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School of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics

LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

Residency and Fellowship Graduation 2021

Congratulations to all department resident and fellow graduates! We celebrated their accomplishments and years of hard work at several different events last week.



On Thursday, the resident graduates met up for their annual Ralph's on the Park lunch at Dr. Desselle and Morvant's home. The group enjoyed the catered meal and some karaoke to celebrate the end of their residency.

On Friday, the department joined the graduating residency class for an Awards Ceremony in the State Street Conference Center hosted by Program Director Dr. Chelsey Sandlin. Congratulations to all award winners! [View photos of the event here.](#)

Casie James, MD

Penny Scurto, MD Outstanding Pediatric Resident Award

Brad Hyman, DO

Outstanding Medicine/Pediatric Resident Award

Lauren Davis, MD

Nicholas Gagliano, MD Outstanding Faculty Award

Given annually by the LSU Pediatrics Residents for excellence in teaching, and for sharing, through knowledge and example, the facts and feelings that prepare us for a lifetime of service to children

Leron Finger, MD

Suskind Outstanding Pediatric Faculty Award

Presented annually to the faculty member who has made an outstanding academic contribution to the education, research, clinical service and advocacy missions of the LSU Department of Pediatrics.

Gisela Marrero-Rivera, MD

Outstanding Fellowship Teaching Award

Awarded annually by the residents in recognition of outstanding teaching and mentoring skills

Natalie Derouen, MD

Gretchen Life, MD Award

Awarded to the graduating resident who embodies Gretchen's zeal for life and love for patients

Casie James, MD & Nikita Lalchandani, MD

Alfonso Vargas, MD Research Award

For the Residents Who Have Demonstrated Outstanding Performance in Pediatric Research

Casie James, MD

Outstanding Teaching Resident Award

Awarded annually by third year medical students for excellence in teaching during their Pediatrics clerkship

Jinnesse Taylor, MD

Intern of the Year Award

Given annually by Pediatrics PGY 1, 2 and 3 acknowledging an intern who exemplifies the values of our residency: dedication to the care of patients, advocacy for their patients, professionalism, interdisciplinary collaboration, and collegiality among residents

Karlie Ragas, MD
Pediatric Alumni Award
*For the Senior Medical Student Who Has Demonstrated
Outstanding Interest and Performance in Pediatrics*



The conference center was also the site of the Fellowship Graduation later in the day on Friday, hosted by Lead Fellowship Program Director Dr. Dana Rivera. The 7 fellowship graduates were able to invite a few guests to celebrate alongside them at the occasion. [Pictures from the event are posted here.](#) Congrats to all graduates!

Mariana Avelar Falcone de Melo, MD
Allergy/Immunology

Sanchitha Guruchandrasekar, MD
Cardiology

Muki Kadochi, MD
Cardiology

Jaya Bhat, MD
Endocrinology

Eileen Lugo, MD
Gastroenterology

Gisela Marrero-Rivera, MD
Hematology/Oncology

Peter Joslyn, MD
Neonatology



Finally, the Pediatrics and Medicine/Pediatrics residents attended their graduation at the Audubon Tea Room along with a few invited guests on Saturday. Special thanks to all department faculty and staff who helped organize graduation events including Chelsey Sandlin, MD, Bonnie Desselle, MD, Dana Rivera, MD, Christy Mumphrey, MD (and her husband Brent Mumphrey!), Rebecca Taliancich, Hanh Rimmer, Emma Crady, Kelly Allerton, Katy Smith, and Thao Doan.

Dr. Stefani Samples Appointed Echocardiography Laboratory Director



Dr. Stefani Samples was appointed Echocardiography Laboratory Director for the Heart Center. Dr. Samples has worked tirelessly for the Heart Center and the Echocardiography Laboratory. Recently, she was instrumental in obtaining accreditation for the Echo Lab through the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission. She is dedicated to sonographer and fellow education and her work ethic is model to us all. Congratulations, Stefani!

Dr. Ryan Pasternak Featured in New Podcast

Dr. Ryan Pasternak is featured on the podcast “This is the Point” discussing Adolescent Sexual Health Education and Reproductive Justice. Dr. Pasternak was honored to be a part of the project and describes the podcast as an interesting series that includes Irma Thomas, Big Freedia, Sonny Lee, Pearl Ricks and Jodie Patterson with host Nia Weeks and featuring Dr. Denese Shervington from the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies as well. The podcast is intended to present audiences with a real-life dialogue surrounding sexual and reproductive rights and justice, gender equity, and adolescent health education.



