Honors & Appointments
Bharat Guthikonda, MD, FACS, FAANS, was named Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery.

James Patterson II, MD, PhD, was named Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

Ananthi Sin, MD, FAANS, Professor and Vice Chair of Neurosurgery, was honored at an investiture ceremony as the inaugural Donald and Kathy L. Smith Endowed Chair in Spinal Treatment.

G. E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCSEd, Chancellor and Chairman of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, was named to the American Cancer Society Louisiana Area Board of Directors. Dr. Ghali was also named an American Cancer Society “Champion of Hope” for 2019. His nomination was recognized at the 2019 American Cancer Society’s White Out For Cancer Gala on May 24 at East Ridge Country Club in Shreveport.

Emily M. Weidman-Evans, PharmD, Clinical Professor in the Physician Assistant Program, received the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award.

David Kaufman, MD, was named President of the Louisiana Chapter of the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (LAIAI).

Leonardo Seoane, MD, FACP, was named Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at LSU Health Shreveport.

The School of Allied Health Professions was awarded the “Green Uptake Technology Expansion” grant for $43,000 from The Noel Foundation. The grant will be used for implementing current best practice technology capabilities for the purposes of teaching, research and patient care.

The Mobile Healthcare Association has created the inaugural Jerry McLarty Connective Grant in honor of Jerry McLarty, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Office of Prevention & Control at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, for his dedication and persistence to find a better connectivity solution that helped change the landscape of what is now possible on a mobile clinic.

Sarah Bertrand, MLS, was awarded the inaugural Ochsner Health System Medical School Scholarship for LSU Health Shreveport.

Toni Thibeaux, MPH, was named Director of the Office of Diversity Affairs.

Philip Voughn Burns was selected to serve as the Director of Public Safety/Chief of UPD at LSU Health Shreveport.

Nimir Adeeb, MD, Neurosurgery Residied, and Bharat Guthikonda, MD, FACS, FAANS, Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery, recently received a $193,500 grant from Medtronic for Skull Base Research and a donation of a Multi-Rex Legend Stylus High-Speed Surgical Drill Kit.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 2023

The LSUH Medical School Class of 2023 is the largest (150 students) and one of the most diverse classes in the history of LSU Health Shreveport.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAMS

As the only academic health center in north Louisiana and one of only three in the state, LSU Health Shreveport is committed to providing hands-on medical and research experiences to high school and undergraduate college students in our region and state. Summer programs, some of which are available only to undergraduate students, provide a unique opportunity to explore career interests while also adding a memorable resume component to those students planning to pursue graduate programs.

The Cardiovascular Undergraduate Research Initiative (CURIOUS) is a NIH-funded summer research program for undergraduate students interested in pursuing research as part of their scientific or clinical career goals. The Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (UGRAP) targets college students interested in biomedical research or allied health professions. UGRAP allows area college students the opportunity to participate in eight weeks of hands-on research activities managed by LSUHS faculty. High school students from Caddo and Bossier Parish Districts can also be selected as participants in the LSUHS Jumpstart Summer Enrichment Program (JSEP). Students are exposed to intense hands-on research activities conducted by LSUHS faculty who serve as program mentors. Selected students work in a research laboratory or clinical setting for 40 hours per week for eight weeks in the summer.

The Summer Undergraduate Pharmacology Experience in Research (SUPPER) is a summer internship program in the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology, & Neurosciences that provides career opportunities in pharmacology, pharmacology, carcinogenesis, chemoprevention, neuropsychopharmacology, and neuroscience graduate research. The Microbiology and Immunology Undergraduate Biomedical Research Fellowship program was established in 2018 by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology to help meet the urgent need for talented new scientists to study diseases and combat infectious pathogens through innovative molecular, biochemical, and computational technologies. Students from colleges and universities around the country spent their summer working on research projects at LSUHS.

International Outreach

Carlos Pravigliano, MD, Professor of Radiology, attended and presented at the Costa Rican Association of Radiology and Medical Imaging’s Symposia Feat in San José, Costa Rica, Aug. 23-24. His two lectures were titled “Screening for Lung Cancer” and “Lung Cancer: Understanding the new TNM.”

