

Documentary features legendary medical alumnus

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The late Dr. Michael DeBakey, a medical pioneer and Tulane alumnus, is the focus of a documentary and lecture that will be presented at the Tulane University School of Medicine on Saturday (Aug. 18).

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Dr. Michael DeBakey, who held both bachelor's and medical degrees from Tulane University, was a world-renowned cardiac surgeon. (Photo from the Baylor College of Medicine)

Dr. Tony Herring, Caldwell Visiting Professor, will present his acclaimed documentary *DeBakey* that pays homage to the life of the world-renowned cardiac surgeon, who held both bachelor's (1930) and medical (1932) degrees from Tulane.

The documentary carries audiences through the renowned surgeon's history, touching on his personal life, his numerous professional accomplishments and his legacy within the context of medical science. Herring, chief of staff at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, produced the film shortly before [DeBakey](#) died in 2008 at the age of 99.

The Tulane Department of Orthopaedics annually sponsors the Caldwell Visiting Professorship in honor of Dr. Guy Caldwell, who served as professor and chair of orthopaedic surgery.

The [lecture](#) will be held at the Tulane School of Medicine, 1430 Tulane Ave., room 6001, at 9 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.