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IPSA Newsletter

About Us: The Interprofessional Student Alliance (IPSA) involves students from the Health Sciences Center that participate in service and leadership projects in the community. IPSA currently has 8 student run projects. IPSA strives to create a positive change in the community.



InterProfessional Student Alliance

Louisiana State University
Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

InterProfessional Education



Important!

March 31st is the last day for *graduating students* to participate in IPSA events and receive hours.

IPSA Projects: Hours are due by March 31st



IPSA is looking for board members for next semester! Please look at the [IPSA website](#) to see if any roles interest you, and then fill out the [application](#). [Applications](#) will be due **April 16, 2021**.

please click "application" to access the form



Our Facebook is under construction! Please give the IPSA Facebook page a "like" to stay updated on news and events!

Are you graduating soon? Are you participating in a rotation soon? Well, Nathan Sharfman is hosting a panel on **March 1st at 12:00PM** directed at you!



Our workshop is a two-part series focused on helping students entering their careers communicate with those who have greater status and how to mitigate any issues that arise from power imbalances. Our goal for this workshop is to help students at LSUHSC in health professions (medical, nursing, dental, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.) and graduate positions in the next steps of their careers as they enter the workforce. Please join us for the first workshop which will be an [open panel discussion](#) with experts who have extensive experience in mitigating workplace imbalances. This portion of the workshop will only last **30-45 minutes** and will take place on **Monday, March 1st at 12 pm**. If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact Nathan Sharfman at nsharf@lsuhsc.edu.

Sensory Friendly Activities

SFA is a project that seeks to offer the LSUHSC student population with opportunities to volunteer with individuals with developmental disabilities. In the past, SFA has collaborated with the Louisiana Children's Museum and the Audubon Nature Institute to develop themed events to facilitate sensory friendly fun through activities targeting different motor, sensory, and cognitive skills. As of February 2020, these two projects have been indefinitely postponed, but SFA initiated its newest event "Friday Night Out" in the Fall of 2019, and this program is still running strong.



Friday Night Out (FNO) has been taking place on the Baton Rouge LSU campus for about 5 years on a monthly schedule. This extension of the project here at LSUHSC in New Orleans aims to unite health care professional school students with other young adults that have autism or another developmental disability for a night of sensory friendly fun. The project runs from 6:00 – 8:00pm for participants and from 5:00 – 8:30pm for volunteers, and is centered around creating a wholesome, fun, Friday-night. The activities planned for each FNO allow participants to interact with other people their age in a setting that doesn't focus on their disability. Usual activities for FNO include board games, arts and crafts stations, and a movie. This project allows its volunteers an opportunity to connect with people from other professional backgrounds, its participants the chance to feel and be treated like other young adults their age, and the parents of the participants a night to spend a few hours alone together or to stay and watch their child have a great time with new friends.

In-person FNO events have been postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic. The FNO board is working on organizing activities that fall within current social distancing requirements, including a **possible virtual game night**. If you would like to stay updated about FNO, please **join our email list** using the following link. (If you have filled out this form in previous semesters, you do not need to fill it out again.) <https://forms.gle/JbZrQyPanz7vAmv6>
If you have any questions, please contact Hira Hasan (hhasan@lsuhsc.edu), Maddie Robert (mrob36@lsuhsc.edu), or Haley Knight (hknight1@lsuhsc.edu). You may also visit the Sensory Friendly Activities website:

https://www.lsuhs.edu/administration/academic/cipecp/sensory_funday.aspx

See more from Sensory Friendly Activities (SFA) below..



Sensory Friendly Activities



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
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SFA is also in the process of partnering with **GiGi's Playhouse** to provide volunteers with more opportunities to serve the New Orleans community: GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center is a non-profit organization in New Orleans which provides purposeful programming and other FREE resources for individuals with Down syndrome. Our weekly programming in language, development of fine motor skills, development of positive social skills, and fitness give individuals the opportunity to grow and succeed! We offer programs for people of all ages and backgrounds and our programs are 99% volunteer run! You may volunteer as a program coordinator (remote), program co-leader, program assistant, greeter, small-group GiGiFit coach, one-on-one math or literacy tutor, or to volunteer in any capacity!

GiGi's programs will follow COVID-19 guidelines: smaller group sizes, social distancing, wearing masks, and temperature checks.

For more information, check out the GiGi's Playhouse website (<https://gigisplayhouse.org/neworleans/>) or contact Melanie Gaynor

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Congratulations and

GOOD *luck*

**Shivani Jain
Amber Kreko**

**Simran Mittal
Wesley Spigener**

for being selected to represent **LSU Health Sciences Center**
at New Orleans in the **Clarion National IPE Case Competition**



Congratulations to Shivani Jain, Amber Kreko, Simran Mittal, and Wesley Spigener for being chosen to advance to the National competition and represent LSUHSC after competing in the Clarion National Interprofessional Case Competition. Dr. Deidre Devier was their faculty advisor.

Don't forget to mark this in your calendars!

Currently, no IPSA projects have shared specific dates due to most in-person events being postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

IPSA Panel
12PM

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