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January 2024

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January 2024 *Happy New Year!*



Dear Alumni

Get ready for an exciting dive into the latest happenings and achievements at Larkin University. From inspiring alumni stories to upcoming events, we've got a lot in store. Join us in reconnecting with old friends and celebrating your successes. Your continued support means the world to us.

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To our growing community,

Dear Alumni, Students, Friends and Supporters of our great University, Faculty and Staff,

A very happy and successful New Year 2024 to all of you! We are delighted to introduce our January Newsletter, an avenue for strengthening bonds and celebrating your incredible achievements. These achievements give us all pride, Lion's pride!

Another year passed in the short history of our University. It was a year full of excitement, progress and change, a year with ups and downs, and, most importantly, as a community and university we got stronger and better. We started 2023 as a newly accredited member of SACS-COC, received our larkin.edu in January, and received full ACPE accreditation for our PharmD program in February. Over the summer we continued with the good news, receiving SEVIS approval for being able to enroll and sponsor international students in both Colleges and finally enrolled the largest class of students since the pandemic. This represented an increase of 100% in enrollment, ahead of many schools nationwide. In May we entered an agreement with Project Access Foundation to sponsor the development of a Physician Assistant Program at our university and started the Physician Assistant accreditation process. We are well on track for continuing success, and you can be excited for the news to come! The institutional accreditation forms the foundation for our future growth, and both colleges are intently working on developing new programs, certificates, and opportunities for growth.

We continue to advance and support research programs. We honored our past Board member with the Leonard Levy Symposium. It was a great showcasing of all that has happened at the University. Fundraising will be of key importance in this next phase of growth, to support our students, and to support the different initiatives of growth. We just started our first capital campaign and are working on building a circle of supporters and donors.

I invite you to join us on this exciting journey of staying connected, informed and inspired. Through this publication, we aim to provide you with an insider's view of the latest happenings at our great University. It is an opportunity to showcase the impact of our Alumni. We want you to stay connected to each other and want to highlight and celebrate your accomplishments and successes in your communities.

I am looking forward to all the adventures ahead of us. We start the new year 2024 ambitious to grow our university and expecting to make a difference!



Sincerely,

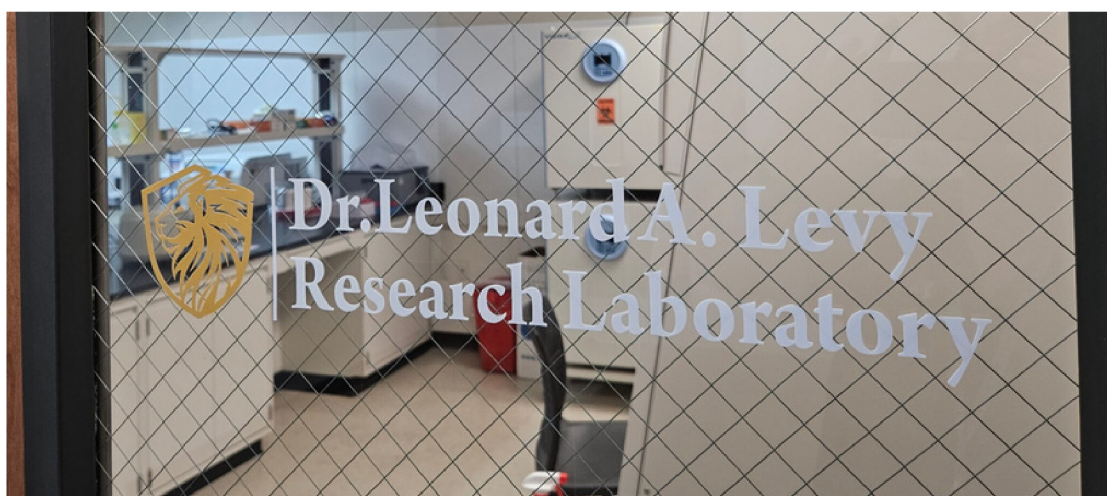
Dr. Rudi H. Ettrich, RNDr. MSC. PhD.

