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The LSU Health Shreveport's Department of Family Medicine continues to grow in clinical care, education, and research. This past year, we recruited 3 new providers and will have an additional four joining the department during the summer and fall. We opened one new clinic location in Shreveport and are hoping to expand others in Monroe. Over the past four years, our growth has allowed us to increase our annual outpatient visits from 31,529 to 85,168. We are honored to continue to provide patient-focused, holistic care to the citizens of Louisiana.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ammar Husan, undergraduate medical education remains strong across all four of our campuses. This is due to the dedication of our full-time, part-time, and gratis faculty. We are especially thankful for our gratis (volunteer) faculty, who teach our students and residents how to be compassionate family physicians in our local communities. We welcome more LAFP members to become gratis faculty and mentors of the next generation of family physicians. If you are interested in hosting our students and/or residents in your clinics, please contact me.

We congratulate our residency directors - Drs. Baudoin, O'Neal, and Pippin - on a successful recruiting season. All five of our residency programs (Shreveport, Rural, EM-FM, Alexandria and Monroe programs) have filled for the 2024-2025 academic year. As we welcome our next class of interns (including 6 from our medical school), we wish our graduating residents farewell. Of our 27 residency and fellowship graduates, 12 will be practicing in Louisiana and 3 will be entering fellowship programs. We are excited to welcome our new graduates as colleagues and wish them success in the next phase of their careers.

Our Sports Medicine Division has experienced exponential growth. Dr. Charles Webb serves as our sports medicine division director as well as program director of our ACGME accredited primary care sports medicine fellowship. Our sports medicine outreach continues to expand, with our residents and faculty serving as medical directors and physicians for four local colleges, the Shreveport Mudbugs, and the Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet. Our mass participation event coverage this past year included the following events: USA Boxing events, LHSAA State Wrestling Championships, Vintage House Wrestling, SCAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, Running the Rose Ultramarathon, Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships, NCAA D3 Softball World Series, LaxFest, LHSSA Cross Country Championships, Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals, and National Black Rodeo Finals.

The most exciting news of the year is the creation of a rural residency at Franklin Medical Center in Winnsboro. Thanks to the amazing dedication and leadership of Dr. Teri O'Neal, this rural track will recruit its first two residents this fall. Modeled after our Vivian program, they will spend their first year in Monroe and their last two years in Winnsboro. This new residency will allow us to place more family physicians in our rural communities.

The Department and Ochsner-LSU Health system continue to grow. We are actively recruiting faculty for all of our campuses. If you are interested in relocating to Shreveport, Alexandria, Monroe, Vivian, Or Winnsboro, I would love to share with you all that Department of Family Medicine has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,



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