

## **LSUHSC - Shreveport at Alexandria Family Medicine Residency Program**

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The 2019-2020 academic year welcomed new physicians to the program with six new interns and two new faculty members. Rapides Regional Medical Center hosted an Intern Welcome Event for over 150 members of the Central Louisiana healthcare community. The event included a ceremony to present white coats to the new residents.

Dr. Roxanne Boyd joined our core faculty complement. Dr. Boyd is originally from the Winnfield area. She earned her M.D. from LSU - New Orleans School of Medicine and completed residency training at Baton Rouge General Medical Center followed by an Advanced Women's Health & Surgical Obstetrics Fellowship at University of Tennessee - Memphis. Dr. Logan Atkins, a former graduate of the program, and physician in Winnsboro, assumed a part-time faculty position.

The Fall AAFP Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) Course, trained the interns as well as hospital Labor & Delivery Nurses. ALSO provides the skills to effectively manage obstetric emergencies and encourages a standardized team-based approach to improve patient safety and positively impact maternal outcomes.

From the accreditation front, the program received official notice of continued accreditation by ACGME with no citations in March. We also completed our Self Study in preparation for the next ACGME site visit.

The January 2020 "Department of Family Medicine Faculty Development and Resident Poster Presentations" meeting was at LSU Health - Shreveport. Faculty and residents from Alexandria, Shreveport, Monroe and Vivian residency programs attended. Dr. Tammy Kaza, PGY-3 received the 2nd place award for her poster "Advanced Care Planning in the Outpatient Setting". Dr. Earl Clark, PGY-1, presented a poster at the Southern Regional Research Conference in New Orleans in February.

Recruitment season included an update of applicant materials and interview strategies. The program conducted various student suture workshops. Dr. Ryan Basquez and Dr. Jasmin Demerson were on hand at the LAFP booth representing the Louisiana Family Medicine Residency Programs at the AAFP Congress in Kansas City. NRMP MATCH week 2020 resulted in filling all six positions for the 9th consecutive year.

Chief Residents elections resulted in a win for Dr. Wesley Boyette and Dr. Bhavik Jariwala, who began their terms May 1st. We are grateful to outgoing Chiefs, Dr. Ryan Basquez and Dr. Tammy Kaza for their outstanding service and dedication.

Including the class of 2020, the program has produced 128 graduates. Three of the five of the 2020 graduates plan to remain in Louisiana. Our two graduating Chief Residents were accepted to prestigious hospice and palliative care fellowship programs. Dr. Basquez will join Tulane University's Palliative Fellowship Program in New Orleans. Dr. Kaza will join the Emory Hospice & Palliative Care Fellowship in Atlanta.

Like all Louisiana programs, we braved the COVID-19 pandemic incorporating new ways to deliver healthcare from curbside and telmed patient visits, securing PPE, to the front lines of the inpatient COVID dedicated floors. Residents

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volunteered to administer testing at the Office of Public Health, and provided over 1,200 tests at drive through tents in March and April. Each stage of reopening presents new obstacles and opportunities for residency training. June graduation and intern orientation events will look quite different this year as we meet distancing requirements.

On the Cenla community front, the program remained very active during this academic year. We volunteered for Manna House which is dedicated to banishing hunger in Central Louisiana; residents, faculty and staff prepared and served meals, provided health checks, and haircuts for those in need. The residency also partnered with various local organizations for health fairs such as the one at Zion Hill Church in Pineville providing glucose checks, blood pressure screenings and immunization education. A new partnership was formed this year with “Fostering Care Closet” which provides clothing, baby gear, school supplies, school uniforms, and other basic necessities to children in foster care in our community. Faculty, residents and staff gathered resources and donated over 300 pieces of new clothing and more than 100 pieces of gently used clothing as well as financial contributions.

The Alexandria program continues to provide services at the Region 6 Office of Public Health Mega Shelter. This is a medical special needs shelter to provide refuge to individuals who may not be eligible for a general shelter because of their medical needs but do not require hospitalization. During hurricanes, our doctors volunteer to provide first-line medical care to evacuees on a 24-hour basis.

The Alexandria program is also involved in the Louisiana Shots for Tots Coalition. The program has hosted statewide meetings in Alexandria. Residents provide clinical care for a large number of children enrolled in Shots for Tots. The Alexandria residency program has also won several state and national awards for accomplishments with Shots for Tots.

**Respectfully submitted,  
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