Honors & Appointments

Jesen Badly, PhD, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was elected Vice President and President-Elect of the South Central Chapter of the American Society of Microbiology.

Hugo Cuellar, MD, PhD, DABR, has been named interim Chairman of the Department of Radiology.

Charie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, Chairman and Professor of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, was inducted into the Junior Achievement of North Louisiana Business Hall of Fame. Dr. Nathan was one of three 19J2 Business Hall of Fame Laureates.

Dana Handrop, MS4, was named the Gold Human Honor Society's October Student of the Month.

Masiah Allen, MS3, was named the Gold Human Honor Society's November Student of the Month.

Elizabeth Piccicolo, MS3, was named the Gold Human Honor Society's December Student of the Month.

Heather Fulkerson, Microbiology and Immunology Graduate Student, was awarded the Charles S. McCleskey Award for outstanding research at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology meeting. This annual award is for outstanding research presented as orally, posters, or by graduate students in PhD programs.

Devon Lefever, MD, PGY4 Neurourology Resident, was awarded the Council of the North Central Societies Socioeconomic Fellowship.

Carlos Previgliano, MD, Professor of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, was honored with an Academic Recognition Award at the first Workshop of Thracic & Abdominal Radiology Cuenca, Ecuador, held Nov. 22-24.

Marianne Adams, MLIS, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Assistant Director for Library Systems, was appointed to the Information Technology Best Practices Working Group (ITBPWG) for the LSU School of Library and Information Science, through April 3, 2020.

David Dugger, MLIS, AHP, Professor of Medical Library Science and Health Information Librarian, was appointed to the Board of Regents Master Plan Allignment Working Group for the LSU Libraries, through April 3, 2020.

Mentie Dobkins, MLIS, Assistant Director of Technical Services and Associate Professor of Medical Library Science, began term as President-Elect of the Hospital Library Association of the South Central Chapter on Oct. 15.

Stephan N. Witt, PhD, FCSSI, Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at LSU Health Shreveport, was named a Senior Fellow of the Cell Stress Society International (CSSI) at the Ninth International Congress on Stress Responses in Biology & Medicine held in San Diego, Calif., Oct. 10-14.

Alexandria Family Medicine Residents Ryan Basquez, MD (PGY3); Wesley Boylete, MD (PGY2); and Robert Campbell, MD (PGY1) were the top scorers in their respective classes on the 2019 American Board of Family Medicine In-Training Exam. Dr. Basquez was the top program-wide scorer.

The Allergy/Immunology Program Shines National Board Examination．On Nov. 1, the program participated in the Fellows-in-Training Bowl Competition during the annual meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) in Houston, TX. Nov. 7-11. Out of 60 total programs, 34 participated. USHS was represented by Allergy Immunology Fellows Kim Jackson, MD, and Rashmi D'Mello, MD, who reached the final round and placed 2nd overall. This is the third time the LSUHS program was among the top nationally. During the scientific program, Dr. Jackson, Dr. D'Mello and Tom Fowler, MD, also on Allergy/Immunology Fellow, presented three posters, and Sami Bahna, MD, DPHH, Professor of Pediatrics, was an invited speaker at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Section, chaired the session, “Clinical Conundrum: Recurrent Urinary Tract Infection in Adolescent boys.” His 100% cure rate was submitted to the program. Also, Dr. Bahna's poster titled, “A 3 Program Fellows on three occasions.”

Tenjah Boh, MD, PGY5 Hematology/ Oncology Fellow; Simon Hammelberg, MD, PGY5 Hematology/Oncology Clinical Fellow, and Philip Maddox, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Clinical Assistant Professor, were awarded 3rd place prize for Outstanding Abstract/Paper at the 4th International Prostate Cancer and Urologic Oncology Symposium, New York, NY, Nov. 7-9.

Marlene Brousseau, MD, MBA, Associate Professor and Interim Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at LSU Health Shreveport, is one of the country’s first board certified pediatric allergists and immunologists. The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) recently established a procedure for subspecialty certification in Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM). The first board exam was held in November 2019.

Teil Bigler, DHEd, PA-C, Program Director and Clinical Associate Professor of Physician Assistant Studies, was appointed to the Board of Allied Health Professions’ Faculty Service Program Director.

Pranav Bhargava, MS1, received the 2019 LAMACMO Award for Excellence in Research. A native of India, he is busy in the lab and the emergency room technician at Rapid’s Emergency Room. He has also volunteered more than 250 hours of service helping coordinate numerous cultural events in his local Indian community center.

Will Olmstadt, MLS, MPH, AHP, Executive Director and Associate Director of Medical Library Science, was appointed to the Public Policy Advisory Council of the Special Libraries Association for 2020-2022.

Dr. Bahna was also invited and supported by the European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology to participate in the Pediatric European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology to participate in the Pediatric Education in Allergy and Asthma Meeting in Florence, Italy, Oct. 17-19. He spoke on “Allergies & Asthma: Asthma triggers, and contacted the sessions on “Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis” and “Eczema and breathing disorders on Food allergy.” A record number of more than 1,200 people from 77 countries attended the meeting.

Arun K. Pramanik, DMD, DCH, FAAFP, FIAP, Professor of Pediatrics, was an invited speaker of the American Academy of Neurology Association’s South Central Chapter on Oct. 15.

Michelle Yetman, PhD, Children’s Center Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Assistant Professor, was named Director of the Center Counseling Psychologist and Clinical Assistant Professor, and supported by the World Allergy Organization to participate in the scientific program of the Cuban Society of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology in Havana, Cuba, Oct. 9-11. Dr. Bahna contributed four presentations.

Congratulations to the following School of Allied Health Professions faculty members on their recent graduations: Jennifer Anderson (MPIH); Lindsay Ferrington (EDH); and Micheon Reveleda (DHA).
RESEARCH RECAP

Three Fellows in the Department of Physiology and Translational Biology and the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences have received 2019 Postdoctoral Fellowships. The American Heart Association (AHA) has awarded funding their ongoing research cardiovascular diseases: Chawarv Desai, MD, MSc, MBBS, MPhil; Matthew Hefner, MD, PGY6 Neurosurgery Fellow; and Brady Valadez, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy; et. al.: “Clinical Experience with Novel Endoplasmic Reticulum,” The Human Cytomegalovirus Nonstructural Protein 1C (p. 1-20), Part of the American Heart Association 2019 Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 12-16.

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Research and Industry Day (RAID), sponsored by the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences (CCDS), the Center for Brain Health (CBH), and the Louisiana State University Center for Biomedical Engineering and Rehabilitation Sciences, was held at LSUS on Oct. 11.

Lexington, KY, on Oct. 19. His talk was titled, “Recognition and Treatment of Acute Nephrotic Syndrome.”

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