LSU's Warner Named SEC Professor of the Year

Dr. Isiah Warner, LSU Boyd Professor, the Phillip W. West Professor of Chemistry and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor at Louisiana State Univeristy, was named the 2016 SEC Professor of the Year in April.

Warner's research aims to develop and apply chemical, instrumental and mathematical measurements to solve fundamental questions in chemistry. The Bunkie, LA., native also serves as LSU's Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, and he is one of the world's experts in analytical applications of fluorescence spectroscopy.

"Dr. Warner embodies the most desirable qualities we seek in the professoriate, and his commitment to students and passion for research are to be commended,"

Dr. Isiah Warner works with chemistry students in his LSU laboratory.

said Nicholas S. Zeppos, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University and President of the Southeastern Conference.

In addition to his research, Dr. Warner, who chaired the LSU Department of Chemistry from 1994-1997, pioneered efforts to broaden the participation of underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

"The SEC is honored to name Dr. Isiah Warner the 2016 SEC Professor of the Year," said SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey. "His focus on students, particularly those from groups often underrepresented in the chemistry discipline, has elevated LSU to unprecedented heights in the field. I congratulate him on this tremendous accomplishment."

The SEC Professor of the Year is selected by the SEC Provosts from among the 14 SEC Faculty Achievement Award recipients. Dr. Warner will receive a $20,000 honorarium and he will be recognized at the SEC Awards Dinner later this month. Click here to read the full story.

Alabama Wins 2016 SEC MBA Case Competition at Arkansas

The Alabama team hoists the traveling trophy after its win.

The University of Alabama took first place in the 2016 SEC MBA Case Competition held at the University of Arkansas, April 7-9. The winning team was comprised of Abhinav Bhattacharya, Matt Collins, Katie Grayson, and Katie Lamberth.

"The experience that you gain through a competition like the SEC MBA Case Competition is invaluable," said Katie Lamberth, a second year MBA student at Alabama. "You have to come up with a realistic solution, and you can't be wrong because the judges are a part of the company and they know their company."

The University of Florida finished second in the competition, followed by Texas A&M University and Mississippi State University.

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SEC Faculty Travel Visit Focuses on Stuttering

During a recent SEC Faculty Travel Program visit, Dr. Geoffrey Coalson, Assistant Professor at Louisiana State University, traveled to Nashville to meet with Dr. Robin Jones, Assistant Professor at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, to continue investigating two different cognitive processes and how they relate to stuttering.

"My research focuses on working memory in people who stutter and how well they retain new information," said Dr. Coalson. "Some recent research shows there is a correlation between working memory and regulation of behavior, and that's where Dr. Jones comes in because his research focuses on behavioral inhibition."

The two, who first met at Vanderbilt when Coalson was working on his master's degree and Jones was in a doctoral program, believe working memory and emotion affect stutter-

Dr. Coalson presents his research.

ing. The visit allowed Dr. Jones, whose work focuses on children, and Dr. Coalson, who specializes in adulthood stuttering, to compare research and look for links that may contribute to the continuation of the disorder throughout a person's life.

"I believe the most innovative discoveries occur when we have cross-institution collaborations, and we're honored to participate in the SEC Faculty Travel Program," said Vanderbilt's Dr. Jones.

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