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## Honors & Appointments

**Alan D. Kaye, MD, PhD, DABA, DABPM, DABIPP, FASA**, was named Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Chief Academic Officer, and Provost of LSU Health Shreveport.

**Peter H. Seidenberg, MD, MA, FAAFP, FACSM, RMSK**, was named Chairman of the Department of Family Practice.

**Edward J. Mayeaux, Jr., MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed)**, was named Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs and Senior Associate Dean for Population Health and Primary Care at LSU Health Shreveport.

**Byron E. Crawford, II, MD**, was named Chairman of the Department of Pathology.

**Toni Thibeaux, EdD, MPH, CLS**, was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity Affairs for the Schools of Medicine, Allied Health Professions and Graduate Studies.

**Carranza M. Pryor**, was named Chief Legal Counsel for LSU Health Shreveport.

**Richard Cavell, MD**, was named Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in Monroe.

**Quyen D. Chu, MD, FACS**, was elected President of Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and was awarded the 2020 Charles Lester Black Humanitarian Award.

**Chris Kevil, PhD**, Vice Chancellor for Research and School of Graduate Studies Dean, was appointed Chair of the JanOne Scientific Advisory Board.

The **Clinical Skills Center** has been approved by the Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) as a Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) and Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) test center.

**Connie Arnold, PhD**, Professor of Medicine, and **Terry Davis, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, were appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to the Louisiana COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Health Disparities and Research Subcommittee.

**Lester W. Johnson, MD**, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Professor of Surgery in Monroe, was elected Vice President of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Johnson was also selected to serve on Governor Edwards' Resilient Louisiana Commission's Healthcare and Human Services Task Force, and earlier this year was also appointed to serve on the Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Revitalization as the Chair of the Healthcare Subcommittee.

**Diana Merendino, DPT, RRT, PT, FAARC**, was named Assistant Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for the School of Allied Health Professions.

The School of Allied Health Professions' **Cardiopulmonary Science Program** received the Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) presents this honor annually to those programs with Registered Respiratory Therapy (RRT) credentialing success of 90% or above.

**Charles Fox, MD**, Vice Chancellor of Clinical Affairs and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, was honored as Physician Leader of the Year at the Ochsner Spirit of Leadership Awards.

**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, was elected to serve on the American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery's (ABOHNS) Board of Directors. Dr. Nathan was also recently named a 2020 American Cancer Society Champion of Hope.

## LSUHS COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS



When the need was identified to expand community testing and increase access to testing available in areas our community most affected by the virus, LSU Health Shreveport was able to respond with a solution quickly by utilizing the Partners in Wellness mobile screening vans and capabilities of the Emerging Viral Threat (EVT) Lab established at LSUHS in March to address the critical need for more COVID-19 testing and research. The mobile testing effort was focused on reaching communities that are generally underserved and affected by COVID-19 at a disproportionate rate. It was important to meet the needs of these communities with free testing at easily accessible locations with a convenient drive up testing process. Community testing has been made possible due to LSU Health Shreveport's long-standing partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across north Louisiana, financial support from Caddo Parish Commission and corporate donors like Inferno Manufacturing Corp. and U.L. Coleman Companies, logistics and safety oversight by the Louisiana National Guard, and additional support from medical providers and several organizations, churches and businesses in our community.

### LSUHS Gold Humanism Honor Society Welcomes New Members

Thirty new members were welcomed into the GHHS via a virtual induction ceremony on April 28. These new GHHS members join more than 35,000 medical students, physicians, and other leaders who have been inducted into the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) since 2002, which recognizing students, residents and faculty who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine.

School of Medicine Class of 2021 Inductees:

**Kirsten Fontenot**  
**Harley Bordelon**  
**Mae Loblano**  
**Ryan Rougelot**  
**Blake LeBlanc**  
**Charles deBoisblanc**  
**Katie Frith**  
**Alexandra Morgan**  
**Jenna Mailhes**  
**James Pearson**  
**Neesha Siriwardane**  
**Hannah Barkley**  
**Mary Piekos**  
**James Robinson**  
**Eleanor Cook**  
**Allison Rogers**  
**Kyleigh Harrison**  
**Audrey Demand**  
**Langley Sampognaro**

Resident Inductees:

**Dr. Katrina Castille**, General Surgery  
**Dr. Dylan Harrell**, Internal Medicine  
**Dr. Loveita Raymond**, Medicine/Pediatrics  
**Dr. Kristen Sandoz**, Pediatrics  
**Dr. Michelle Finch**, OB/GYN  
**Dr. Alex Fuselier**, Urology

