

Governor's Newsletter



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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Ankush K. Bansal, MD FACP FACPM SFHM FL Chapter ACP Governor

Greetings fellow internal medicine physicians and medical students!

2022-2023 has been an extraordinary year for the Florida Chapter, the largest ACP chapter on Earth. We have much to be proud of, much to be grateful for, and much opportunity yet to tap.

First, I would like to congratulate all of our medical students throughout the state on yet another amazingly successful Match Day. It is heartening and wonderful that so many young people are working hard to join this noble profession. For those entering Internal Medicine residencies, I would like to especially congratulate you. The experience, education, and growth you will encounter in the next 3 years will be challenging yet transformative and exhilarating. You will all be leaders in your communities, respected members of this profession, and trusted individuals to many patients. The ACP will be there for you every step of the way through your residency education, then in practice, and in future professional growth and education. We at the Chapter will always be here at your service and will connect you to others in the ACP as your professional journey unfolds.

Next, I would like to congratulate all of the students and residents in the many brilliant posters

presented at the Fall and Spring meetings. The future of medicine, research, and patient care definitely looks bright. I had the privilege of meeting most of you and every one of the awardees. However, all of you are winners to the Chapter, to your colleagues, and to your professors and attendings. It is not easy to work long hours in residency, continue studying, deliver excellent patient care every time, and also work on a first-class scholarly activity from conception to presentation.

I would also like to thank the many Doctors Dilemma teams that participated over the last year. Regardless of whether you "won" or not, the knowledge you have will serve you well professionally, but more importantly, will ensure your patients are getting the best care from the most knowledgeable and disciplined physicians available. Of course, special recognition to our winning team from Orlando Heath who represented the FL Chapter in the national competition at IM 2023 in San Diego.

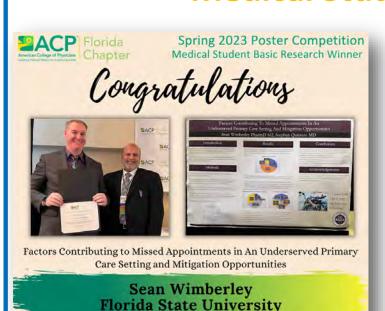
Of course, the amazing work of our students and residents/fellows would not be possible without the deans, faculty, chief residents, and program directors. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for all that you do for our future physicians and communities here in Florida.

Last but not least, thank you to our members, council members, and, especially chapter staff (Dawn, Bridget, and Chris) for your commitment and hard work to our Chapter and the residents of this state. Running an organization like the Florida Chapter is a team sport and every member of this team as well as all of you reading this are of utmost value and necessity to make any of what we in leadership do possible. I look forward to seeing what is next for this extraordinary Chapter in 2023-2024.



2023 Spring Poster Competition

Medical Student Winners











2023 Spring Poster Competition

Medical Student Winners









2023 Spring Poster Competition Resident Winners











2023 Spring Poster Competition Resident Winners







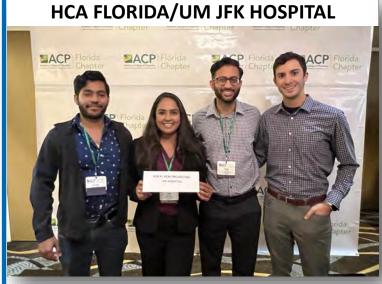
Christopher Bray, MD FACP; Program Director of UCF Gainesville Internal Medicine Residency with his residents at IM 2023.

Congratulations Doctors Dilemma Competition Finalists. Good luck in the Finals Competition in October!













