

Medical Student Research Day



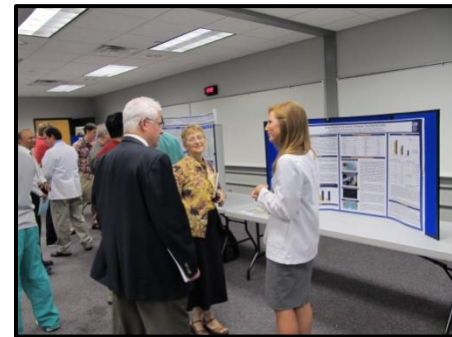
Amir Shahien (L1) presents his work

This year was the first time a research day was dedicated solely to medical students. There were L1s, L2s and L3s presenting the data from their research. Organized by Dr. Paula Gregory, Medical Student Research Day is designed to showcase the accomplishments of LSU School of Medicine medical students and provides them with the opportunity to present their projects to fellow students and faculty. The day consisted of poster presentations followed by a talk by the invited speaker, concluding with student oral presentations.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Vinodh Narayanan from the Barrow Neurological Clinic in Phoenix. Dr. Narayanan is the Co-Director of the Pediatric Neurogenetics Center, the Director of the Neurofibromatosis Clinics and the Director of the Developmental Neurogenetics Lab. He is an alumnus of the LSU medical school, with many connections to LSU. His talk was entitled: “Percent Effort: life as a clinician scientist”, he discussed both his research and his career path.

The Best Poster Presentation winner was L2 Nisha Loganantharaj for her poster “*Effects of chronic alcohol consumption on the genital microenvironment in SIV-infected Rhesus Macaques*” and the Best Oral Presentation was given by L2 Amanda Henne for “*Novel regulatory mechanism of the inflammatory response mediated by the messenger NPD1 targeting transcription of Wnt5a*”. The winners received travel scholarships from Dean Nelson and will present at the National Student Research Forum in Galveston, Texas.

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Kristen Siccard (L2) presents her work to Mary Coleman (Director of Community Clinics) and Sam McCluggage (Department Chair, Cell Biology and Anatomy)