

Robert M. Laughlin, DMD, Appointed Interim Dean of LSU Health School of Dentistry

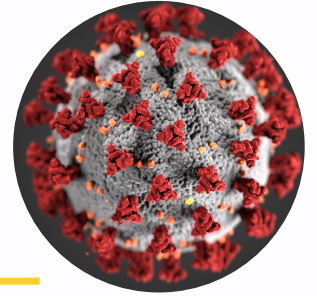


Dr. Larry Hollier, chancellor of LSU Health New Orleans, named Robert M. Laughlin, DMD, Interim Dean of LSU Health School of Dentistry (LSUSD) on May 19 following the death of Dr. Henry Gremillion. "Although we are all still in shock and reeling from the sudden loss of Dr. Gremillion, our dental school needs leadership at this crucial time when decisions must be made to move forward during the pandemic," wrote Dr. Hollier on the day of Dr. Laughlin's appointment. Dr. Gremillion recruited Dr. Laughlin as chair of the LSUSD Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery a year ago. He is working with the school's leadership to meet and grow the academic, patient care and research missions.

Dr. Laughlin earned his DMD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 2002 and

completed his residency at LSUSD and Charity Hospital in 2006. Dr. Laughlin received fellowship training in head and neck surgery and microvascular surgery at the University of Michigan and Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1990-1998 before joining the U.S. Navy in 1998. After completion of his training in 2007, Dr. Laughlin was assigned to the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, where he served as attending surgeon, residency program director, and department chair. In 2008, he received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Award and in 2014, he became the first oral and maxillofacial surgeon in the Navy to receive the Master Clinician Award. Dr. Laughlin continues Dr. Gremillion's vision of making the LSU School of Dentistry the best program in the country.

Students Cope During COVID



New COVID-19 precautions are changing how students and faculty are operating on campus. Due to the guidelines set forth by the CDC and WHO, students are experiencing changes in how student classes and clinics operate. "Didactic classes are held on Zoom, preclinical classes are divided in half, which has drastically reduced the number of available chairs," says Jordan Caldwell, D3. While in clinic students have a special, more protective mask that is worn in combination with a face shield. D4 student Jacob Smith says, "This experience is preparing me for the possible uncertainties of the future of healthcare." Smith says this experience has motivated him to be as efficient as possible. A safe school and a safe working environment continues to be the top goal of all of those working within LSUSD.

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Virtual Program
September 26, 2020
In Memory of
Dr. Henry Gremillion

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