

Kudos & Congratulations!



On September 9, the Board of Directors of the Arts Council of SWLA appointed Heather Hidalgo-LaFleur as its 2017-2018 Board President during its annual board meeting. LaFleur has served on the Arts and Humanities board for three years and previously held the positions of Second Vice President and 1st Vice President. The board also approved a new slate of Executive Committee members, including Emily Porche of Burton Complex as First Vice President, Morgan Turpin of SWLA Economic Development Alliance as Second Vice President, and Devan Corbello of Family & Youth Counseling Agency as Secretary. Eleven new board members were also approved, including James Babin of ASI Office Systems, Jim Ferguson, Artist, Joshua Floyd of Safari Realty, Tiffany Fontenot of Trinity Baptist Church,

Ashley Phelps-Gatte of Empire of the SEED, James Guilbeaux Jr. of Stevens & Guilbeaux Financial Consulting group of Wells Fargo Financial, Stefanie Nixon of Million Air, Amy Nyberg of CSE Federal Credit Union, Brian Pitre of The Dev Department, Garrett Stine of Stine Lumber, and Megan Thomas of Calcasieu Parish Public Library.

CHRISTUS Lake Area Hospital and Lake Area Physicians recently welcomed Lawrence Weber, M.D., Ph.D. to the medical staff. Dr. Weber received his medical degree from Weil Cornell University Medical College in New York, followed by orthopaedic fellowships in hand and upper extremity surgery, as well as shoulder and elbow surgery at The University of Pennsylvania Health Care System. The office of Dr. Lawrence Weber is located at 4150 Nelson Rd., Bldg. D, Ste. 1 in Lake Charles. For more information or to request a consultation with Dr. Weber, please call (337) 562-5200, or visit ChristusHealth.org/Lake-Area/Lake-Area-Physician-Services.



Healthy Image Marketing Agency in Lake Charles recently announced the addition of Taylor Trahan Henry to their staff of communication specialists. Prior to joining Healthy Image, she spent two years as the marketing and communications coordinator for United Way of Southwest Louisiana. She brings experience in media writing, social media management, design and public relations to the Healthy Image team. In her new position, Trahan will be responsible for working on a variety of public relations and communication projects for the agency's clients.

The Arts Council of SWLA and the City of Lake Charles are currently accepting nominations for the 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards ceremony which is scheduled for Friday, November 2, at 6 p.m. at Central School. Categories include Artist of the Year, Citizen of the Arts, Citizen of the Humanities, Arts Educator of the Year, Arts Organization of the Year, and Patron of the Year. The Keystone Award is also given to an individual who works diligently behind the scenes, without whom programs and performances would not be possible. Those who wish to nominate an organization, individual, or group can download a nomination form at www.artscouncilswla.org. Nominations must be received by the Arts Council office no later than Friday, October 20, 2017. For more information about this year's Mayor's Arts Awards, call the Arts Council at 439-2787.