

LSUSD Bids Farewell to the Masons

On July 13, faculty, staff, and students bid an emotional farewell to Dr. John (Sandy) and Carrie Mason, as they began their retirement from the LSU School of Dentistry. With a combined 50 years at LSUSD, the Masons leave behind many friends and a legacy of excellence in teaching, patient care, and service.

A 1981 graduate of the LSUSD periodontics advanced education program, **Sandy Mason, DDS**, associate professor of clinical periodontics, returned to the school as a faculty member in 1994. He received his DDS from Virginia Commonwealth University-Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry in 1974, followed by 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy. During this time he completed both a general dentistry residency at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and the LSUSD periodontics residency, achieving American Board of Periodontology certification in 1993.

Dr. Mason directed the periodontics predoctoral program at LSUSD for ten years. In 2014, he received the American Academy of Periodontology Educator's Award. With Dr. Ray Yukna, he co-authored a chapter in all four editions of the textbook *Comprehensive Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist*.

Caroline Flintom Mason, RDH, MEd, professor of comprehensive dentistry and biomaterials, program in dental hygiene, had directed the program since 1996. She received her bachelor of science in dental hygiene from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970. She

earned her masters in education in 1975 at Loyola University in New Orleans while a member of the dental hygiene faculty there. In 1977 she joined the LSUSD Department of Community and Preventive Dentistry, directing the program in dental hygiene from 1979-1981.

The Masons were married in 1981. While Dr. Mason was on active duty in the Navy, Ms. Mason taught at the University of Hawaii and worked in private practice in

Honolulu, Guam, and San Diego.

After their return to LSUSD in 1994, Ms. Mason taught for two years as a member of the dental hygiene faculty before assuming directorship of the program. In addition to serving as director of dental and dental hygiene courses, she steered the program through four highly successful Commission on Dental Accreditation site visits.

We wish the Masons much happiness in their retirement!



Carrie and Dr. Sandy Mason with Dean Gremillion

Dr. Robert Barsley, LDA President

In April **Robert E. Barsley, Jr., DDS, JD**, was installed as president of the Louisiana Dental Association for 2016-2017. A professor in the LSUSD Department of Diagnostic Sciences and director of Oral Health Resources and Community and Hospital Dentistry, Dr. Barsley is a 1977 graduate of LSUSD. In 1987 he earned a law degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and was admitted to the Louisiana bar that same year.

A past speaker of the LDA House of Delegates and LDA Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Barsley is also a former general chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference and former member of the NODA Board of Governors. In 2012 he served as president of the American Academy of

Forensic Sciences. In 2015 he was named LSUSD Alumnus of the Year and he recently received the NODA Honor Dentist Award.

Dr. Barsley has served as a consultant to numerous coroners' offices in southern Louisiana and he is on staff at the coroner's office in both Orleans and Jefferson parishes.



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