

October-December 2018

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## Honors & Appointments



**Jason Bodily, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, received the Charles C. Randall Lectureship from the South Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

**Steven A. Conrad, MD, PhD**, Director of Critical Care Medicine Service and Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) Service, was inducted into Fellowship of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO). This Fellowship is a global recognition of those who have advanced the field of extracorporeal life support in diverse and lasting ways.

**John R. Todd, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Section of Infectious Diseases, was awarded The Philadelphia Center's annual "Lifetime Advocacy Award" for his part in founding the Viral Disease Clinic, and for 30 years of providing care for and advocating for patients infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

Congratulations to the Physician Assistant Class of 2018, who had a 100% pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE)!

**Ashley Fort, MPAS, PA-C**, Physician Assistant Program Academic Coordinator and Assistant Professor, received the School of Allied Health Professions Outstanding New Faculty.

**Lindsay Ferrington, MS, PA-C**, Physician Assistant Program Clinical Instructor, was presented with the School of Allied Health Professions Faculty Service Award.

**Ronald Klein, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience, was recognized for his research on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) with a ceremonial key to "Unlock ALS" at the Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter of the ALS Association Annual Walk to Defeat ALS, held at the Bossier Boardwalk on Oct. 13. The walk raised over \$25,000 for the ALS Association.

**F. Dean Griffen, MD, FACS**, Gratis Professor of Clinical Surgery, has been elected to serve as the American College of Surgeons' Second Vice-President.

**Marie Vazquez Morgan, PT, PhD**, Physical Therapy Program Associate Professor, was appointed to serve on the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Advisory Committee. Dr. Vazquez Morgan was also named LSU Shreveport's December Alumna of the Month.



**Bharat Guthikonda, MD, FAANS, FACS**, Professor of Neurosurgery and Director of Skull Base Research, was inducted as an American College of Surgeons (ACS) Fellow.

The Physician Assistant program was granted Accreditation-Continued status for 8 years by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

The Physical Therapy program received re-accreditation for 10 years with no citations from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

**Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**, Associate Professor of Trauma & Critical Care Surgery, and Residency Program Director, was awarded the Charles D. Knight, Sr. MD Endowed Professorship in General Surgery.

## REGION III MEDICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE



LSU Health Shreveport was the host campus for the 2018 Region III Medical Education Conference (RMEC), sponsored by the LSU Health Shreveport Office of Diversity Affairs. The theme of the conference was, "Forging the Future of Medicine: Servant Leadership in Healthcare." The aim was to highlight a commitment to the state of health care for all, especially the medically underserved, and provide a venue where emerging healthcare professionals can grow in their professional and leadership development while gaining the necessary tools to be the best advocates for their future patients. Dr. Joseph W. Semien, Jr. author of "Pulse of Perseverance," was the Keynote Speaker.

**G. E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCSEd**, Chancellor, and Jack W. Gamble Chair in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, was elected as a Specialty Society Governor for the American College of Surgeons to represent the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

**Kenneth E. McMartin, PhD**, Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience, received the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT) Distinguished Service Award at the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT) meeting in Chicago on Oct. 26. This award recognizes Dr. McMartin as an individual who has performed outstanding and dedicated work on behalf of the AACT and the field of clinical toxicology.



**Saranya Rajendran, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow, was named a Young Investigator Award Winner at the Society for Redox Biology and Medicine's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 14-17.

**Eric First, PhD**, Associate Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded the \$10,000 Eastern Star New Idea Grant from the Biochemical Research Foundation for his proposal, "Developing Novel Cancer Therapeutics that Target Post-Transfer Editing in Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetases."

**Rita Y. Horton, MD**, Department of Psychiatry Chair, will represent LSU Health Shreveport on the Louisiana Mental Health Coalition board.



**Christina Notarianni, MD, FAANS**, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery and Residency Program Director, accepted the position of President of the Shreveport Medical Society for 2019 at the SMS Installation Dinner on Nov. 30.

**Julie Esparza, MLS, AHIP**, Associate Director, Health Sciences Library, was named Librarian of the Year at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 19-24.

**Olishia King** was promoted to Lieutenant of Special Services Division with University Police.

**Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH**, Y.K. Reddy Professor of Allergy & Immunology and Chief of Allergy & Immunology Section, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Gold-Headed Cane Award from the American College of Allergy, Asthma



& Immunology (ACAAI), which is given "for demonstrating the highest standards of scientific excellence and integrity." Dr. Bahna accepted the award at the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA, Nov. 15-19.

