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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

## Graduations Awards

### New Orleans:

Internal Medicine Resident of the Year: Dr. Mitch Capella

Categorical Intern of the Year: Dr. Autumn Collins

Preliminary Intern of the Year: Dr. Ty Theriot

EM/IM Resident of the Year: Dr. Keyur Patel

Med/Peds Resident of the Year: Dr. Samuel Maltby

Med/Peds Intern of the Year: Dr. Nathan Williams

Fellow of the Year: Tie between Dr. Hayle Scanlan (Pulmonary/Critical Care) and

Dr. Michael Olejniczak (Pulmonary/Critical Care)

Clinic Faculty of the Year: Dr. Dexter Matrana (Comprehensive Medicine)

Hospitalist Faculty of the Year: Dr. Kyle Hoppens (Hospital Medicine)

Sub-Specialty Faculty of the Year: Dr. Amita Krishnan (Pulmonary/Critical Care)



### Baton Rouge

Resident Teaching Award: Dr. Jared Kuyper

Chief Residents' Award: Dr. Parker Yount

Recognized:

Outgoing Chief Residents: Dr. John Johnson, Dr. Katelin Wilder-Wixson, Dr. Stephanie Vick



### Lafayette:

OUHC LSUHSC Faculty Teaching Award: Dr. Shaun Walker, Internal Medicine

Distinguished Teaching Contribution Award: Dr. Kyle Degeyter, Interventional Radiology

Intern of the Year: Dr. Courtney Vaccaro

Resident of the Year: Dr. Hardy Hang

Summit Award: Dr. Jacob Cunningham



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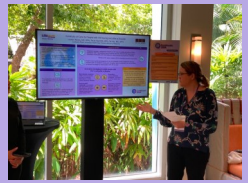
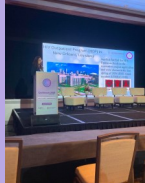
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Dr. Lauren Richey (Infectious Diseases), Dr. Paula Seal (ID), Dr. Tat Yau (ID), and Dr. Michael Gee Psy.D (LSU Psychiatry) attended the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) Continuum 2026 Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 22-24, 2026. At the conference:

Dr. Paula Seal had an oral abstract presentation titled “Healthy Balance Weight Management Initiative in HIV Care”. (Co-authors: Dr. Lauren Richey, Dr. Tat Yau).

Dr. Lauren Richey presented an e-Poster titled “Continuity of Care for People with HIV during and after a Disaster”. (Co-authors: Dr. Paula Seal, Dr. Tat Yau).

Dr. Tat Yau presented an e-Poster titled “Statewide Clinical Quality Improvement Collaborative in Louisiana”. (Co-authors: Dr. Paula Seal, Dr. Lauren Richey).



Dr. Shelby MacRae was highlighted by VUMEDI where her presentation “What’s New in Bronchiectasis? Key Advances in Treatment and Care from ATS 2026” which was presented at the Insights from 2026 ATS Annual Meeting. View it here:



[What’s New in Bronchiectasis? Key Advances in Treatment and Care From ATS 2026](#)



Dr. Angela Johnson (Baton Rouge) was interviewed for the first KevinMD article of the year with a podcast to follow. The title is “Physicians and natural disasters, the 5<sup>th</sup> season (you guessed it...Hurricane Season) You can read it here:

<https://kevinmd.com/2026/06/physicians-and-natural-disasters-the-fifth-season.html>

Dr. Rajesh Mohandas (Nephrology) recently published an editorial, “The Inflammatory Storm: Targeting Residual Risk in Combined ASCVD and CKD,” in American Heart Journal Plus: Cardiology Research and Practice. The article explores the role of inflammation in residual cardiovascular risk among patients with ASCVD and CKD and examines potential therapeutic approaches to address this unmet clinical need.



Mohandas R, Dass B, Ejaz AA. Am Heart J Plus. 2026 May 13;66:100800. doi: 10.1016/j.ahjo.2026.100800. PMID: 42212187; PMCID: PMC13213225



Dr. Allison Augustus-Wallace recently had a medical student course approved titled “BIOMED 289: Intersection and Innovation in Science Policy”. This elective course is designed to provide an opportunity to establish/re-establish the understanding of the relationships between science, health, and law.

Finally, welcome to our new interns!