Arianne Alexander, MD AdventHealth Orlando



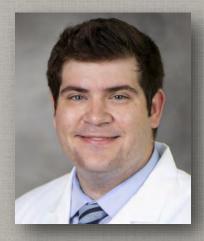
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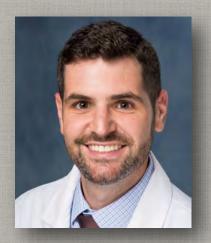
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Alan Roberts, MD University of South Florida







FL Chapter ACP Fellows who marched in Convocation



Highlights from IM 2023

Congratulations to Ian Motie, MD who has been named Chair Elect , ACP Council of Resident/Fellow Members pictured with George D. Everett, MD MS MACP—FL Chapter President/Governor, Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP—ACP Regent and Ankush K. Bansal, MD FACP—FL ACP Governor



The 2023 Florida Chapter ACP Doctors Dilemma Team from Orlando Health pictured with Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP—ACP Regent and Ankush K. Bansal, MD FACP—FL ACP Governor

2023 FL ACP Outstanding Medical Student Awards

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2023 Outstanding Medical Student FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Adriana Bracho

Adriana came to us after completing advanced degrees at Rice Univ and Emory School of Public Health. At HWCOM she excelled in her compassionate patient care, commitment to service and leadership, and academic excellence, with induction into AOA Honor Society and Gold Humanism Honor Society. Adriana has been highly engaged in scholarship, including a poster presentation at the ACP FL Scientific Meeting related to CMV radiculopathy as an AIDS defining illness, and a publication in South Med Journal related to student well-being during the third-year of medical school. We congratulate Dr. Bracho as she continues her medical training at Duke.



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2023 Outstanding Medical Student Florida State University College of Medicine Ray Sadeq

Ray is not only an excellent student, he is scientific in everything he does. As per Dr. Purandare, he "does not just take my word for it, he verifies everything". He is genuinely curious, enthusiastic, and very positive about his experiences as an FSU-COM student. When I first became Clerkship Director in August 2022, Ray took the time on a Saturday to speak with me in detail about his experience as an FSU-COM Daytona student - how he approached his rotations, how he interacted with his faculty, how he decided to pursue medicine. I have had his conversation with many students since, but he was by far the most detailed and deliberate in how he wanted to experience his medical school education. We have subsequently had conversations regarding his background growing up in a war-torn Iraq and feeling grateful to immigrate and now live in the United States. He wants to take advantage of every opportunity and is very intentional in not getting caught up in what he considers unimportant. Ray is undoubtedly a superior medical student, and we are all looking forward to seeing Ray thrive and contribute to the field.



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2023 Outstanding Medical Student

Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

Alphonsa Thomas

Student Doctor Alphonsa Thomas is a compassionate and committed future osteopathic physician who matched at Broward Health North Internal Medicine Residency Program. She attends Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM) and is graduating this May in the top 20% of her class in GPA and is ranked #4 of 404 students in service to her community. She is a born leader exemplified through her role as Vice President of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), as an Anatomy instructor where she taught students in various health professions disciplines, and as the SGA Class Board Rotation Representative. Her dedication to serving her community is clear as she has dedicated 264 hours to volunteerism in underserved communities and with vulnerable and special needs pediatric and geriatric populations throughout Florida and India. She embodies the qualities necessary in becoming an outstanding physician and leader in her profession and will undoubtedly provide her future patients with the highest quality of care.



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2023 Outstanding Medical Student University of Florida College of Medicine

Luderve Rosier

Luderve Rosier was selected for the ACP 2023 Outstanding Medical Student award for her fantastic work with the FL ACP. She presented two poster presentations on "An international plot propagating a personal clot: Distributed international pharmaceutical distributions in the COVID-19 pandemic precipitating a large mural thrombus in a patient with rheumatic heart disease and bivalvular replacements" and Diagnostic dilemma of tension hydrothorax in a patient with a history of pulmonary tuberculosis." Luderve Rosier has a tremendous aptitude for critical and clinical thinking. She was inducted in to the Gold Humanism Society for clinical competence, interpersonal skills, humanism and professionalism.



