



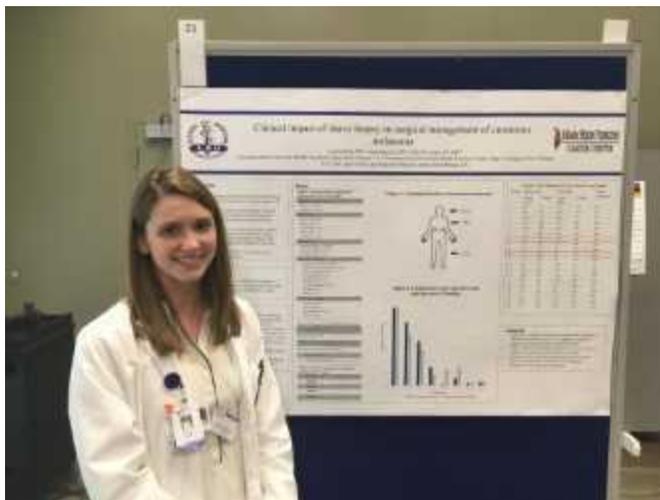
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### **[Medical Student Wins Research Day Award in Baton Rouge](#)**

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Congratulations go out to third year medical student Lauren Petit for winning best clinical research poster at LSU-Health Baton Rouge Regional Research day! Lauren is presently performing third year clinical rotations in Baton Rouge.

Her poster is entitled “Clinical Impact of Shave Biopsy on Surgical Management of Cutaneous Melanoma” and was performed with John Lyons, M.D. in Surgical Oncology.

### **[Avegno Secures Grant to Support Forensics Program](#)**

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Congratulations to out to Jennifer Avegno, M.D., of the section of Emergency Medicine for securing at \$10,000 grant from the Junior League to support the UMC Forensics program!



[Lazarus Wins NBME Award](#)

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Dr. Cathy J. Lazarus, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Records, received *The Edythe J. Levit Distinguished Service Award from the National Board of Medical Examiners* on March 23, 2018 at the 2018 NBME Annual meeting. The award recognizes “individuals who have devoted countless hours to the work and the vision of the NBME”. Dr. Lazarus began her volunteer service to the NBME in 1998. She has served on 15 different committees and task forces over the last 20 years including the Behavioral Sciences test writing committee (chair 2002-2006), the Evidence Based Medicine item writing committee, the video scenario task force, the Step 1 oversight committee, the NBME Board, the Stemmler Fund Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, the Diversity Task Force, the Budget Committee (which sets the fees for the USMLE exams), and the Search Committee for the Executive Director. She remains a member of the Communications Skills Item Writing Task Force.

[Congratulations to our Graduating Graduate](#)

[Students](#)

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Congratulations are in order for the following students who received their degrees from the School of Graduate Studies at the 144th Annual LSUHSC Graduation: Graduating Ph.D. students and their mentors.

Graduating M.D./Ph.D. students and their mentors.

*Master of Science* Bryant Nicholas Autin  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Cameron (Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology)



Darryl Anthony Gaudet, Jr.  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Stefany Primeaux (Department of Physiology)

Charles Seth Lott  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Wayne Backes (Department of Pharmacology)

Shawn Jacob Marcell  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Ludmila Belayev (Neuroscience Center of Excellence)

Nouriath Gnon Ningbinnin\*  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Ben Kelly (Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology)

Rod Ingraham Paulsen\*  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Scott Edwards (Department of Physiology)

Jonquil Marie Poret  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Stefany Primeaux (Department of Physiology)

Alicia Nicole Ray-Botello\*  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Nicholas Gilpin (Department of Physiology)

Domonique Patrice Smith  
Department: Biomedical Sciences  
Major Professor: Dr. Robert Siggins (Department of Physiology)

*Doctor of Philosophy*

Hannah Leslie Albritton

Department: Microbiology, Immunology, & Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Alison Quayle

Dissertation: *The Importance of Local Mucosal Antibodies in Chlamydia Trachomatis Infections in Women*

Sami Mohammed Alshehry

Department: Cell Biology & Anatomy

Major Professor: Dr. John Cork

Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of Different Educational Resources for Teaching Neck Anatomy to First-Year Dental Students*

Kayla Tye Beale Fuselier

Department: Human Genetics

Major Professor: Dr. Ed Grabczyk

Dissertation: *MLH3 Isoforms: The Difference 72 Nucleotides Makes in GAA•TTC Repeat Expansion*