Faculty Inductees:

**Dr. Shahzeem Bhayani**, Assistant Professor of Medicine  
**Dr. Laurie Grier**, Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, OB/GYN, and OMFS  
**Dr. Diana Veillon**, Professor of Pathology and Residency Program Director  
**Dr. Michael Sewell**, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine  
**Dr. David Scarborough**, Associate Clinical Professor of Endocrinology and recipient of the 2020 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award

**Dr. Md. Shenuarian Bhuiyan, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pathology, was selected as the winner of the 2020 New Investigator Award from the American Physiological Society.

**Bharat Sachdeva, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor of Nephrology, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN).



**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, was named by the Women in Head and Neck Surgery Service of the American Head and Neck Society the 2020 winner of the Margaret F. Butler Outstanding Mentor of Women in HNS Award. Named to honor Dr. Butler, the first woman chair of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in the United States, this award recognizes significant impact and measurable outcomes in the mentorship of women head and neck surgeons.

## Presentations

**Andrew Yurochko, PhD**, Professor and Carroll Feist Endowed Chair of Viral Oncology, Vice Chair of Microbiology and Immunology, was the guest speaker for Samba Scientific's "Science Spotlight: COVID-19" series on April 24 to discuss the EVT Lab and COVID-19 testing.

**Ahmad Azzawe, MD, PGY-5 Urology Resident**; **Librado Valadez, MD, PGY-4 Urology Resident**, **Alex Gomelsky, MD**, Professor and Chair of Urology: "Dissecting the Robotic Sacrocolpopexy," Video Presentation at North American Robotic Urology Symposium (NARUS), Feb. 7, 2020.

**Kevin Morgan, MD, PGY-2 Urology Resident**; **Erin McCallister, PT, DPT**, Instructor of Physical Therapy; **Daniel Flowers, PT, DPT, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy; **Amanda Mahoney, PT, DPT**, Clinical Assistant Professor of

Physical Therapy; **Travis Wilmore**, Medical Student; **Clifton F. Frilot II, PhD**, SAHP Associate Dean of Business, Technology and Research, Professor of Physical Therapy; and **Alex Gomelsky, MD**, Professor and Chair of Urology: "Association Between Gait and Pelvic Floor Symptoms: A Pilot Study," Poster Presentation at Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) Annual Meeting, Feb. 25, 2020.

**Alex Gomelsky, MD**, Professor and Chair of Urology, et. al.: "Telemedicine Optimizes Early Post-Operative Follow Up After Synthetic Mid-Urethral Sling (MUS): A Randomized, Multi-Institutional Control Trial," Podium Presentation at Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) Annual Meeting, Feb. 27, 2020.

Medical students **Michael Ninh**, **Kevin Malone**, **Colton Toups**, **Shaan Patel**, **Ross Bonnot**, **Nate Van Horn**, along with their mentor **Horacio D'Agostino, MD, FACR, FSIR**, Professor of Radiology, Surgery and Anesthesiology, participated in the Biodesign Challenge Series (BCS) hosted by the Society of Interventional Radiology's Medical Student Council - Biodesign and Innovation Committee (SIR MSC BDIC) and presented their project, "Shaping the Future of Drainage Catheters." The (BCS) is an opportunity for medical students to learn the fundamentals of biodesign and apply them to real-world problems with the mentorship of Interventional Radiology physicians. Teams were formed nationwide within medical schools' IR interest groups (IRIGs) and participated in a series of events that lasted three months.

## 5<sup>th</sup> GME REGIONAL POSTER PRESENTATION WINNERS

Congratulations to each and every participant in the 5<sup>th</sup> GME Regional Poster Presentation sponsored by Redstone Disability Insurance and Life Insurance Solutions! With everyone's support, the event was a great success.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Ryan Basquez, MD, PGY-3 Family Medicine-Alexandria**, "Has Introduction of a Ventilator Weaning Protocol Reduced Ventilator Days?"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Ashton Adekanmbi, MD, PGY-3 Family Medicine-Alexandria**, "CAUTI Prevention in Hospitalized Adults"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie): **Thomas Bell, MD, PGY-1 Obstetrics & Gynecology**, "Improving Postpartum Care: The Utility of the Edinburgh Depression Scale" and **Maria Chiejina, MD, PGY-6 Gastroenterology**, "Implementing the Usefulness of AASLD Guidelines in the Prevention of Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis through an Intervention amongst Training Physicians"



