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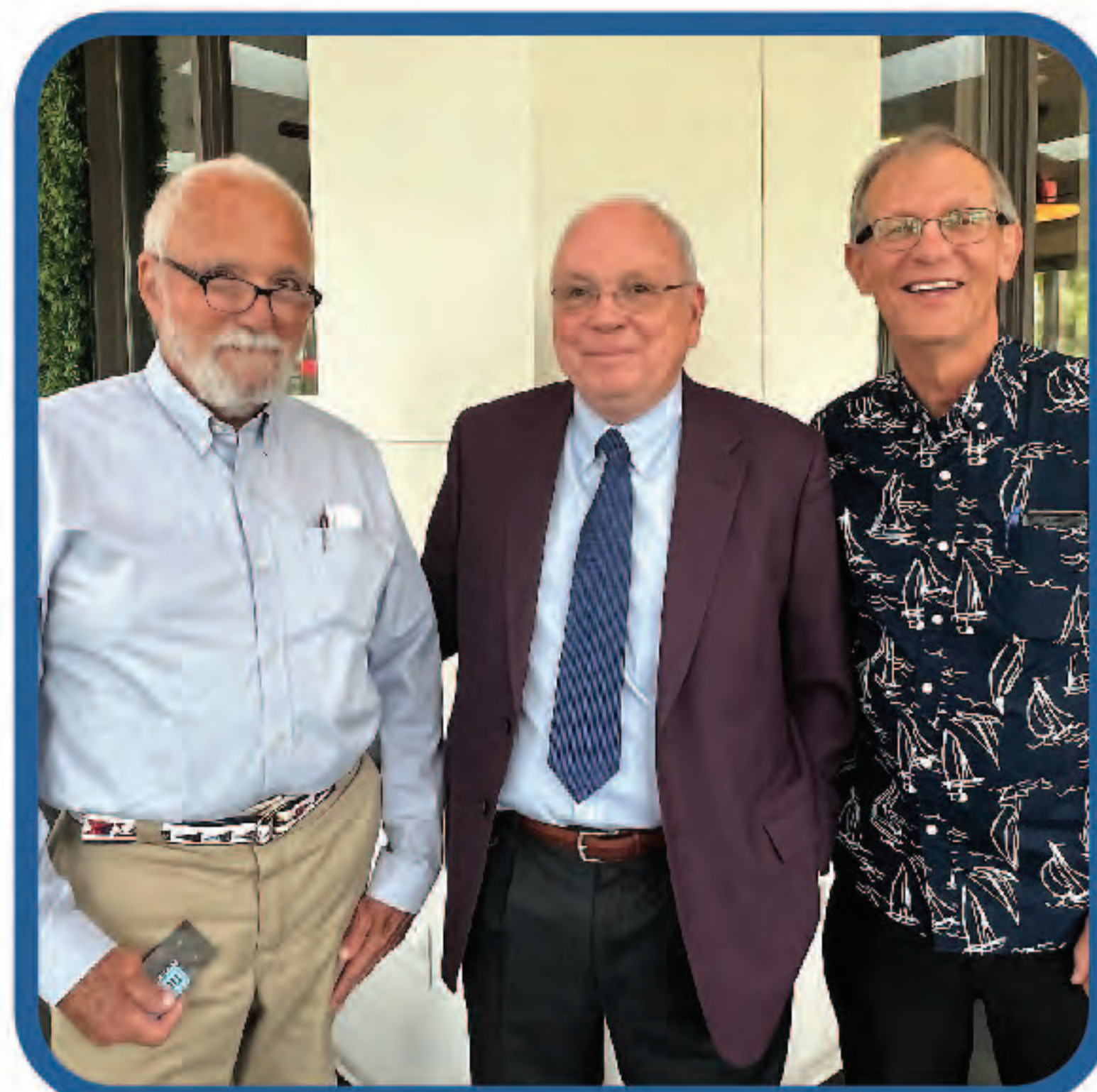


Thank you for being a member of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP), for your passion for medicine, for being a pillar in your community, and for helping your patients to be their best selves. Your commitment does not go unrecognized. As executive vice president of the LAFP, I hope that you have found value in your membership: a tool to help you thrive both professionally and personally.

