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Spring 2020

E-Newsletter

I'm hoping this issue can bring some bright light during this dark time we are all experiencing. Please know we are praying for you and your families' safety and wellness. Take good care and thank you for your tireless efforts to fight COVID-19 on the front lines!

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From the Governor

I hope this newsletter finds you, your families, and friends well. Our Chapter's annual meeting occurred just a little over a month ago and yet it seems like ages have passed since. I know we have all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As Internal Medicine Physicians, we are on the front lines of patient care during this pandemic. I know many of you are also providing essential leadership and support for our communities.

I feel extremely honored and privileged to have served as the Governor for the Best Chapter in the American College of Physicians for the past 4 years. I want to personally thank all of you for your dedication and support of our ACP chapter during this time.

The future of our chapter is bright. Our New Governor, Dr. Angie Johnson is simply awesome. I have no doubt that



Lee Engel, MD, PhD, FACP
LA Chapter Governor

we will come out this pandemic stronger than ever.

Wishing you all the best,

Lee



Angie Johnson, MD, FACP
LA Chapter Governor-Elect
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From the Governor-Elect

Dear Members of the Louisiana ACP chapter,

I am excited to begin my term as Governor for the Louisiana chapter of the ACP. During these challenging times, I consider it an honor to serve the people of Louisiana alongside my fellow Internal Medicine physician colleagues. Our current environment has brought new struggles with changing practice models, access to care, and revenue generation, all while under the real threat COVID-19 poses to our very health and safety as providers. I am eager to continue the great work that my predecessor, Dr. Lee Engel, has done and hope to foster further growth in ACP as a resource for our members. Please know that your dedication to caring for the people of Louisiana, to training our next generation of Internists, to leading our practice organizations and hospitals, and to furthering the body of knowledge through research and quality improvement science is recognized and valued. I look forward to working with you as members of the ACP for the next four years and beyond!

Angie Johnson

2020-2021 Council Members Elected to Serve the Membership

Governor's Council include the Governor and Governor-Elect, members who represent the 13 Regions designated across the state, the immediate past Governor and 3 additional at large members, and an associate member. Members are typically elected to serve 3 year terms for a maximum of 2 terms. The exceptions are the immediate past governor and the associate member who serve 1 year terms.

Listed below are those who were elected by the membership and agreed to serve. Congratulations and thanks to all for your amazing leadership!

- Shaminder Gupta, MD, FACP
- Chayan Chakraborti, MD, FACP
- Happy Menard, MD, FACP
- Diana Thien, MD
- Ralph Schapira, MD, FACP

Shreveport

- Phillip Haddad, MD, FACP
- James Morris, MD, FACP

Baton Rouge

- Vince Cataldo, FACP
- Lauren Barfield, MD

Lake Charles/Lafayette

- Michael "Mike" Alvarez, MD
- Tina Benoit-Clark, MD

- Ulla Ule, MD, FACP

Monroe/Ruston

- Edward Mariano, MD

At Large Members

- Eric Thomas, MD, FACP
- Shane Guillory, MD
- Joseph "Joe" Landers, MD
- William Davis, MD, MACP

Associate Member

- Shane Sanne, DO

Council members are nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the membership at the Town Hall meeting during the Annual Spring Chapter meeting. Please let us know if you have an interest in running for office.

Congratulations Master!

The first Mastership in the College was presented in 1923 to Dr. James M. Anders, who served the College as President for two terms. He was recognized for extraordinary service to the College and for being one of the most outstanding internists and medical teachers of his day.

Masters are Fellows selected because of "integrity, positions of honor, impact in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine." Masters are highly accomplished persons demonstrating impact in practice, leadership, or in medical research. Evidence of their achievements comes from many types of endeavors such as renown within their field and/or ACP chapter, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, administrative positions, care of patients, and service to their community.

It is with great pride that we add Dr. David Bourne to the Chapter's distinguished list of Masters!



**David M. Borne, MD
MACP**

***It's an Honor to Announce
the Chapter 2019-2020 Fellows!***

Brian D Clements, MD FACP
 Richard T Cooley, MD FACP
 Laura E Trunk, MD FACP
 Sanjay Kamboj, MBBS FACP
 James C Hobley, MD FACP
 Angela Snow, MD FACP
 Christina U Austin, MD FACP
 Marlon F Joseph, MD FACP
 Alexander C Billioux, MD PhD FACP
 Celeste M Newby, MD FACP
 Daniel Ilie, MD FACP

Richard Mark Slataper, MD FACP
 Wartelle J Castille, Jr MD FACP
 Jerald L Taggart, DO FACP
 Effat Rasul, MD FACP
 Craig A Greenman, MD FACP
 Robert A Miller Jr, MD FACP
 Benjamin M Azevedo, MD FACP
 Jason Langhofer, DO FACP
 Brian R Cruz, MD FACP
 Muhammad S Rawala, MD FACP
 William Rothwell, MD FACP

Highlights from the Annual Spring Chapter Meeting



Congratulations 2020 Laureates

Each year the Chapter honors
 Fellows and Masters of the
 College who have demonstrated by

their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research in the service to their community, their Chapter and the American College of Physicians. We salute this year's honorees and wish them continued success for the future!



Luis M Alvarado,
MD, FACP



Marc J Kahn, MD,
MBA, MACP, FRCP

Jeopardy Team Shreveport Wins!



Residents from training programs around the state come together for the Chapter's Annual Jeopardy competition. Winners go on to represent the Chapter at the ACP national Doctor's Dilemma competition.

We are so proud of all who competed !

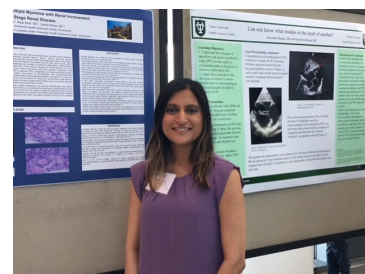


Pictured left to right above are our 2020 Champions:

Olaedo Abana PGY-2
Dylan Harrell, PGY-3
Malak Modi PGY-1

**CONGRATULATIONS
TEAM SHREVEPORT!!!**

Residents & Students Come Together during Spring Chapter Meeting for the Annual Poster Competition





ACP News & Updates

ACP COVID-19 Physicians Guide

COVID-19 Practice Management Toolkit



Internal Medicine Meeting 2021

The most comprehensive meeting in Internal Medicine is scheduled. ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2021 will be held in Orlando, FL from April 29 - May 1, 2021.

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This newsletter is brought to you by your chapter colleagues representing 2,114 members across Louisiana and our continued supporters. To join or find out more about the benefits of membership click [here](#).

Sincerely,

residents, fellows, and medical
students worldwide.

Cathy Thompson
LA ACP

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