

Acclaimed radiologist receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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Senior vice president and School of Medicine dean Dr. Lee Hamm III, left, stands with Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Dr. Joseph Sackett. The presentation took place during the 50-year class reunion of the Tulane University Medical School. (Photo by Pat Garin)

Nationally recognized radiologist Dr. Joseph Sackett, a 1966 graduate of [Tulane University School of Medicine](#), is the recipient of the Tulane Medical Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the field of radiology.

Sackett received the award on May 13 during the celebration of his medical school class's 50-year reunion. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a graduate who has made significant contributions to the field of medicine, offered outstanding leadership in the community or exhibited lifelong dedication to Tulane.

"I can't think of a more deserving alumnus for this award," says Cynthia Hayes, director of alumni affairs and constituency programs for Tulane School of Medicine. "Dr. Sackett is a very accomplished physician and mentor. His dedication and commitment to the profession is readily

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seen, and he has been a strong advocate and volunteer for the Tulane University School of Medicine.”

Following graduation from Tulane and service in the Vietnam War, Sackett began an academic career in medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine. He served as chair of the department of radiology for more than 15 years and was instrumental in several notable research projects. His participation in the development and application of digital subtraction angiography — a technique used to clearly see blood vessels in bony or dense soft tissue — has now become the standard for safer and more accurate vascular imaging.

His leadership in neuroradiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine helped the section develop into one of the highest regarded research and training programs in the country.

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“I am greatly honored to receive the 50-year reunion Lifetime Achievement Award,” said Sackett. “There is a special loyalty all Tulane Medical School classes have for their school. They realize that the teaching and clinical opportunities are the best offered at any school.”

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