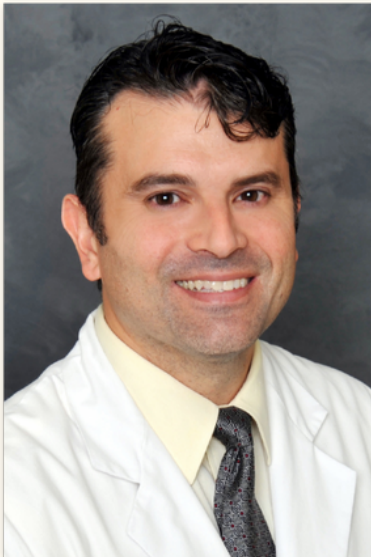


WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter
Bienvenidos!

LMSA Faculty Spotlight

MEET DR. JOSE LEZAMA



Jose "Joe" Lezama Jr, MD MACP is a Tampa native, completed his training in Internal Medicine at the University of South Florida, College of Medicine after medical school graduation from the UF College of Medicine. Dr. Lezama joined the University of South Florida Internal Medicine Faculty after residency completion, as well as the James Haley Veterans Hospital in July 2000. He was appointed Chief of Medicine in February 2006 as one of the youngest physicians in the history of the Veterans Health Administration and only the 3rd active Latino/Latina Chief of Medicine in the country at the time. He was promoted to Associate Chair of the USF Department of Internal Medicine in 2006 at the time of his promotion to Associate Professor of Medicine. He was named Vice Chair of Education and promoted to Professor of Medicine in 2012.

Dr. Lezama is a five-time recipient of the John T. Sinnott Award and the Osler Award for best clinical teacher and best exemplary role model for the USF Morsani College of Medicine and winning multiple other College of Medicine awards, including the Leonard Tow Humanism Award. He was recognized as the Top Medical Educator of the State of Florida by the American College of Physicians in 2004 and was honored as one of the top 40 physicians for Humanism in Medicine by the AAMC in 2008. He received the Department of Internal Medicine's Teacher of the Year award seven times in his career. He received recognition as one of the top 10 Internal Medicine Hospitalist Physicians by the American College of Physicians (ACP) in 2010 as the first ever Hispanic physician recognized by the ACP.

He has served the Florida ACP's Governor's Council for the past 22 years. The University of Florida recognized Dr. Lezama accomplishments by induction into the University of Florida-College of Medicine Wall of Fame, becoming only the 40th physician recognize with this honor in the 70-year history of the UF College of Medicine and the FIRST Latino/Latina physician to be recognized on the UF College of Medicine Wall of Fame. He was further honored by the Laureate Award by the National American College of Physicians selection committee in 2021 (only the second Latino/Latina physician in the history of Florida ACP) and then elected to Mastership level of the American College of Physicians in 2023 which are two of the highest distinctions which can be received by a member of the American College of Physicians.

His research interests include transitions of care hospital and ER programs, artificial intelligence hospital mortality predictive models, and access of care for vulnerable patient populations such as traumatic brain injury patients. His first full length solo authored book on methodology to learn and to teach internal medicine in three years of residency will be released this July.

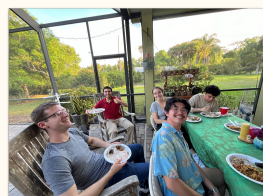
Dr. Lezama first generation Cuban-American, his parents came on the Pedro Pan flights from Cuba as teenagers. He was born at Tampa General Hospital and went to St Lawrence Catholic School and Tampa Jesuit. He currently lives in Lutz, FL and has been married for 22 years with three children. He hopes to have the opportunity to engage with Latino/Latina medical students through the LMSA and speak about the need to start developing leadership skills early in medical school in order to be ready to take on positions of higher authority as he did only eight years after graduating medical school.

His message to Latino/Latina medical students is the following: Never ever stop believing in yourself or your talents. Use the love of your Hispanic heritage to promote the success of those younger Latino/Latina medical students and college students who already look up to you, and never ever take a statement of "it will be a hard road" or "that is a path that not many Latino/Latina students take" for anything more than "fighting words" to inspire you to reach even greater heights than you ever imagined for yourself. I myself have been guilty at times of under-selling my talents and my achievements given I have not had many Latino/Latina mentors on a national level. Always believe in yourself and your talents and never forget the richness of your Hispanic heritage that fills you with the grit and the resiliency to always succeed.

