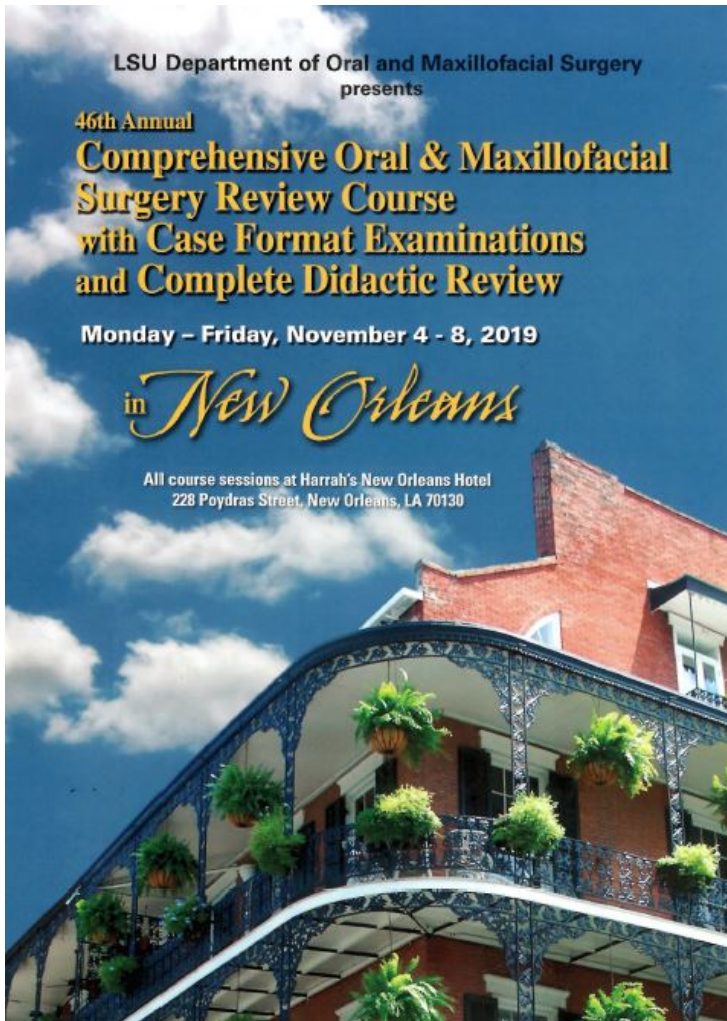


GREETINGS!



Tooley Towns, DDS
President JKOMSF

Dear colleagues. During the recent Pearls meeting, I was pleased to present the first LSU OMS Alumnus of the Year award to Dr. Ronald Marks for his contributions to the profession and the LSU program. Earlier in the year, he was honored by the SSOMS for his Lifetime Achievements to our profession. Rob Laughlin, DMD, became the new Chairman of the LSU program this spring and immediately became a board member of the JKOMS Foundation. We are honored to have Rob as our program leader and a member of our Foundation. We had a very successful Pearls course this spring. Rob and Jack Kent are working on Pearls 2020 course, so please give them your support. At the graduation ceremony for the residents, I presented the Haggerty/Laughlin "Atlas of Operative Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery" textbook to the new first year residents. They are very fortunate to receive a book written by graduates of our program. I hope to see all of our graduates join the Foundation and give back to their profession. Best wishes. **Tooley**

From Teresa Biggerstaff, DDS, MD On Behalf of the LSU OMS Alumni Association

With the Alumni association dues that we have collected, we were able to provide personalized headlights to all graduating residents in July 2019. Thanks to KLS for giving us a great deal on the headlights. All dues collected go directly to benefit the residents. We plan to provide a similar graduation gift this year and if enough dues are collected we would like to contribute to the annual fishing trip. The older alumni were able to go on fishing trips that were mainly funded by industry. This is no longer possible due to new laws regulating sales reps and industry, so it would be nice if our alumni association could contribute funds to the fishing trip. Lastly, dues payments can be made digitally using Venmo @LSUOMSAlumni. Yearly dues are just \$100, but any amount is appreciated!