Over the past year, your Academy has had many achievements and achieved several milestones. The LAFP has made substantial strides in enhancing medical education through the introduction of innovative training programs, expansion of residency opportunities, and continued several professional development initiatives. Our efforts have been recognized nationally, and we continue to attract and nurture top talent in family medicine. Our academy has been at the forefront of advocating for policies that benefit both physicians and patients. We successfully lobbied for legislation that reduces unnecessary regulatory burdens, allowing our physicians to focus more on patient care and less on administrative tasks. This year, we launched several community outreach programs aimed at improving public health awareness and preventive care. These initiatives have not only enhanced the health of our communities but also strengthened the bond between family physicians and the populations we serve.

Remember, your benefits are at your fingertips (lafp.org) and not at the bottom of your wallet. Your membership is your ticket to accessing outstanding resources and guides that can assist you in navigating your family medicine career path, regardless of where you are on your journey. The Board of Directors is determined to provide the highest value without raising dues for the foreseeable future. Our commitment is to our members as we carry out the promise to be the voice of family medicine in Louisiana and beyond. Thank you for supporting the vision of the LAFP and for being champions of family medicine.

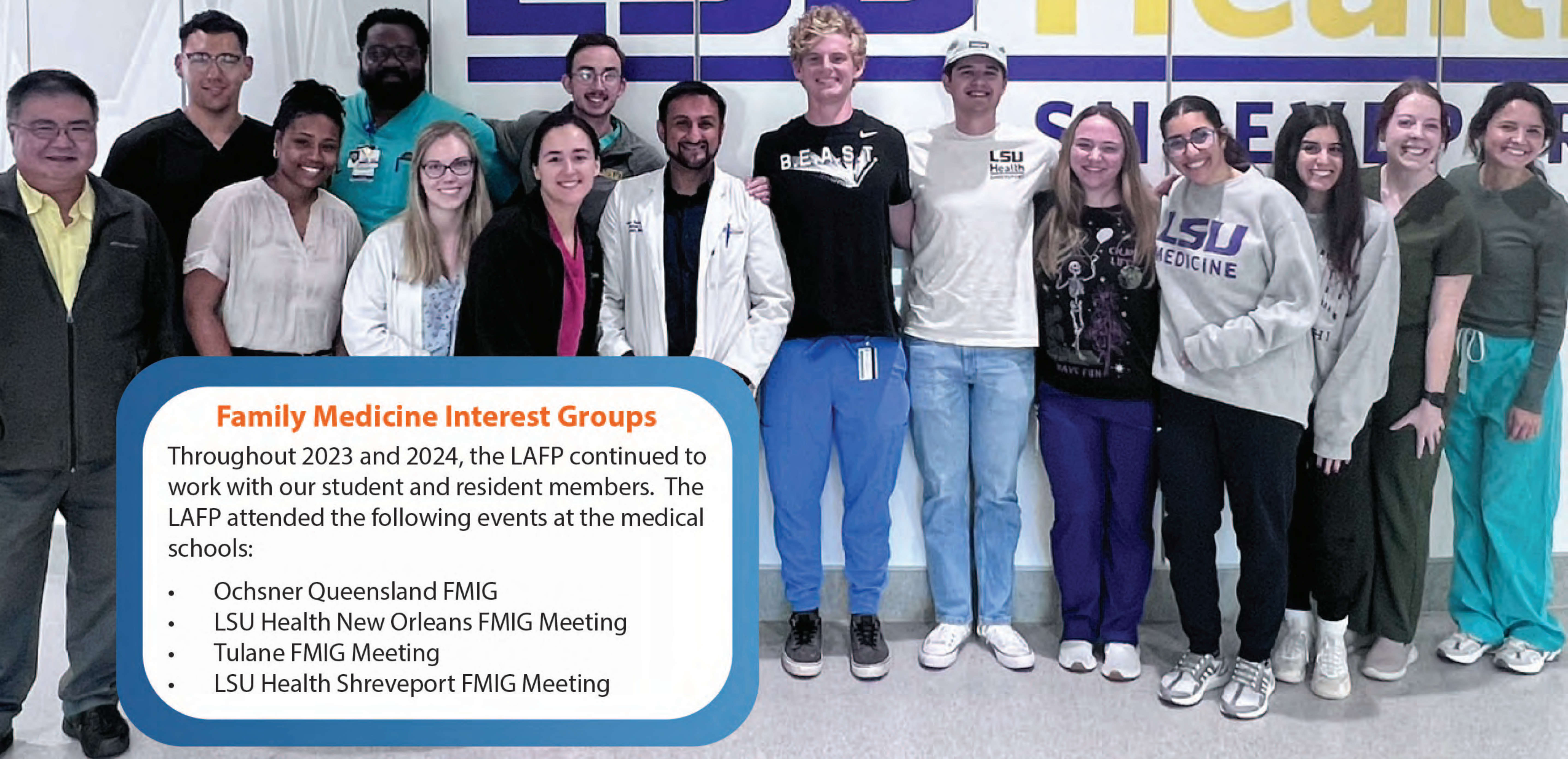
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Every step. Every turn. Every role.

