

Winter 2024

E- Newsletter

Governor's Message



Greetings Louisiana ACP members!

It's hard to believe, but this is my final Governor's Newsletter of my 4-year term of service to this wonderful chapter of dedicated, talented members. As I look back on the past 4 years, I think of all of the personal and professional moments that this role has brought to me -- from uplifting personal connections, to invigorating scientific meeting sessions, to navigating hardships of practicing medicine during the COVID pandemic, to advocating for more meaningful doctor-patient interactions. Through all of these moments and more, ACP has played an integral role for me, and I can only hope that our organization has done this for each of you as well. While the practice of medicine can be equally rewarding as it is frustrating at times, ACP membership has provided an opportunity to find deeper meaning, helpful practice and learning tools, and outlets for advocacy and networking. Just this past month, my clinic is incorporating new longitudinal care codes and awaiting new Prior Authorization processes to ease some of the administrative burdens in patient care -- the very things we advocated for at our past ACP Leadership Day legislative meetings! I continually turn to MKSAP and the Online Learning Center in preparing for recertification and required CME documentation for licensure. But most of all, I continue to rely on ACP as a critical avenue for learning from a fantastic group of peers, mentors and leaders in Internal Medicine, be it from first joining as a medical student MANY years ago, to my upcoming role as Chair of the ACP Board of Governors and beyond. What an incredible journey! Thank you to all for what you do every day for our patients, our colleagues and our profession as a whole. I hope we continue to cross paths in the future! Please read on for some exciting news and events that our chapter has been fortunate to be a part of. And as always, stay supported, stay hopeful and stay connected!

2024 Resident and Student Meeting & Poster Competition

The Resident and Student Meeting was held on Saturday, January 27 at the LSU Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation in New Orleans. There were over 150 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, "*Pseudo-Thrombotic Microangiopathy Secondary To B12 Deficiency*", presented by Karam Rahat, MD from Ochsner Medical Center will represent the Louisiana Chapter in the National Poster Competition at IM2024 in Boston!

The meeting concluded with an exciting Jeopardy contest. **Congratulations to the 2024 Louisiana Chapter ACP Jeopardy Winner, Willis Knighton!** The Willis Knighton team will represent the Louisiana Chapter in the National Doctor's Dilemma Competition at IM2024 in Boston.

Thank you to all of members who served as leaders, moderators and judges. We cannot have a successful meeting without you.

2024 Resident Student Meeting Abstract Winners

ORAL PRESENTATIONS – STUDENTS

1st place - The Perfect Storm: A Rare Case of Thyrotoxicosis inciting Diabetic Ketoacidosis
Kaleb Derouen, Lydia Rewerts, Salim C. Lutfallah, Hannah Tonry Zulli MD, Briggs Welch MD, Michael Modica MD; Department of Internal Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

2nd place - Adenosine analogs have a dual immunomodulatory and antiviral function and are potential therapeutic agents against SARS-CoV-2

Brionna King, Giulia Monticone, Ph.D.; LSU Health Sciences Center School of Medicine; New Orleans, LA.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS SESSION 1

1st place - “Do I Have A Chance?” -The Use Of Angiovac System In A High Surgical Risk Patient With Aortic Valve Endocarditis

Andikan Udoh MD, Kubiati Udoh MD, Akash Shah MD, Raja Saravanan MD, Sriveni Tangellapelli MD, Breanna Campbell MD; Baton Rouge General Internal Medicine Residency, Baton Rouge, LA.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS

SESSION 2

1st place - Switching to Long-Acting Injectables in Those with Hepatitis B and HIV Co-Infection: Good Intentions Gone Wrong

Jamie Tran, Nikki Seraji, Keionne Green, Alexander Fixler, Lauren Nunez; Department of Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

MYSTERY CASE PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS

1st place - Pseudo-Thrombotic Microangiopathy Secondary To B12 Deficiency

Karam Rahat, MD, Ricardo Vallejo-Calzada, MD, Drishti Chawla; Department of Medicine, Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, LA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS – STUDENTS

1st place - The Molecular Oligoastrocytoma

Nathaniel Untch, Darshan Trivedi, MD, PhD, Joseph Keen, DO; University of Queensland - Ochsner Clinical School, New Orleans, LA.