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2023 Outstanding Medical Student University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Shilpi Ganguly

Shilpi has one of the most unique visions for her career of any student I have yet to work with. Ask her and, with a twinkle in her eye, she will tell you that she plans to be the first medical director of a lunar hospital. Far from pie-in-the-sky, Shilpi has made the exploration of space and the medical support of astronauts the unwavering north star of her medical training. She received her undergraduate degree with a major in biomedical engineering and a minor in aerospace engineering. She then went on to receive a master's degree in anatomy focusing on biofilm formation in microgravity. In medical school Shilpi has become somewhat of an expert in both aerospace and wilderness medicine, two of the fields she knows she will be called upon to utilize in the furthest outposts of civilization. To date GOWME has garnered national and international attendance with participants from over 40 countries. Likewise, she is deeply passionate about clinical care, right here on earth. She high accolades for her clinical accumen and compassionate care during her clerkship. Given her out-of-this-world skillset, drive, and dedication there is no limit to the heights Shilpi will reach.



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2023 Outstanding Medical Student

University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine

Alexa Serino

Alexa Serino is most deserving of this ACP award. In addition to her excellence is scholarship and service, Alexa is a role model for her peers through the dedication she has shown in her role as a student leader for the USF Bridge Clinic serving uninsured patients with very limited access to care. One of the goals of ACP in its mission statement is to recognize the distinguished contributions of physicians to our profession. I cannot think of a greater contribution than that of a student physician working to better the lives and health of those that often have no place else to turn.

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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year AdventHealth Orlando Internal Medicine Residency Syed Inaam Mohiuddin Hashim, MD PGY-3

Dr. Hashim is an outstanding resident and is very deserving of this award.





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year Cleveland Clinic FL Internal Medicine Residency Monica Segura, MD PGY-3

Dr Segura serves as a role model for her peers with respect to excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine. Her dedication to and advocacy for her patients and program are appreciated. We look forward to her joining our staff.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year FL Atlantic University Internal Medicine Residency Jean-Philippe Elie, MD PGY-3

Dr. Elie is a well rounded resident that goes above and beyond for his patients, is recognized as a peer leader who enhances the quality and effectiveness of healthcare by fostering excellence and professionalism.





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year FL State University—Sarasota Memorial Hospital Internal Medicine Residency

Ryan Thompson, MD PGY-2

Dr. Thompson has been an exemplary resident during his two years here at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. He is a true leader, rising to every critical occasion and helping his peers reach their true potential with his commitment to teaching and dedication to patient care. He has been named as one of our third year Chief Residents for next year, voted unanimously by our Clinical Competency Committee. Ryan is always willing to go above and beyond for patients, his colleagues, and our program. Best of all, he always does so with a smile on his face and a gracious attitude. His medical knowledge is surpassed only by his professionalism- we are truly lucky to have him in our program.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year FL State University—Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Internal Medicine Residency

Muhammad Yasir Baloch, MD PGY-3

Dr. Yasir Baloch is a highly accomplished and dedicated resident who deserves to be recognized as an ACP Outstanding Resident. During his residency, Dr. Baloch demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence, consistently providing the highest level of care to his patients. He also exhibited strong leadership qualities, serving as a role model for his colleagues. His dedication to Nephrology earned him an intern position for the Nephrology Social Media Collective as he enters Nephrology fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis. Overall, Dr. Baloch's exceptional achievements and dedication to his profession make him a true standout among his peers.





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year HCA Florida Aventura Hospital

Internal Medicine Residency Sheyla Gonzalez, MD PGY-3

Sheyla is a beloved healthcare provider with an outstanding passion for the art of medicine. She is a smart, hard-working individual with the ability to make you feel appreciated from the moment you meet her. Her commitment to making our program better every day comes from her purest intentions. As one of our chiefs residents, she has elevated the standards of such a role in for future residents.

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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital Internal Medicine Residency

Great Ogujiofor, MD PGY-1

It is with great pleasure HCA Florida Bayonet Point Internal Medicine recognizes Great Ogujiofor as our resident of the year. Great's strongest attribute is his professionalism. Everyone always comments on how professional he is in all encounters. He has a great rapport with nurses and colleagues. All attendings have stated how much of a pleasure he is to work with. Furthermore, he advocates for his patients to ensure they receive the best care possible.





