

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

## LMSA Faculty Spotlight

### MEET DR. ANGELICA RIVERA-CRUZ



Dr. Rivera-Cruz was born and raised in Puerto Rico. She obtained her MD at the University of Puerto Rico and completed her Neurology residency at the same institution. She was heavily involved in different leadership positions, from being a resident member of the Graduate Medical Education Committee to Chief Resident of Neurology. She then moved to the U.S to complete a fellowship in Clinical Neurophysiology at the University of South Florida, followed by an Epilepsy Fellowship at Emory University.

Dr. Rivera-Cruz is currently an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of South Florida. She is the lead epileptologist of the intracranial EEG program (stereo-EEG). Her main interests are in the diagnosis and management of drug-resistant seizures, Critical Care EEG monitoring, neuro-modulation, and autoimmune seizures. She has co-authored several publications, book chapters, and is the Principal Investigator of several clinical trials for drug-resistant seizures.

Dr. Rivera-Cruz also serves as the Associate program director of the Clinical Neurophysiology fellowship and the Assistant Clerkship Director of Neurology. She was recently appointed as the Vice Chief of neurology at Tampa General Hospital. She has a strong interest in medical education and teaches several courses each year. More recently, she joined the Latino Medical Student Association and serves as a Neurology mentor. She was recognized by Castle Connolly as a Top Hispanic and Latino Doctor. Finally, Dr. Rivera-Cruz is an avid Crossfitter, enjoys running, dancing, and visiting her family in Puerto Rico.

Consejo de Dra. Rivera-Cruz: Encontrar un mentor en cada etapa de sus carreras es imprescindible. Tener un modelo ejemplar nos ayuda a delinear nuestras metas de una manera tangible y así, alcanzarlas. Por último, los Latin@s unidos podemos alcanzar grandes metas juntos. Vamos a solidarizarnos para lograr un cuidado de salud de excelencia para todos los Latino Americanos e igualdad de oportunidades para tod@s!

## Ask a LMSA Student or Faculty Member

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. Simply fill out the provided Google form with your question, and look forward to seeing the answers in the next newsletter.

### **This Week's Question:**

**What is the best way to connect to the Latino community in Tampa?**

[THIS WEEK'S ANSWER](#)

[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).

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## Upcoming Events



### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.



**CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

WITH LMSA AT MCOM, LMSA+ AND HORNS FOR HEALING

**RSVP HERE:**

**USF MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AUDITORIUM**  
560 Channelside Dr, Tampa, FL 33602  
October 20th from 2-6 PM

## LMSA+ event with Horns for Healing – October 20th 2-6 PM

- 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 and residents.
- From 5-6 PM, we will be partnering with Horns for Healing for a fun social activity to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!
- If you are a medical student interested in leading tours and being a LMSA+ mentor from 2-5PM, please email RSVP using this link: <https://forms.gle/YinJdpzy3V6v6tw9>
- If you are not able to attend the event, but still want to be a medical student mentor to LMSA+, please fill out this link: <https://forms.gle/YinJdpzy3V6v6tw9>
- We no longer need more resident or attending physician volunteers. Thank you to those who signed up!

## Judeo-Christian Clinic Women's Night

**Judeo-Christian Clinic's Women's Night**

Hosted by Women Building Women and Health Disparities Scholarly Concentration!

Wednesday, 23 October 2024 | Judeo Christian Clinic | 5-8 PM

Sign up using the QR below!

Meeting will be held on 10/21 at 7 PM over Teams to go over roles for the clinic night.

- Women Building Women and the Health Disparities Scholarly Concentration are coming together to help host Judeo-Christian Clinic's Women's Night on October 23rd from 5-8 PM.
- LMSA is invited to support by offering Spanish-speaking medical students to help with translation! We will have a quick Teams meeting on 10/21 at 7 PM to go over roles for the night.
- If you would like to participate, please sign up using this sign-up sheet (closing 10/20) and reach out to me or any contact listed for any questions! Sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17C7pYFFLDIzTYR CZHFJQnda-lrE4hneBcaqvVuH8kRc/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

## LMSA Faculty/Resident Q&A and Dinner

**LMSA**

FACULTY/RESIDENT Q&A AND DINNER

THIS PANEL WILL OFFER MEDICAL STUDENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE EXPERIENCES AND JOURNEYS OF LATINO PHYSICIANS. STUDENTS CAN SUBMIT THEIR QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE AND WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO ASK THEM IN PERSON DURING THE EVENT.