2nd place - SGLT-2 Inhibitors: Wonder Drugs? Not So Fast

Kristen Williams, Mandie DiMarco, Jack Hebert, William Gibson MD, Domonique Smith MD, Brian Coe MD, Arash Ataei MD, Kyle Hoppens; LSUHSC School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA.

3rd place - SARS-CoV-2 Decreases Neuronal Activity in Brainstem Respiratory Centers in C57Bl6/J Mice

India Pasley, Ryan Miller, Luke Restivo, Eric Lazartigues, PhD; LSUHSC School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS – RESIDENTS

1st place - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Flare Presenting with Pericardial Tamponade

Edward Leonard, M.D., Mehnaz Rahman, M.D., David Beyer, M.D., Jacob Dubuc, M.D., Fernanda Correa, M.D.; Department of Cardiology, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

2nd place - Violaceous Bullae: A Case of *Vibrio Vulnificus* (*V. vulnificus*) Necrotizing Fasciitis
Zui Keat Ng, DO, **Heath Scott, MD**, Youssef Bou-Mikael, MD, Joseph Hennig, MD, Amit Rajkarnikar, MD, Jacob Cunningham, MD, Benjamin Pickard, MD, Erica Jones, MD, George Gary Guidry, MD ; Department of Medicine, LSUHSC, Lafayette, LA.

3rd place - A Rare Complication of Biliary Stent Migration: Choledochoduodenopyelo Fistula

James Gore DO, Paula Cacioppo MD; Department of Internal Medicine, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA.



Several of the winners of the oral and poster abstract presentations were able to stay to receive their awards in person. Included in the photos are Karam Rahat (top left), who will present his abstract in the National Poster Competition and the Willis Knighton Jeopardy team, Arpita Pawa, Vivek Moorthy and Daniel Zamanian (bottom right), who will compete in the National Doctor's Dilemma Competition.



2024 Annual Scientific Meeting

LSU Medical Education and Innovation Center Baton Rouge March 8 - 9, 2024

The Annual Meeting is just a couple of short weeks away. We hope to have each of you join us in Baton Rouge to learn, network and connect with colleagues. The LSU Medical Education and Innovation Center is a great venue, which is easy to locate and provides ample free parking. 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. On the Meeting Hub you will also find a list of local hotels should you decide to stay the night in Baton Rouge on Friday and a map of the parking areas.

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 winner** 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 Winner for a **Cocktail Reception**.

The Chapter will be holding **Fund Drive** to support the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank again this year. All donations are greatly appreciated and this is a small way that we, as an organization, can give back to the local community. The QR code, which is specific for the Louisiana Chapter, is below and will also be available at the Registration Desk during the meeting



Scan this QR Code to donate to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank!

**10 CME credits
and MOC
points**

Governor's Advisory Council

Slate Announcement

The 2024 LA ACP Nominations 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 Councilor:

Dr. Pramod Kumar Savarapu, MD – Monroe/Ruston

Dr. R. Brooks Robey, MD, FACP – New Orleans

The following physicians are nominated to serve a second three-year term as Regional Councilor:

Dr. Catherine Hebert, MD, FACP - New Orleans

Dr. Michael Sewell, MD, FACP - Shreveport

Dr. Miranda Mitchell, MD, FACP - Baton Rouge



White Coat Wednesday 2024

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Physicians' Day at the Louisiana State Capitol in
Baton Rouge

Events start at 7:30 AM at the Pentagon Barracks.

Registration is free!



Fall 2024 Resolutions

The Board of Governors will discuss the Spring slate of Resolutions during the April meeting in Boston. 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 the 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 submit 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 2024 Board of Governors Meeting is **March 29, 2024**.

Coming Soon!

Louisiana ACP Chapter journal club/happy hour/zoom meetups! Events will be sponsored by the Early Career Physician Committee, but all trainees and practicing physicians are welcome to join us. We will review a paper, but if you can't read it ahead of time, no worries! We will supply all the important points of the paper, and most importantly, meet our ACP members across the state. Be on the lookout for future emails about these events!

IMM 2024

Make your plans now to attend Internal Medicine Meeting 2024, which will be held April 18 - 20 in Boston, MA. Visit <https://annualmeeting.acponline.org/> to learn more and register. 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 18 in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Hall B2 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.