Your journey is our purpose.

Today's family medicine residents and medical students are the future of the specialty and for this reason, the LAFP recognizes the importance of cultivating future primary care leaders of medicine. Captured in the strategic plan are several tactics to bolster the engagement of Louisiana's brightest on their family medicine pathway.



Family Medicine Interest Groups

Throughout 2023 and 2024, the LAFP continued to work with our student and resident members. The LAFP attended the following events at the medical schools:

- Ochsner Queensland FMIG
- LSU Health New Orleans FMIG Meeting
- Tulane FMIG Meeting
- LSU Health Shreveport FMIG Meeting

Regional Student Procedure Workshops

The LAFP Foundation hosted various workshops and residency recruitment fairs for medical students at the following medical schools:

- VCOM School of Medicine
- LSU Health New Orleans
- LSU Health Shreveport

Workshops included:

- Intubation
- IUD Insertion
- LARC Insertion
- Musculoskeletal Ultrasound
- Incision and Drainage
- Joint Injection
- Punch Biopsy
- Suture

Resident & Student Poster Competition

The LAFP Foundation hosted the competition in New Orleans during the 76th Annual Assembly and Exhibition. Twenty-four (24) posters were submitted.

- **1st Place Winner** – *“Amniotic Fluid Embolism: Mediating Risk of an Insidious Diagnosis in the Rural Setting”*
Kiara Phelps, MD, LSU Rural FMRP, Bogalusa
- **2nd Place Winner** – *“Parathyroid Activity: The High Incidence of Parathyroid Adenomas in a Rural Academic Clinic in Louisiana”*
Jacob Clement, MD, LSU FMRP, Lafayette
- **3rd Place Winner** – *“Did You Narcan for Norco®?”*
Lisa Nguyen, MD, LSU FMRP, Lafayette

