



## SVM UPDATE APRIL 2009

Welcome to the **April 2009** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the a [new scholarship at the LSU SVM](#), the LSU SVM's [new MRI unit](#), a [Fulbright Scholarship recipient](#), [internships and residencies](#), the [Western Veterinary Conference scholarship recipient](#), the [Hill's Great Rover Road Run](#), the [International Exhibition on Animal in Art](#), [alumni events](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



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Dewey and Gigi Corley cherish their 10-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, Darby. When she became ill in December, the Corleys took Darby to their veterinarians, Dr. Steven Everson (LSU 1979) and Dr. Brad Everson (LSU 2005) at Southern Hills Animal Hospital in Shreveport, La. Dr. Brad Everson (LSU 2005) did exploratory surgery on Darby and found a bleeding tumor, indicating cancer. They stopped the bleeding and referred the Corleys to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. While at the LSU SVM, Darby underwent diagnostic testing and further surgery where doctors removed her spleen, left kidney, and an adrenal tumor. She is now back at home with her family. To express their gratitude for the efforts of both the Eversons and the faculty, staff, and students at the LSU SVM, the Corleys have pledged \$100,000 to the LSU SVM for the establishment of the Dr. Steven D. Everson and Dr. Bradley S. Everson Honorary Endowed Scholarship, which will provide a \$5,000 scholarship to a deserving student each year starting in 2009. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on financial need and scholastic aptitude. Until the endowment produces earnings of \$5,000, the Corleys will make additional annual gifts so the scholarship can disburse this amount immediately. The first award will be given out this April. *Pictured here are (from left to right), Dean Peter F. Haynes, Dr. Brad Everson, Dr. Steve Everson, Gigi Corley, and Dewey Corley. For more information about this gift, go to <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Honor Their Veterinarians>.*

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## NEW MRI UNIT BRINGS ADVANCED IMAGING TECHNOLOGY TO LSU SVM

The new **Hitachi Echelon 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging Unit** at the LSU SVM will make it possible for both large and small animals to obtain examinations in-house. Neuroimaging is one of the most common reasons for the MRI examination in small animals and is the diagnostic method of choice for brain and spinal cord diseases. MRI is most commonly used to examine the limbs of our equine patients for diseases of the bone, tendon, ligaments, and joints. We are very excited about this new technology that became available April 2009. *For information about the new MRI and the Diagnostic Imaging Service, go to <http://radiology.vetmed.lsu.edu/>.*

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## LSU SVM SALUTES FACULTY AND RESIDENTS



**Dr. Joseph Francis, associate professor** (center), received the Faculty Distinguished Scholar Award at the annual Faculty/Graduate Student Dinner. Pictured with Dr. Francis are Dr. Tom Klei, associate dean for research and advanced studies (left), and Dr. George Strain, professor of veterinary physiology, pharmacology and toxicology, representing Dr. Francis's department, Comparative Biomedical Sciences. The Distinguished Scholar Award is presented to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to the advancement of veterinary medicine through research and/or scholarly activities.



**Dr. Shisheng Li, assistant professor** (center), received the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence at the annual Faculty/Graduate Student Dinner. Pictured with Dr. Li are Dr. Tom Klei, associate dean for research and advanced studies (left), and Dr. George Strain, professor of veterinary physiology, pharmacology and toxicology, representing Dr. Li's department, Comparative Biomedical Sciences. The Pfizer Award is presented to a faculty member who has excelled in veterinary medical research during the past two years.

**Dr. Sunil Vasanjee, visiting clinical instructor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS)**, is now a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Vasanjee has been employed at the SVM since 2002. He has served in several capacities including Small Animal Surgery Fellow from 2002-03, a Small Animal Medicine & Surgery Intern in 2003-04, a Comparative Orthopedic Research Fellow in 2004-05, and then as a Resident in Companion Animal Surgery from 2005-08. His current position in VCS is that of a Visiting Clinical Instructor of Companion Animal Surgery from July 2008 to present.