**LaTashia Irving, MD, PGY3** Family Medicine Resident, received the 2019 Visionary Woman in Medicine Award, a \$10,000 scholarship awarded by Dr. Pamela Wyble.

**Erin Reardon, MA, MLIS**, Instructor of Medical Library Science and Reference Librarian, Health Sciences Library, was selected through a competitive process to complete Biomedical and Health Research Data Management Training for Librarians, an online course sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine National Training Office, at the University of Utah.

**Will Olmstadt, MLS, MPH, AHIP**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Executive Director, Health Sciences Library, was appointed to a 3-year term as Secretary of the Leadership & Management Division of the National Special Libraries Association; to a 3-year term on the Program & Education Committee of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL); to the Remote Authentication Working Group for the LOUIS Academic Libraries Consortium through March 2019; and to the Lucy B. Foote Award selection committee for the Subject Specialists section of the Louisiana Library Association.

## Presentations

**Ruchi Babriwala, MD, PGY2** Pediatric and Resident; **Holly Gill, MD**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics; **Eduardo Gonzalez-Toledo, MD**, Professor of Radiology and Neurology; and **Rosario Maria S. Riel-Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAN, FACNS**, Neurology Vice Chair and Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics: "Juvenile Huntington's Disease," Poster Presentation at SSCI Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans.

**David Duggar, MLS, AHIP**, Professor of Medical Library Science and Head, Library Liaison Program; **Montie' Dobbins, MLIS**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Assistant Director of Technical Services, Health Sciences Library; **Julie Esparza, MLS, AHIP**, Professor of Medical Library Science and Associate Director, Health Sciences Library; **Will Olmstadt, MLS, MPH, AHIP**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Executive Director, Health Sciences Library, et. al: "Call for Book Chapters?" Paper Presentation at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 23.

## RESEARCH RECAP

Congratulations to our recent research grant recipients!

**Shenuarin Bhuiyan, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, and Department of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, was awarded a five-year R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health for a total of \$1,825,000 for his project, "Sigmar 1 in Lipid Metabolism."

**A. Wayne Orr, PhD**, Director and Professor, Division of Research, Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences, was awarded a four-year R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health for a total of \$1,781,908 for his project, "EphA2 Signaling in Atherosclerotic Fibroproliferative Remodeling." This is Dr. Orr's third R01 grant.

**Stephen N. Witt, PhD**, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chair, was awarded a three-year R15 grant from the National Institutes of Health for a total of \$438,000 for his project, "The Role of Alpha-synuclein in Snx3-retromer Mediated Recycling of Membrane Proteins." This is LSUHS' fourth NIH R15 award.

**Celeste Yin-Chieh Wu, PhD**, Postdoctoral Associate, was awarded an American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship award of \$110,456 for her two-year project, "Neuropeptide Y-Mediated Neuroprotection." **Dr. Kevin Lin** is Celeste's mentor.

**Alexandre Do Couto e Silva**, Graduate Student, was awarded an American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship award of \$53,688 for his two-year project titled, "Consequences of Palmitic Acid Methyl Ester in Cerebral Ischemia." **Dr. Kevin Lin** is his mentor.

**Zaki Al-yafeai**, Graduate Student, was awarded an American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship award of \$53,688 for his two-year project titled, "Integrin Affinity Modulation in Endothelial Activation and Atherosclerosis."

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

The Department of Radiology has received initial ACGME accreditation for a new Integrated Interventional Radiology residency program, which will be effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Chaitanya Ahuja, Director of Interventional Oncology and Associate Professor, will lead the new program. As of October 2018, LSU Health Shreveport is now one of 83 institutions in the country to offer an ACGME accredited integrated IR residency program. An integrated IR residency is five-years in length, with the first three years concentrated on diagnostic radiology and the final two years focused on interventional radiology. This is the first new residency program to come to LSU Health Shreveport since 2006.

**Mamatha Katikaneni, MD**, Assistant Professor, Center of Excellence for Arthritis and Rheumatology, gave a talk on the treatment and care of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and juvenile arthritis at the BPH Billiton YMCA in Shreveport on behalf of Experts in Arthritis (American College of Rheumatology) on Oct. 13.