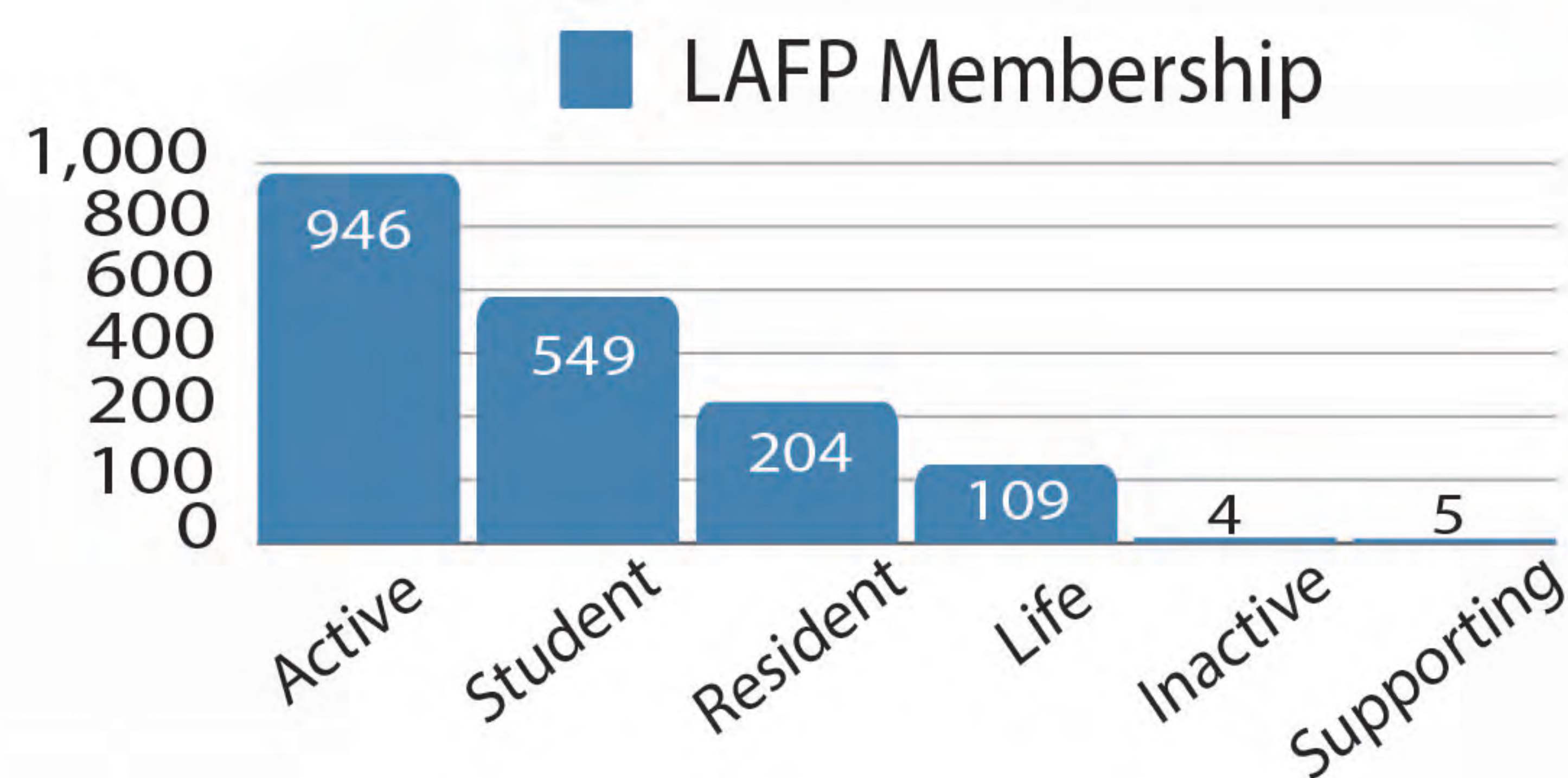


MEMBERSHIP

The LAFP supports a total membership of **1,817** physicians, residents and students and is considered a medium-sized chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Regardless of member type, the LAFP offers programming, services, and benefits to suit any member at any career stage.

A few of your membership benefits include:

- Free or reduced rate continuing medical education (CME)
- Representation at the Louisiana Legislature by our contract lobbyist
- Subscriptions to the print and digital quarterly magazine and the weekly e-newsletter to keep you informed
- Access to regulatory and educational resources to help you thrive in practice
- Leadership opportunities that prepare you to lead in today's evolving healthcare environment.
- Access to resources to thrive in practice, residency, or medical school
- Opportunities to connect with peers in your state and community
- Much, much more!



ADVOCACY & WORKFORCE

Whether at the Louisiana Legislature or in the halls of federal government, LAFP's family medicine voice is working for you.

Over the past year, the LAFP has sought to amplify the voices of its members through increased engagement on state policy by demonstrating the value of family medicine as the cornerstone of a high-quality healthcare infrastructure. With dedicated and committed members, we were able to make incredible strides towards reaching our legislative and regulatory advocacy goals.

The LAFP maintains an active Bill Tracker for all members to provide transparency and member engagement in the legislative process. Not including resolutions in the total, there were 982 House Bills and 509 Senate Bills introduced. The LAFP monitored or took a position on **175 bills** this past session.