Faculty Mentors

Find out more about the faculty supporting LMSA @ MCOM. Using the link below, students can refer to our current list of Latino faculty to contact for support in the areas of shadowing, research, and career advising. We are always looking to add to this growing list to include specialties that are not yet represented. If any of you have contacts in any field that LMSA students could contact to add to our faculty mentor list, please email their name and email to elianaburgos@usf.edu.

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Paella Night 2024

Pictures from this year's Paella Night in March

From everyone in LMSA, we would like to extend our thanks to Dr. Cuevas for hosting our 2nd annual Paella Night, a memorable evening celebrating Latino culture through delectable cuisine and cherished moments. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

"Sabores y Perspectivas" - Discussion and Dinner Party

- When & Where: April 23rd at 7 PM in MDD 435
- Attire: Casual
- Celebrate the culmination of a fantastic year with a feast of good food and even better conversations! Join us as LMSA and the Medical Spanish Club come together to host a special dinner, bringing medical students, residents, and faculty together for an evening of insightful discussions and networking. We aim to explore the gaps in our community and how our unique perspectives as Latin American medical professionals can help bridge them in this next year. Indulge in delicious Cuban cuisine from La Teresita, and we invite you to contribute desserts or sides from your own culture to share the flavors of diversity.
- If you plan to attend, please RSVP by filling out this link:

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Easy "Recetas"

Email elianaburgos@usf.edu if you have a recipe you would like added for the next newsletter!

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Volunteering

At LMSA we are all about giving back! Click below to find the latest opportunities.

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Upcoming Events

Coming Soon: Sabores y Perspectivas
April 23rd, 7 PM in MDD 435

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Updates from LMSA Nationals

LMSA SALUD Policy Summit

- LMSA Nationals is proud to present the 2nd Annual LMSA SALUD Summit, hosted by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. from April 26-29, 2024. This weekend is set to amplify diverse voices under the theme "Con Valor Por un Futuro Mejor" (With Courage For a Better Future).
- SALUD aims to unite students to respond to the most recent policy changes that impact our communities and patients. For many of us, these developments have sparked fear, unease, and a desire to learn what we can do next to contribute to equity and improved health outcomes. Attending the SALUD Summit will provide students with hands-on training that facilitates their contributions to effective change at political, academic, institutional, and personal levels.
- Registration is still open, but early bird tickets, abstracts, and policy resolution submissions are now closed. Join us for a vibrant weekend featuring keynote speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, a visit to Capitol Hill, and a research symposium. For more information about how check out the website.

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LMSA Nationals Eboard Applications Are Out Now!

- These are open to current national dues-paying members, memberships cost \$40 a year. Applications are due April 10th.

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LMSA Nationals Residency Guide Surveys

- The LMSA National Publications team is developing a residency guide for the upcoming ERAS application cycle to provide our members with organized information for preparing their residency applications.
- The medical student feedback form closed on March 20th
- If you are a resident or faculty, you are still eligible to provide feedback. Click below to provide your experience and advice. Due April 20th. Specifically information on Diversity in Residency, Supplemental Offer and Application Program (SOAP), Military Match, Specialty Training, and Residency Culture is needed.

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Membership Survey

- On behalf of the Research & Analytics committee of the LMSA National Board, we invite all members of the LMSA community to complete the 2023-2024 LMSA Membership survey. Everyone who completes the survey will receive a code for 10% off their entire purchase order from the LMSA online store. Survey due in mid-April.

[COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

National Hispanic Medical Association 30th Anniversary Celebration & Leadership Summit

- Join the NHMA for their 30th Anniversary Celebration & Leadership Summit! Demanding more than just 7%, NHMA and NHHF are dedicated to boosting Hispanic representation in medicine and healthcare. Let's celebrate 30 years of enhancing Latino health! Don't miss out on connecting with like-minded professionals and contributing to the advancement of Hispanic healthcare.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



We are in the process of creating our LMSA website, thanks to our PR Chair, Jeremias Munoz. He has put in some great work to get this website up and running, and we are just putting some finishing touches on it before the Fall 2024 semester. The plan is to make this the new hub of information, so that everything is in one place for easy access.

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