**Jennifer Singh, MD**, Director of Integrative and Lifestyle Medicine Services at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, and Medical Director of Partners in Wellness: "Lifestyle and Food as Medicine," Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants (LAPA) State Conference, Shreveport, Oct. 3-5.

**Samantha Murphy**, senior student in Dr. Michelle Arnold's lab, was selected to give an oral presentation titled, "Rotavirus NSP1 Colocalizes with PML Nuclear Bodies in the Nucleus" at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) South Central Branch Meeting, Jackson, MS, Nov. 2-3.

**Will Olmstadt, MSLS, MPH, AHIP**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Executive Director, Health Sciences Library; **Mararia Adams, MLIS**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Assistant Director of Library Systems; **Montie' Dobbins, MLIS**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Assistant Director of Technical Services, Health Sciences Library; **David Duggar, MLS, AHIP**, Professor of Medical Library Science and Head, Library Liaison Program; and **Julie Esparza, MLS, AHIP**, Professor of Medical Library Science and Associate Director, Health Sciences Library: "Staff Development with a LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® Workshop," South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 23.

**Julie Esparza, MLS, AHIP**, Professor of Medical Library Science and Associate Director, Health Sciences Library; **David Duggar, MLS, AHIP**, Professor of Medical Library Science and Head, Library Liaison Program; **Montie' Dobbins, MLIS**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Assistant Director of Technical Services, Health Sciences Library, et. al.: "Mission Educate!" South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 23.

**Angela Pana, MD, PGY4** Neurology Resident; **Rosario M. Riel-Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAN, FACNS**, Neurology Vice Chair and Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics; **Erik V. Burton, MD**, Assistant Professor of Neurology: "Central Retinal Artery Occlusion in Sickle Cell Disease," Society for Neuroscience Day, Shreveport Chapter, Oct. 26. Awarded First Prize for Residents' Poster Presentations.

**Chaitanya Amrutkar, MD, PGY4** Neurology Resident, and **Eric V. Burton, MD**, Assistant Professor of Neurology: "Unusual Presentation of Seizure and Stroke Mimics on MRI," Society for Neuroscience Day, Shreveport Chapter, Oct. 26. Awarded Second Prize for Residents' Poster Presentations.

**Laura Perilloux, MS2; A. Scott Kavanaugh, MD**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology; **Marlyn P. Langford, PhD**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology: "Bacterial Peptidoglycan-induced Retinopathy: An *In Vitro* Model," ASM South Central Branch Meeting, Jackson, MS, Nov. 2-3.

**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Professor & Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, and Director of Head & Neck Surgical Oncology at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, was a Visiting Professor at The Ohio State University where she had "Case Presentations by the Resident" and gave a talk on "Management of HPV Associated HNSCC in the Era of Personalized Medicine," Columbus, OH, Oct. 17. Dr. Nathan was also a Visiting Professor

for Faculty Research Day at Stanford School of Medicine.

**Peggy Murphy, PhD**, Associate Professor of Academic Affairs; **Connie Arnold, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics; **Terry Davis, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics; **James Morris, MD**, Gastroenterology/Hepatology Fellowship Program Director; and **Glenn Mills, MD**, Director of Feist-Weiller Cancer Center: "Rural Community Clinics CRC Screening: Sustainability in Repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Screenings," Health Literacy Research Conference, Bethesda, MD, Oct. 21-23.

**Maria-Magdalena Georgescu, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pathology and Medical Director of Neuropathology, had two abstracts accepted for presentation at the Society for NeuroOncology 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting and Education Day, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> CNS Anticancer Drug Discovery and Development Conference. She presented "Genomic and Proteomic Dissociation Underlies Therapy Resistance in Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma," at the SNO Annual Scientific Meeting and Education Day, New Orleans, Nov. 15-18.

**Hongzhi Xu, MD, PhD**, Pathology and Translational Pathobiology Resident, and **Menchu Ong, MD**, Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology and Medical Director of Transfusion Services, presented two abstracts at the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, Oct. 13-16: "Providing Personalized Red Cell Units Using Next-Generation Sequencing: A Case Study," and "Multi-Dimensional Renovations in the Massive Transfusion Protocol Significantly Improve the Efficiency of Transfusions Service."

**Keven Charles, MD**, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellow: "Improving Timeliness in the Bronchoscopy Workflow: From Admission to Discharge, a Single-Center Quality Initiative," American Thoracic Society 2018 International Conference.