## GEAUX BALD WINS NATIONAL BATTLE OF THE BALD COMPETITION



**Geaux Bald** at LSU Health Shreveport is the St. Baldrick's Foundation Battle of the Bald 2020 winner! Under the leadership of **Olivia Feltnor, MSII**, the LSUHS chapter of St. Baldrick's Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research was named the highest fundraising college chapter in the nation. Battle of the Bald is a national competition within universities to raise the most money in an academic year. Geaux Bald raises money and awareness for childhood cancer research and beat out 75 other institutions around the country by raising a total of \$55,973.79 to earn this recognition.

## RESEARCH RECAP

**Connie Arnold, PhD**, Professor of Medicine, was awarded an NIH R01 grant for \$413,208 from the National Cancer Institute for her project, "Patient-Centered Reminders to Inform, Motivate, and Engage Colorectal Cancer Screening Adherence in Rural Communities: The PRIME-CRC Trial."

**Wanda Thomas, MD, FAAP**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, was awarded a Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) grant for \$95,455 for her project, "Area Health Education Centers Program COVID."

**John Vanchiere, MD, PhD**, Professor of Pediatrics, was awarded \$106,962 in additional funding from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) for his "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program COVID-19 Response" project.

**Mani Panchatcharam, PhD**, Associate Professor of Cellular Biology & Anatomy, was awarded an NIH R21 grant for \$209,875 from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for his project, "Alcohol mediated myocardial lysophosphatidic acid signaling."

**Chris Kevil, PhD**, Vice Chancellor for Research, was awarded a 4-year NIH R01 grant for \$1,711,972 National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for his project, "CSE regulation of vascular remodeling."

**Diana Cruz, PhD**, was awarded a 5-year \$694,170 K01 grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for her project, "Molecular Mechanisms of Stress Signaling in the Female Heart."

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Research Celebration - Office of Research Excellence Award Winners:

- **Connie Arnold, MD**, and **Terry Davis, PhD**, received the Excellence in Extramural Funding award.
- **Paari Dominic, MD**, received the Excellence in Translational Research award.
- **J. Steven Alexander, PhD**, and **Chris Kevil, PhD**, received the Excellence in Innovation award.
- **Mani Panchatcharam, PhD**, received the Scientific Research Impact in Basic Science award and Dr. John Vanchiere received the Scientific Research Impact in Clinical Science award.
- **Mr. Ross Barrett** received the Community Champion award for his continued support of LSU Health Shreveport and its research endeavors.



**Jimmy Young, MD**, Neurology Resident, and **Peimin Zhu, MD, PhD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology: "A Case of Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome: EEG Comparison Before and After Cannabinoid Utilization," presented at the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society Meeting, Feb. 5-9, 2020. New Orleans.

**Steven Bailey, MD, MScAI, FACC, FACP**, Professor and Chairman of Internal Medicine: "Cardiogenic Shock: Updates and Challenges" Texas Heart Institute Grand Rounds, Jan. 31, Houston, TX.

**Guillermo Sangster, MD**, Professor of Radiology and Clinical Specialist: "Post-operative Complications in the GU Tract: Tips and Tricks," Society of Abdominal Radiology Annual Meeting in Maui, HI.

## Publications

**Tyler Reekes, BS**, Graduate Student - Disbrow Lab; **Christina Ledbetter, PhD**, Fellow in the Department of Neurosurgery; **Niroshan Sathivadivel, MD**, Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine Resident; **Richard Zweig, MD**, Professor of Neurology; **Elizabeth Disbrow, PhD**, Associate Professor of Neurology and Center for Brain Health Director; et. al.: "Sex specific cognitive differences in Parkinson disease," *npj Parkinson's Disease*. 6, Article number: 7 (2020). DOI: 10.1038/s41531-020-0109-1

**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, et. al.: "Safety Recommendations for Evaluation and Surgery of the Head and Neck During the COVID-19 Pandemic," *JAMA Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery*. March 31, 2020. doi:10.1001/jamaoto.2020.0780.

**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, et. al.: "mTOR inhibitor use in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma: A meta-analysis on survival, tumor response, and toxicity," *Laryngoscope Investigative Otolaryngology*. 5(2). March 2020. doi:10.1002/liv.2.370.

