentists to improve access to oral health care for the state’s ethnically diverse population in Louisiana.

Opportunities for Collaboration

In recent years, a major focus among the advanced education programs has been to provide interdisciplinary opportunities that encourage collaboration among all the clinical disciplines. Such events allow residents and faculty to network to enhance patient care among the various specialties, thereby strengthening the educational experience for all participants. Two of the largest events include:

Advanced Education Grand Rounds

Held both in the spring and fall, grand rounds provides an opportunity for residents to present unique patient cases to faculty members and fellow residents. Questions and feedback from a panel of colleagues encourage critical thinking and identify possible collaborative efforts.

Advanced Education Research Day

Held once a year in the spring, research day features oral presentations of residents’ research. At the 2011 event, Aaron Miscenich, MBA, president of New Orleans BioInnovation Center, Inc., gave a keynote lecture on the center’s role in developing a bioscience industry centered on university technologies. In addition, dental students, residents, and faculty displayed research posters that had been presented at various national meetings.

A dental school graduate must pass rigorous screening to be accepted into an advanced education program. The residents in the seven specialty programs at LSUSD are here to continue their education, teach and conduct research. They add immeasurable value to the rich learning environment that is a hallmark of our school.

The first advanced education program started in 1970, four years after the founding of the school and even before the first class graduated. Since 1974, 1,008 residents have graduated from nine advanced education programs. Our current specialties are endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery and the hospital-based general practice residency.
The LSUHSC School of Dentistry has long been known for excellent clinical instruction. Key to this dynamic of learning are our faculty members. Their commitment and expertise translate into well-trained dental professionals. All graduates of the dental school can recall teachers who shaped their lives and determined their life's work.

The following pages contain many facts, the most important of which is that LSUSD has extraordinary faculty members devoted to mentoring and to raising the bar in dental education. We salute their tireless efforts to further the science and practice of the dental profession in Louisiana and beyond.

New Faculty Members

Comprehensive Dentistry & Biomaterials
Dr. Kenneth DuBois, Assistant Professor
Dr. Suezan McCormick, Assistant Professor
Dr. Gary Klasser, Associate Professor
Dr. Kitrina Cordell, Associate Professor
Dr. Mohammed Chowdhury, Clinical Asst. Professor

Endodontics
Dr. Kent Sabey, Assistant Professor

Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Rosalynn Crawford-McKendall, Asst. Professor

Periodontics
Dr. Stefan Hienz, Assistant Professor

The goal of educators at LSUSD is to aim high—to always strive to improve as teachers and mentors. When faculty members serve or receive national recognition, our students reap the benefits of their knowledge and experience. Some highlights of faculty accomplishments this year include:

Sandra Andrieu, PhD, associate dean for academic affairs, served as president of the American Dental Education Association.

Robert Barsley, DDS, JD, director of the Division of Diagnostic Sciences, served as president of the American Board of Forensic Odontology.

Robert Brannon, DDS, MS, professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, was appointed Civilian National Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology to the Air Force Surgeon General, for a three-year term.

Suzanne Farrar, RDH, MSHCM, director of clinical staff and patient services, was one of 24 dental educators chosen as a fellow to receive special training through the Leadership Institute of the American Dental Education Association.

She was also selected by the Louisiana Dental Hygienists Association (LDHA) as recipient of its Outstanding Dental Hygienist Award for 2010.

James Harrison, DDS, MSc, MA, clinical professor of Prosthodontics, received the President’s Citation for Contributions to Dental Education at the American Dental Education Association annual meeting.

Henry Gremillion, DDS, dean, was appointed by the American Academy of Orofacial Pain (AAOP) to serve on the American Dental Association committee that sets the standards for the teaching of orofacial pain in the 58 dental schools in the United States.

Laurie Moeller, DDS, associate professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, served as president of the New Orleans Dental Association for 2011.

Janice Townsend, DDS, interim head of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, was selected as the new faculty member of two honor societies, Omicron Kappa Upsilon and the C. Edmund Kells Society.

Faculty Promotions

John Gallo III, DDS, MS, Professor
Xiaoming Xu, PhD, Professor
Elizabeth Strother, AMLS, MBA, Librarian
Susan Parker, RDH, MEd, MBA, Associate Professor
Priyanshi Ritwik, DDS, MS, Associate Professor
Rebecca Worthylake, PhD, Associate Professor
Suleiman Hamdan, BS, CDT, Assistant Professor
Tricia Barker, RDH, MEd, Clinical Associate Professor
Christopher Brown, DDS, Clinical Associate Professor
Heather Haro, RDH, MSHCM, Clinical Associate Professor
Frank Martello, DDS, Clinical Associate Professor
Danna Necaise, RDH, MS, Clinical Associate Professor
In the second year of dental school, after years of rigorous textbook study, our students reach the turning point when they transition from student to clinician. This momentous occasion is marked by the White Coat Ceremony, when dental students pledge to uphold the highest standards of dentistry before their teachers, family and friends.

