

WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter
Bienvenidos!

LMSA Faculty Spotlight

MEET DR. PAUL RODRIGUEZ-WAITKUS



Dr. Paul M. Rodriguez-Waitkus aka "PRod" is a board certified Dermatopathologist, Associate Professor of Dermatology & Pathology at USF, and Medical Director of the USF Diagnostic Laboratory. He was born in Puerto Rico and did his undergraduate studies at University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez. Dr. PRod earned his MD/PhD (Biochemistry) at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and completed his Anatomic & Clinical Pathology residency, and Dermatopathology fellowship training at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. Dr. PRod provides diagnostic services not only to USF Dermatology patients, but also to the inpatient TGH Dermatology service and many community dermatologists. His second passion is medical/resident/fellow education, and he also serves as a USF Morsani College of Medicine Career Advisor for almost 70 medical students. He enjoys helping students and watching them grow personally and professionally over the course of their medical training. As a LMSA member, Dr Rodriguez-Waitkus hopes to create strong connections with Latina/o/x faculty, medical trainees, and premedical students to promote career development and address health disparities in our Tampa Bay community. "Dreams without goals and hard work...are just dreams!" Lets dream and work together...and we will get to places that we never imagined!

Faculty Mentors

Find out more about the faculty supporting LMSA @ MCOM. On our Teams page, students can refer to our current list of Latino faculty willing to support them in the areas of shadowing, research, and career advising.

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LMSA Southeast Conference

The 15th Annual LMSA Southeast Regional Conference, themed Estetoscopio Latino, Corazón que Escucha, will take place in Charleston, South Carolina on February 23-24, 2024. This is a great opportunity for students to present research, network with other LMSA members, and listen to motivating speakers. We encourage you to explore available opportunities on the LMSA national website <https://national.lmsa.net/>, and follow them on Instagram @lmsanational, as well as the Southeast regional board @lmsa_southeast. Tickets will be \$65 until 11/06 then the price will increase to \$85. Interested students should respond to gpinerocrespo@usf.edu so that we may look into group travel funding!

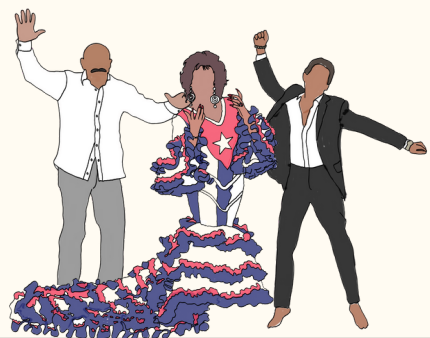
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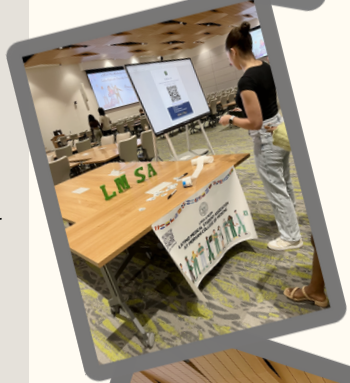
LMSA Plus Mentorship Event & Salsa Night

with Diversity Council



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this mentorship event and salsa night! We hosted 35 pre-medical students from the LMSA Plus chapter at USF, for mentoring small groups with 7 medical students and a tour of the downtown medical school campus. We held an hour long panel with some of our medical students and 2 of our faculty members, to answer the questions from the pre-medical students about applying to medical school and about MCOM specifically. Dinner was provided by the Diversity Council at MCOM, and we were joined by some of their students and a dance instructor for the Salsa night. We hope to continue fostering a mentorship relationship with LMSA Plus to increase Latino representation in medical schools.



Easy "Recetas"

RECIPES FOR BUSY MED STUDENTS

Added This Month: Natilla and Sweet Corn Arepas

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Volunteering

OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH

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

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Upcoming Events

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

This Month: LMSA Membership Lunch (students) on Monday, November 13th 12-1 pm, MDD 435 and Faculty Panel & Potluck on Thursday, November 30th 6-8 pm

[NEW EVENTS](#)

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How to Support LMSA

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

LMSA @ MCOM is asking for support via donations to kick start the events we plan to have this upcoming year! As a new student organization, we expect to hear back about Student Government interim funding in October/November, so until then we are relying on donations to hold events this semester. You can find more donation information using the following link, and make donations to our treasurer's venmo or Zelle using the QR codes. Any dollar amount is appreciated, and we thank you for your support!



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Click the links below to join LMSA at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. We are so excited for you to join us!

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