On March 17th we learned the results of the match and are pleased to announce the residents entering the program in July 2012:

Joshua Cooper - University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama.

Alicia Lacour - Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans.

John Sfondouris - Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

Because LSU's medical schools in New Orleans and Shreveport admit only Louisiana residents, Match Day data from these schools are regarded as indicators of the state's future supply of physicians. This year, 57 percent of those graduates will remain in Louisiana. Of the 178 seniors at LSU's New Orleans medical school who were in the match, 104 will have Louisiana residencies, as will 60 of the 108 seniors from Shreveport. This is slightly less than last year's total of nearly 60 percent. The percentage of doctors staying in Louisiana has been on the rise since a low of 44 percent in 2006, when the first post-Hurricane Katrina match was held.

Source: www.nola.com, March 17, 2011

Radiology Residents entering the program, July 2011:

Dr. Brooke Morrell is currently completing her internship at Weiss Memorial Hospital at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Dr. William Mullen and Dr. William Shaffer are completing internships in the Department of Internal Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.

The ground breaking and construction has begun on the new LSU multidisciplinary clinic located at 3700 St. Charles Avenue. This 74,000 square foot building (shown left) will include many LSU departments in one practice site. It is anticipated to open in August or September of this year.

Governor Bobby Jindal will attend the ground breaking for the University Medical Center (UMC) on Monday, April 18, 2011. The ceremony will be held in the 1900 block of Tulane Avenue. Serving as the state-of-the-art medical education center for healthcare professions in Louisiana, the UMC will be part of a collaborative complex in downtown New Orleans with the new Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The hospitals will be key academic anchors for LSU, Tulane, Dillard, Xavier, Delgado and other healthcare training programs throughout south Louisiana.
CONGRATULATIONS!

To Aran and Rebecca Toshav on the birth of their son, Elijah.

To Dr. Leonard Bok for finally taking a vacation!

Winter Melancon completed an extensive house renovation. We’re looking forward to the housewarming party.

Dr. Richard Kuebler moved to new digs in the heart of the French Quarter.

NEW FACULTY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Radioembolization, a lecture
By Dr. Bahri Ustunsoz,
April 1, 2011, 8:00am
ILH Room 102

Residency Fair, LSUHSC
April 4, 2011, 1:00p
Lion’s Building, 6th Floor

Association of University Radiologists Annual Meeting
April 12 - 15, 2011
Boston, MA

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival
April 29–May 8, 2011

Radiological Society of Louisiana
June 18, 2011
Westin Canal Place, New Orleans

DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD

We are pleased to report our recent ACGME Site Visit Results: our department was granted a 4 year review cycle! Our next site visit will be in late 2014.

Dr. Hugh Robertson was an invited speaker for the 4th Annual Ophthalmic Symposium, January 20 and 22 at King Faisal Research Center of King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He also presented lectures and worked with senior Radiology residents for Saudi Board examination preparation at King Faisal Hospital and Research Center in Jeddah on January 19.

The Department sponsored a lecture by Dr. Michael Gee on Feb. 18, 2011. Dr. Gee is an Instructor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School. His topic was The Emerging Role of MRI in Pediatric Abdominal Imaging.

Dr. Luis Serrano, et al presented an online electronic poster during the European Society of Radiology, March 3 – 7, 2011 in Vienna, Austria. The poster was entitled, “Primary Small Cell Carcinoma of the Breast: Imaging Overview and Histopathological Correlation.”

In October 2010, Dr. Aran Toshav was appointed Radiology Residency Program Director. He recently attended the ACGME Conference, including the Introductory Course for new program directors.

The Graduate Medical Education office has selected a new Residency Management software, New Innovations, which was implemented in February.

Dr. Dennis Lindfors will be rejoining our department as a part-time faculty member.

We are offering a radiological physics course, via teleconference, to our radiology residents in collaboration with LSU – Baton Rouge. The course covers the curriculum for Diagnostic Radiology Residents recommended by AAPM Subcommittee of the Medical Physics Education of Physicians Committee. Instructors are Kip Matthews, PhD, LSU-Baton Rouge; Stephen Lokitz, PhD, Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana; Polad Shikhaliev, PhD, LSU-Baton Rouge; and Wei-Hsun Wang, PhD, LSU-Baton Rouge.

Dr. Mignonne Morrell, PGY-3, will attend the four-week radiology/pathology course at The American Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP), now a program of the American College of Radiology. The AIRP offers radiology training formerly held at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

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