**Brent Chang, MD, FRCS**, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Director of Robotic Surgery; **Ameya Asarkar, MD**, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery and Co-Director, Head & Neck Robotic Surgery; and **Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, "What is the Role of Transoral Thyroidectomy?" *Triological Society Best Practices, Laryngoscope*. Feb. 21, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1002/lary.28578>.

**Steven Flynn, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology in Monroe, had his Ophthalmic Knowledge Assessment Program (OKAP) and Board Review study presentations published on the American Academy of Ophthalmology's website. These study series serve as an open-source learning module for future ophthalmologists across the nation.

**Patrick Massey, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of Clinical Research; **Kaylan McClary, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **Andrew Zhang, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; and **R. Shane Barton, MD**, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Thomas Norris MD Endowed Professor, et. al.: "Orthopaedic Surgical Selection and Inpatient Paradigms During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic," *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*: June 1, 2020. Volume 28, Issue 11, p 436-450. doi: 10.5435/JAAOS-D-20-00360

**Andrew Zhang, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **Mitchell Myers, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **Clarence J. Kee, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **Kaylan McClary, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **R. Shane Barton, MD**, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Thomas Norris MD Endowed Professor; and **Patrick Massey, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of Clinical Research; "Adapting Orthopaedic Surgery Training Programs During the

COVID-19 Pandemic and Future Directions," *Arthroscopy, Sports Medicine, and Rehabilitation*. June 25, 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asmr.2020.06.008>.

**Patrick Massey, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of Clinical Research; **Kaylan McClary, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **Nicole Sanders, BS**; **Mitchell Myers, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **R. Shane Barton, MD**, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Thomas Norris MD Endowed Professor; and **Giovanni Solitro, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery: "Rebar Repair of Radial Meniscus Tears: A Reinforced Suture Technique," *Arthroscopy Journal*. Vol. 9, Issue 7, E953-E957, July 1, 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ats.2020.03.013>.

**Patrick Massey, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of Clinical Research; **Benjamin Feibel, MD**, Orthopaedic Surgery Resident; **H. Thomas**, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery; **A. Watkins**, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery; **Brad Chauvin, MD**, Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery; **R. Shane Barton, MD**, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery and Thomas Norris MD Endowed Professor: "Synovial fluid leukocyte cell count before versus after administration of antibiotics in patients with septic arthritis of a native joint," *Journal of Orthopaedic Science*. Jan. 2020. S0949-2658(19)30350-1. DOI: 10.1016/j.jos.2019.11.011.

**Mabruka Alfaidi, PhD**, Post-Doctoral Fellow - Orr Lab; **Christina H. Acosta, PhD** Student; **Dongdong Wang, PhD**, Post-Doctoral Fellow - Orr Lab; **James G. Traylor, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology; and **A. Wayne Orr, PhD**, Director of Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences: "Selective role of Nck1 in atherogenic inflammation and plaque formation," *Journal of Clinical Investigation*. May 19, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1172/JCI135552>.

**Alex Gomelsky, MD**, Professor and Chair of Urology, et. al.: "Slings: Autologous, Biologic, Synthetic, and Mid-Urethral." In: *Campbell-Walsh-Wein Urology, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Partin AV, Dmochowski RR, Kavoussi LR, Peters CA (Eds.), 2020.

**Alex Fuselier, MD**, PGY-2 Urology Residency; **J. Margaret Lovin, MD**, PGY-5 Urology Resident; **Emily F. Kelly, MD**, PGY-3 Urology Resident; **Zach Connelly**, Medical Student; and **Nazih Paul Khater, MD**, Assistant Professor of Urology: "A 22-Year-Old Retained Stent: One of the Oldest Removed Using a Multimodal Endourologic Approach." *Journal of Endourology Case Reports*, April 2020; [Epub Ahead of Print].

**Nazih Paul Khater, MD**, Assistant Professor of Urology, et. al.: "Guidewire type and prior use affects ureteral stent insertion force," *Canadian Journal of Urology*, April 2020; 27(2): 10174-10180.

**Kevin Morgan, MD**, PGY2 Urology Resident, et. al.: "Urinary leak following partial nephrectomy: a contemporary review of 975 cases," *Canadian Journal of Urology*, February 2020; 27(1): 10118-10124.