NOVEMBER 20TH FROM 6-7 PM  
DOWNTOWN MEDICAL SCHOOL ROOM 240 (AUDITORIUM)  
560 CHANNELSIDE DR, TAMPA, FL 33602  
DINNER PROVIDED

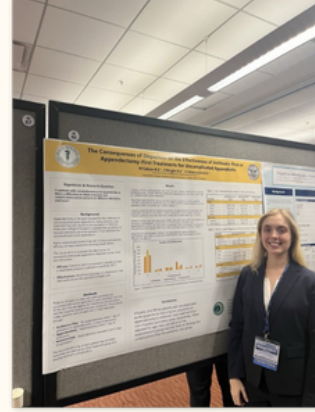
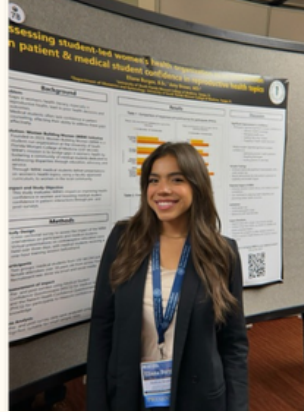
DETAILS

- LMSA is excited to host a dinner followed by a Q&A panel featuring faculty and residents on November 20th from 6-7 PM at the downtown medical school building (560 Channelside Dr, Tampa, FL 33602). It will be in MDD Room 240 (Auditorium on 2nd Floor).
- This panel will offer medical students a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into the experiences and journeys of Latino physicians. Students can submit their questions in advance and will also have the chance to ask them in person during the event.
- We are seeking faculty and resident volunteers to participate in the panel. If you are interested in joining us and sharing your expertise with LMSA's medical students, please email [elianaburgos@usf.edu](mailto:elianaburgos@usf.edu).



# Updates from LMSA Nationals

## LMSA NATIONAL UPDATES



### LMSA National - Recap

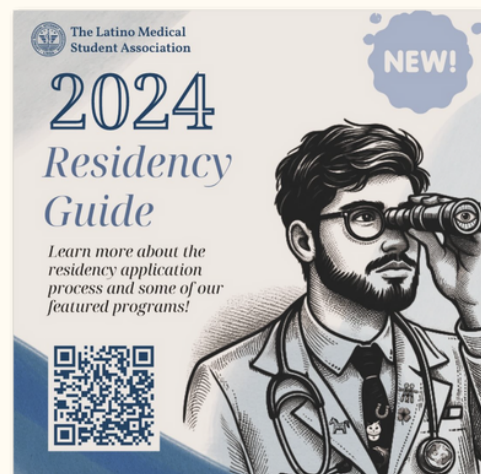
- Eliana Burgos, LMSA President, and Maysie Calzon, LMSA Treasurer, proudly represented USF MCOM at the LMSA National Conference held in Los Angeles, California, from September 20-22. During the event, they had the opportunity to showcase their research, engage in meaningful networking with fellow medical professionals and students from across the country, and exchange ideas on advancing Latino representation in medicine. Their participation highlighted USF MCOM's commitment to fostering leadership and diversity in healthcare!

**LMSA National Mentorship Committee is hosting an interviewing workshop! Details can be found in the image below.**

**LMSA has created a residency guide for this year! Check out the image below for more details.**



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## LMSA SOUTHEAST UPDATES

### 1) Hispanic Heritage Month Service Prompt: What Does Community Mean to You?

- LMSA wants to hear from our region (Southeast)! Submit photos/videos showcasing what "community" means to you (schools, libraries, churches, etc.).
- Send submissions to [service.southeast@lmsa.net](mailto:service.southeast@lmsa.net) or DM our Instagram: [lmsa\\_southeast](https://www.instagram.com/lmsa_southeast) by October 15, 2024.
- Winner announced late October/early November.

### 2) Hispanic Heritage Month - Hispanic Physicians Zoom Series

- Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by hearing from Hispanic physicians!
- Upcoming sessions:
  - [October 1st 7pm](#) - Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber | [Link](#)
    - Meeting ID: 889 8542 9087 | Passcode: 483164
  - [October 7th at 7pm](#) - Dr. Lorena Bonilla | [Link](#)
    - Meeting ID: 839 9335 1244 | Passcode: 838881
  - [October 10th at 7pm](#) - Dr. Shirley Sharp | [Link](#)
    - Meeting ID: 862 9486 7782 | Passcode: 731245
  - [October 16th at 7 pm](#) - Dr. Jorge Castaneda | [Link](#)
    - Meeting ID: 815 0561 0227 | Passcode: 045071

### 3) Harvard Visiting Research Internship Program (VRIP)

- **Summer 2025** 8-week research program for medical students interested in clinical/translational research.
- Application deadline: **December 13, 2024**.
- More details: <https://dicp.hms.harvard.edu/dicp-programs/medical-and-graduate/visiting-research-internship-program>

### 4) NHMA 28th Annual Conference & Poster Presentations

- **March 2025**, premier event for Hispanic medical professionals.
- Poster submissions due by **November 30, 2024**.
- Register: <https://nhma.memberclicks.net/2025annualconference#!/>

### 5) NIH Medical Research Scholarship Program (MRSP)

- Year-long research program for 2nd-4th year medical, dental, and veterinary students.
- Application deadline: **December 2, 2024**.
- Live virtual info webinar: **October 12**.
- Link to register: <https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOmqqjsjH0v1elc6YMKgITu5CBD1Sc#/registration>

### 6) LMSA Southeast Instagram - @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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## Upcoming Events

**Coming Soon:** Naked Farmer Fundraiser for LUNA October 18th from 4-9 PM

[NEW EVENTS](#)

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WITH THE TRANSITION AWAY FROM TEAMS, OUTLOOK WILL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY COMMUNICATION AND INVITATION SOURCE

[FACULTY EMAIL GROUP](#)