

Winter 2023

E- Newsletter

## Governor's Message



Greetings Louisiana Chapter ACP members!

As we head into the home stretch of Winter weather, exciting things are happening with our state ACP chapter. The promise of Spring brings a re-emergence/improvements in existing traditions, but also the chance for new growth.

On the advocacy front, ACP continues to fight for better payment policies and changes to the prior authorizations process. Our chapter hopes to represent the interests and concerns of our members at both the state and national legislative level with activities such as White Coat Wednesday and ACP's Leadership Day.

We celebrate the on-going tradition of fostering excellence in education with our recently held Resident and Student Meeting, as well as with our upcoming state chapter Annual Scientific Meeting. We hope to bring the same high quality of educational programming but embrace a new venue and on-going efforts to offer virtual attendance options for those of whom travel has been a barrier to participation. ACP continues to develop new programming and products, while working endlessly to improve existing offerings such as MKSAP and DynaMed.

Our chapter leadership will also share in the spirit of blending the old and the new as I will begin my final year in service as chapter Governor and welcome Dr. Angela McLean into her year as Governor-Elect at the conclusion of the national meeting in San Diego.

My hope as the seasons turn yet again is to welcome that change in ways that expand our offerings for personal and professional fulfillment for our chapter members. Please join me in these efforts and take advantage of all that ACP membership has to offer you in your daily practice life, your growth as a professional and your wellness in times of struggle.

Stay hopeful, stay supported and stay connected with ACP!

Angie

# 2023 Resident and Student Meeting

The Resident and Student Meeting was held on Saturday, February 4 at the Louisiana Cancer Research Center in New Orleans. There were over 120 members in attendance! The day featured oral and poster presentations showcasing some of the outstanding work being done by the residents and students throughout the state. Congratulations to all of the winning presenters, who are listed below. The winning Mystery Case, *"A 33-year-old male with a history of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma presented to the hospital with a non-productive cough and fever...."*, presented by Hirrah Sajjad from LSU - Lafayette will represent the Louisiana Chapter at IM2023 in San Diego! The meeting concluded with an exciting Jeopardy contest. **Congratulations to the 2023 Louisiana Chapter ACP Jeopardy Winner, Baton Rouge General!** Thank you to all of members who served as leaders, moderators and judges.

## **2023 Resident Student Meeting Abstract Winners**

### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS – STUDENTS**

1st place - *Are you cereus? An Atypical Presentation of Bacillus cereus: Endocarditis Complicated by Stroke*

**Luay Naji**, Syed Hussain DO, Alice Zhang MD; The University of Queensland-Ochsner Clinical School, New Orleans, LA.

### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS SESSION 1**

1st place - *Acute Lung Herniation: An Unusual complication of COPD exacerbation*

**Syed Hussain**, Maximillian Morvant; Department of Medicine, Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, LA.

### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS SESSION 2**

1st place - *BRASH Syndrome: A Close "BRASH" with Death?*

**David Beyer**, Supraja Sridhar, Munraj Singh, Fernanda Correa, Jasmine Nikdast, Kristi Boudreaux, Lee Engel; Department of Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.



## 2023 Resident Student Meeting Abstract Winners

### MYSTERY CASE PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS

1st place - *A 33-year-old male with a history of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma presented to the hospital with a non-productive cough and fever.....*

Michael Almquist, **Hirrah Sajjad**, Brad Broussard; Department of Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center, Lafayette, LA.

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS – STUDENTS

1st place - *Translational Investigation of Sex Differences in Alcohol Analgesic Efficacy: Comparison Across Preclinical and Clinical Domains*

**Sumin Lee**; LSUHSC School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA.

2nd place - *Discerning Fever of Infectious and Autoimmune Origins in Setting of VEXAS Syndrome*

**Yichi Zhang**, Elizabeth Holland; Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

3rd place - *Case of Viable Intraparenchymal Neurocysticercosis*

**David Szarvas**, Logan Ledet, MD, and Victoria Burke, MD; LSUHSC School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA.