Minmin Luo

Department: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Sunyoung Kim

Dissertation: *A Study of Kinesin-5 Mechanotransduction in Multi-Motor Systems*

Mazvita Maziveyi

Department: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Suresh Alahari

Dissertation: *The Role of Nischarin in the Breast Tumor Microenvironment*

Allyson Lea Schreiber

Department: Physiology

Major Professor: Dr. Nicholas Gilpin

Dissertation: *Brain Corticotropin-Releasing Factor (CRF) Signaling Mediates Traumatic Stress-Induced Behaviors*

Dustin Roderick Todaro

Department: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Arthur Haas

Dissertation: *Mechanistic Conservation in Nedd4-2/NEDD4L-Catalyzed Polyubiquitin Chain Assembly*

Rishi Kiran Trivedi\*

Department: Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. David Lefer

Dissertation: *Effects of LCZ696 on Myocardial and Vascular Function in the Setting of Heart Failure*

Shannan Darice Washington

Department: Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. Donna Neumann

Dissertation: *To Loop or to Insulate? How CCCTC-Binding Factor (CTCF) Regulates the*

*Transcriptional Program of Herpes Simplex Virus Type I (HSV-1) Latency and the Transition to Reactivation*

\*In Absentia

**Medical Student Award Winners**

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Congratulations go out to the entire class of 2018 on their graduation from medical school! We wish you all the best in your future residencies and careers.

We'd also like to bring to your attention the following recipients of awards and honors presented at Pre-Commencement on May 16, 2018:

**ALLEN A. COPPING EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

- Patrick Grieffenstein, M.D., (Department of Surgery)

**THE USPHS EXCELLENCE AWARD**

- Patrick L. Johnson

**THE GERALD R. GEHRINGER AWARD**

- Madeleine Marie Barat Leefe

**THE NORMA C. RAGLAND MEMORIAL AWARD**

- Christopher Charles Anderson
- Mark Andrew Hoppens
- Laura Anna Petrauskas
- Chloe Eveleth Renshaw

**THE ALASTAIR H. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD**

- Matthew Ryan Migneron

**THE GEORGE D. LYONS AWARD IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY**

- Jonas Randall Miller

**THE BICK AWARD IN PSYCHIATRY**

- Douglas Joel Alexander, II and Sydney Elizabeth Smith

**THE HERBERT ROTHSCHILD AWARD IN PEDIATRICS**

- Elizabeth Marie Owers

**THE STEPHEN OSOFSKY MEMORIAL AWARD IN PEDIATRICS**

- Kelsey Hershey Manguno

**THE ALEC KING ORTHOPAEDIC AWARD**

- Mitchell Peter John, II and Stuart Paul Schexnayder

**THE SAEM MEDICAL STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

- Samuel James Ganier
- **THE LSU EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD**
- Jordan Kristopher Leumas