Thanks

Teresa

“This has been a rainy 2019 summer, but not as bad as August, 2016 when we were up to our “A” in alligators. At least we can still get groceries”. 2019 has been a very, very, wet summer. You can step, not jump, into the Mississippi River from the top of the levee, Thanks to water flow from Yankee Land. First time in history, the Bonnet Carre Spillway has been open and closed same year. “



August, 2019



August, 2016

JKOMSF Board action

Colleagues. At the most recent Board meeting, there was a proposal led by Dr. Eric Geist to establish a Profile section in the Newsletter, which features two alumni. The selection of the individuals is either by alumnus volunteering or random Board action. The following are just suggested items for discussion in the Profile: Practice location(s), scope of services performed, time in practice, offices that you have held in professional organizations or hospital staffs, awards that you have received, hobbies or what you like to do besides OMS, information of wife and kids, and what you enjoyed most about your time as an LSU resident, etc. Secondly, those of you at recent Pearls meeting were pleased with the Alumnus of the Year award given to Dr. Ronald Marks. The Board will continue this award annually at the Pearls Course. The Board will make the selection and announce in the winter Newsletter. Recommendations should be sent to Dr. Geist, secretary/treasurer between September and December

**LSU OMS Alumnus Profile**

From Lynn Philippe, DDS ('86) - Professionally, having recently retired from clinical practice of 30 years, I remain active as an OMS in the provision of limited dentoalveolar, pathology and trauma services to the inmates in Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola one day a week. As long as "the prison gates close behind me and not in front of me when I present for exit," I will continue the work. Regarding other ancillary responsibilities, aside from multiple professional committees and organizations, one of my most rewarding was my ten-year membership on the LA State Board of Dentistry. The takeaway lesson "the necessity of compromise without sacrifice of principle".

Personally, I have been married to Robin for 27 years and we have a son and daughter (both married) who are an educator and attorney, respectively. We have been blessed with two lovely granddaughters, ages 6 and 2 1/2, who have "Papa wrapped around their little fingers" and three tropical birds. Extracurricular activities have included the usual (tennis, golf, boating, running), but now include fitness, the necessary family trips to Disney, travel to foreign countries with friends, assisting storm victims with rebuilding damaged/lost homes, medical missions and tinkering around the house.

My most enjoyable time as an LSU resident was no singular event. It was a culmination of the diversity of personalities, approach to treatment, individual specialty interests but, most of all, the camaraderie and dedication of our staff and resident colleagues that allowed us to deliver to those in need. To all of you, many thanks, for I received many "pearls" throughout our training that made me a better surgeon. "Vive le OMS"

From Russell Westfall BS, DDS ('79) - Russ completed the LSU/Charity residency in 1979 and joined a private practice with Bert Wood in Slidell, La. Very soon after joining the practice, he opened a second practice in Mandeville, La. and practiced in these two locations until July 2013, when he retired due to medical reasons. For five years after completing residency, he maintained Associate Professor status at LSU. During the time that he practiced, he enjoyed the full scope of oral /maxillofacial surgery. Like many of us, he did a huge amount of orthognathic and dentoalveolar surgery. He took ER call for 26 years doing the full scope of maxillofacial trauma procedures at Slidell Memorial Hospital, and later, at Northshore Regional Medical Center.

Beginning in 1989, dental implants became an increasing part of his practice, and with insurance restraints, orthognathic became less.

While in practice, he held several professional association and hospital offices: Secretary and Past President of the Louisiana Society of OMFS, Secretary, delegate, and president of Northlake Dental Association. Chair of continuing education Northlake Dental Association, 5 years, Chair of Continuing Medical Education, Northshore Regional Medical Center, 5 years and Chair of Northshore Hospice executive committee. He also served as Chair of Medical Records Committee and Chair of ACLS Training Committee, Slidell Memorial Hospital as well as Chair of numerous philanthropic organizations in his local communities.

Since retiring due to orthopedic issues, he has undergone several surgeries and has experienced some physical limitation. Despite this, he has actively pursued organic gardening, citrus production, and bee keeping.

Nancy, his wife, of 34 years, is an RN and together they are enjoying frequent international travel and love experiencing diverse places and cultures. Upon marrying Nancy, Russ gained two step children, Tom and Gail, who now have blessed them with 13 grandchildren aged 10 to 28 years. Needless to say, their home is very active during holidays.

“As I look back at my time at “mother Charity”, as the now empty hospital is remembered, I feel very humbled in having the opportunity to train there. I carry with me the pride, sense of camaraderie and unified purpose among the residents serving there. Together, we provided a lot of emergent care under often challenging conditions.” “Most importantly, I appreciate the dedication, foresight, and perseverance of our residency staff. We owe these people a huge debt of gratitude for advancing our profession and the privilege of practicing oral and maxillofacial surgery as we now know it today.”