**Nadejda Korneeva, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine and Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience: "Opioid-induced Accumulation of Carbonylated Protein Aggregates in Rat Brain and Blood," Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov. 3-7.

## Publications

**A.K. Dotiwala, MS4**, and **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**, Associate Professor of Trauma & Critical Care Surgery, and Residency Program Director: "Anatomy, Head and Neck, Blood Brain Barrier" and "Anatomy, Head and Neck, Tongue," *StatPearls Publishing*, Oct. 27.

**Chaitanya Amrutkar, MD, PGY4** Neurology Resident, and **Rosario M. Riel-Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAN, FACNS**, Neurology Vice Chair and Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics: "Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome," *StatPearls Publishing*, Nov. 2, and "Benign Rolandic Epilepsy," *StatPearls Publishing*, Nov. 23.

**Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH**, Chief of Allergy & Immunology Section: "Effect of Modernization on the Development of Allergies and Asthma," *International Journal on Immunorehabilitation*, 20:49-51, 2018.

**Steven A. Conrad, MD, PhD**, Director of Critical Care Medicine Service and Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) Service, et. al.: "Extracorporeal Life Support in the Emergency Department: A Narrative Review for the Emergency Physician," *Resuscitation*, 2018 Dec;133:108-117. doi: 10.1016/j.resuscitation.2018.10.014. Epub 2018 Oct. 15.

**Steven A. Conrad, MD, PhD**, Director of Critical Care Medicine Service and Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) Service: "Computational Simulation of Recirculation During Venovenous Extracorporeal

Membrane Oxygenation," *Perfusion*, 2018;33(1S):142-143, also presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Euro-ELSO Congress on ECMO-ECLS in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Brian Cornelius, DNP, CRNA, NRP**, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Nurse Anesthetist; **Elizabeth Webb, MD, PGY3** Emergency Medicine/Family Medicine Resident; **Angela Cornelius, MD**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, et al.: "Effect of Sedative Agent Selection on Morbidity, Mortality and Length of Stay in Patients with Increase in Intracranial Pressure," *World Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 2018;9(4):256-261.

**Emily Duvall, MS4; J. Pan, MD, PGY3** Ophthalmology Resident; **KTT Dinh, MD, PGY3** Ophthalmology Resident; **M. Al Shaaranib, MD, PGY4** Pathology Resident; **Marlyn P. Langford, MD**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology; **William A. Byrd, MD**, Chairman of Ophthalmology, et. al.: "Trigeminal Hypertrophic Interstitial Neuropathy Presenting as Unilateral Proptosis, Ptosis, Tearing, and Facial Neuralgia," *American Journal of Ophthalmology Case Reports*, 2018 Oct 1;12:83-86. doi: 10.1016/j.ajoc.2018.09.010. eCollection 2018 Dec. PMID:30302419.

**Robert Walter, MD**, Chief, Section of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, was an Investigator in the U.S. National Biological Sample and Data Repository for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH Biobank) study. Results from the PAH Biobank were used in the largest genetic analysis of pulmonary hypertension to date: "Genetic Determinants of Risk in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: International Genome-wide Association Studies and Meta-analysis," *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*, Dec. 5.

**Zaki Al-Yafeai**, Graduate Student; **Jonette M. Peretik, BS**, Research Associate; **Mabraka Alfaidi, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Patrick A. Murphy**; and **A. Wayne Orr, PhD**, Director and Professor, Division of Research, Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences, et. al.: "Endothelial FN (Fibronectin) Deposition by α5β1 Integrins Drives Atherogenic Inflammation," *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*, 2018;0:ATVBAHA.118.311705.

**Surabhi Chowdhary, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow, and **Amoldeep S. Kainth**, Graduate Student, are co-first authors on a vanguard study, "Heat Shock Factor 1 Drives Intergenic Association of its Target Gene Loci Upon Heat Shock," recently accepted in *Cell Reports*.

**Will Olmstadt, MSLS, MPH, AHIP**, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Executive Director, Health Sciences Library: "A Contract Archivist For A Brief Project In A Health Sciences Library: Case Study And Management Implications," *Journal of Library Administration*, Oct. 2018.

