Accolades and Announcements:

The Department welcomes **Dr. Rachna Jetly** to the faculty as an anatomic pathologist with a focus in surgical and hematopathology. Her office is at the MEB. Please stop by and help her feel at home.

The Department congratulates two of its faculty on winning the prestigious Aesculapian teaching award this year: **Drs. Giovanni Lorusso and Art Zieske.**

**Dr. (Patrick) David Kearns,** alumnus of L.S.U. Medical School (1979) and L.S.U. Pathology (1984) is a new member of the Committee of 100 and donated to the L.S.U. Medical Alumni Association for Pathology Department.

The newly reorganized medical student interest group in pathology has been officially designated **S.I.P.S** [Students Interested in the Pathology Specialties]. The title was selected via anonymous vote from a total of 10 entries, winning with >70% of the vote. The first meeting is set for Friday, March 25th.

With enthusiasm, we invite you to come and view the newly renovated Pathology Conference room, including its state-of-the-art imaging technology. This is home to the Departmental Conferences hosted bi-monthly on Tuesdays. Stop by.

From the Pathology Residency:

The Residency Program would like to formally thank its outgoing Chief Residents, **Drs. Kirk Bourgeois, Farrukh Gill and Jeffrey Springer,** who completed their year’s term in December. The program thrived under their leadership and we wish them continued success. We would also like to formally announce our new Chief Resident for 2011, **Dr. Amy Collinsworth (HO-III).** Please congratulate Dr. Collinsworth on her new leadership position and welcome her into her new role.
From the Pathology Residency, continued:

Dr. Kirk Bourgeois (HO-IV) has secured a fellowship position at the University of Alabama – Birmingham in the Molecular Pathology program. He begins his training in July of 2011. Dr. Farrukh Gill (HO-IV) has secured a fellowship position at Tulane University Medical Center in Cytopathology. He begins his training in July of 2011.

Dr. Jeffrey Springer (HO-IV) had a paper published in the Journal for Forensic Sciences [J Forensic Sci 2011:56 S259-S262]. Congratulations, Dr. Springer.

Pathology residents Drs. Matthew Safley (HO-II) and Thomas Orgeron (HO-I) have been peer-nominated to be the resident liaisons to S.I.P.S. They will each serve a two year term and will be tasked with exchanging ideas and cross-communication between the Pathology Department and our LSU School of Medicine medical students.

Once again, the Residency Program would like to thank alumnus, Dr. Gault Townsend, for his continued contributions to the training program. Dr. Townsend sent each resident the new version of Dr. Laposata’s book Laboratory Medicine. With his support, our residency library continues to be updated. For more information on donating to the residency library or the educational P.E.E.R. fund, please contact Ms. Leslie Davis.

The Pathology Residency Program would like to thank the following visiting professors for their educationally rewarding seminars:

Drs. James Nelson, David Keren and Leon Barnes.

New Arrivals:

‘Javier Orlando’ and ‘Clara Sofia’ born to Dr. Mariaclara Torrellas (2010) on 12/29/10

‘Arya Shridhar’ born to Dr. Rachna Jetly on 1/31/11
Departures & Retirements:

Pat Mangiaracina: December 2010 after 36+ Years of service

Dr. Richard Gaumer: January 2011 after 30+ Years of service

Dr. Carmen Espinoza: February 2011 after 20+ years of service
Volunteer’s corner:

Fannie Jackson and her daughter Layla volunteer at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s Disease in Audubon Park in October 2010 in memory of Fannie’s mother.

Lab News:

Dr. Roxane A. Townsend, Interim CEO ILH and HCSD, presented Chris Gremillion with the Employee-of-the-Month award for February 2011. Congratulations Mr. Gremillion on a job well done!

Morton’s Steakhouse Celebration event in honor of Dr. Espinoza

Upcoming Events:

Medical Student Match Day: March 17th.
S.I.P.S - Students Interested in Pathology Specialties inaugural meeting: Friday, March 25th 10am MEB, Classroom A
ASCP Annual Resident in Training Exam (RISE): Friday April 1st 800-400pm
LSU School of Medicine Residency Fair: April 4th

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