

# DOM NEWS BLAST

## The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Elyse Stevens (Community & Population Medicine) was selected to receive the Greater New Orleans Region Champions of Service Award, the state's annual volunteer recognition honor. Each year, Volunteer Louisiana conducts a competitive statewide award process to recognize outstanding Louisianans making a difference in their community. This year nearly 300 nominations from 49 of the 64 parishes competed for this prestigious award. A group of gubernatorial appointees score each nomination and select 7 regional individual volunteers, one AmeriCorps volunteer, and one volunteer group for this statewide award.



Congratulations Dr. Stevens on this highly prestigious award!

The Aesculapian Society recently announced the winners of the 2024 Excellence in Teaching Awards as well as those who were nominated for these prestigious awards. For the Department of Medicine, the following faculty and residents were recognized.

Winners:

Dr. Taniya de Silva - L2 Spring Award - Endocrinology

Dr. Dean Lauret - L4 Faculty Award - IM Baton Rouge

Dr. Elyse Stevens - Junior Faculty Award - Community & Population Medicine



Nominated:

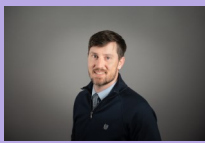
Dr. Mike Modica - L2 Fall - Hospital Medicine

Dr. Shane Guillory - L2 Spring - Hospital Medicine

Dr. Seth Vignes - L3 Faculty - Hospital Medicine

Dr. Briggs Welch - L4 Resident Fellow Award - IM Resident

Dr. Brandon Retif - Junior Faculty Award - Pulmonary/Critical Care



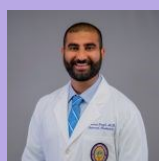
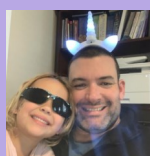
Congratulations to our residents and faculty who were selected for membership into the Louisiana Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society:

Residents:

Allison Derise, MD – Internal Medicine

Christopher Hayden, MD – Internal Medicine / Emergency Medicine

Munraj Singh, MD – Internal Medicine



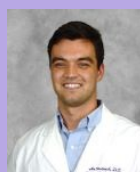
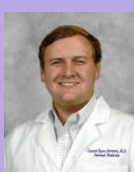
Faculty:

Cynthia J. Brown, MD, MSPH

Ross McCarron, MD



In case you missed the news: Dr. Ryan Leonard, Dr. Victoria Lulich, and Dr. Luke Yesbeck have accepted the opportunity to become the Chief Residents for the upcoming 25-26 year. We are so excited!

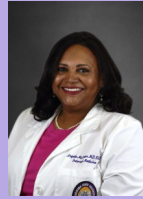


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Dr. Angela McLean (Comprehensive Medicine) and Dr. Allison Augustus-Wallace recently published in *Frontiers in Education* on how academic health science centers can help to increase diversity in the STEM professions.

Congratulations!



Dr. Pia Chowdry (Hematology - Oncology) was interviewed recently by Liz Reyes for FOX 8 News on the topic of excessive thirst. Great job, Dr. Chowdry. You can see the interview here:

<http://my.tvey.es/Ab69S>.



In collaborative efforts from LSU ID, School of Medicine and Orthopedics, along with Tulane colleagues from Pathology, Dr. Tat Yau and Dr. Ashaur Azhar (Infectious Diseases) along with Bennet Franz an LSU medical student, recently published this fascinating case report.

Bad to the bone. Not all bone tumors are cancer: Case of long bone osteomyelitis - ScienceDirect



Dr. Sanjay Kamboj (Hospital Medicine/Allergy & Immunology) recently did an interview for a FOX8Live at noon news broadcast. The topic was "**How to spot and treat spring allergies**". The link is below. He was also quoted in a Times Picayune article about Spring Pollen allergy. Thanks for representing LSU so well!

[How to spot and treat spring allergies \(fox8live.com\)](https://www.fox8live.com)

[https://www.nola.com/news/environment/louisiana-spring-allergies-pollen-allergy-relief/article\\_78851f42-e151-11ee-b21a-bf18902f8814.html](https://www.nola.com/news/environment/louisiana-spring-allergies-pollen-allergy-relief/article_78851f42-e151-11ee-b21a-bf18902f8814.html)

Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine) has been invited to serve on the Selection Committee of the Health and Aging Policy Fellow's Program, based out of Columbia University. This year-long fellowship program places mid-career leaders in policy settings in legislative and executive branch offices in federal and state government as well as leading non-profit organizations to develop expertise in policy processes affecting health and aging populations. During his own fellowship, Dr. Springgate had placements in the United States Senate as well as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).



Dr. Jennifer "Gala" True has been named the Richard A. Culbertson and Susan A. Leary Professor of Community and Population Medicine. Congratulations Dr. True for this outstanding honor!



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Looking for a fun community service opportunity? The Student Run Community Clinics are looking for faculty/preceptors to sign-up. There are two sites: Ozanam and Duncan Plaza. Both need your help! Below is the link to sign up:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jtKX0KB7KHN5Lddb-nB75FpU\\_BpTPFnLZH04kzXcVA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jtKX0KB7KHN5Lddb-nB75FpU_BpTPFnLZH04kzXcVA/edit?usp=sharing)

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## A Reception Honoring Dr. Juzar Ali



APRIL 4, 2024 • 4PM - 7PM

LSUHSC HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER ATRIUM

411 S. PRIEUR ST.

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

DR. ALI WILL BE RETIRING AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LSU AND HIS PATIENTS. WE INVITE ALL TO STOP BY TO WISH HIM WELL ON THIS NEW CHAPTER AND MEET THE FACULTY WHO WILL BE CONTINUING HIS LEGACY.