Several **Louisiana ACP members** are presenting at the IMM in Boston. There is a complete list [here](#) on the Chapter website. The Chapter also will have a resident in the poster competition (see above) and the Chapter's 2024 Jeopardy winner, Willis Knighton, 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 on Saturday with the annual Business Meeting during which the official transition of our Governor-Elect, Angela McLean, to Governor will occur. Our current Governor, Angela Johnson, will complete her four year term as Governor along with her year as the Chair-Elect of the Board of Governors. Dr. Johnson will assume her new role as the Chair of the Board of Governors during the annual Business Meeting.

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 to be included in future communications

JOIN US AT IMM 2024

for the Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana &
Mississippi Chapters Reception

Friday, April 19, 2024

7:00 - 8:30pm

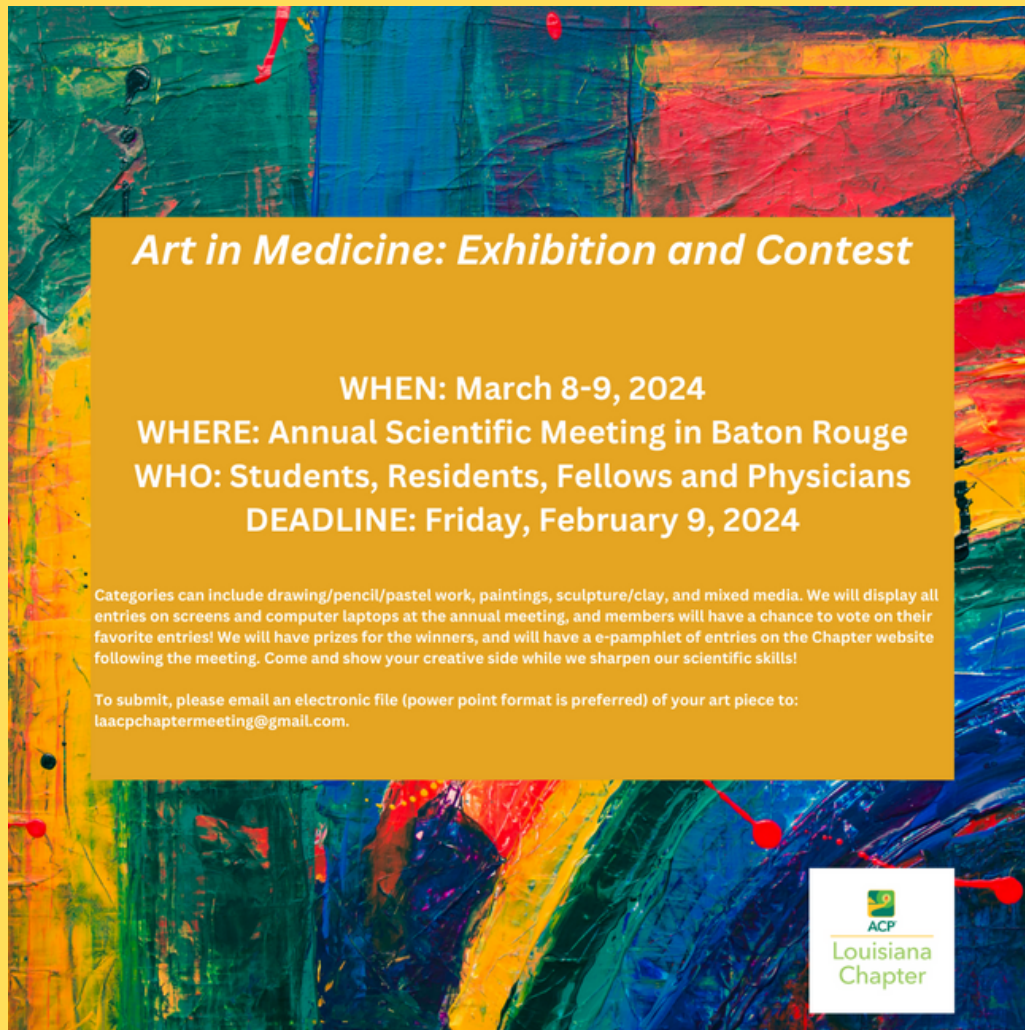
The Westin
Boston Seaport District
Webster Room

Calling all artists!

