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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication



The Louisiana State University School of Medicine Pre-Commencement Ceremony occurred on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, and the Department of Medicine was well-recognized by the senior medical students.

Recognitions included the following:

Conferee of the Oath of Hippocrates:
Dr. Taniya De Silva (Endocrinology)



Best Clinical Teacher: **Dr. Matthew Foy (Baton Rouge)**

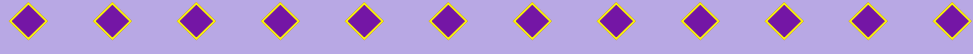


Hooders:

- Matthew Foy, MD** (Baton Rouge)
- Cacky Hebert, MD** (Comprehensive Medicine)
- Dean Lauret, MD** (Baton Rouge)
- Cathy Lazarus, MD** (Comprehensive Medicine)
- Ross McCarron, MD** (Hospital Medicine)
- Fred Lopez, MD** (Infectious Diseases)



Best Department: **LSU-BR Internal Medicine**

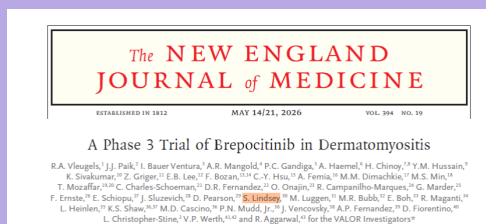


The Humanities in Medicine senior elective, directed by Dr. Cathy Lazarus and Dr. Jay Mussell, was voted the best 4th year course by the senior students.

Dr. Shelby MacRae (Pulmonary/Critical Care) was chosen to deliver the Clinical Year in Review for adult bronchiectasis at the 2026 American Thoracic Society (ATS) meeting. The ATS is the largest pulmonary medicine organization in the world, and the lecture series in which she participated is one of the highest profile activities of this international gathering. Congrats to Dr. MacRae on this great honor and thank you for so wonderfully representing LSU-HSC at ATS!



Dr. Stephen Lindsey (Rheumatology) recently published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* an international study on a new JAK inhibitor in Myositis. This work was done at the CTCRC with the help of Sean Barry, research coordinator.



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The LSU Emergency Medicine faculty and residents had a strong showing at the recently held Special Operations Medical Associations 2026 Scientific Assembly in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr Michael Kling (PGY-3) and Dr David Rayburn (EM/Peds faculty) presented a poster of their recent out of hospital research titled: "Cold O+ Blood for Life-Saving Transfusion- Delivery in the Prehospital Setting"



Dr Rayburn, combined with two other presenters for: "Ultrasound-Augmented Triage: A Proposal to Refine Field Decision Making in Tactical Combat Casualty Care"



Dr. Brandon Retif (Pulmonary/Critical Care) was invited to help lead an all-day POCUS course at the National Kidney Foundation Spring Clinical Meetings.



Dr. Paul Lelorier, Dr. Mariam Rauf, Dr. Jameel Ahmed (Cardiology) and the Invasive Laboratory team at UMC marked a milestone, expanding access to leadless left ventricular endocardial pacing (LVEP). This implant helps patients in our community benefit from additional treatment options when conventional therapies may not be sufficient.

Dr. Fred A. Lopez (Infectious Diseases) was the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Visting Professor at LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine.



A multi university group participated in a Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA) device Simulation Lab. Dr Alison Smith and trauma fellows from all over the country participated at our Baromedical Research Lab on the Westbank.