Horace D’Agostino, MD, FACS, FSIR, Professor of Radiology, served as a Faculty Visitor, Moderator, and Trainer at the Image-Guided Surgery Week 2019, held in Strasbourg, France, Sept. 2-6. This week-long international program, sponsored by the Institute of Image-Guided Surgery, is designed for Ablation Therapies and Percutaneous Image-Guided Surgery. Dr. D’Agostino presented “Pelvic Ablation: Access Strategies,” “Ablation Therapies: Choosing the Right Image-Guided Pelvic Ablation Method,” “Pelvic Ablation: Access Strategies,” “Ablation Therapies: Choosing the Right Image-Guided Pelvic Ablation Method,” and “Guided Pancreatic Drainage: Pathogenesis Implications for Management.” He also served as moderator during three program sessions and as trainer in three Hands-On Sessions.

Semen Baha, MD, DrPH, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, and Chief of the Allergy and Immunology Section, gave the “Leonard Noon and John Freeman Honorary Lecture” at the XII World Asthma, Allergy & COPD Forum in Saint Petersburg. Dr. Cipolla’s lecture topic was “Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis.”

Sadie Rice, BS, Graduate Student in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was selected to give an oral presentation at the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology DNA Tumor Virus Meeting held in Trieste, Italy, July 7-12.

Andrew Yurochko, PhD, Professor and Vice Chair of Microbiology and Immunology, was named Fellow of the American College of Radiology (FACR) in Oklahoma City, OK, Sept. 4-7.

Kristin Butler, MPH, MLS, (ASCP)CM, Investigator of Medical Laboratory Science, presented her thesis research, “Clinical and Molecular Epidemiology of Colonization with Staphylococcus Isolates in Pregnant Women of Northwest Louisiana,” at a poster at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Disease in Oklahoma City, OK.

Andrew Yurochko performed an oral presentation at the recent American International Herpesvirus Workshop, Knoxville, TN, July 20-24.

A. Wayne Orr, PhD, Professor of Cell Biology and Anatomy, and Cellular and Molecular Physiology, and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences: “Eh receptor signaling in othorhodontic fibroblast remodeling.” Frontiers in Cardiovascular Science Seminar at the Frankel Cardiovascular Center, University of Michigan – Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI, Sept. 23.

Presentations

Andrew Yurochko, PhD, Professor and Vice Chair of Microbiology and Immunology: “HCV: Persistence, Dissemination, and Disease” Symposium Presenter at the 38th Annual International Herpesvirus Workshop, Knoxville, TN, July 20-24.

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Bharat Guthikonda, MD, FACS, FAANS, Professor of Neurosurgery, "Complex Intracranial Complications: Lessons from a Review of the Literature of CMV Me," Department of Neurosurgery Visiting Professor, Boyce F. Robichaux College of Medicine, Houston, TX, Sept. 27.

Steven Conrad, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, and Orthopaedic Surgery, "Putting together - What do I do with a bleeding piles case?," Department of Wellness and Life Support Organization (ESLO) Conference, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019.

Library faculty Juha Eqnsrbo, MLS, AHP, David Duggan, MLS, AHP, Monica Dobinson, MLS, Sarah Jackson, and Will Olmstead, MLS, AHP, "AHP/AMS & AHP/ALS association, Hannah Spreuels, exhibited at the "Medically Unusual Items" display at the 5th Annual Louisiana State Exhibit held at the LSUHS Library. The exhibit featured medical and genetic information and Captain Fitz, a comic presenting the history of Louisiana fire service published in Library 14, exhibited costs were funded by an exhibit award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region.

Maggie Mott, BS, Graduate Student in the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neurosciences, received the NIDA Women & Sex/Gender Differences Research Junior Investigator Travel Award to attend the College on Problems Drug Dependence 81st Annual Scientific Assembly in San Antonio, TX, She presented a poster on "Physostigmine-Induced Vaginal lubrication."