LAST CALL to join the art exhibit and contest at the March Annual Scientific Meeting!

Submit your art work.

Deadline extended, Thursday, February 22nd




Art in Medicine: Exhibition and Contest

WHEN: March 8-9, 2024
WHERE: Annual Scientific Meeting in Baton Rouge
WHO: Students, Residents, Fellows and Physicians
DEADLINE: Friday, February 9, 2024

Categories can include drawing/pencil/pastel work, paintings, sculpture/clay, and mixed media. We will display all entries on screens and computer laptops at the annual meeting, and members will have a chance to vote on their favorite entries! We will have prizes for the winners, and will have a e-pamphlet of entries on the Chapter website following the meeting. Come and show your creative side while we sharpen our scientific skills!

To submit, please email an electronic file (power point format is preferred) of your art piece to:
laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com.


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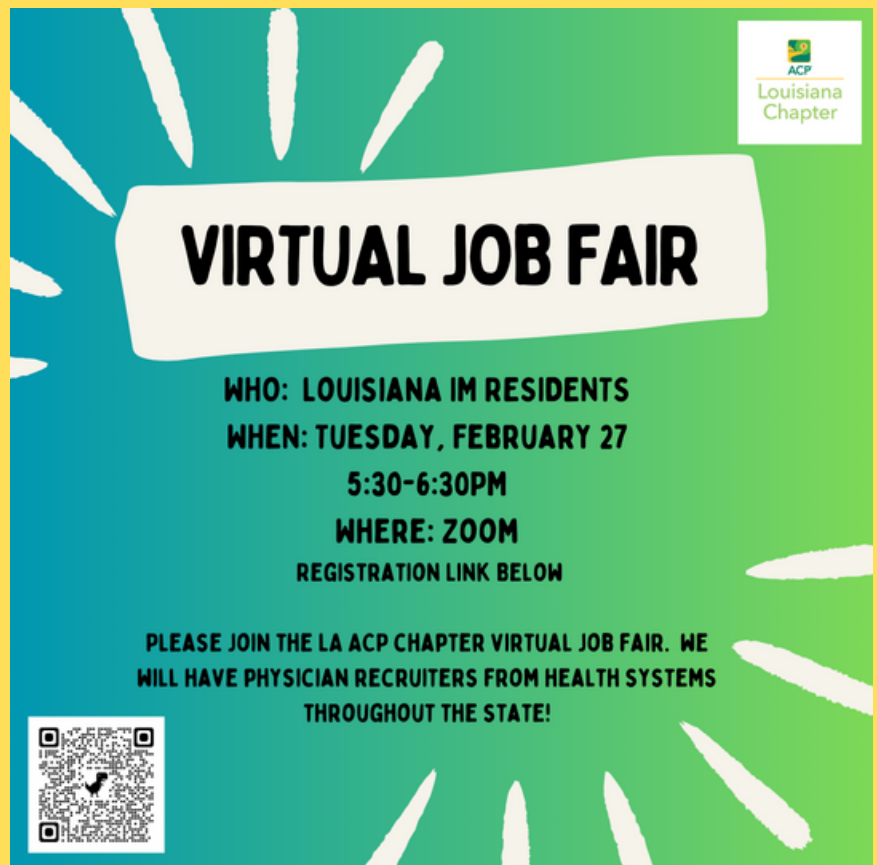
Excellence in Internal Medicine Award

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, Hannah Logan, Jonathon Rizner and Caroline Ann Bergeron, 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 Vinayak Ganeshan. Congratulations Vinayak! The Chapter wishes you the very best in the next steps of your career.

ACP Residents

Mark your calendar and update your CV! Plan to join us for a virtual job fair with career opportunities from across the state.

REGISTER HERE



ACP Resources

2024 ACP Advocacy Priorities

I.M. Emotional Support Hub

Financial Well-being

Telehealth Resources

Integrating Behavioral and Mental Health into Primary Care

Practice Resources

Clinical Information Resources

Substance Use Disorder Education

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, Health and Public Policy, and Awards 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

2024 Annual Scientific Meeting

March 8-9, 2024

White Coat Wednesday 2024

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

IM2024

April 18-20, 2024

Boston, MA



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