The LAFP supports advancements that strengthen Louisiana's family medicine workforce through policy, member outreach, and strategic initiatives that foster a sustainable family medicine workforce for Louisiana.



EDUCATION

Tackling topics on behavioral medicine, diabetes, neurology, OB/GYN, urology, psychology, and health equity, the LAFP offered members a total of **41.5 credits** of CME between August 2023 and July 2024.

Physician volunteers utilized member forums and surveys to advance the LAFP's strategic, educational priorities with the goal to provide high-quality programs. Through custom crafted, in-person events and easy-to-access virtual channels, the LAFP provided high-quality programming on the following for the year that included:

- 77th Annual Assembly and Exhibition
- Monthly Webinar Series
- Area Grand Rounds and District Socials
- Regional Procedure Workshops and Residency Fairs

Check the LAFP's Calendar of Events for full details on CME programming and more!



COMMUNICATIONS

The LAFP's communication vehicles are second to none including a quarterly print and digital publication, The Louisiana Family Doctor; a weekly e-newsletter, the Weekly Family Medicine Update (WFMU); three social media platforms; and a robust website, lafp.org. The LAFP delivers up-to-date medical news and trending clinical developments that keep members informed and connected.

Communication Statistics (between August 2023 and June 2024):

- **48** issues of the Weekly Family Medicine Update, e-newsletter
- Website views: more than **4,300** views per month and **1,800** users per month
- **15** member-authored articles in The Louisiana Family Doctor Journal
- Followers on Facebook: **830** | Twitter: **283** | Instagram: **150**



LEADERSHIP

Thank you to our elected officers, Board of Directors, and dedicated members who serve on various LAFP Committees, Workgroups & Taskforces.

The Success of the Academy Depends on You!

- Ijeoma Amanze, MD -Resident Member, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors Board of Directors
- Letecia Antunes, MD - NCCL Minority Physician Representative
- Donnie Batie, MD, FAAFP – AAFP Commission on Quality and Practice
- Richard Edward Bridges MD, FAAFP - NCCL IMG Representative
- Michael Crick - Student Alternate Delegate, LAFP General Assembly
- Brian Doss, MD - Resident Alternate Delegate - LAFP General Assembly
- Amy Galliano, MD - NCCL New Physician Representative
- Matthew George, MD - Louisiana Resident Delegate, 2024 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents
- Wayne Gravois, MD, FAAFP - Louisiana Alternate Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Kacy Henwood - Louisiana Student Delegate, 2024 National Congress of Student Members; and Student Delegate, LAFP Board of Directors
- Jonathan Hunter, MD, FAAFP - Louisiana Alternate Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Rana Khazendar, MD –Resident Delegate, LAFP General Assembly
- Lindsay Liles, MD, FAAFP - AAFP Commission on Education; and NCCL Women Physician Representative
- Teri O’Neal, MD, FAAFP – Editor, Louisiana Family Doctor
- Emily Ostrander, MD - Louisiana Resident Alt. Delegate, 2024 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents
- Bryan Picou, MD, FAAFP- Louisiana Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Alex Robertson, MD –Resident Delegate, LAFP Board of Directors
- James Taylor, Jr., MD, FAAFP - Louisiana Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Oanh Truong, MD - NCCL LGBTQ+ Physicians or Physician Allies Representative
- Landon Waite - Student Alternate Delegate, 2024 National Congress of Student Members; Student Alternate Delegate, LAFP Board of Directors; and Student Delegate, LAFP General Assembly



AWARDS

The LAFP recognized the following members in 2024:

- Bridget Bunda – 2024 Tulane Family Medicine Excellence Award
- Lily Morrison – 2024 E. Edward Martin, Jr., MD Family Medicine Award
- Danielle Pawlichuk, MD – 2024 Resident Award of Excellence Award
- Mallory Knight Varnado – 2024 LSU-New Orleans Gerald R. Gehringer Family Medicine Award
- Stephen Tanner Ward – 2024 LSU-Shreveport Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Medicine Award