The reciprocal pledge of LSUSD is to provide the full spectrum of clinical experiences so that graduates are capable of treating every patient who comes to them for care. This tremendous responsibility depends on public trust. Last year we were honored with over 88,000 patient visits. This public trust enables us to fulfill our mission to educate the finest clinician-scientist. For that, we are grateful.

### LSUSD Clinics
#### Around the State

Students and residents from the LSUHSC School of Dentistry provide patient services at the following locations:

**Alexandria Region**
- Community-Based Dental Partnership Program
- Huey P. Long Airpark Campus
- Pinecrest Supports and Services Center, Pineville

**Baton Rouge**
- Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital
- Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
- LSU School of Dentistry Clinic (located inside the LSU Health System Surgical Center)

**Houma**
- Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center

**Lafayette**
- LSUHSC School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Clinic

**New Orleans**
- Louisiana State University School of Dentistry
- Louisiana State University School of Medicine
- Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (University Hospital)
- LSU Health, St. Charles Avenue
- Children’s Hospital
- Children’s Hospital Tooth Bus
- HIV Outpatient Dental Clinic
- Greater New Orleans Supports and Services Center, Algiers

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Senior dental students Saterfiel and Prejean work together on a patient.

New faculty member Dr. Rosalyn Crawford-McKendall with pediatric patient Lionel.

Dr. Shelly Joachim, assistant director of the LSUSD clinic in Baton Rouge, takes a patient’s history.
Access to dental care continues to be a critical issue for many in Louisiana. Impoverished children and adults, the elderly, the disabled, and those who live in rural areas often lack adequate oral health care. Seventy-eight percent (50 of the 64) of Louisiana parishes are currently designated by the federal government as dental health professional shortage areas.

Therefore, exposing students to underserved populations is a key component of the educational experience at LSUSD. The aim is to inform students about the issues and provide valuable outreach opportunities that may impact their decisions upon graduation. Some may choose to work or volunteer in a public health clinic, dedicate a portion of their practice to those in need, or practice dentistry in a rural, underserved area.

Every year LSUSD students participate in numerous community outreach activities, alleviating dental suffering in indigent or disabled children and adults. In FY 2011, close to 1,900 individuals were helped by LSUSD dental and dental hygiene students.

For example, members of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) met in New Orleans and staged the association’s first-ever outreach event at the dental school. Dentists from around the country treated 200 needy patients from the New Orleans community. Dr. Kay Jordan, a 1999 LSUSD alumna, was a key organizer of the event. Also, during the nationwide “Give Kids a Smile Day,” community dentists along with dental and dental hygiene students, residents and faculty members gave checkups, cleanings and sealants to 240 school-age children in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Several LSUSD students have volunteered their time and energy to help those in need. Jennifer Hew, assistant professor in Comprehensive Dentistry, (pictured at right) has tirelessly worked with the Special Olympics to organize teams of students, faculty and community dentists to travel on weekends to various locations in the state to help the special athletes. She also works with special groups like Team Smiles and the New Orleans Saints to provide services to children without access to health care.

Every spring, Diedra Brewer, a member of the dental hygiene faculty, finds the resources to help 200 children in the community. This year’s group came from Cox Elementary in Gretna. Money to pay for the buses that brought the children to the dental school was raised by the schoolchildren themselves.

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Snapshot of Patients Served at Outreach Activities

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Dental education is constantly changing, driven by the need to improve through scientific inquiry and new discoveries. This dynamic process is fueled by research, both in teaching and in practice. By integrating research into the dental curriculum, students are taught the critical thinking skills that will shape them into clinician-scientists.

Predoctoral and advanced education students undertake research projects that are mentored by faculty. These projects are internally funded through a formal application process that teaches students how to prepare grant proposals and manage their awards. The students present their research findings each year at national meetings such as the American Association for Dental Research (AADR). During LSUSD Research Day, dental students, residents and advanced education students present their research via poster displays. LSUSD is committed to creating a nurturing environment that encourages students and faculty to contribute to the body of knowledge that moves dentistry forward. The Center of Excellence in Oral and Craniofacial Biology, the research arm of LSUSD founded in 2000, received funding for major improvements to the scientific infrastructure. The State of Louisiana Health Excellency Fund ($8M) and a CoBRE grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources ($10.4M) allowed for expansion of facilities and additional faculty researchers. In addition to mentoring students and sponsoring Research Day, the Center directs a course on research methods, facilitates student travel to research meetings, and acts as a liaison between the faculty and granting agencies.