Link to the Podcast here: [Home - This is the Point](#)



Mark Your Calendars for LSU Pediatrics' Open House

Chairman Dr. Raymond Watts and the LSU Pediatrics Administrative Staff will host an Open House on Thursday, July 8 from 11:30am - 1:00pm to introduce all new staff members to the department. Faculty are invited to stop by for some mingling. Boxed lunches will be available on the way out. Hope you can join us!

[View the updated Administrative Staff composite here.](#)



Administrative Staff Welcomes New Student Worker Thao Doan

Thao Doan started in her new position as Student Worker last week in the Pediatrics Administration Office. She will be helping out around the office with mail, copying, scanning, etc. Thao is originally from Vietnam and is enjoying life in New Orleans as a Nursing Student at LSUHSC. Please be sure to welcome her to the department next time you are in the administrative suite.

SPR Launches New PROSPER Diversity Award PRomotion of FellOWs' PEdiatric Research

The Society of Pediatric Research has announced a new \$7,500 SPR PROSPER Diversity Award to advance their mission of creating a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health. In 2021 one award will be made to an under-represented in medicine fellow pursuing a pediatric research career path. Award funds will be matched by the Awardee's organization, yielding a total of \$15,000 in research support.

In addition to this financial support SPR will provide the SPR PROSPER Diversity Awardee with mentoring over the course of a twelve-month pediatric research project. This dual-support approach is intended to facilitate a pediatric academic research-focused career trajectory for fellows from under-represented in medicine background(s) and to increase the diversity of the pediatric researcher workforce. More information about the SPR PROSPER

June is LGBTQ Pride Month

Healthcare providers have a unique opportunity to positively impact the lives and futures of LGBTQ youth. Here are a few resources to get you started in improving your support of LGBTQ youth:

- A Guide to Gender Identity Terms
- Creating Safer Spaces for LGBTQ Youth: A Toolkit for Education, Healthcare, and Community-Based Organizations
- Video: Voices of Transgender Adolescents in Healthcare
- The Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) has various resources and publications for health professionals

If you are interested in additional resources and information on supporting and caring for LGBTQ youth, please contact Ryan H. Pasternak, MD (rpaste@lsuhsc.edu) or Hannah Simon, MPH (hsimo1@lsuhsc.edu).

Other Announcements

Revised LSU COVID Guidelines-important changes-please read ([Memo from Dr. Watts](#)) ([link to LSUHSC COVID Guidelines](#))

Latest edition of LSU SOM's *The Pulse*. ([link](#))

Resident Participation in Research ([information](#))

Grant Opportunity: Thrasher Research Fund ([information](#))

LSUHSC IRB's Researcher Education Series ([information](#))

LSU Proof-of-Concept Fund- LIFT2 Round 12 Announcement ([information](#))

Updated: Several Avenues of Stats Support, Education and Consultation ([information](#)) ([using stats models through CITI](#))

Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!

Important Notice: P-Card Restrictions on AAP Purchases ([information](#))

Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))

New Pre-Review for Grant Proposals service offered by LSU([information](#))

Download the new Department Composites for this academic year!([Faculty](#), [Fellow](#), [Resident](#)).

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

June Video: What is Difficult about Feedback?

Feedback is crucial for our learners. This video (6 minutes) from the University of Michigan directly addresses challenges to Giving Feedback - time, feeling it's subjective, worries about rapport, negative reviews from learners - and provides some concrete ways to overcome these barriers.

<https://www.coursera.org/lecture/clinical-skills/01-03-what-is-difficult-about-feedback-Q32ML>

Please send any suggestions or areas of faculty development need to acree1@lsuhsc.edu.

If you are interested in other forms of Faculty Development, visit these websites:

- [LSU Pediatrics Faculty Development Page](#)
- [LSUHSC GME Medical Education Development Site](#)

For questions or comments regarding Faculty Development, please contact [Amy Creel](#).

CHNOLA Announcements

Latest edition of CHNOLA Employee E-News ([link](#))

Report your flu-like symptoms

Please notify Employee Health at 504.962.6270 if you have any flu-like symptoms before reporting to work. Symptoms may include cough, congestion, headache, with or without fever.

Upcoming Events

No Grand Rounds this week; lectures will resume in August.

Department Wellness

CHNOLA's childcare center open for children of providers/staff working at Children's Hospital ([flyer](#))

LSU Pediatrics Wellness Resources ([information](#))

Department Anniversaries

The following employees celebrate another year with the department this month. Thank you for your continued service to LSU Pediatrics!

Leone Coe, 29 years
Steffan Sernich, 14 years

Regina Zambrano, 9 years
Elizabeth Alonso, 7 years
Shubho Sarkar, 4 years

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