**Adebayo Awe, MD, PGY4** Surgery Resident; **Quyen D. Chu, MD, MBA, FACS**, Professor of Surgery and Chief of Surgical Oncology; **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**, Associate Professor of Trauma & Critical Care Surgery, and Residency Program Director, et. al.: "Innovative Teaching Strategies for Surgery Resident Education Sessions: Learner Preference of Slide-based Presentations versus Focused Study Guides," *American Surgery*. 2018 Dec. 1;84(12):e541-e543. Presented by Dr. Awe and Dr. Samra at the ACS Clinical Congress, Boston, MA, Oct. 21-25.

## International Outreach

**Michelle M. Arnold, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, attended the 13th International dsRNA Virus Symposium in Houffalize, Belgium, Sept. 24-28. Dr. Arnold was an invited plenary speaker and gave a talk titled, "Inhibition of IRF and NF-κB Nuclear Translocation by Rotavirus NSP1." She also convened a workshop, "Immunity and Pathogenesis," and taught an introductory class, "Immune Defense Mechanisms of dsRNA Viruses," to students attending the conference.

**Martin Sapp, PhD**, Mingyu Ding Memorial Professor, Chairman of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and Director of the Center for Molecular Tumor Virology, was invited to chair the workshop "Viral Entry," and gave an invited talk titled, "A New Cell Culture Model to Genetically Dissect the Complete Human Papillomavirus Life Cycle," at the International Papillomavirus Conference, Sydney, Australia, Oct. 2-6.

**Michelle Yetman, PhD**, Assistant Clinical Professor and Clinical Psychologist, The Children's Center; **Adam Blancher, PhD**, Assistant Clinical Professor and Psychologist, The Children's Center; **Michael McGill, MCD, CCC-SLP**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Speech-Language Pathologist, The Children's Center; **Nanette Massey, MOT, LOTR**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Occupational Therapist, The Children's Center; **Pam Kimbrough, M.Ed.**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Director of The Children's Center; and **Clifton Frilot, PhD**, Assistant Dean for Research, Professor of Physical Therapy: "Examining Factors Associated With Early Autism Diagnosis," Poster Presentation at the Geneva Centre For Autism Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Oct. 24-26.

## Meetings

**Hai Sun, MD, FAANS, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Director of Epilepsy Surgery, attended the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, Oct. 6-10. Dr. Sun is a current participant of the CNS Leadership in Healthcare cohort.

**Bharat Guthikonda, MD, FAANS, FACS**, Professor of Neurosurgery and Director of Skull Base Research, attended the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies Fall 2018 meeting, Houston, TX, Oct. 5-6.

Members of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and the Arnold, Bodily, Kamil, Sapp, Yurochko, Ivanov, and McGee labs, attended the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) South Central Branch (SCB) Annual Meeting held at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, in Jackson, MS, Nov. 2-3.

**Ronald Klein, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neuroscience, was invited to serve as a key opinion leader on gene therapy at the Bluefield Project Roundtable Discussion on Gene Therapy on Sept. 28 at the University of California San Francisco Mission Bay campus. The Bluefield Project is a private consortium working to find cures for frontotemporal dementia.

**Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS**, Professor & Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, was the Keynote Speaker at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual F. Johnson Putney Lecturship in Head & Neck Cancer presented by the Medical University of South Carolina Head & Neck Tumor Center and the Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery, Charleston, SC, Nov. 2.

## CONGRATULATIONS 2018 ALPHA ETA SOCIETY INDUCTEES!



Alpha Eta is the National Honor Society of the Allied Health Professions. Members represent the top ten percent of graduates of Allied Health Schools and Colleges.

**Cardiopulmonary Science:** Jordan Anderson; **Communication Disorders:** Emily A. DiGiacomo; **Medical Laboratory Science:** Matthew Ursua, Emma Fontana-Cain, Tawsha Munroe, and Alexandra Cheung; **Physical Therapy:** Ryan Barcelona, Kade Billeaudeaux, Rebekah Dornier, Sara Howington, Zachary Pitre, Denise Joplin, and Avery Keene; **Physician Assistant:** Kendra Hinnenkamp, Claire Keaton, Chelsea Simon, Nicole Touts, Jenna Vega, and Alaina Wilson; **Occupational Therapy:** Sydney Ewing, Brittany Gossierand, Valerie Procell, Ashton Byrd, and Joselynn Cramer

**Faculty:** Emily M. Weidman-Evans, Pharm.D, BC-ADM, CPE