**THE KORNBERG AWARD IN BIOCHEMISTRY**

- Stephanie Faye Hampton

**THE PHARMACOLOGY AWARD**

- Stephanie Faye Hampton

**THE ABE MICKAL AWARD IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY**

- Erika Leigh Arceneaux

**THE HARRY DASCOMB AWARD IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

- Ronald Tyler Hebert and Bernard Aldrich Landry-Wegener

**THE HENRY JOLLY AWARD IN DERMATOLOGY**

- Taylor Ryan Smith

**THE G. GORDON MCHARDY AWARD IN GASTROENTEROLOGY**

- William Chandler Chastant

**THE ACP INTERNAL MEDICINE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

- Bernard Aldrich Landry-Wegener

**THE JOHN BOBEAR AWARD IN PULMONOLOGY**

- Tyler Gerard Boudreaux

**THE GARRET JOHN BUDDINGH MEMORIAL AWARD IN MICROBIOLOGY**

- Stephanie Faye Hampton

**THE HULL-AKENHEAD MEMORIAL AWARD IN CARDIOLOGY**

- Elridge John Schwartzenburg

**THE LUIS PEREZ MEMORIAL AWARD IN OPHTHALMOLOGY**

- John Paul Lockett, III

**THE LSU ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ANATOMY**

- Stephanie Faye Hampton

**THE RUSSELL L. HOLMAN MEMORIAL AWARD**

- Mary Etosha Green

**THE URBAN MAES MEMORIAL AWARD**

- Catherine Anne Chappuis and Gabriella Catherine Squeo

**THE CLASS OF 1993 BOBBIE A. MILLET AWARD**

- Casie Marie James

**THE CLASS OF 1991 ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD**

- Victoria Frances Marie Serven

**THE MOSES MAIMONIDES ETHICS AWARD**

- Douglas Joel Alexander, II

**THE CLASS OF 1964 AWARD**

- Kyle Raymond Hoppens

**THE RICHARD M. PADDISON MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD**

- Bernard Aldrich Landry-Wegener

**THE GEORGE H. KARAM ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

- Mark Lawrence Rolfsen

#### **THE DEAN'S AWARD**

- Maura Elise Jones
- Paul Joseph Kepper

#### **THE GEORGE SAM BEL MEMORIAL AWARD**

- Jonas Randall Miller

#### **THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD**

- Samantha Gloria Karlin

#### **Medical Students Graduate with "Honors in Research"**

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Congratulations go out to the following medical students who graduated with an "Honors in Research", which is part of the LSU Medical Student Honors Program:

#### **Laura Petrauskas**

- Thesis: Red cell distribution width: A biomarker for pulmonary hypertension
- Mentor: Matthew Lammi, MD (Pulmonary)

#### **Christopher Anderson**

- Thesis: Concordance between usual care bedside nursing sedation assessments and explicit protocolized sedation assessments in medical intensive care unit patients
- Mentor: Sarah Jolley, MD (Pulmonary)

#### **New AOA Inductees**

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The following eight juniors from the LSU SOM Class of 2019 have been selected for membership into the Louisiana Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society:

- Ethan Hunter Arnaud
- Ryan Bolotte
- Elizabeth Cooper
- Alison Falcon
- Brian Jake Johnson
- Caroline Lieux
- Louis Monnig
- William Hunter Waddell

The following residents, faculty members, and alumni have also been selected for membership into the Louisiana Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society:

**Residents:**

- Omid Baniahmad MD – Internal Medicine
- Jason Charrier MD – Internal Medicine
- Casey Murphy MD – Pain Management & Rehabilitation
- Lauren Nunez MD – Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine
- Nate Peyton MD – Internal Medicine
- Charles Zhang MD – Internal Medicine

**Faculty:**

- Rebecca Lillis MD – Internal Medicine, Section of Infectious Disease
- Mark Townsend MD – Psychiatry
- Carl Giffin MD – Internal Medicine
- John Hutchings MD – Internal Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology
- Jeffrey Barton MD – Department of Surgery, Section of Colorectal Surgery

**Alumni:**

- Gerald Cvitanovich MD ('86) – Family Medicine
- Otis Drew MD ('05) – Orthopedic Surgery – Lafayette, LA
- L'Issa L. Gates MD ('07) – Pediatrics – New Orleans, LA
- Patrick David Kearns MD ('79) – Pathology – Adairsville, GA
- John McLachlan MD ('91) – Cardiology – Baton Rouge, LA

Please join us in congratulating these students, residents, faculty, and alumni for achieving this well-deserved honor!

**[First Year Medical Students Receive White Coats](#)**

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*Adam Prevot (Class of 2021)*

While still a relatively young tradition, the white coat ceremony has quickly become a mainstay in the medical training community as an opportunity to instill humanism in the hearts of future physicians from early on in their careers. On April 21st, 2018, the LSUHSC School of Medicine Class of 2021 donned the white coat for the first time in the company of their friends, family, and trusted faculty.

The white coat ceremony began in 1993 when Dr. Arnold Gold, a pediatric neurologist, realized that young medical students are often so engulfed in learning disease processes that they often forget that the face of a patient – an actual human, sits on the other side of a disease. Dr. Gold began to roll out white coat ceremonies at medical schools across the country with the idea of setting the expectation of “human centered medicine” as the gold standard of care for the physician from day one of training. With this ideal in mind, Dr. Gold started the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS), which recognizes medical students who exhibit exceptional humanism in their approach to medical education and in every day life.

The Class of 2021 reaffirmed Dr. Gold's mission on that Saturday, highlighted by a promise to uphold ideals that echo Dr. Gold's original mission with a **“pledge to never forget that the practice of medicine is an earned privilege and that the well-being of the patient should always come first.”**

The festivities of the Class of 2021's white coat ceremony kicked off in the Superdome with a welcome from Dr. Steve Nelson, the Dean of the LSU School of Medicine. Following Dr. Nelson's welcome, Brittany Foret, the Class of 2021 OSR Representative introduced the LSUHSC nominee for the AAMC Humanism in Medicine award – Dr. Randy Roig. Dr. Roig serves as assistant chief of the PM&R Service while also being extremely involved in the clinical education of LSU medical students, residents, and fellows. As a pain management specialist Dr. Roig regularly encounters patients when they are in debilitating pain – often the worst pain of their life. His speech during the ceremony highlighted his patient-centered care that purposefully approaches each patient as a human first – separate from his or her disease with an identity that is not defined by their pain.