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS

1st place - *A Roundabout way to Gastric Adenocarcinoma diagnosis after Roux-en-Y bypass*

**Ebiai Ruona**, William Song; Department of Medicine, Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, LA.

2nd place - *Utility of Fructosamine to Assess Glycemic Control*

**Ashley Misky**, Betty Lo, Lee Engel; Department of Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

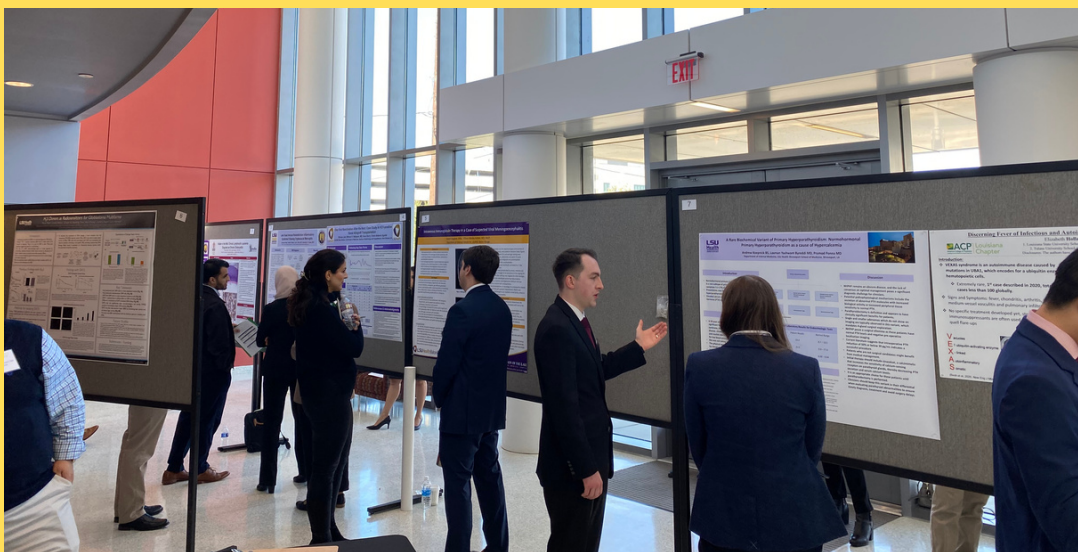
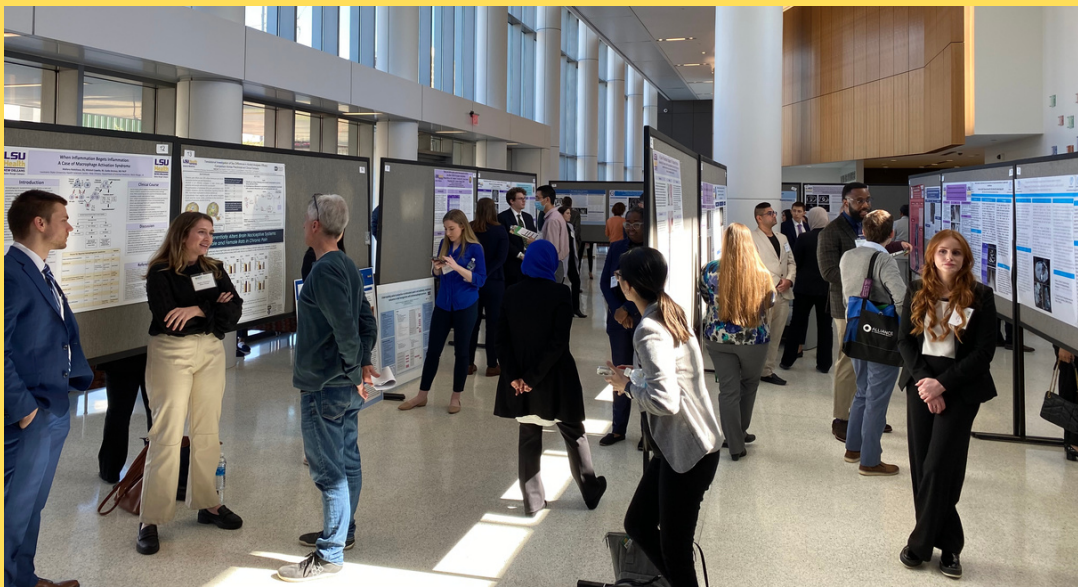
3rd place - *TB or Not TB, That Is The Question*

