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Gardenhire Named LCC Van Meter Recipient

Parsons, KS- The Lafayette Community College Alumni Association announces the 14th Annual William & Allene Guthrie Van Meter Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. The 2013 recipient of this prestigious award is Dr. Douglas S. Gardenhire, of Marietta, GA. Gardenhire is a graduate of Lafayette Community College and is currently entering his thirteenth year on faculty at Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta, GA. For the past decade he has served as Director of Clinical Education for the Respiratory Therapy Program.



Dr. Douglas S. Gardenhire is a proud graduate of the Respiratory Care Program at Lafayette Community College. After receiving an associate degree from Lafayette Community College Dr. Gardenhire earned a Bachelor of Health Science from Wichita State University, a Master of Science in Technical Teacher Education from Pittsburg State University and a Doctor of Education from the University of Georgia.

Prior to joining GSU, Dr. Gardenhire served as Director of Clinical Education for the Respiratory Care Program at Lafayette Community College. Clinically he has practiced respiratory therapy as an international/domestic flight therapist at the University of Alabama Hospitals in Birmingham, AL, as a critical care respiratory therapist at St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita and as a staff respiratory therapist at Lafayette County Medical Center.

Gardenhire is the author of *Rau's Respiratory Care Pharmacology*, and *A Guide to Aerosol Delivery Devices for the Respiratory Therapist*. He is also chapter author on Airway Pharmacology in *Egan's Fundamentals of Respiratory Care*, as well as chapter author on Airway Pharmacology and Delivery of Aerosol Drug Therapy in *Respiratory Care Clinical Lab Competency Manual*. He has authored a number of peer-reviewed articles on respiratory care education and aerosol medication. His research interests continue to focus on respiratory care education, pharmacology, and product evaluation.

Dr. Gardenhire regularly presents his research and speaks on respiratory care practice at meetings across the county. He serves on the editorial board for Respiratory Care Education Annual and the Internet Journal of Allied Health and Practice. He is a member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) where last year he was awarded the National Educator of the Year. He is also a Fellow of the AARC which recognizes his significant and sustained contributions to the respiratory care profession.

Gardenhire was born and raised in Parsons and graduated from Parsons High School. He is the son of Teresa and Orville Gardenhire and grandson of Erlene and the late Paul D. Cares. He and his wife Robin recently celebrated fifteen years of marriage. They have two daughters, Alison 9 and Ella 7. The family resides in Marietta, GA.

The Van Meter award will be presented at the 16th Annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, November 15th. The award was named in memory of the Van Meters for their generous estate gift that funded renovation of Thiebaud Theatre at LCC. William was a 1929 graduate of the college and Allene taught romance languages at the college from 1929 to 1935. Previous Alumni who have received this award include; Gary Bandy in 2012, Dr. CJ Huff in 2011, Dr. Jerry Bouman in 2010, Dr. Sandra K. Willsie in 2009, and William "Pat" Haley in 2008. For a complete list of recipients or for more information on the William and Allene Guthrie Van Meter Outstanding Alumni Award, please contact Lindi Forbes, LCC Foundation and Alumni Director, at (620) 820-1212 or by e-mail at lindif@lafayette.edu.