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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Angela Johnson (Baton Rouge) was awarded the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award at the LSU School of Medicine pre-commencement awards ceremony on Wednesday May 15.

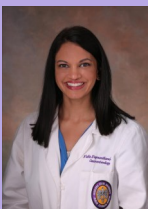


Congratulations Dr. Johnson on this outstanding and well deserved recognition of your teaching excellence!

Dr. Ashley Wennerstrom (Section of Community and Population Medicine; Center for Healthcare Value and Equity; Co-Director of the MD/MPH Dual Degree Program) was awarded the Copping Excellence in Teaching Award at the LSU School of Public Health pre-commencement awards ceremony on Wednesday May 15.



Congratulations Dr. Wennerstrom on this outstanding and richly-deserved recognition!



Dr. Nisha Loganantharaj (Gastroenterology) was recently selected to serve on the 2024 – 2028 Crohn's & Colitis Foundation and Rising Educators, Academics, and Clinicians Helping Inflammatory Bowel Disease (REACH-IBD) Committee. In addition to her service on the committee, she has been invited to be part of the REACH-IBD Career Development Leadership Program Workgroup. This is an incredible opportunity and honor that will facilitate networking and career development as well as increase active participation in the clinical, educational and scientific research programs within the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) recently attended an advocacy day through the American College of Gastroenterology and met with law makers from Louisiana including Senator Bill Cassidy (also a gastroenterologist) and Congressman Troy Carter from New Orleans to talk about bills focused on lessening the burden of prior authorizations and step therapy as well as changing some of the language for the fiscal year 2025 appropriations bill to reduce cost sharing for patients who have had polyps in the past and need a follow up colonoscopy. Dr. Hudson also was able to talk with Senator Bill Cassidy about the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA) which is aimed at providing comprehensive care for the treatment of obesity.



LSU Health Sciences Center was well-represented at the recent national/international annual meeting of the American College of Physicians in Boston, MA. LSU faculty members presenting at the meeting included: Dr. Cynthia Brown (ACP Rapid Board Review 2024), Dr. Victoria Burke (Meet the Professor -- Common Out-patient Bacterial Infections and Update in Infectious Diseases), Dr. Taniya De Silva (ACP Rapid Board Review 2024), Dr. Neeraj Jain (ACP Rapid Board Review 2024), Dr. Stephen Kantrow (ACP Rapid Board Review 2024), Dr. Rebecca Lillis (Meet the Professor -- Sexually Transmitted Infections in Primary Care), Dr. Fred Lopez (ACP Rapid Board Review 2024 and Update in Infectious Diseases), Dr. Daniel Raines (ACP Rapid Board Review 2024)



Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine) spoke with Tommy Tucket on WWL Radio on May 3 about cannabis and potential changes in federal cannabis regulation moving it from a Schedule I to Schedule III controlled substance.

Dr. Erwin Aguilar (Nephrology) was recently invited to speak via zoom at the School of Public Health of the University of Santiago, Chile. Dr. Aguilar's talk was titled "The environment and CKD" and was part of a larger conference entitled "The Environment and Chronic Renal Insufficiency: A Public Health Problem"