**Trac Le**, Sofia Beg; Department of Medicine, Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center, Houma, LA.

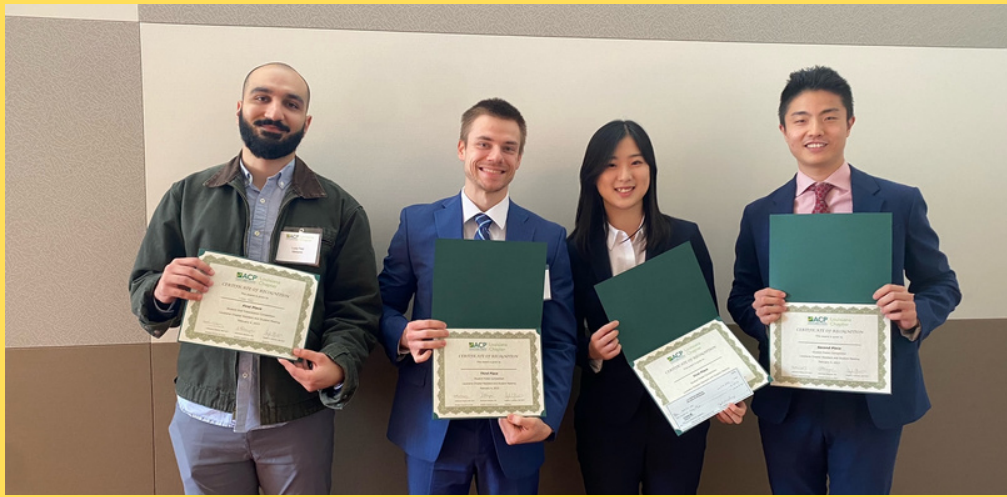




## Oral Presentations



## Poster Presentations



Student winners (L-R): Luay Naji, David Szarvas, Sumin Lee, Yichi Zhang



Resident winners (L-R): Syed Hussain, Ebai Ruona, Trac Le, Ashley Misky, Hlrrah Sajjad, David Beyer



2023 Jeopardy winners - Baton Rouge General:  
Jasleen Hora, Andriane Melanthiou, Priyanka Patel



# 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

## **LSU Medical Education and Innovation Center Baton Rouge March 3 - 4**

The Annual Meeting is just a couple of short weeks away. There is a fantastic **educational program** planned. If you have not already, please visit the [Meeting Hub](#) to register and view the speakers and topics.

In addition to the educational program, Friday will feature the **Business Meeting and Awards Lunch** during which the new Governor's Advisory Council slate will be presented and voted upon. The slate can be found on the following page for reference.

The Laureate Award winners will also be announced during the lunch. When the day's agenda concludes on Friday evening, plan to join your colleagues on the Teaching Terrace to celebrate the Laureate Award Winners for a **Cocktail Reception**.

This year the Chapter will also be holding a **food and fund drive** to support the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. There will be a collection box near the Registration Table if you choose to bring food with you or you may scan the attached QR code to make a financial donation. All donations are greatly appreciated and this is a small way that we, as an organization, can give back to the local community. A "Most Needed Items" list can be found [here](#) and the QR code, which is specific for the Louisiana Chapter, can be found at the end of this newsletter. The QR code will also be available at the Registration Desk during the meeting.

# Governor's Advisory Council

## Slate Announcement

The 2023 Louisiana Chapter ACP Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations to the Membership of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians for Council positions:

The following physicians are nominated to serve their first three-year term as Regional or At-Large Councilor:

Dr. Tamika Webb-Detiege – New Orleans

Dr. Praneet Iyer – Shreveport

Dr. Aaron Ackley – Lake Charles/Lafayette

Dr. Ashley G. Ingolia – At-Large (North Shore)

Dr. Murthy Muthuswamy – At-Large

## Excellence in Internal Medicine Awards

Each year the Louisiana Chapter recognizes an outstanding student at each medical school that chooses to participate. These students were chosen and recognized by their institution. Each winner is presented with a certificate and \$500 check from the Louisiana ACP Chapter. In the Summer newsletter the spring winners, LeAnn Rebekah Daggett, Faisal Kirdar, Brett Montelaro were recognized.

The University of Queensland Ochsner Clinical School presents this award at the Fall Culmination Ceremony. This year the ACP Excellence in Internal Medicine Award at **The University of Queensland Ochsner Clinical School was given to Abul Babu Zia**. Congratulations Babu! The Chapter wishes you the very best in the next steps of your career.



