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*Photo of Mike VI, LSU's Live Tiger Mascot, courtesy of Jim Zietz, LSU University Relations*

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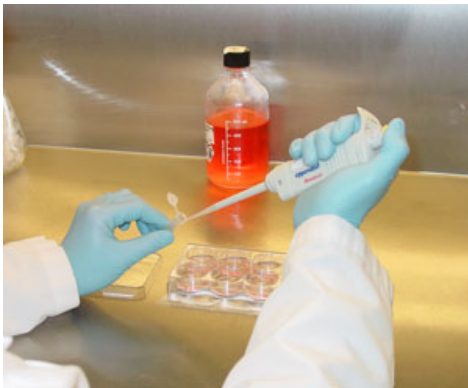
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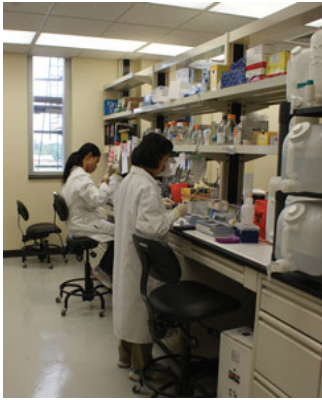
## LSU ANNOUNCES RAINMAKERS

### Seven of the 100 LSU Rainmakers are LSU SVM Faculty

LSU recently announced its second annual list of "Rainmakers," those 100 faculty members who are nationally and internationally recognized for innovative research and creative scholarship, compete for external funding at the highest levels and attract and mentor exceptional graduate students. Among this year's round of award recipients are faculty from nearly all disciplines on the LSU campus. Rainmakers from LSU SVM are **Joseph**

**Francis, MVSc, PhD**, Associate Professor in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (CBS); **Thomas R. Klei, PhD**, Boyd Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies; **Konstantin G. Kousoulas, MS, PhD**, Professor of Veterinary Virology in Pathobiological Sciences (PBS) and Director of the Division of Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine; **Shulin Li, MS, PhD**, Professor in CBS; **Fang-Ting Liang, MS, PhD**, Associate Professor in PBS; **Kevin Macaluso, MS, PhD**, Associate Professor in PBS; and **Gary Sod, MA, PhD, DVM**, Assistant Professor of Farm Animal Health Management in Veterinary Clinical Sciences. *For more information about the LSU Rainmakers, please go to <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Rainmakers>.*

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## LSU SVM RECEIVES \$1.48 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS

Louisiana State University is receiving new and supplement grants from the National Institutes of Health as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Eight of those grants are coming to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and bring over \$1.48 million to the School.

“These awards are an indication of the growing strength and quality of biomedical research efforts at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine,” said Thomas Klei, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies. “The grants will help investigators obtain additional grants to grow their research programs. They will also put outside dollars into the local economy, as a large portion of these funds will be used to pay the salaries of research associates and graduate students.” *For a list of the faculty and their respective research projects that received the ARRA funding, please go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Federal Stimulus Dollars](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Federal_Stimulus_Dollars).*

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## GOT CONTINUING EDUCATION? WE DO!

On November 7, LSU SVM will host the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. We are excited about our upcoming 78th Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians and the Alumni Weekend. This year’s conference will once again focus on companion animal practice and features experts on internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, and dentistry, as well as members of our own faculty discussing a variety of topics, including liver disease, dermatology, reproduction, ophthalmology, neurology, oncology, exotics, anesthesia, and practice management. There is also a session for veterinary technicians, who are a significant part of the veterinary community.

In addition to the eight hours of continuing education credit you can earn, there are several other activities available. On Friday, November 6, LSU SVM will host Pharmacy Day, and conference attendees are invited to meet with exhibitors. The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented at the reception on Saturday, November 7 after the conference. Exhibitors will be on hand to meet with you on Saturday throughout the day as well. We also hope to see you at the golf tournament at Pelican Point Golf & Country Club on Sunday, November 8. This tournament will raise funds for the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

SCAVMA is auctioning off a Rodrigue print of Drew Brees, quarterback for the undefeated New Orleans Saints. The print has been signed by both George Rodrigue and Drew Brees. Bids start at \$1,000. The print will be on display in the LSU SVM lobby from November 6-7 and at Pelican Point Country Club on November 8. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the golf tournament on November 8.

*To download a brochure, please go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/continuing\\_education.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/continuing_education.htm).*

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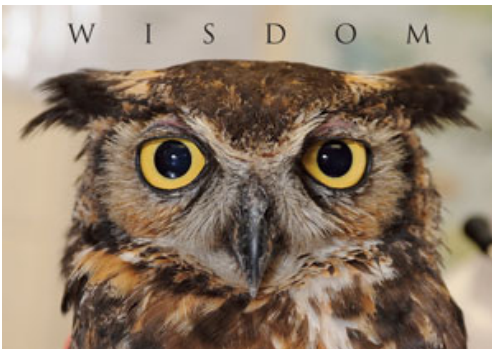
## ARE YOU AN ARTIST WHO LOVES ANIMALS?