OMS News Bits

Brian Farrell, DDS, MD, is a candidate for Director on the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The election is by the AAOMS House of Delegates in Boston. Congratulation Brian. Past Directors and President of ABOMS are Drs. Jack Kent and Eric Geist.

Rick Willis, DDS, has been reappointed to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and will become President next year. Congratulations Rick. Dr. Ronald Marks is a past President.

Dan Cook, DDS, MD, is currently the President of the North Carolina Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a recent donor to JKOMSF. Congratulation Danny!

Vernon Burke, DDS, MD, is President Elect of Texas Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Congratulations Vernon. Proud to have you, as we were with Mark Craig, lead the Texas Society of OMS.



Pearls IX on CONTROVERSY in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, March 27-28, 2020, will be held on the spectacular 41st floor of the New Orleans Marriott. This is not the weekend of the French Quarter Fest. The Women’s Basketball Final Four has every hotel room in the city booked. Speakers are tentatively the following:

- Mike Block, DMD, on Dental Implants
- Ed Ellis, DDS, MS, on Maxillofacial Trauma
- Mark Fletcher, DMD, MD, FACS on Dentoalveolar Surgery
- Stuart Lieblich, DMD, on Office Anesthesia
- Lou Mercuri, DDS, MS, on TMJ Surgery and Reconstruction
- Jon Perenack, DDS, MD on Cosmetic Surgery

Welcome Dr. Robert Laughlin

We are pleased to welcome **Robert M. Laughlin, DMD**, new chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Laughlin, who joined LSUSD on May 1, retired at the rank of commander from the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. He received his DMD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 2002 and completed his residency at LSUSD and Charity Hospital in 2006. He has received fellowship training in head and neck surgery and microvascular reconstruction at the University of Michigan and Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China.



Robert Laughlin, DMD, in front of portrait of his mentor, Dr. John Kent

Dr. Laughlin served with the U.S. Air Force from 1990-1998 and then joined the U.S. Navy in 1998. After completion of his training in 2007, he joined the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, where he served as attending surgeon, residency program director, and department chair.

The recipient of numerous awards, he placed as runner up for Charity Hospital Intern of the Year in 2004. For his extraordinary service as acting chief resident at Charity Hospital during Hurricane Katrina, he received the John Kent World Famous OMFS Award in 2005 and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Community Service and Leadership Award for Residents in 2006.

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 from the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Dr. Laughlin is co-editor with Dr. Christopher Haggerty of the Atlas of Operative Oral and

Maxillofacial Surgery, published by Wiley-Blackwell in 2015; he also co-authored 14 chapters in this volume. He is co-author of chapters in four additional textbooks. When the OMS department established the James R. Peltier Endowed Chair in 1988, the LSU Medical Center's first \$1 million chair, Dr. John Kent occupied the chair as its first eminent scholar until 2012. Dr. Laughlin has been designated the current holder of the Peltier Chair.

Dr. Laughlin brings to LSUSD the goal of rebuilding his department's relationship with undergraduate dental students and general dentists. He believes in practicing the "Four A's: Affable, Available, Able, Accountable

During Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Laughlin coordinated the survival of patients, residents, and staff, and after the storm he worked hard to continue the department's service in Baton Rouge. He will apply this same attitude toward leadership of the OMS department, serving students, residents, faculty, patients, and alumni.



Message from Chairman Rob Laughlin, DMD

Dear Colleagues

I intend to carry on the long tradition of excellence at LSU OMS in undergraduate education, residency training, patient care, and research as we continue to define and shape our specialty through innovation. LSU OMS has a legacy of distinguished graduates who have served as academic and health system leaders,

community leaders, outstanding clinicians, and researchers across the specialty, to whom I owe a debt of gratitude.

We as a department are on a path and focused on the mission to make LSU Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery the best in the country. Hurricane Katrina left us hurt but not broken. I give my many thanks to past and present alumni, faculty, residents and staff for all they have done to keep LSU in the forefront of our specialty. I want to give a special thank you to my predecessor, Dr. Mark Welch, for the many roles in undergraduate and graduate education he has served over the last twelve years. Through thick and thin, the good times and not so good times, Mark has been there. His love and devotion to our program and department continues the legacy established by Dr. Kent and many others. Thank you, Mark, for everything.

