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LSU Health New Orleans at Kenner
Family Medicine Residency Program
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Growth, Leadership, and New Beginnings: A Message from the Program Director

The summer marks a season of profound transition for our program as we celebrate the achievements of our departing physicians and welcome the next generation of medical talent.

This July, we were thrilled to welcome six exceptional new residents to our training family:

- Muhammad Armaghan, MD
- Fanfei Kong, MD
- Herman LeBeaux III, MD
- Ebenezer Nduonyi, MD
- Anjuni Singh, MD
- Robert Yeh, MD

Bringing diverse backgrounds and a shared passion for patient care, we look forward to guiding them through this pivotal next chapter of their medical careers.

With a new academic year comes a passing of the leadership torch. We extend our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Allison Arcuri Venus for her tireless dedication and hard work as our outgoing Chief Resident. Stepping into executive leadership for the 2026–2027 year, Dr. Alejandro Castaneda has been appointed Chief Resident, with Dr. Jameyca Teno and Dr. Lilian Pham serving alongside him as Co-Chief Residents. Further representing our program on a statewide level, Dr. Teno was also recently elected as the Alternate Resident Delegate to the LAFP Board of Directors.

Our educational environment has been further strengthened by the addition of **Nora Lamartine, MD, FAAFP**, who joined our faculty in October 2025. Fellowship-trained in FM-OB, Dr. Lamartine has brought vital broad-scope expertise to Ochsner Kenner—spanning women’s health, newborn care, adult inpatient medicine, and resident precepting. Her outstanding contributions were recently recognized by the wider medical community when she was named the LAFP May Member of the Month.

Lastly, we recently bid a fond farewell to an extraordinary graduating class during our June commencement ceremony. We honor **Drs. Allison Arcuri Venus, Shawn Brignac, Daniel Cho, Michael Do, and Kristy Paul** as they begin their careers across inpatient and outpatient medicine. We also celebrate **Dr. Paul’s** hard work resulting in her acceptance into the prestigious Sleep Medicine fellowship at Case Western Reserve-Cleveland Medical Center. They leave a lasting legacy here, and we wish them every success.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Program Director