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DOM NEWS BLAST

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Dr. Farha Khan and Dr. Jimmy Falterman (Lafayette) are delighted to share the news that with the help of an intensive board review program provided by a number of faculty, all 8 graduates of the Lafayette residency program passed their Internal Medicine Boards.

Congratulations to the Lafayette Team!



Pictured Top row left to right are Anbar Ahmed, MD, Amit Rajkarnikar, MD, Heath Scott, DO, Ryan Falcone, MD. Bottom Row: Josh Quintana, DO, Simran Gandhi, MD, Taha Ahmed, MD, and Jacob Cunningham, MD.



Dr. Frank Smart (Cardiology) was recently quoted in an article about LCMC Health's upcoming launch of "Uniquely You" a no-cost genetic screening for certain types of cancer and heart disease that will launch in early 2027. Dr. Smart stated "he sees great protentional for this study to advance the pharmacogenomics field, which explores how an individual's genetic profile affects their response to medication."

You can read the article here:

https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nola.com%2Fnews%2Flcmc-health-helix-genetics-testing-program-louisiana%2Farticle_15856c14-2d8e-4c82-9a20-ba91987ef39c.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmjac19%40lsuhsc.edu%7Ce1b9ae7b741e4808c46f08df3b82d275%7C3406368982d44e89a3281ab79cc58d9d%7C0%7C0%7C639295105186721588%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=34PXa43HyOJuTUF3ZHsPk1XW48AW1t1%2FRoi7i9GoyHo%3D&reserved=0

Congratulations to Dr. David Welsh (Pulmonary/Critical Care) whose mentee, Aleena Gibbons (M2) won the Margaret Raiford Hano Research Travel award in the recent 23rd Annual Medical Student Research Symposium. Ms. Gibbons took first place in the virtual presentation for her abstract titled "Immunity, Microbiome, and Pathogenesis in Alcohol-Associated Cancer Treatment (IMPACT) Study"





Congratulations to Swati Sharma, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Rajesh Mohandas (Nephrology), who presented her research "Chronic Kidney Disease Drives Microglial Immuno-Metabolic Reprogramming and Excess Sympathetic Nerve Activity," at the American Heart Association's Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2026 in Arlington, Virginia. She was also selected as a finalist for the 2026 Stephanie Watts Career Development Award, recognizing promising early-career investigators in hypertension and cardiovascular research.





SAVE THE DATE!

Department of Medicine's Faculty Meeting

December 11, 2026

Medicine Grand Rounds at 12:00 PM