

WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter
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LMSA Faculty Spotlight

MEET DR. JAVIER CUEVAS



We are excited to highlight our LMSA Faculty Advisor, Dr. Javier Cuevas, to kick off the 2025!

Dr. Cuevas graduated in 1988 from Dartmouth College with a BA in Biology and Psychology. He earned his Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology from the University of Miami in 1995 and received postdoctoral training at the University of Queensland, Australia, and at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Javier Cuevas is the Sr. Associate Vice President for Faculty and Academic Affairs for USF Health and Sr. Associate Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs for the Morsani College of Medicine (MCOM). Dr. Cuevas is a Professor in the Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, MCOM, and served as Associate Chair of the department from 2016–2021. In his role as Sr. Assistant Vice President for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Dr. Cuevas is the primary liaison for USF Health with the USF Provost's Office, the USF Office of Institutional Effectiveness, and the USF Office of Decision Support. Dr. Cuevas is responsible for the development and implementation of efforts to meet accreditation standards at the University of South Florida and for ensuring the collection and submission of data to fulfill all USF Board of Trustees and Florida Board of Governors reporting requirements, with particular focus on Health Colleges. In his faculty affairs role, Dr. Cuevas mentors numerous faculty members, focusing on clinician scientists and basic science faculty to help them advance in their research careers.

As an educator, Dr. Cuevas has been the course director for numerous graduate and medical courses at USF Health and won several awards as an educator, such as the Undergraduate Medical Education Program, Outstanding Sophomore Instructor Award, USFCOM. He is the director of the UME year 2 "Cardiology, Pulmonology, and Nephrology (CPR) (BMS 6042)" course that has been recognized several times as the Outstanding Pre-Clinical course under his leadership.

As a researcher, Dr. Cuevas has received over \$5,000,000 in research grant funding from agencies such as the NIH, the Multiple Myeloma Foundation, the American Heart Association and biotechnology/pharmaceutical companies. He has over 60 peer reviewed publications and these manuscripts have been cited over 2000 times. Dr. Cuevas' research currently focuses on developing new drugs for treating stroke at delayed time points and for reducing vascular dementia and was most recently funded by the NIH as a principal investigator to develop a new animal model of vascular cognitive impairment and dementia.

Dr. Cuevas has also engaged in numerous service activities. He is currently a regular member of the NIH Acute Neural Injury and Epilepsy Study Section and was the President of the AHA Tampa Metro Board. For over 10 years, Dr. Cuevas was the director of a medical mission to Dilaire, Haiti that treated over 2400 patients per year. Students, residents and faculty from across USF Health colleges participated in this mission to deliver healthcare and public health interventions that helped improve the lives of people from this rural part of Haiti.

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 are some ways that medical students can stay connected to their culture during medical school?

[THIS WEEK'S ANSWER](#)

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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.

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Upcoming Events

LMSA 2025 Mentor/Mentee Match

- It's time to match our LMSA medical students with faculty mentors! If you're an LMSA medical student mentee or a faculty member interested in becoming a mentor, please complete the form linked below by January 22nd at 11:59 PM. The information collected will be used to carefully pair mentors and mentees.
- Mentor/mentee pairs will be notified by the end of January, along with contact information to schedule an initial meeting, either in person or virtually. We're excited to facilitate meaningful connections and look forward to seeing our students benefit from the guidance of our incredible faculty mentors!
- Match form [here](#)

LMSA SE Regional Conference Interest Meeting

- If you are a student, faculty member, or resident interested in attending the LMSA SE Regional Conference, come on out to our interest meeting to discuss the logistics and answer any questions you may have. This meeting will be taking place on Teams on January 15th at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in attending the conference but unable to attend this meeting, please email elianaburgos@usf.edu. Here is the link to [join](#)

USF LINGUALINK ELL Tutoring and Mentoring program

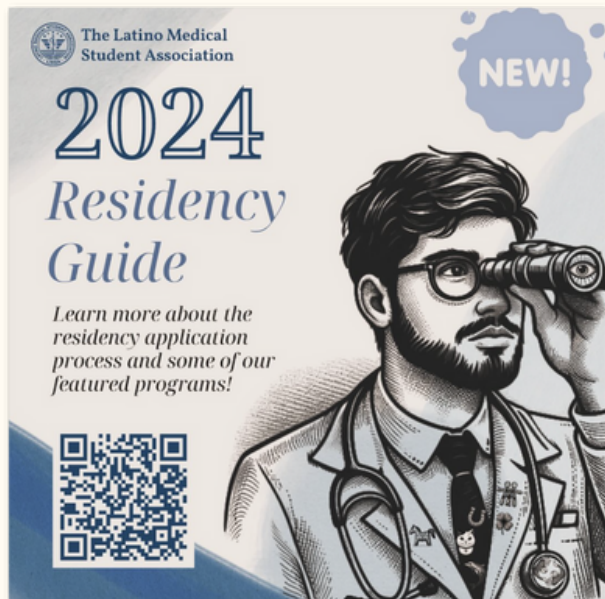
- USF MCOM LMSA and Marshall Middle Magnet IB World School are partnering to create an ELL Tutoring and Mentoring Program starting in January 2025. We need your help!
- We are looking to have our initial onboarding meeting at the end of January with anyone who has filled out the interest form below.
- If you are interested, please sign up using this [link](#)



The flyer is for the USF LINGUALINK ELL Tutoring and Mentoring program. At the top, it features the Marshall Middle Magnet IB World School logo and address: 18 South Maryland Ave., Plant City, FL 33563. The main title is 'USF LINGUALINK' in large blue letters, with 'ELL Tutoring and Mentoring program' underneath. A text box explains the program's goal: to support middle school ELL students by providing tutoring and mentoring in English Language Arts, helping them build language skills and confidence. It encourages volunteers who are passionate about teaching and empowering the next generation. At the bottom, there is a 'Sign up!' button, a QR code with a 'SCAN ME' label, and an illustration of a teacher and students.

Updates from LMSA Nationals

LMSA NATIONAL UPDATES



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



LMSA National Scholarships



LMSA National Research Panel



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LMSA SOUTHEAST UPDATES

LMSA Regional Conference

- LMSA's Southeast Regional Conference is taking place on March 14-16 at Duke University in North Carolina. We would love for medical students and faculty to join us at this conference and represent USF! Faculty, residents, and students: Please email elianaburgos@usf.edu ASAP if you are interested in attending.
 - We are hosting an interest meeting on January 15th at 6:30 PM on Teams to discuss the logistics and answer any questions. Please refer to the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for more information.

LMSA Regional Conference Research Symposium 2025

- The deadline to submit an abstract for the research symposium has passed. The Research Symposium will take place on Saturday, March 15th from 3:45pm - 5:15pm EST.

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!

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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: LMSA 2025
Mentor/Mentee Match

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