

LSU Health

NEW ORLEANS

School of Medicine

Department of Anesthesiology

Newsletter Spring 2026



2026 Louisiana Society of Anesthesiology Annual Meeting – March 13 – 14



Congratulations to our new **Chief Residents**: Dr. Lindsey Lang and Dr. Keionne Green! A special thank you to our outgoing chiefs, Dr. Carlos Guardia Ferrer and Dr. Morgan Hall for their commitment to the residents and the residency program. They will be greatly missed.

2026 – 2027 CHIEF RESIDENTS



Lindsey Lang M.D.



Keionne Green M.D.

Welcome Back as Faculty:
Selina Garcia, MD



The Mack A. Thomas , MD Endowed Lectureship in Anesthesiology Guest Lecturer:



Andrew J Patterson, MD, PhD

A professor and Chair at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Dr. Patterson's presentation, "Serving those in Need - Global Health and Humanitarian Aid Work" delivered thoughtful insight into his career path and evolution into an authority in his field.



Brian Beetham, Richard Pino, MD, Andrew Patterson, Md, Mack Thomas, MD

Welcome New Residents - 2026



Kenneth Granados
Medical University
South Carolina



Shahan Maqbool
LSU New Orleans



Maritza Martinez
LSU New Orleans



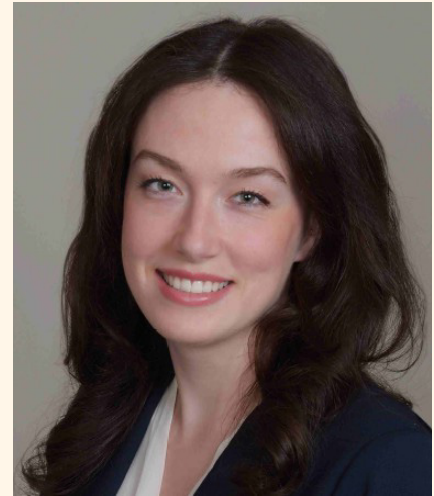
Partrick Quarles
University of
Arizona



Noah Roberson
McGovern Medical
School at UT Houston



Lily Valiulis
LSU NewOrleans



Lauren Wilkin
Texas A&M - Dallas

The Aesculapian Society announced one of our very own as a winner of this year's Aesculapian Excellence in Teaching Awards:



**L4 Intern Award
Nicholas Christakis, MD**

2026 SOAP

**Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology held in
Montreal, Quebec, Canada April 29 – May 3, 2026**

- **David Nguyen, MD** abstract, **Factor VII deficiency and Remifentanil use** was accepted.
- **Brannon Broussard, MD** and **Jakayla Harrell, MD** as co-author, abstract **Increased ICP in the Parturient with Alport Syndrome** was accepted.



Dr. David Nguyen presented both abstracts during the SOAP Conference.



Dr. Brannon Broussard Dr. Jakayla Harrell

Note: Drs. Broussard and Harrell were unable to personally attend the conference.

Publications

- **Pino RM**, Bittner EA, Thomas MA. Awake Bronchoscopic Intubation: A Survey of Practicing Members of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. *Anesth Analg* 2025;141:1449-1451.
- **Pino RM**, Fahimipour K, Pelaez L. Dynamic laryngeal obstruction by Reinke's edema. *Anesthesiology* 2026;144:666-667.

Projects in Progress

- **Green, K Pino, R** Preoperative IV Catheter Placement QI - QI Project
- **Stokes, D, Kline, R** Pediatric Vascular Access with QI - QI Project
- **Wyche, M (Trey)** IV Skills Lab project
- **Riopelle, J, Yapuncich, M**, Hebert, R, Bohannon, A, Dominique, C, Hopkins, L, Conner, E, Jung, P Low-Cost MPX Silicone Pressure Sensor-based Sock Measuring device

Our Future Anesthesiologists



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Alex Pham, MD

Dr. Pham is a double board-certified interventional pain physician in Dallas, Texas, practicing at Seva Medicare. Trained at LSUHSC and UCLA, he specializes in advanced, minimally invasive procedures designed to restore function, relieve pain, and elevate quality of life. His training at LSUHSC instilled the resilience, grit, and discipline that define his approach to both medicine and life. Outside of medicine, he enjoys fitness, exploring global cuisines, fine wine tasting, and attending curated live experiences such as candlelight concerts. He also enjoys traveling with his fiancée, with his most recent trip visiting safaris in South Africa. He values time with his family and friends and is driven by a commitment to continuous growth, excellence, and impact.

Dr. Cefalu continues to treat patients with chronic pain in Shreveport, Louisiana at River Cities Interventional Pain Specialists as an interventional pain physician. He enjoys offering a variety of advanced minimally invasive procedures to his patients in need. He is married to his wife, Alexis Cefalu, whom is a practicing Nurse Practitioner in the field of neurology. He has two kids James and Johnnie Cefalu as well as a third baby boy due in June. He enjoys spending time with his family and working as a part time anesthesiologist at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi teaching residents and fellows. He is most excited about the addition of his third child and becoming a partner in his current pain practice.



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