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LSUHSC—New Orleans

Family Medicine Department

Interim Department Chair: James Campbell, MD

The department congratulates Dr. Mary Coleman, who retired from her position as Department Chair in June 2020 after many years of leadership and service, not only to the department, but to the LAFP as well. Her enthusiasm and passion for the specialty left a positive influence on all of us. She will surely be missed, but we are happy for her and her husband, Steve, as they successfully transition to their new lives.

The department also commends Dr. Glen Mire, of the Lafayette residency program, on his recent promotion to full Professor and Dr. Ernest James, of the Kenner residency program, on his promotion to Associate Professor. These two hard working faculty members have tirelessly dedicated themselves to Family Medicine education, and should be duly recognized. Please congratulate them when you see them.

In this coming academic year, we look forward to a joint venture between the Department of Family Medicine and the LSU Continuing Medical Education department, in collaboration with Louisiana AHEC offices, to bring equipment and enhanced education together towards a Point of Care Ultrasound initiative, designed to improve patient care and resident/faculty skills. Faculty champions have been identified at each clinical site to spearhead the project, which supports the advancement of a vital diagnostic tool.

In early July 2020, the department presented its annual ALSO (Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics) course in New Orleans, despite challenges presented by Covid-19. Critically important to resident training, the course requires a live hands on experience that is not readily amenable to a virtual experience. Through an intense, dedicated effort to maintain masking and social distancing of participants, the course was successfully accomplished, despite the pandemic, and to the credit of all the faculty and participants.

And speaking of Covid-19, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to recognize all the hard work of the department's faculty, residents, and staff, who have selflessly committed themselves to their communities across the state over the last 5 months, and so readily adapted to the requisite changes in health care delivery and medical education. Your communities and your department thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Campbell MD
Interim Department Chair