President & CEO



SYMPOSIUM IN MEMORY OF LEONARD A. LEVY

On Monday, November 13, 2023, the Board of Trustees of Larkin University and the President/CEO invited our community, friends and supporters to honor and celebrate the life of Dr. Leonard A. Levy, D.P.M., M.P.H., a lifelong leader and tireless champion of innovation in medical education and research. Together we remember the various stages of his professional career, his major contributions to medical education, health professions and to the scientific community through the eyes of those who worked closely with him. Last but not least, we featured exciting ongoing research resulting from the strategic plan that he spearheaded and developed for Larkin University in his last years. The symposium was followed by an Opening Ceremony of the Leonard A Levy Research Laboratory at Larkin University with attendance by the Levy Family, which was followed by a reception in his honor.



A LIFE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



Ribbon Cutting was Held at Larkin University To Celebrate New Rooms

April 2023 - Larkin University faculty and staff gathered to celebrate the two new student breakout rooms on the Miami Gardens Campus. In attendance was Dr. Mark D. Kent, Chair of Larkin University's Board of Trustees, and his family, whose generous donation made the breakout rooms possible.

"I joined the board of Larkin University nearly four years ago. I truly love its mission to educate the young minds within our community. Remodeling the student study rooms just felt like the right way to support their learning efforts," said Dr. Kent, "I was super excited to attend the ribbon cutting. To have faculty and staff attend, as well as Dr. Jack Michel who founded Larkin University attend as well, meant the world to me and my family."

Dr. Kent is the founder of three startup healthcare companies that help provider practices operate successfully within value-based arrangements: Care Management Resources, Total Health Medical Centers, and Your Partners in Health, and currently serves as the Chief Strategy Office at Cano Health. He has also held numerous senior executive roles, including having served as CEO of Women's Health Care Hospital in Evansville, Indiana, and as CEO and regional President of all Humana-owned Florida-based primary care practices, which today are known as Conviva Care Centers.

Dr. Kent is a nurse by training and earned a master's in business administration from Purdue University and holds a Ph.D. degree. He is double board certified as a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and a Fellow of the American College of Medical Practice Executives. He also proudly serves on numerous other national and local boards including the Broward Health Foundation Board.

Larkin University's mission of diversity and academic excellence are important to Kent and additionally, through the Kent Family Foundation, he has provided scholarships to assist students in their journey. "We are very proud to have a student graduating very soon from the School of Pharmacy!", he said.

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) recently awarded accreditation to Larkin University's College of Pharmacy PharmD Degree. ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy. Larkin University is a private non-profit university founded in 2013 located in Miami Gardens, FL serving a diverse student body to bridge the diversity gap in the healthcare community.

Lion's Pride



EVENTS



FPA Legislative Days in Tallahassee



January, 2023

White Coat Ceremony Class of 2025

February, 2023



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Lions Day



June, 2023



Lions and Cubs Mentoring Lunch

July 2023



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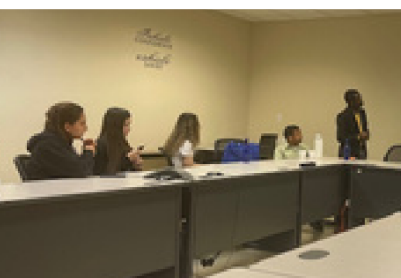
PDC St. Jude's Walk in Miami



September, 2023

PDC Picnic with Alums

September, 2023



Meet the Lions Day



December, 2023



Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Brittney Romer

Class of 2019

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Psychiatry

PGY-1 Residency Program Coordinator

Memorial Regional Hospital

Hollywood, FL

Active in the following Professional Organizations: Kappa Psi, SESHP, FSHP



Colleagues can connect with me

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/b-romer>



I am currently waiting for my new home to be completed!