## Spring 2023 Resolutions

The Board of Governors will discuss the Spring slate of Resolutions during the April meeting in San Diego. Member comments will be solicited as soon as the slate has been published. Please be watching your email in the coming weeks for a request from Dr. Johnson to review the new slate of Resolutions and add your comments. The feedback provided by you, the members, allows the Governor to speak on behalf of the Chapter and reflect the thoughts and opinions of the membership.

If you have an idea you'd like to suggest to ACP, consider submitting a resolution to Angie Johnson or the Louisiana ACP chapter. The ACP has a call for Resolutions twice each year for the Fall and Spring Board of Governors Meetings. The Board of Governors (BOG) Resolutions Process was instituted in 1985 as a means for the ACP membership to have formal input to the Board of Regents (BOR), the policymaking body of the College. A resolution reflects grassroots voice of ACP. A resolution is a proposal that asks the ACP to take a position and/or an action. Any ACP member can submit a resolution to his or her ACP Governor for consideration by the local chapter council. A resolution consists of at least one directive ("Resolved clause") accompanied by supporting statements ("Whereas clauses"). If you have a proposal, please review the Resolutions Guide and bring it to the Governor. The deadlines to submit a Resolution for consideration are typically in May for the Fall BOG meeting and December for the Spring BOG meeting.

There is a current Call for Fall Resolutions! The deadline for submitting new resolutions to be heard at the Fall 2023 Board of Governors Meeting is **March 30, 2023**.



## IM 2023

Make your plans now to attend Internal Medicine Meeting 2023, which will be held April 27 - 29 in San Diego, CA.

Visit <https://annualmeeting.acponline.org/> to learn more.

The program is extensive and there are numerous opportunities to learn, network and catch up with colleagues. The **Convocation Ceremony** will be held on Thursday, April 27 in the Convention Center (Hall D) at 6:00 pm. Convocation is an annual ceremony whereby the College recognizes and applauds its new Fellows and the recipients of various honors. It is a ceremony of tradition, transition, renewal, and celebration.

Louisiana ACP member, Adrian Sequeira, will be presenting the **Update in Nephrology** on Friday, April 28 at 2:45pm. The Chapter also will have a resident in the **poster competition** (see above) and the Chapter's 2022 Jeopardy winner, LSU - Shreveport, will be competing in the **Doctor's Dilemma Competition**.

The Chapter will co-host the annual Chapters Reception on Friday evening, details on the following page . The IM Meeting will close with the official transition of our Governor-Elect Designee, Angela McLean, becoming our Governor-Elect.

If you are a member who is involved with the education program or have had an abstract accepted, please send that information to Sarah Wardrop at [laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com](mailto:laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com) to be included in future communications.



## 21st Annual Frank Incaprera Laureate Emeritus Dinner

The Annual Frank Incaprera Laureate Emeritus Dinner was held for the first time since March 2020 on November 12, 2022. Approximately 17 of the Louisiana Chapter Laureates gathered for dinner at Ralph's on the Park in New Orleans, including the three most recently named Laureates, David Borne (2021), Carlos Choucino (2022) and Lee Engel (2021). This year's guest speaker was Senior Louisiana US Senator Bill Cassidy.



Senator Bill Cassidy



Jay Shames and Frank Incaprera



Ben Thompson, David Borne, Angela Johnson, Carlos Choucino, Jay Shames and Lee Engel (picture from March 2022)



# Get Involved

## Committees

Looking for ways to get involved? There are many places that your time and talents can be used in the Chapter! The **Membership, Early Career Physician, Advocacy, Awards and Nominations Committees**, to name a few, are looking for new members to join. If you have a particular interest, contact Sarah Wardrop and get plugged into the Chapter!

### Upcoming Dates

#### **2023 Annual Scientific Meeting**

March 3-4, 2023

LSU Medical Education  
& Innovation Center  
Baton Rouge

#### **IM2023**

April 27-29, 2023  
San Diego, CA

#### **White Coat Wednesday**

May 17, 2023  
Baton Rouge, LA

#### **ACP Leadership Day**

May 23-24, 2023  
Washington, DC

### Stay Connected

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