**Dr. Jessica Thompson, equine medicine resident (VCS)**, passed the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine exam (Large Animal Internal Medicine). Congratulations, Dr. Thompson!

**Dr. Shaomian Yao, assistant professor in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences**, received an NIH RO3 grant for his project entitled, "Development of selection techniques for purifying stem cells from dental tissues" for \$148,000 for the period of 3/15/09-2/28/11.

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## FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATES

The LSU SVM welcomes **Dr. Melissa Parsons-Doherty**, a new resident in medical oncology to the Cancer Treatment Unit team. Dr. Parsons received her DVM in 2005 from Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and successfully completed a Small Animal Rotating Internship from Garden State Veterinary Specialists in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, and an Oncology Internship at the University of Georgia. Most recently, she was participating in a Medical Oncology Residency at The Ohio State University, where she obtained grants from the Morris Animal Foundation and Winn Feline Foundation.

**Dr. Hollis Utah Cox, professor of veterinary microbiology in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences (PBS)**, retired effective January 5, 2009. Dr. Cox first joined the LSU SVM faculty on April 1, 1975. He has over 33 years of service with the LSU SVM and over 37 years of service with LSU.

**Jennifer Broussard, veterinary laboratory specialist in PBS**, retired effective February 26, 2009. She joined the staff of the LSU SVM on June 20, 1980, and has 29 years of service.

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## LSU SVM INTERN RECEIVES FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to **Dr. Alina Evans, Small Animal Medicine & Surgery Intern (VCS)**, who has been selected by the [J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board](#) to participate in a one-year award to Norway. Dr. Evans submitted her grant purpose "to study the evaluation of moose as a reservoir for reindeer diseases" in October 2008 and was just informed this week of her Fulbright Award. With the completion of a DVM and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Minnesota and the Small Animal Internship program at LSU, she is well prepared for the Fulbright Fellowship focusing on arctic wildlife in Norway. Dr. Evans has also conducted field research in Alaska, Tasmania, and Kenya, and will be returning to Norway for a second time.

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## LSU SVM STUDENTS AND ALUMNI OBTAIN INTERNSHIPS AND RESIDENCIES

Congratulations to the members of the **Classes of 2004, 2007, 2008, and 2009** who were successful in obtaining an internship or assistantship either through the Veterinary Internship and Residency

Matching Program sponsored by the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians or independently. Internships and residencies are the first step taken by veterinary graduates on the road to a veterinary specialty. **For a list of those LSU SVM students and alumni, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/new\\_interns\\_and\\_residents.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/new_interns_and_residents.htm).**

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## LSU VETERINARY STUDENT RECEIVES WVC SCHOLARSHIP

The Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) is pleased to announce that a \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a third year veterinary student at each of the 32 North American veterinary colleges or schools. Additionally, students received complimentary registration, lodging, airfare and a small daily stipend to attend the 2009 Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas, N.V. (February 15–19). In addition

to the usual evaluation of scholastic aptitude and financial need, students are selected based on their potential to assume leadership roles later in their careers. ***The 2009 recipient of the WVC scholarship from the LSU SVM is Kevin Ware (Class of 2010), pictured here (center) with Dr. Thomas Tully (left), professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and Dr. Jack Walther, past president of the Western Veterinary Conference and a past president of the AVMA.***

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## LSU SVM HOSTS OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS AT HILL'S GREAT ROVER ROAD RUN

The LSU SVM hosted 307 participants for the ***Hill's LSU SVM 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Rover Road Run*** on Saturday, March 21. This is up from 268 registrants last year. The Great Rover Road Run consists of a 5K Road Run and a one mile Fun Run/Walk with Rover. This year's major sponsor was Hill's Pet Nutrition. This event raises funds for the

Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. **For more information about the Great Rover Road Run and registration, go to <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/grrr.htm>.**