Bridget Bunda



Lily Morrison



Danielle Pawlichuk, MD



Mallory Varnado



Stephen Ward

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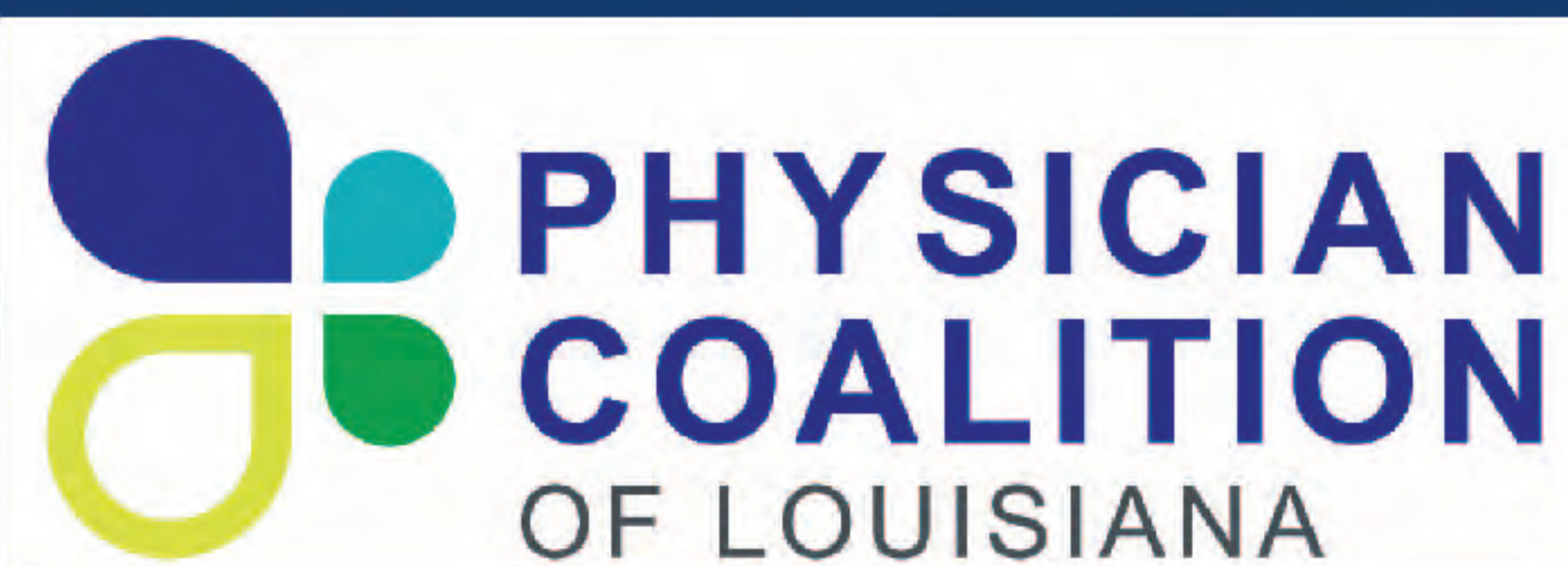
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The LAFP's Partners in Health program is an online resource that connects LAFP members to partnering organizations that provide patient education and high-value tools designed to support family physicians and their care teams.

Thank you to our partners for making a commitment to family medicine in Louisiana.



The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) and the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) formed the Physician Coalition of Louisiana in 2019.

Thank you to our 2024 partners:

- LA Chapter – American Academy of Cardiology
- LA Chapter -American Academy of Pediatrics
- LA Chapter - American College of Emergency Physicians
- Louisiana Eye Physicians and Surgeons
- Louisiana Orthopaedic Association
- Louisiana Osteopathic Medical Association
- Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)
- Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association
- Louisiana Society of Anesthesiologist
- Louisiana Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
- Medicine Louisiana
- Radiological Society of Louisiana

On the evening of Tuesday, April 9 the LAFP in partnership with the Physician Coalition of Louisiana hosted a very successful legislative reception at the City Club in Baton Rouge for physician leaders and legislators. A special thanks to Mark Abraham, Roy Daryl Adams, Franklin Foil, Caleb Kleinpeter, Jeremy Lacombe, Wayne McMahan, Robert "Bob" Owens, and Thomas Pressly, IV for taking the time to meet with our members.

