

WELCOME TO OUR  
**Monthly Newsletter**  
*Bienvenidos!*

## LMSA Faculty Spotlight

### MEET DR. HUGO MONTES

Dr. Hugo Montes, a pioneer and leader in radiology in Florida, completed the state's first Cardiothoracic CT/MR Fellowship in 2004-2005, specializing in Coronary CTA (CCTA) and Cardiac MR. With a distinguished career, Dr. Montes played a pivotal role in establishing and expanding ACR-accredited Cardiothoracic CT/MR imaging programs across Florida, enhancing non-invasive diagnostic imaging in hospitals and imaging centers from the east to west coasts. His expertise spans all Diagnostic Radiology imaging modalities, including CT/CTA, MRI/MRA, Radiography, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, mammography, and various interventional procedures.

In addition to his clinical contributions, Dr. Montes has served as an assistant professor of Radiology, sharing his knowledge through lectures and presentations to medical professionals and local communities. Bilingual in English and Spanish, and fluent in French and Portuguese, Dr. Montes hails from San Juan, Puerto Rico, with a strong connection to his cultural roots.

Recently, Dr. Montes was honored as a Fellow of the American College of Radiology, recognizing his significant contributions to Cardiothoracic Radiology and dedication to educating the next generation of radiologists.



## Ask a LMSA M2 or Faculty Member

We are excited to introduce a new interactive column in the LMSA newsletter at Morsani College of Medicine! This column is dedicated to our M1 students, providing a unique opportunity to ask questions to experienced LMSA M2 or M3 members, or even our esteemed LMSA faculty members. Whether you seek guidance on navigating medical school as a Latino student or need general advice, this column is here to support you. Simply fill out the provided Google form with your question, and look forward to seeing the answers in the next newsletter. We hope this initiative fosters a supportive community and enhances your medical school journey.

[SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION](#)

# 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 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](mailto:elianaburgos@usf.edu).

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

## Change in Communication

Refer to our August newsletter and last page of this newsletter for relevant links



## LMSA Membership Dinner

**September 18th from 6-7 PM at MDD 435**

This will be a great meeting place to learn all things LMSA for the 2024-2025 year and how to be involved! If you would like to learn more about how to be involved with LMSA, we hope to see you there. Dinner will be provided. Faculty, students, and resident are welcome to attend. RSVP using the link so we make sure to have enough food for this incredible night!

[RSVP HERE](#)



# Upcoming Events



## Student Organization Tabling Fair

- Come on out to support LMSA at the Student Organization Fair on September 11th from 5-7 PM at MDD Auditorium.

## Naked Farmer Fundraiser for LUNA (Latinos Unidos Por Un Nuevo Amanecer)

- We are collaborating to raise funds for LUNA, a cancer survivorship group primarily composed of Latina breast cancer patients located within Moffitt Cancer Center. All proceeds will go to support the patients attending LUNA's annual camp, "Camp Alegria."
  - If you want to volunteer at their Camp Alegria from October 25-27 more closely (aside from our Naked Farmer fundraiser), email Viviam Sifontes (vsifontes2007@yahoo.com)
- This fundraiser will be at Naked Farmer on October 18th from 4-9PM, where 15% of the money made will go back to LUNA. Please come and invite as many people as you can!
- LMSA, Women Building Women, and Interdisciplinary Oncology Interest Group are all partnering together to host this event and increase our impact.

## Hispanic Heritage Month: Teaching at Williams Middle School (need medical students)

- Williams Middle School is partnering with LMSA at USF MCOM this Hispanic Heritage Month to share our culture with their students.
- On Tuesday, October 15th from 1:30-2:30 PM, 3-4 LMSA students will be heading over to the school to teach some basic medical Spanish terms, talk about what it's like to be a Latino medical student, and have them use some basic medical supplies.
  - According to the Course 2 and Course 6 schedule, this is a day and time that should work for most MCOM students.
- All presentation materials and supplies will be provided, we just need volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to [elianaburgos@usf.edu](mailto:elianaburgos@usf.edu). We are looking for 3-4 students total.

## LMSA+ event with Horns for Healing – October (need medical students, residents, and faculty)

- Our annual event with the LMSA+, the LMSA undergraduate chapter here at USF, is coming on Sunday, October 20th from 2-6 PM.
- It will be hosted at MDD, which is the medical school building in Downtown Tampa (address: 560 Channelside Dr, Tampa, FL 33602, United States).
  - From 2-5PM, we will be providing students with mentors, giving them tours, and having a panel with faculty, residents, and medical students.
  - From 5-6 PM, we will be partnering with Horns for Healing for a fun social activity to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!
  - More information will come in the October newsletter, but for now, we need volunteers.

# Updates from LMSA Nationals



## LMSA Nationals - September 20-22nd

- USF MCOM LMSA President, Eliana Burgos, and Treasurer, Maysen Calzon, will be attending this year's LMSA National Conference in Los Angeles, California to present their research at the PODER Symposium. We are excited for them to represent USF and grow our chapter's network!
- If you are interested in donating to help offset LMSA student's travel costs, please refer to the "Donations and Contributions" tab at the bottom of this newsletter.

**Join the LMSA National Diversity Committee!**

Are you passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion in medicine? Do you want to make a lasting impact on our community? We're looking for dedicated and enthusiastic members to join our team!

Help us shape the future of medicine by promoting diversity and advocating for underrepresented voices.

Deadline to apply Sept 4th 11:59 PM PST

LMSA Nationals Instagram  
[@lmsanational](https://www.instagram.com/lmsanational)

**National Membership Q&A Meeting**

Wednesday September 8 @ 8pm EST\*

Join us for a conversation with National development chairs to chat all about National Membership!

Meeting ID: 884 3214 9049  
Passcode: 5AFA4J

QR code for our Zoom link

LMSA Southeast Instagram  
[@lmsa\\_southeast](https://www.instagram.com/lmsa_southeast)



## Easy "Recetas"

This LMSA recipe book has "edit" access, so feel free to add a recipe that is near and dear to your heart!

[CLICK FOR FULL RECIPES](#)



## Volunteering

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

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