The department is undergoing change, rebuilding, and reorganization and creating new partnerships as we press forward in achieving our goals. The core and breadth of LSU OMS is alive and well, and getting stronger every day. The Residents are a phenomenal group of people, hardworking,

bright and intelligent with the world in front of them. They make me proud to be Chairman of your department.

Thank you, all of you for your support and dedication to the best specialty in dentistry and medicine. If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact me anytime. God Speed.

Rob

760-990-3070

“A message from new LSU OMS Faculty”

Brian J. Christensen, DDS, MD, is a proud 2019 graduate of the six-year LSU OMS Residency program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and has joined the LSUHSC New Orleans OMS faculty in July, as a full-time Assistant Professor. Dr. Christensen attended the University of Washington

School of Dentistry, where he earned his DDS in 2013. Following dental school, Brian moved to New Orleans to complete his OMS training. Brian is the author of several peer-reviewed scientific articles, has received several grants for research funding and has presented on multiple topics at national meetings. He is the recipient of research awards from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Christensen is also a peer reviewer for the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Brian will continue the tradition of clinical excellence, scientific innovation and educational dedication that has kept the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at LSUHSC New Orleans as a premier center for its specialty. Outside of work, Dr. Christensen spends time with his wife Amanda and their dog, Lana. They enjoy traveling, eating out in New Orleans, and spending time outside.

Brian Christensen, DDS, MD
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“A message from new LSU OMS Faculty”

Colleagues, it is with great pleasure that I return to LSU OMS as a faculty member. A little about me: I was born and raised in Canada. After completing my undergraduate at the University of Toronto, I attended dental school at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. I matched to New Orleans and loved every moment. My training experience inspired me to pursue an academic career focusing on Oral Oncology.

Since finishing residency, I completed a two-year combined Head and Neck Surgery, Microvascular Reconstructive fellowship at UAB. It was formative to train at a program which rivals major institutions such as MD Anderson and Memorial Sloan Kettering. In New Orleans, I aspire to fill the shoes of my mentor, Dr. BJ Kim. I will be joining Drs. Waleed Zaid and Chairman Robert Laughlin, who have a combined 22 years of experience with H&N and Microvascular Reconstruction. Our continued mission is to treat

patients following NCCN oncologic standard of care including timely diagnosis and treatment, tumor board consensus, appropriate adjuvant therapy referral, and regular surveillance in our Survivorship clinic.

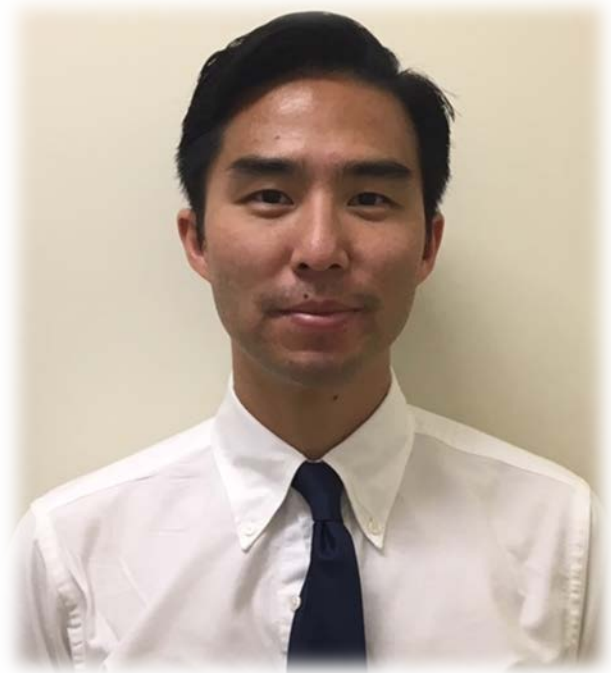
Importantly, we also push the standard of care to maximize quality of life; after all, our specialty has a unique capability to reconstruct the maxillofacial complex. Indeed, with VSP, orthognathic and implant principles, the reconstructive paradigm is shifting from ‘jaw in a year’ to ‘jaw in a day’. In fact, the LSU OMS team recently performed such a jaw-in-a-day procedure with excellent results.

Coming home to New Orleans is a dream for me as an LSU OMS alumnus; to inspire, as I have been inspired. To that end, I am mindful of the great responsibility to our training tradition, and I will work tirelessly to honor that legacy. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss cases, or to hang out when you are visiting NOLA.