Dr. Cely Cole

Class of 2021

Publix Pharmacy Manager

Daytona Beach, FL



Colleagues can connect with me



Dr. Chris Hanley

Class of 2020

Pharmacy Manager at CVS Pharmacy

Orlando, FL

Member of: CVS Division 8 Leadership Council, Captain for Immunizations R32 D10



Colleagues may reach me at:

Chrisbhanley@gmail.com



Welcomed a daughter, Madison, in April 2021





Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Nicole Patalano-Bice

Class of 2020

Clinical Pharmacist at Brooks Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospital
Jacksonville, FL



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Dr. Sukeina Nasser

Class of 2021

Clinical Pharmacist – MTM Services
Optum
Detroit, MI

Active in the following professional organizations:
AMCP, IPhO, ISPOR, ASHP, and APhA



Colleagues can connect with me

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sukeina-suki-nasser/>



Dr. Orlando Marrero

Class of 2021

Pharmacy Manager at Publix Pharmacy
Miami Beach, FL



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Dr. Jisselle Izaguirre

Class of 2023

Walgreens Staff Pharmacist
Doral, FL



Colleagues may reach me at:
786-609-5354



Welcomed my 3rd son on August 10th, 2023



*Welcomed my daughter in
2023*

Dr. Natalie Lamelas

Class of 2020

Staff Pharmacist at CVS Health
Hialeah, FL



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786-609-5354



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"

African Proverb



Alumni Spotlight



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Angel Jordan

Class of 2018

Ross University School of Medicine

Accomplishments

- University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center Student Senator- current
- President of Sports Medicine Interest Group-current
- Presented Lecture on Sports Psychiatry
- Member of Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity
- RUSM Student National Medical Association Secretary-Spring 2024

Chloee Favor

Class of 2022

Clinical Pharmacist – MTM Services

Accomplishments since graduating in December 2022:

- Accepted to AUA College of Medicine.
- Volunteered in my local community, including Small Miracles whose goal is to end childhood hunger in my hometown of Wenatchee, WA.
- Worked for the family business to gain more knowledge about real estate and develop my professional skills.
- Devoted much time to my hobbies which include leisurely reading, skiing, tennis, traveling, and spending time outdoors enjoying the fresh air.



Bensley Bornelus

Class of 2022

Started his own consulting company last year, focusing on educational strategies and business structure.



Running my own company has really reinforced my love for finance.

Tracy Hurlston

Class of 2021

Accomplishments:

- Accepted to AUSOMA.
- An MD 1 student at University American University School of Medicine Aruba.
- A proud registered respiratory therapist who enjoys patient care.



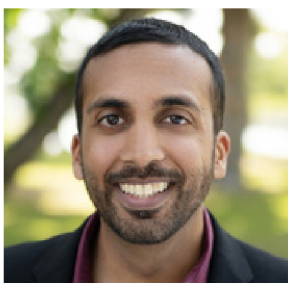


New Faculty



John Fetse

Assistant Professor



Rahul Nohria

Associate Professor



Soon Yang

Assistant Professor



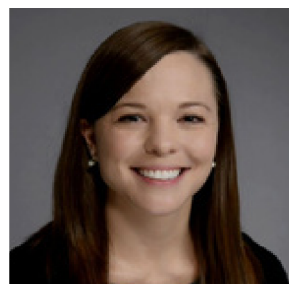
Prashant
Sakharkar

Associate Professor



Doug Ried

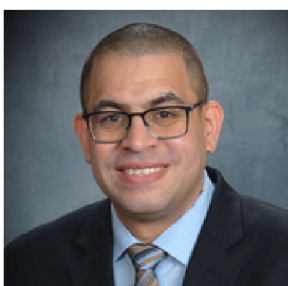
Professor and Chair
Department of
Clinical and
Administrative
Sciences



Jenna Bloemer

Assistant Professor

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE/ STAFF



Victor Santiago

Senior Admissions
and Recruitment
Advisor

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