Oleg Chernyshyev, MD, Associate Professor of Neurology and Sleep Medicine and his collaborators at Washington University received the American Academy of Sleep Medicine Change Agent People's Choice Award for their “Multiple Sleep Latency Test” proposal.

Sunilk. Jain, PhD, FACN, FENP, Professor, Pediatrics, was labeled a “World Expert” by Expertscape’s PubMed-based algorithm, placing him in the top 0.1% of scholars working about “Diabetes Melitus” over the past 10 years.

J. Steven Alexander, PhD, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and Ricardo Costa, PhD, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and their company, Arqanpt Transplant Solutions, won the 2021 Louisiana Startup Prize.

Celine Palmieri, DDS, Clinical Associate Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and Fawaz Alotoibi, DDS, Assistant Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, performed the first Microvascular Surgery at Baptist Regional Medical Center in Alexandria on Oct. 6. Accompanying residents: Samantha Hirt, DMD, MD, PGY-2 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and Nathan Yang, DDS, MD, PGY-4 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

Paarl Dominik, MD, Assistant Professor of Dermatology at LSUHSC, presented “Pharmacological Skin Treatments” at the 34th International Piafamurcus Congress, Nov. 15-19.

John Pang, MD, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, was selected to join the American Head and Neck Society (AHSN) Program Committee 2022.

Nasim Motayar, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine, was appointed by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) to serve as a member of the following committees for three-year terms (2022-2024): Scientific Program Committee, and Current Concepts in Critical Care Course, Adult.

Nasim Motayar, MD, was selected to serve as Faculty at the Educational Leadership Luncheon for the Society of Critical Care Medicine’s 51st Critical Care Congress which will be held virtually Apr. 18-21, 2022.

Pranathip Charoenpong, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine, has been accepted as an Early Career Reviewer for The Journal of Heart Lung Transplant (JHLT).

Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, Jack Foux Endowed Professor of Neurosurgery, and Assistant Professor of Head and Neck Surgery, was inducted as the new President of the Association of Academic Departments of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Nathan is the first female ADAO President.

Diana Merendino, DPT, BRT, PT, BRTNP, BPT, FAABC, Assistant Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for the School of Allied Health Professions and Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiopulmonary Science, was awarded the 2022 WSU Bill Lamb Award for Exceptional Service in Mentoring and Volunteering from the American Association for Respiratory Care.

Edith Evans, Coordinator of Medical Service Development, School of Allied Health Professions, and Coordinator for the School of Allied Health Professions Employee of the Year Award.

School of Allied Health Professions: FDA-selected Faculty Awards recipients: Jillian Dancy, MPH, BRT, CPTT, Instructor of Cardiopulmonary Science, received the New Faculty Award; Daniel Flowers, PT, DPT, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, received the Faculty Research Award; William R. McGhee, Assistant Professor, received the Faculty Service Award.

The LSUS-LSUH SAMP joint Master in Public Health Program was named #1 in the state and 27th nationally for its affordability by Ed.Med.org.

The CEVT COVID-19 Strike Team was awarded the 2021 Dr. Donald G. Mack Award by the Northwest Louisiana Pediatric Society.

CoARec Accreditation was reaffirmed for the joint Respiratory Therapy program with Bossier Parish Community College under direction and guidance from Dr. Michelle Soll, MD, MSHS, Clinical Assistant Professor of Cardiopulmonary Science.

Under the direction of Robin Steed, PhD, LOTOR, Program Director and Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, in April 2020, Dr. Steed was selected to serve on the Occupational Therapy Degree designation with commendations for strengths.

Sarah Murmane, PT, DPT, Clinical Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, was named the Director of the Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Physical Therapy.

Rosario Riel- Romero, MD, FASAP, FAAN, FACNS, Clinical Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Southern Pediatric Neurological Society.

Martin Sapp, PhD, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and William Wals and Kings-Ringo Chair of Molecular Biology, was invited to serve as Chair of the Virus Entry, Evasion and Resistance Committee of the 36th International Piafamurcus Congress, Nov. 15-19.

Jania Burns, SPT, received the Outstanding Future Professional Award from the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

MEETINGS

Stephan N. Witt, PhD, FCSSLI, chairman of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was invited to be a member of the NIH Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Study Section, Fellowships: Biomedical Research and Bioengineering and Bioengineering Neuroscience, Oct. 28-29.

Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, was participated in a FDA panel, “Clinical Trial Endpoint Development for Lateralized Head and Neck Cancer,” Oct. 2022.

Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, was invited to be a panelist for the American College of Surgeons Critical Care Congress 2022 virtual panel, “Trauma and Head and Neck Masses,” Oct. 26.

Naudeep Saini, MD, FACS, Endowed Associate Professor of Surgery and General Surgery Resident Program Director, directed the first virtual-pair hybrid of the 5th Annual NERS Trauma Symposium, Sept. 17.

PRESENTATIONS

Hassan Alhussein, PGY-4 Neurology, Muhammad Waseem Khan, MD, Infectious Disease Fellow, Rosario Riel-Romero, MD, “Stornoway Syndrome: A Rare Pediatric Presentation of a STM-1 mutation,” 65th Annual Regional Poster Presentation hosted by LSUS Graduate Medical Education.

Usama Taras, PGY-4 Neurology, et al., “Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and CAV3 mutation,” 65th Annual Regional Poster Presentation hosted by LSUS Graduate Medical Education.


Rosario Riel-Romero, MD, was invited to present “Special Considerations in Pediatric Epilepsy” at the Ochsner Neuroscience Symposium in New Orleans, March 20, 2021.


Connie Arnold, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Shima Sabet, MD, Chair of Critical Care and Telemedicine, “Health Literacy as it Impacts Cancer Central: What works? What’s needed?” Sponsored Programs Seminar, Granting State University, Sept. 28.

Terry Davis, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, Dawson Cox-Chair of Healthcare Disparities and Telemedicine, “Health Literacy a Path to Improve health communication and Health Outcomes,” American Public Health Association Virtual Conference, Oct. 22.


Julia Esparr, MLS, AHP, Associate Director, Library, Will Omilstadt, MSLL, MSHS, AHP, Executive Director, Library, Kathleen Bloomdale, BS, Business Manager, Library, “Let’s get physical! Meeting the accreditation and Institutional Needs of Students through a Remodel,” South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Virtual Conference, Oct. 13.


Posha Jethani, OTD, LOTOR, Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, “Integrative Rehabilitation Research Monitoring & Career Development Fellowship,” American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 2021 Annual Conference, Sept 26-29, Dr. Jethani’s poster on Long COVID and Mindfulness-based Occupational Therapy Interventions was selected as best example of scholarship.

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