Greatly appreciated,

Peter Parks, DMD, MD

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Eric T. Geist, DDS, FACS
JKOMSF Secretary/Treasurer

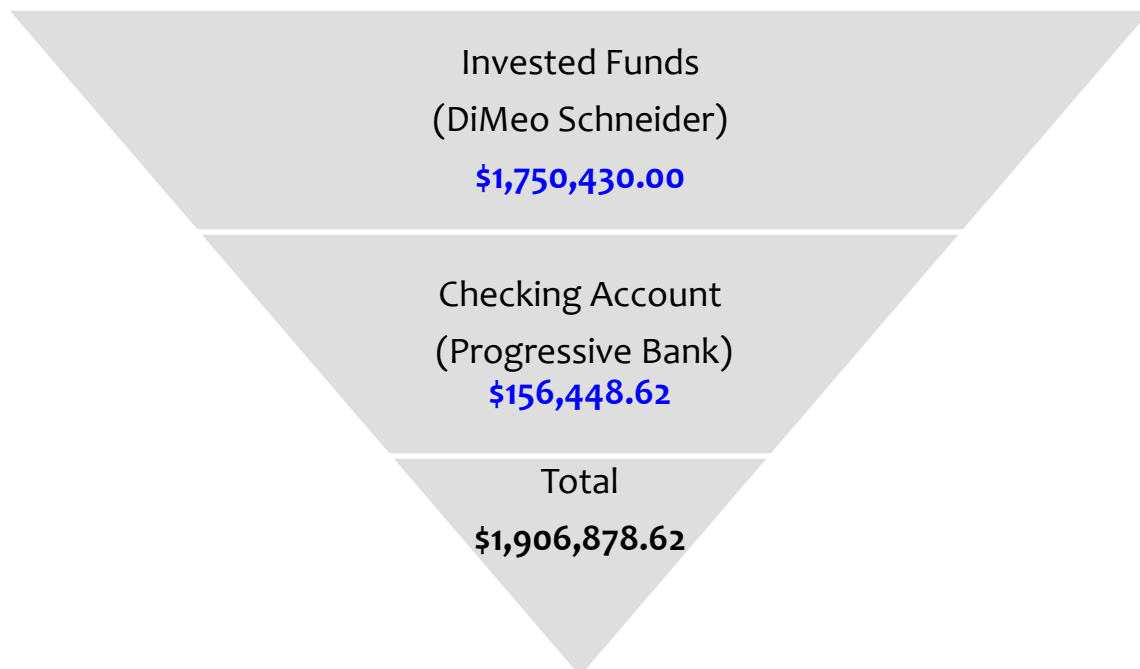
Greetings from the Secretary/Treasurer

I hope all of you are having a terrific summer, complete with lots of work mixed with a corresponding allotment of playtime.

I want to thank all of our donors for the important role they are playing in maintaining our legacy as a preeminent, if not the preeminent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical training program in the country.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Farrell and Dr. Daniel Cook have achieved the Silver Donor level. Dr. Gary Seldomridge, who has been a fixture at the Pearls courses, and is a University of Florida alum, became a Friend with a \$1000 donation.

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Eric T Geist, DDS, FACS

RESIDENCY PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations to the LSU OMS Residents who finished this past June 2019

Sixth Year



**Christensen,
Brian
DDS, MD**



**Rozanski,
Jillian
DDS, MD**



**Schier, Jr.
John
DMD, MD**



**Smoot,
Rachael
DDS, MD**

2019 Graduating Chiefs:

Brian Christensen, DDS, MD: LSU OMFS Full-Time Faculty

Jillian Rozanski, DDS, MD: Private Practice in San Antonio, Texas

John Schier, DMD, MD: Private Practice in Indianapolis, Indiana

Rachael Tyler Smoot, DDS, MD: Private Practice in Pensacola, Florida

First Year



**Certa,
Michael
DDS**



**Han,
Tiffany
DDS**



**Kim,
Chris
DMD**



**Timoshchuk,
Mari-Alina
DDS**

2019-2020 Interns:

Michael Certa, DDS: Columbia University School of Dentistry

Tiffany Han, DDS: University of California San Francisco

Chris Kim, DMD: University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry

Mari-Alina Timoshchuk, DDS: University of Washington School of

Our New Chief OMS Residents who will finish in June 2020



Sixth Year



Alshehry, Sami
BDS, PhD

Hinkle, Ryan
DDS, MD

Kuznetsov, Sergei
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