

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

The Aesculapian Society recently announced the winners of this year's Aesculapian Excellence in Teaching Awards. In keeping with our goal of excellence in medical education, numerous Department of Medicine faculty and sections were recognized as the award winner (bolded) or recognized (underlined). Congratulations to all our outstanding teachers!



L2 Fall Semester Award

Winner: Dr. Victoria Burke, Infectious Disease
Dr. Michael Modica, Internal Medicine - New Orleans



L2 Spring Semester Award

Winner: Dr. Taniya de Silva, Endocrinology
Dr. Randolph Roig, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



L3 Resident/Fellow Award

Winner: Dr. Chloe Spears, Medicine / Pediatrics



L4 Intern Award

Winner: Dr. Nicholas Christakis, Anesthesiology
Dr. Peter Bergeaux, Internal Medicine – Baton Rouge



L4 Resident/Fellow Award

Winner: Dr. Connor Bennett, Internal Medicine - BR
Dr. Melody Salmanian, Internal Medicine – Baton Rouge
Dr. Mary Holohan, Internal Medicine – Baton Rouge



L4 Staff Award

Winner: Dr. Guido DeJesus, Internal Medicine – BR



Junior Faculty Award

Winner: Dr. Shelby MacRae, Pulmonary Critical Care
Dr. Alissa Ice, Internal Medicine - Baton Rouge



Department Award

Winner: Internal Medicine - Baton Rouge
Pulmonary Critical Care – New Orleans



Dr. Matthew Dear (IM Resident) was recently awarded a VA award for VA Health Professions Trainee of the Year for 2025-26.

Strong work!



Drs. Ben Springgate and Ashley Wennerstrom (Community and Population Medicine, and Center for Healthcare Value and Effectiveness) presented on March 23 to the Clinical Scholars Action Network, which hosted their 2026 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The title of the presentation was "Lessons from Community Academic Partnerships Supporting Resilience in a Changing Climate."

The Gastroenterology team (Drs Danny Raines, Catherine Hudson, Nisha Loganantharaj, John Hutchings, Stephen Landreneau, and Jason Stibbe) worked with University Medical Center (UMC) to open a new AI image-guided interventional lab; the first location in Louisiana to utilize AI to minimize x-ray dose to patients and staff during ERCP and image-guided endoscopic gastrointestinal procedures.



Our Gastroenterology IBD nurse, Ann-Porter Uhlhorn, was honored at UMC as this year's Daisy Award Recipient. This is an international award which recognizes nurses who demonstrate exceptional technical/systems performance as well as dedication to human connection.

Dr. Raines writes "This nurse represents the LSU DOM in ways which are inspirational to all. We are very grateful for her partnership in patient care at UMC."

Congratulations Ann!

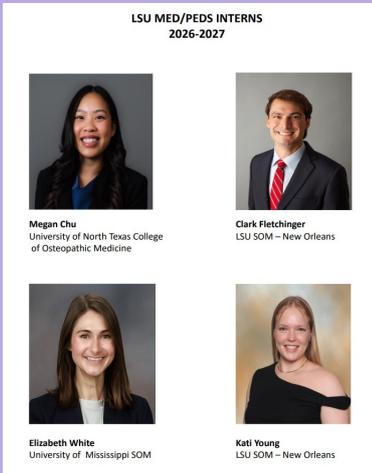
Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) recently mentored Shreya Mohandas (prospective LSU med student) who presented an oral abstract at the 2026 Southern Regional Meeting of the SGIM. The presentation was titled "Psychiatry Resident Perspectives on HIV Prevention for People Living with Mental Illness (PLMI)." Coauthors included John Wells and Zachary Stielper (psychiatry) and Jennifer Glick (SPH).



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Congratulations to the whole Department of Medicine on an awesome match. All of our programs (New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette) matched their spots and we have gotten a group of outstanding interns on the way!



Includes IM/EM and Peds-EM