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

HCA Florida JFK Hospital/ University of Miami Internal Medicine Residency

Carlos Andres Vergara, MD PGY-3

In my role as the Program Director, I have had the pleasure of working with Carlos for the last three years in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. I will never forget the first time I sat down with Carlos over funch during his first month as an intern. During orientation, he won a contest, and the reward was a free lunch of campus with the program director. We had a serious conversation about life in general; we discussed his upbringing, his passions, his hobbies, and his thirst for knowledge. It was during that meeting that I realized how lucky we were as a program to match Dr. Vergara. Over the course of his intern year and throughout his PGY-2 year, it was evident that Carlos was a true "triple threat": an excellent bedside clinician, an incredibly able teacher, and a distinguished researcher. His CV outlines the numerous publications and presentations he has completed, but it's his drive to know more and his passion to share what he has learned with others that sets him apart from the pack. With all of this said, Carlos is humble, personable, professional and the most respectful young man you can hope to meet.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

HCA Florida Kendall Hospital Internal Medicine Residency

Ernesto Americo Perez Colome, MD PGY-2

Dr. Colome has excellent medical knowledge and interpersonal skills, a strong work ethic, and professionalism. A natural leader who can step up and lead when needed. Active and successful participation in multiple scholarly activities and ACP Doctor's Dilemma.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

HCA Florida North Florida Hospital Internal Medicine Residency

Raghav Bassi, MD PGY-2

Dr. Bassi is always there when you need him. He has consistently put the need of his patients and his peers above his own. He comes to work fully prepared and tackles any issues that may arise like a true champion. His energy is contagious, and he brings positivity and collegiality to work every single day. He speaks with confidence but is not afraid to admit to his shortcomings when in doubt. He has the making of a true leader and he deserves recognition for his hard work.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

Mayo Clinic Florida Internal Medicine Residency

Justin T. Call, MD PGY-3

In addition to his excellence in patient care, Dr. Call has been active with ACP-Florida Chapter during his residency, participating in Doctor's Dilemma as well as serving as a medical student abstract poster judge. As rising chief medical resident, Dr. Call is a peer leader in service to others through medical education. Dr. Call is committed to ongoing growth of our resident involvement with ACP Florida.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

Memorial Healthcare System Internal Medicine Residency

Zhiqi Zhang, MD PGY-2

Dr. Zhiqi Zhang has shown incredible growth as a resident in our program. He joined our program after pursuing an extensive and prolific research background and we have been very impressed by his successful transition back to clinical medicine as well as his commitment to providing outstanding care to our community. Moreover, he has consistently endeavored to help his co-residents and has made numerous contributions to improve the program.

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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year Mount Sinai Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency

Michelle Leora Yousefzadeh, DO PGY-3

An active ACP member who enhances the quality and effectiveness of healthcare by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine, recognized as a peer leader in service, and patient advocate in practice. Dr. Yousefzadeh is a Council Member.





Keegan Todd Plowman, MD PGY-3

2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year NCH Healthcare System

Internal Medicine Residency

assisted many other residents with their own research work.

Dr. Plowman performed in an exemplary manner as a resident physician at NCH. He consistently demonstrated excellent medical knowledge, superb patient care skills, and was the leader in his class in research and scholarly activities. He first authored multiple publications and generously



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year Orlando Health

Internal Medicine Residency

Murali Iyani, MD PGY-3

Doctor Murali Iyyani is a leader in the Orlando Health internal medicine residency program. He not only is one of our Chief Residents but he has participated in every single ACP event since he was an intern. He has participated in the poster competition three straight years and he has been a poster winner for three straight years. This sets a record for Orlando Health. I wish to reward these accomplishments with the ACP resident of the year award, which I feel he undoubtedly deserves.