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will hold the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual *International Exhibition on Animals in Art* beginning with an opening reception, which is open to the public, on March 27, 2010 in the SVM Library. The show then runs through April 25, 2010. Judge and Juror for this year's event is Katherine Rutledge, an artist and New Orleans native who received her BFA from LSU. Katherine studied at the Baton Rouge Fine Arts Academy and the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts. Her work is included in the permanent collection of the LSU Rural Life Museum, the McIlhenny Collection, and the Audubon Institute in New Orleans. The exhibition is open to all artists 18 years of age or older. All media are welcomed and accepted; the work must be original. A \$1,000 Best of Show award will be given and one

entry will be chosen to appear on the cover of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. **For details about entering the exhibition, please go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/art\\_show.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/art_show.htm).**

***Bird's Nest, an oil by George Gonzalez of Seabrook, Texas, received the LSU SVM Program Award at the 2009 International Exhibition on Animals in Art.***

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## GIFTS HELP CREATE MIRACLES

**wis•dom** \ˈwiz-dəm\ *n* / ME, fr. OE *wisdōm*, fr. *wis* wise | **1a** : knowledge and the capacity to make use of it.

Through your generous gift, LSU SVM was able to provide outstanding health care and education in 2009:

- 1 German shepherd puppy survived inherited ventricular arrhythmia, the second pet in the country to receive a surgically implanted defibrillator;
- 10 animals' lives were saved with emergency hemodialysis;
- 18 students received much needed scholarship support through your gifts to the Advance Veterinary Medicine Fund;
- 50 microscopes were purchased to upgrade student laboratory instruction;
- 98 percent of our students passed the national board exam before graduation;
- 99 dogs' lives were improved with our physical therapy unit;
- 125 animals benefited from advanced diagnostic imaging using MRI technology;
- 1,700 animals were treated by the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana, with a 45 percent overall release rate. Also, massive losses to the alligator industry were prevented;
- 7,500 animals were visited by Equine & Farm Animal Services;
- 22,811 patients were served by the LSU Veterinary Hospital, which is open 24/7.



In partnership with you, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine continues to achieve success. We are grateful for your wisdom in choosing to advance excellence. Thank you.

To make an online gift to support student scholarships, please go to <https://www.lsufoundation.org/contribute.php>, select the School of Veterinary Medicine as the beneficiary unit, and select, "Unleash Your Power to Heal" as the fund. Please call Judyth Wier, executive director for institutional advancement at **225-578-9870** for more information about giving opportunities.

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## ALUMNI NEWS AND EVENTS

Gretchen Morgan, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs, and Judith Roberson, Major Gifts Officer, recently spent two days visiting alumni in Houston. They would like to extend their thanks to all who so graciously took time out of their busy day to visit with them. What great alumni we have!

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. An alumni reception will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented. Reunions for the Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 will take place at the Stadium at 6:30 p.m.

*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.*

*Members of the Class of 2007 visit during the LSU SVM Alumni & Friends Reception at the AVMA Conference in Seattle, Wash.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

November 6	Pharmacy Day, LSU SVM
November 6	Fall Family Picnic, LSU SVM
November 7	<a href="#">SVM Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians</a> , LSU SVM
November 7	<a href="#">SVM Alumni Reunions</a> , Tiger Stadium
November 7	LSU Football vs. Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
November 14	Louisiana Tech v. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
November 21	Santa Paws
November 21	LSU Football vs. Ole Miss, Oxford, Miss.

November 25	Grand Rounds: Swine Flu presented by Dr. Martha Littlefield, Assistant State Veterinarian, and Dr. Gary Balsamo, State Public Health Veterinarian, LSU SVM Auditorium
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28	Arkansas vs. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
December 5	LSU classes end

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

### FOR SALE: SUITABLE AS START-UP, SATELLITE OR EMERGENCY PRACTICE

2400 sq. ft. modular building used as a 3 DVM small animal veterinary hospital for past 3 years, grossing over \$1.5 million/year. Available Nov./Dec. 2009. Buyer is responsible for moving from present location. Large Waiting/Reception area, Dispensary, Retail Food area. Two examination rooms, Treatment/Lab area, Surgery room, Kennel, Radiology room, Laundry/Food Prep area, 2 bathrooms, 2 private offices, Reception desk, Cabinets/countertops & automatic X-ray processor included. Wired for CAT5 computer networking (14 workstations), and wired for phone system, security system & digital radiology. For photos, go to [www.lakeviewvet.com](http://www.lakeviewvet.com) or visit in person at 6243 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA. \$79,900. **Contact Dr. Joe Morris 985-892-1931 or Dr. Gary Levy (LSU 1982) 504-482-2173.**

**Locally owned Banfield hospital in Lafayette, La. searching for a fulltime associate.** 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).**

**Are you looking for career options?** The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Cactus, Amarillo, and Lufkin, Texas. Our Public Health Veterinarians work in Meat and Poultry establishments and are vital to the safety of the American Food Supply. We offer a competitive salary - With superior qualifications, most Supervisory Public Health Veterinarians are starting around \$72,000. Some salaries will be higher, depending on the location and qualifications of the person selected. Many of our Public Health Veterinarian positions advance to the next grade after one year of satisfactory performance and conduct. We offer a recruitment bonus of 25% of starting salary with a one year service agreement, as well as a paid move. We offer paid sick and vacation leave, health, life, and dental insurance, and an attractive retirement plan. In addition, any work performed over 40 hours per week is compensated, and training is provided. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested or would like more information! **Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Beasley-McKean (LSU 1993).**

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