**Research Poster Competitions**

The top three winners of the predoctoral poster competition held at Research Day on April 29, 2011, were Christy Lottinger (D2), Zachary Bulmansi (D3), and Katie Evans (D2). The LSUSD Center for Excellence in Oral and Craniofacial Biology and the American Association for Dental Research sponsor this annual event. The winners were chosen from eight submissions of posters that had been presented at the 40th annual meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) held in San Diego. The other five students who received honorable mention for their submissions were Erin Maturin, Ruby Nhan, Mary McClendon, Keleigh Quimby, and Jim Nelson. Marc Corkern was chosen to give an oral presentation at the AADR meeting.

The major research interests of the Center’s faculty are oral infectious diseases and biomaterials. Three researchers are multi-year recipients of funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This funding is considered the gold standard among dental/medical researchers. Additionally, the work of these three researchers has been accorded the coveted designation of RO1 by the NIH. Last year, more than 23,000 RO1 projects were submitted to the NIH and only 15% were funded. LSUSD investigators also received 27 grant submissions this year, an all-time high.

**Faculty Members Funded by Federal Grants**

- **Mairi Noverr, PhD**
  Department of Oral and Craniofacial Biology.
  Laboratory focus: host-pathogen interactions during fungal infections and the role of biofilm formation in pathogenesis. RO1 and R56 funding from the NIH. Dr. Noverr also receives funding from the American Heart Association.

- **Z. Tom Wen, PhD**
  Department of Oral and Craniofacial Biology.
  Laboratory focus: bacterial biofilm formation in caries; RO1 funding from the NIH.

- **Xiaoming Xu, PhD**
  Division of Biomaterials, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry.
  Laboratory focus: novel antibacterial fluoride-releasing dental materials. RO1 funding from the NIH and two grants from the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation.

**Faculty Member Funded by Industry Grants**

- **David Simmons, DDS**
  Department of Periodontics, currently has five grants from multiple national and international dental companies. These grants support research fellowships in addition to the projects.
Providing a safe, modern facility is essential for a quality education. Built in the late 1960s, the school was due for numerous upgrades and renovations. In recent years, funds from the federal government, the LSU Health Sciences Center and private contributors became available for some of the most urgent projects. During 2010-2011, several were completed and others were initiated.

The renovation of two of the school’s largest lecture halls, Auditoriums A and B, has brought the decades-old classrooms into the 21st Century.

To create a more efficient and temperature-controlled environment, the school’s massive air handler units and all the internal ducts were upgraded and replaced. Exterior improvements have been equally impressive. The buildings have been resealed, weatherproofed, and power washed. In addition, new ornamental fences, landscaping and a new athletic field contribute to the beauty of the grounds.

Projects in progress include the renovation of the first floor of the administration building, a new patient screening area, renovation of the interim LSUSD Faculty Dental Practice, and the replacement of all the lights in the school with esthetic, energy-efficient fixtures.

Facility upgrades will continue as a priority. The school is currently in a major gift campaign to renovate the two preclinical simulation laboratories. Also, negotiations with FEMA for a new building on campus continue.

A new LSUSD Dental Clinic opened in fall 2010 in Baton Rouge. Residents in the General Practice Residency program provide care at the 13-chair facility, located in the LSU Surgical Center on Perkins Road.

### Interior Renovation Projects
- Auditoriums A and B
- Patient reception and waiting area
- Second- and third-floor wet labs
- Asbestos remediation
- Air conditioning upgrades
- Lighting upgrades

### Exterior Renovation Projects
- Fencing along property perimeter
- Athletic fields
- Patient parking lot
- Grounds landscaping
- Main environmental sign for school
- Building power washing

### Interior Lighting for clinic and administration buildings

### Second-floor wet lab

### Patient reception and waiting area in Jeansonne Clinic lobby

### New property fencing
Many people assume that the dental school receives most of its funding from the state of Louisiana. Not true. Four years ago, 48 percent of our overall budget was from the state’s general fund. Last year, we received only 38 percent. And the percentage continues to decrease due to statewide budget shortfalls. So far, we have been able to absorb the losses without layoffs or the elimination of core programs.

The question for us is “What do we do about it?” Increasing tuition, clinic income, grants, contracts and private support are all viable sources of revenue to help us address the issue. This past year, a modest tuition increase was approved by the legislature. And since 2008, our clinic income has increased an astounding 32 percent.

