Honors & Appointments

Lester W. Johnson, MD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology.

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

Diana Merendino, DPT, RRT, PT, FAARC, was named Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Chief Academic Officer, and Professor of Physical Therapy;

Peter H. Sodenberg, MD, MA, FAAFP, FACS, RMSK, was named Chairman of the Department of Family Practice.

Revitalization as the Chair of the Healthcare Human Services Task Force, and earlier was named Chief Legal Counsel for LSU Health Shreveport.

Connie Arnold, PhD, (FLS) and Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) as a Scientific Advisory Board.

Dean, was appointed Chair of the JanOne Humanitarian Award.

Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, of the 2020 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award.

Charles Fox, MD, was named Professor of Internal Medicine and recipient of the Margaret F. Butler Outstanding Mentor of Women in HNS Award. Named to honor Dr. Butler, the first woman chair of the Otolaryngology-Head & 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 Turochko, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, was honored as Physician of the Year at the 2020 American College of Cardiology Media Wall.

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

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Dr. David Scarborough, Associate Clinical Professor of Radiology, was elected to the School of Medicine Class of 2021 Scientific Advisory Board.

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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 in to the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Human Honor Society since 2005, which honors students, residents and faculty who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine.

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Thomas Bell, MD, PGY-1 Obstetrics & Gynecology, “Improving Care for Women and Adolescents with Genitourinary and Venous Symptoms of Pelvic Floor Dysfunction.”

PGY-3 Family Medicine-Alexandria, “Has COVID-19 been diagnostic of a new disease?”

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GEAUX BALD WINS NATIONAL BATTLE OF THE BALD COMPETITION

Connie Arnold, PhD, Professor of Medicine, was awarded on NIH R21 grant for $209,875 from Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for his project, “Alcohol mediated signaling.”

Mani Panchatnam, PhD, Associate Professor of Cellular Biology & Anatomy, was awarded a $1,711,972 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute grant from the National Institutes of Health for her project, “CSE regulation of vascular remodeling.”

Diane Cruz, PhD, was awarded a $20,662,177 grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health for her project, “Effects of Alcohol on the Brain: Dose-Related Effects and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).”

2nd Annual Research Celebration - Office of Research Excellence Award Winners:
- Connie Arnold, MD, and Terry Davis, PhD, received the Excellence in Extramural Funding award.
- Peari Dominc, MD, received the Excellence in Translational Research award.
- J. Steven Alexander, PhD, and Chris Kevil, PhD, received the Excellence in Translational Research award.
- Mani Panchatnam, PhD, received the Scientific Research Impact in Basic Science award.
- Mr. Ross Barett received the Community Champion award for his continued support of LSU Health Shreveport and its research endeavors.

RESEARCH Recap

Jimmie Young, MD, Neurology Resident, and Associate Professor of Neurology: “A Case of LEMS, Long Staying, Syndrome: Comparison Before and After Cannabinoid Utilization,” presented at the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society’s Annual Meeting, Feb. 5-9, 2020, New Orleans.

Steven Bailey, MD, MACAL, FACC, FACP, Professor of Medicine and Director of Cardiac Medicine: “Cardiogenic Shock: Updates and Challenges,” presented at University of North Texas Health Science Center Institute Grand Rounds, Jan. 31, Houston, TX.

Guillermo Sangster, MD, Professor of Radiology and Clinical Specialist “Post–operative obesity and nutrition,” presented at the American Society of Abdominal Radiology Annual Meeting in Miami, FL.

Patrick Massey, MD, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of Clinical Research; Benjamin Felbel, MD, Orthopedic Surgery Resident; H. Thomas, Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery; A. Watkins, Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery; S. Starks, Medical Student; and R. Cohen, Medical Student: “Keystone McClary, MD, Orthopedic Surgery Resident; Nicole White, MD, Orthopedic Surgery Resident; Myra Myers, MD, Orthopedic Surgery Resident; R. Barton, MD, Chair of Orthopedic Surgery and Thomas MD, Orthopedic Surgery Resident: “Percutaneous Drainage Technique,” presented at the American Society of Abdominal Radiology Annual Meeting in Miami, FL.

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International Outreach

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