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LSU Health Shreveport at Monroe
Family Medicine Residency Program
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The past academic year has been a good one for the Monroe Family Medicine Residency. Following a successful Match in 2025 our residents have maintained a trend of excellence in academics as well as clinical performance. In-Training Exam scores continued to be above the national mean for each PGY level as well as for the program as a whole. Scholarly activity remained a focus with our Family Medicine Scholar Circle emphasizing performance and quality improvement projects with pursuit of regional and national presentations. We are well on the way to the 8th year in a row of 100% Board Pass rate with 7 of 8 graduates reporting success with the exam, and the 8th resident scheduled to take the exam in the fall.

June 12, 2026 saw the graduation of our 42nd resident class, bringing our total to 267 Family Physicians trained. Three members of the 2026 graduating class have obtained fellowship positions. Dr. Srijia Vanka will pursue sleep medicine, Dr. Vishwanath Thondamala sports medicine, and Dr. Yuvapriya Ravikumar a dual program of geriatrics and palliative care. Other achievements in our program include Dr. Pranali Kerkar’s recent national presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine where she presented her scholarly work “Enhancing LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency Among Family Medicine Residents.” Dr. Christian Bonner has been honored as a resident delegate for the LAFP Board and for the national FUTURE Conference this year. He was also awarded a scholarship to participate in the Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Fellowship for the upcoming academic year.

We congratulate Dr. Gyanendra Sharma for attaining the rank of Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and we welcome recent faculty additions. Dr. Harry Hawthorne has joined our inpatient Family Medicine Team as a part-time weekend attending. Dr. Duston Boyd is the newest core faculty member of our department. Our Sports Medicine team has welcomed Dr. Cory Fernandes, and he joins Dr. Miguel Lopez in growing our program to include a new relationship with the ULM Athletic Department.

Our program family continues to be grateful for the support of our Family Medicine Department, our sponsoring institution, and our home base at the Ochsner LSU Health Monroe Medical Center. We also thank the LAFP for many opportunities provided for our faculty and residents to further their careers by education and peer support. 2026 has already brought us another successful Match, and we look ahead to more great things in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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