And because of the generous support of our alumni and friends, important facility upgrades, like the renovation of the student wet labs, were completed. LSUSD expects to experience additional budget reductions in the immediate future. However, with the support and commitment of our faculty, staff and the dental community, LSUSD will continue to weather the storm.

Over our 40-year history, our focus on education has never waivered. It will continue to be our cornerstone, ensuring that we graduate the finest dental professionals possible to care for the citizens of state of Louisiana.
The future of dentistry is full of potential as science produces new technologies multiplied by an increasingly informed consumer. More and more, patients understand the significant role of oral health in their overall health.

The continuing education program at LSUSD plays a vital role in transferring knowledge to the practicing dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant and dental laboratory technician. The program started 42 years ago before the dental school buildings were even dedicated, enjoys a national reputation for excellence and is a source of great school pride. Some revenues from the program are given back to support the school and its mission. In the past year, 53 courses were taught with an attendance of 2,357. Since the program’s founding, more than 50,000 dental professionals have attended about 1,000 classes.

The continuing education infrastructure at the dental school includes a “hands on” bench-top simulation lab that accommodates 90 participants.

To learn more about our continuing education programs, click here.

Technology Support for Satellite Learning Locations

Courses are now taught in seven Louisiana cities: making class originated from the campus of LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and was sent electronically to one of the newly renovated auditoriums on the LSUSD main campus. Dr. Henry Gremillion was instructor of the course entitled, “The Many Faces of Orofacial Pain.”

New courses offered this year, including dental forensics, provide exciting options for continuing education attendees.
I am proud to be an LSU graduate and a dentist...I am forever indebted to the school.

Isaac "Ike" House, DDS '84 (and daughter Brittany House, class of 2014)

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Eliska Davis, RDH, MRC
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Because of LSUSD I have a career as a respected professional, loving what I do every single day. This is why I give.

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Dr. Eric Geist, a graduate of the doctoral and oral surgery programs at the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD), has been selected outstanding alumnus for 2011. He received the award during the school’s Alumni Day on September 23rd. It was presented by Dr. Henry Gremillion, dean of LSUSD. "For decades, Dr. Geist has consistently reached out to serve his profession and his community, both nationally and throughout Louisiana," Dr. Gremillion said. "He gives wholeheartedly of himself as a teacher, leader and practitioner.

In the process, he exemplifies the finest qualities of dentistry and medicine." Dr. Geist, a native of Houma, received his DDS from LSUSD in 1979. One year later he completed his internship at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, followed by the completion of his residency at LSU Medical Center in New Orleans in 1984. Two years later he became a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Since that time he has been in private practice in Monroe. He is an associate professor at the University of Louisiana in Monroe and assistant clinical professor in the Department of Surgery at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

Leadership Roles
Since 1989 Dr. Geist has served in 22 different leadership positions in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (AAOMS). The week before Alumni Day, he was chosen for the leadership position that will culminate in his presidency in 2014. He has also won awards for fundraising and achievement.

He has been integral to the leadership of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, including service as president, vice-president and member of the board of directors. In 2002, he was honored with their Examination Committee Award. The LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation has recognized him for outstanding service. Since 1990, he has served in various leadership roles in the American Dental Association, which awarded him its “Grassroots Award for Outstanding Service” in 1999. He has been equally active in professional organizations, including the Louisiana Dental Association, Northeast Louisiana Dental Association and the Louisiana Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Geist has co-authored or edited 16 peer-reviewed publications. His research interests include the effects of diet, tobacco and alcohol on dental health.

The Alumni of the Year award is given to a graduate who has advanced the ideals of dentistry through distinguished teaching, service, patient care and research. The award was established in 1998. Past recipients are: Sandra Andreu, PhD, DH ’72; Virginia Angelico-Tatum, DDS ’79; Randy Green, DDS ’78; A. Fred McMullen III, DDS ’87; Endo 89; Denis E. ‘Chip’ Simon III, DDS ’76; Gerard R. Tully, Jr., DDS ’75; Gerard J. Chiche, DDS, Pros ’79; Ronald A. Bell, DDS ’72; Michael T. Robichaux, DDS ’72; Henry A. Gremillion, DDS ’77; Harry E. Goza, DDS ’78; and F. Ralph Dauterive, DDS, Loyola ’53.

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“I am deeply appreciative to my alma mater for affording me the joy and fulfillment that has resulted from my dental training,” said Dr. Rodgers. “Contributing to LSU is my small attempt to show my appreciation for my education and to help assure our future dentists have the same opportunity.”

Dr. Rodgers is a 1976 graduate of the dental school. He and his wife Betty Ann reside in Quincy, Florida.
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