**David Ballard, MD**, Surgery Resident Alumnus; **Sarah Flanagan, MD**, Radiology Resident; **Romulo Vea, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor of Radiology; **Chaitanya Ahuja, MD**, Vice Chair and Associate Professor of Radiology, and Section Chief of Interventional Radiology; **Horacio D'Agostino, MD, FACR, FSIR**, Professor of Radiology, Surgery and Anesthesiology; et. al.: "Paired Drainage Catheter Insertion: Feasibility of Placing Two Catheters within the Same Complex Abscess Cavity as a Primary and Salvage Percutaneous Drainage Technique," article in *Academic Radiology*, Volume 27, Issue 2, Feb. 2020, Pages e1-e9.

**Kim Jackson, MD**, Allergy & Immunology Fellow, and **Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH**, Professor of Pediatrics & Medicine and Chief of Allergy & Immunology Section: "Hypersensitivity and other adverse reactions to biologics for asthma and allergic diseases," *Expert Review of Clinical Immunology*, 16:311-319, 2020.

**Montie' Dobbins, MLIS**, Associate Librarian/Associate Professor and Assistant Director for Technical Services; **William Olmstadt, MSLS, MPH, AHIP**, Librarian/Professor of Medical Library Science and Executive

Director of the Health Sciences Library; **David Duggar, MLIS, AHIP**, Librarian/Professor and Head of Library Liaison Program; and **Julia M. Esparza, MLIS, AHIP**, Librarian/Professor and Associate Director of the Health Sciences Library, et. al.: "Making agency funding work for your community." Chapter in: Hines-Martin, Vicki, Cox, Fannie M., Cunningham, Henry R. (Eds.) *Library Collaborations and Community Partnerships: Enhancing Health and Quality of Life*, London: Routledge; 2020.

**Ryan Downey**, Medical Student, and **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**, Charles D. Knight, Sr. MD, Endowed Professor in General Surgery: "Anatomy, Thorax, Tracheobronchial Tree," In: *StatPearls [Internet]*. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; April 11, 2020.

**Tierra Range**, Medical Student, and **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**: "Full Liquid Diet," In: *StatPearls [Internet]*. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; Jan. 31, 2020.

**Bryce Dugas**, Medical Student, and **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**: "Anatomy, Thorax, Brachiocephalic (Right Innominate) Arteries," In: *StatPearls [Internet]*. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; May 30, 2020.

**Kathryn Nauman**, Medical Student, and **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**: "Anatomy, Abdomen and Pelvis, Anal Triangle," In: *StatPearls [Internet]*. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; April 24, 2020.

**Sarah Flanagan, MD**, Radiology Resident; **Horacio D'Agostino, MD, FACR, FSIR**, Professor of Radiology, Surgery and Anesthesiology; and **David Ballard, MD**, Surgery Resident Alumnus, authored the "Abscess Drainage" chapter in *Learning Interventional Radiology, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition*. Authors: Justin Shafa and Stephen T. Kee. Elsevier 2020.

## International Outreach

**Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH**, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, Chief of Allergy & Immunology Section, gave two presentations as an invited speaker at the Annual Congress of Allergy & Immunology by the Egyptian Society of Allergy & Clinical Immunology in Alexandria, Egypt, Feb. 19-21, 2020: "Why this patient's asthma is not well controlled?" and "Not every shellfish allergy is allergy."

**Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH**, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, Chief of Allergy & Immunology Section, gave two presentations as an invited speaker at the Egyptian Pediatric Respiratory Conference, in Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 26-29, 2020: "Severe food allergies without eating" and "Systemic hypersensitivities to antihistamines and corticosteroids."

## Meetings

**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Jack Pou Endowed Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, was the keynote speaker for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Charles J. Krause, MD, Lectureship of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Michigan Medicine on June 19.

**Alex Gomelsky, MD**, Professor and Chair of Urology: "Ligament Dissection / Bleeding," In: Panel Discussion: "Expert Surgical Theater Robotic Sacrocolpopexy: Steps, Mistakes and Solutions," Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) Annual Meeting, Feb. 27, 2020.

The American College of Surgeons Louisiana Chapter Annual Meeting was held in New Orleans in January and attended by the LSUHS Department of Surgery, which was well represented with six podium presentations and four poster presentations. **R. Keith White, MD, FACS**, Chairman and Professor of Surgery, John C. McDonald, MD Endowed Chair of Surgery, presented "The Evolution of the Academic Health System." Chief Surgery Residents **Kate Rhymes, MD**, and **Jean-Luc Delafontaine, MD**, won the Surgical Jeopardy competition.

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020! STUDENTS - RESIDENTS - FELLOWS