Following Dr. Roig's speech, GHHS President Victoria Serven presented the Class of 2019's Lucie Calderon, the winner of GHHS Humanism in Medicine Essay contest. Lucie recounted a poignant story of her time at Children's Hospital in the Oncology unit where she encountered the family of a young patient who had previously lost his battle to leukemia. The younger brother of the late patient spread joy and cheer to current patients on Valentine's Day – the anniversary of his older brother's death. Lucie's essay highlights the call for physicians to approach medicine with the same purity and love for others that this child displays, even in the face of incredible challenges.

Dr. Fred Lopez served as the master of ceremonies during the event while Dr. Hamilton Farris and Dr. Cathy Lazarus assisted in conferring the coats with each student being “coated” by a distinguished faculty member selected by the Class of 2021. These faculty members were selected for

their outstanding commitment to the education and development of the Class of 2021 and the conferring faculty included Dr. Robert Maupin, Dr. Andrew Hollenbach, Dr. Robin English, Dr. Cacky Hebert, Dr. David Worthylake, Dr. Patricia Molina, Dr. William Swartz, and Dr. Bud Landry. After all coats were conferred, several members of the Class of 2021 led the rest of the class in the Oath of Ideals which proudly proclaimed an ardent commitment to place the patient first and foremost in all aspects of the practice of medicine.

Dr. Arnold Gold died this year. There is no doubt that with the loss of this incredible human the world also lost a man rich in one of our scarcest resources today – compassion. Though he is gone, his legacy permeated throughout the Superdome on that afternoon as the Class of 2021 placed his mission firmly on our own shoulders. There is a new guard of doctors on the rise. A generation of healers educated in the shadow of a man who saw a “love problem” in medicine and took meaningful steps to fix it – and we should all be thankful for that.

*The Class of 2021 would like to extend a special thanks to the Office of Student Affairs, whom without White Coat Ceremony would not have been possible. An extra–special–thanks goes out to Melanie Brown and Dr. Kournie Robin, whom without I surely would have had at least one meltdown trying to juggle planning the ceremony with the rigors of medical school.*

*Adam A. Prevot – President – Class of 2021*

### [Gold Humanism Inductees](#)

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It is with great pleasure that I would like to introduce the newest members of the LSUHSC Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society who were recently chosen from the medical school class of 2019. GHHS nationally recognizes student-doctors who are viewed by peers as being the type of doctor one would send one’s own parent or child to for care - A ‘Doctor’s Doctor’. The following students were chosen by their classmates for being outstanding role models in the areas of empathy, altruism, respect, service, compassion, and integrity. Please join me in congratulating these incredible students:

- Lamia AbiSamra
- Michael Artigue
- Cody Blackwelder
- Ryan Bolotte
- Elizabeth Cooper
- Ashlyn Courville
- Alex Daigle
- Paige Davis
- Alex Dooley
- Tucker Dorion
- Michael Evers
- Allison Fallcon
- Virginia Fontenot
- Gabrielle Fusilier
- Amber Jarrell
- Margaret Johnson
- Patrick Johnson
- Emma Levenson

- Hannah Lomzenski
- Shannon McDuff
- Elaine Meyers
- Andrew Mire
- Max Musharoff
- Anthony Naquin
- David Pitre
- Christie Talley
- Christina Tran
- Heather Valdin
- Andrew Van Hook
- Brittany Woods

### **Gold Humanism Faculty and Resident Awards**

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Congratulations to Dr. Chelsey Sandlin (Department of Pediatrics) as the winner of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. This award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate both clinical excellence and outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and who show respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues.

Further congratulations go to the Class of 2019's resident and faculty nominations for initiation into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. These physicians are considered exemplars of empathy, compassion, altruism, and integrity; their dedication to service in working with patients and others in the field of medicine inspired their students to nominate them for this honor. They were inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society on May 29th at 5pm in the Medical Education Building Lecture Hall B.

- Faculty: Dr. Guido DeJesus, Internal Medicine- Baton Rouge
- Resident: Dr. Crystal Nhieu, OBGYN- Baton Rouge
- Resident: Dr. Michael Borrero, Plastic Surgery