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## LSU SVM OPENS 22<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ON ANIMALS IN ART WITH RECEPTION

The LSU SVM opened its 22<sup>nd</sup> International Exhibition on Animals in Art on Saturday, March 28. Dr. Peter F. Haynes, dean of the SVM, and members of the SVM Art Show Committee welcomed more than 200 guests into the Veterinary Medicine Library for a first look at the exhibition. Two hundred and seventy artists from 41 states, Canada, Spain, Finland, Mexico, and the Netherlands submitted 583 entries for

the show. Seventy-five pieces are featured in the exhibition, which continues through April 26 in the Veterinary Medicine Library. *Pictured here is Margaret Rice of Baton Rouge, La., who won the Best of Show award for her oil on board entitled, "Morning Walk."* For more information about the Animals in Art exhibition, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/art\\_show\\_2009.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/art_show_2009.htm).

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## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

On July 13, at 6 p.m., the LSU SVM will host a reception for alumni and friends at the Top of the Market at Pike Place Market as part of the **American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference** in Seattle, Wash.

On November 7, the **Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004** will celebrate their milestone reunions (thirty, twenty-five, twenty, fifteen, ten and five years, respectively). These reunions will take place following the Annual Conference, which will be held on

the same day. A reception for all alumni and conference attendees will take place at 5:15 p.m. at the SVM, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented. Reunions for the Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

For information on alumni events, contact Gretchen Morgan at [gmorgan@lsu.edu](mailto:gmorgan@lsu.edu) or 225-578-9565 or go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/svm\\_alumni\\_&\\_donors.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/svm_alumni_&_donors.htm) and click on Alumni Activities. LSU SVM alumni are encouraged to visit [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/alumni\\_resources](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/alumni_resources) to provide the school with their most up-to-date contact information.

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## LSU SVM IN THE NEWS

The LSU SVM was featured in publications and on websites several times during the month of March and early April. Some of the stories included information about the SVM's shelter medicine program in *Imagine*, a publication for Iberville Parish residents (March 2009 issue); an article about how the LSU SVM compares to other SEC veterinary schools in the *LSU Daily Reveille* on March 2; an article about the Hill's Great Rover Road Run in the *LSU Daily Reveille* on March 22; articles on the International Exhibition on Animals in Art on [www.vetlearn.com](http://www.vetlearn.com), in the *Baton Rouge Advocate* on March 22 and April 5, and in the *LSU Daily Reveille* on March 29; an article about Dr. Shulin Li, professor of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, and his research on cancer in the *Baton Rouge Advocate* on March 13; and articles about the Dean's Student Scholarship Endowment Initiative in the *LSU Daily Reveille* on March 16, on The Horse Magazine's website at [www.thehorse.com](http://www.thehorse.com), and on dvm360 at <http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com>.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

March 28-April 26	<a href="#">"Animals in Art" Show Exhibit</a> , SVM Library
April 6-10	Spring Break, Years I and II
April 10	Good Friday Holiday
April 13-25	Spring NAVLE Window
April 17-19	American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Annual Conference, Austin, Texas
April 25	Aesculapian Ball, Louisiana State Museum.
April 30	Spring Reception and Staff Awards
May 1	Awards and Honors Banquet, LSU Union
May 2	LSU classes end
May 8	Semester ends

For information on these and other events, please go to the School's website at [www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu).

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## CLASSIFIED ADS FROM LSU SVM ALUMNI



Locally owned Banfield hospital in Lafayette, La. searching for a fulltime associate and a relief veterinarian. Relaxed environment practicing high quality small animal medicine and surgery. **Please call Dr. Scott Tate (LSU 1994) at 337-984-1668 or e-mail [om0638@banfield.net](mailto:om0638@banfield.net).**

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**Are you looking for career options?** The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Friona, Plainview, Amarillo, and Cactus, Texas. Our Public Health Veterinarians work in Meat and Poultry establishments

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**Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Beasley-McKean (LSU 1993).**

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