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

UCF/HCA Florida Healthcare Greater Orlando Internal Medicine Residency

Michael Thomas DelZoppo, DO PGY-3

Dr. DelZoppo is a star resident. Medical knowledge is top notch. He is a hard worker, team player, and has a very positive personality that bring energy to everyone around him. One major quality to describe Dr. DelZoppo is compassionate and very attentive to his patients. He is a true team player and respected by his peers. He demonstrates great passion for teaching and seen as a keen role model and mentor. He always goes above and beyond. We are extremely proud of Dr. DelZoppo and very lucky to have had him in our program.





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year

University of Miami at Holy Cross Hospital Internal Medicine Residency

Shawn Alonso, DO PGY-3

Dr. Alonso is the example of what a model physician and leader should like. He is committed to caring for his patients, for excellence in medicine, and for going above and beyond what a resident does in their training





2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital

Internal Medicine Residency

Gabriel Motoa Cardona, MD PGY-3

Gabriel, known affectionately as Gabo, is a true resident leader. He excels as a clinician and seamlessly combines high value care with patient advocacy in his scholarly activity. He designed a new handoff tool for our PGY3s to safely handoff their continuity panels to the incoming interns and won the 2022 QI award for Implementation of a system wide alert for HBV screening in patients receiving chemotherapy. As a member of our Medical Educator pathway and co-designer of our Infectious Disease pathway, Gabo has a bright future ahead of him as an academician and he exemplifies the ACP values of applying knowledge to deliver compassionate care.

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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year University of Florida Internal Medicine Residency Arushi Thaper, MD PGY-3

Dr. Arushi Thaper is a senior resident in the Internal Medicine Training Program at the University of Florida. She has been a great champion in our program for involvement in the FL Chapter – ACP. She has encouraged our interns and younger residents to submit their research and case reports to the ACP and has led by example by submitting posters in each of the past two years. Arushi has been an outstanding resident and encompasses all the qualities of our profession that the ACP holds dear. Next year, she will be an Oncology fellow at the University of Florida.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year University of Florida—Jacksonville Internal Medicine Residency Zachary Chandler, DO PGY-3

Dr. Chandler was very involved with the ACP and the residency program.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year University of South Florida Internal Medicine Residency Michelle Ouellette, MD PGY-3

Dr. Ouellette has been a role model resident and chief resident. She consistently helps the program through her leadership, she is a voice for the residents in the program, and has innovated in education by developing a palliative care didactic for the program.



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2023 Outstanding Resident of the Year Wellington Regional Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency Courtney Konchan, DO PGY-3

Courtney has gone above and beyond for the program. She is always professional and courteous. We will truly miss her.



Congratulations

to Shayan Mahapatra, MD
Cleveland Clinic Florida Internal Medicine Residency
for his
First Place
Jeffrey B. Shiroky, MD, FRCPC Research Award!





Chapter Scientific Meeting

OCTOBER 27—29, 2023 GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Internal Medicine & Subspecialty Lectures**
- **State Mandated Courses:**

Florida Controlled Substance Prescribing

- **Resident & Medical Students Program**
- Residents & Medical Students Poster Competition
- Doctors Dilemma Competition

-REGISTRATION & HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION COMING IN JULY-

UPCOMING NEWS

Regional Positions on the Governors' Advisory Council

If you are interested in serving on a committee and/or the Governor's Advisory Council, please email your curriculum vitae and statement of interest to the Florida Chapter at DMoerings@floridachapteracp.org. Active members in good standing may be eligible to serve as a region representative in the upcoming election cycle. Please note election to the Council is for a three-year term, although, no member may serve in the same capacity as a Council member for more than two full terms. Should you have any questions, please call the chapter office and/or send an email to our Executive Director Dawn Moerings.

Watch for upcoming news on these and other topics:

- Annual Scientific Meeting Information
- Call for Abstracts for October Poster Competition
 - Resident & Medical Student Workshop
 - Resident & Medical Students News
 - Chapter Member Benefits
 - Health Policy/Advocacy



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