

Tulane University Graduates First Class of Doctors Trained in Baton Rouge

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Tulane University School of Medicine and Baton Rouge General celebrated the inaugural graduation of Tulane's Baton Rouge LEAD Academy class, marking the first time in the school's 177-year history that a portion of its graduating class spent their formative hospital training years in Baton Rouge.

Tulane and Baton Rouge General Medical Center established the LEAD (Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Discovery) Academy two years ago to allow medical students to spend their third and fourth-year clinical rotations based at Baton Rouge General's Mid City hospital. Experienced Baton Rouge General physicians serve as teachers, mentors and role models for students at the satellite campus.

"Working together, Tulane University School of Medicine and Baton Rouge General are committed to enhancing medical education opportunities in Baton Rouge and training our community's future physician leaders," said Dr. Benjamin Sachs, medical school dean and senior vice president at Tulane.

"As Tulane's only School of Medicine satellite campus, The Baton Rouge LEAD Academy is an important component of expanding Baton Rouge General's role as a teaching hospital and continue the transformation of Baton Rouge into a center of medical education and leadership," said Bill Holman, president and CEO, Baton Rouge General.

The inaugural graduation was accompanied by the presentation of the first Eugene Berry, MD, Outstanding Student Award, which recognizes a medical student from the Baton Rouge LEAD Academy graduating class for outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, professionalism, leadership, research, and includes a \$500 gift.

The award went to Gregory Mitchell, who plans to complete his residency training in

urology at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. The award was named for Dr. Eugene Berry, distinguished Tulane University School of Medicine Alumnus and recently retired surgeon, who was instrumental in developing and supporting the creation of the Baton Rouge General Medical Center satellite training campus.