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## Future Physicians Experience Match Day Rite of Passage

**SHREVEPORT, La.** (March 15, 2019) – This morning, 116 LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine students learned where they will be going for their residency training during a Match Day ceremony held on campus. On Monday, students received a notification from the [National Resident Matching Program](#) of the Association of American Medical Colleges, or the NRMP®, confirming if they matched with a residency program. At the ceremony, each student was randomly called to the stage where they received a sealed envelope containing the highly anticipated news of where they matched. Each student announced their fate and shared their excitement in front of a large crowd of family, friends, faculty and fellow students.

Match Day is also a strongly anticipated day for the LSU School of Medicine, which learned it successfully filled all 122 residency positions available. The new group of residents will be welcomed to Shreveport in July, where they will train at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Academic Medical Center and other partner hospitals.

Many students will be staying in the state of the Louisiana for their residencies. Twenty-two percent of students will be staying in Shreveport, and 47% of students will be staying in the state of Louisiana. Prestigious out-of-state residencies students matched to include University of Massachusetts, Wake Forest, University of Virginia, Mt. Sinai, Temple University, UT Southwestern, Baylor University, Oregon Health and Science University, and University of Alabama-Birmingham.

"Match Day is a day a medical student never forgets as it determines a key step in their goal of becoming a practicing physician. I am so proud of our students, as well as our dedicated faculty, for delivering another successful match. It is gratifying to see a large number of students electing to stay in Shreveport to continue their training. I know those staying, as well as those accepting residencies around the U.S., will represent LSU Health Shreveport well, strengthening our reputation for outstanding medical education," said Dr. David Lewis, Dean of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.

Match Day ceremonies are held at the same time on the third Friday in March at medical schools around the country. Throughout their final year of medical school, students apply and travel to residency programs around the country to complete interviews. Students then rank their preferred residency programs through the National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®), or The Match®. The NRMP then uses a mathematical algorithm to place applicants into available residency positions.

This year's [Main Residency Match was the largest in history](#):

- Record-high of 38,376 applicants who submitted program choices
- 35,185 positions available, the most ever offered in the Match
- Available first-year (PGY-1) positions increased by 6.5% from 2018
- **Nationally, 79.6% of applicants matched to a PGY-1 position, as compared to 98.3% of LSUHS School of Medicine students matching to a PGY-1 position.**
- **Nationally, 94.9% of PGY-1 available positions were filled, compared to 100% at LSU Health Shreveport.**