Research
- In April, Mike Pfeffer, OMSA Research Representative, along with Dr. Alam launched an updated list of investigator-initiated research projects. This list will be updated monthly and distributed accordingly. If you are interested in a particular project, please email OMSAResearch@ochsner.org and Michael will find out if the project is available and forward along the information.
- **Ochsner Research Day 2015** is on Tuesday, May 19th. Good luck to the UQ-OCS medical students who are podium presenters of selected abstracts!

### Ochsner Chapter of the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA)

OMSA Newsletter
NEW ORLEANS UPDATES

**Academics**
- Step 1 tutorials for Phase 1 are undergoing review to restructure and condense current tutorial content
- A Rotation Guide for incoming 3rd years as well as a student guide to Epic are in the works. Any interest in contributing, please contact OMSAAcademic@ochsner.org
- Interest Groups have had great turnouts thus far:
  - IM/FM: Dr. Panunti spoke about her work as an endocrinologist and working with the transgender community
  - Anesthesia/Critical Care Airway Workshop allowed students some great hands-on practice
  - Peds: Dr. Bronfin spoke about general pediatrics and offered an opportunity to network
  - Neuro/Psych: Invited guest speakers have included Dr. Zweifler (Program Director and Chair of Neurology) and recent UQ-OCS graduate Rachael Shumate to discuss about a successful residency match. Psych Movie Night showed Birdman on April 2nd.

Ochsner Chapter of the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) had their Inaugural Meeting and Founder’s Luncheon on April 30th. Guests included Dr. Reddy, Dr. Meadows, Internal Medicine residents, 3rd and 4th year students.
Community Outreach

- On March 7th, the Athletic Trainer Symposium at the Saints Training Center had UQ-OCS student volunteers measure blood pressures for the attendees.
- Race Volunteering: we continue to send volunteers to staff medical tents at various races, including the Indy Grand Prix of Louisiana last month. If interested to help out at upcoming races, email Alex Leasure at alex.leasure@gmail.com.
- Luke’s House: we have had great interest in volunteering every first Thursday of the month. If interested, please email Alex Leasure at alex.leasure@gmail.com.
- New Orleans Musicians’ Clinic Team: on April 28th, volunteers helped out at the annual “Party with a Purpose” Benefit Dinner and then enjoyed Cajun cuisine and live music.
- On May 9th, Ochsner Kenner Health Advocate team hosted the first ever Family Wellness Day. Volunteers assisted with blood pressure measurements.

Top: Marie-Clare Lamb MS4, Alex Leasure MS4, Mora Puertolas-Lopez MS4 volunteer at the Indy Grand Prix of Louisiana and Iron Man races.

Left and right: Phil Arellano MS4, Bonny Lee MS4, Mora Puertolas-Lopez MS4, Dipen Patel MS4, Dan Mammel MS4 volunteer with the Autism Society of Greater New Orleans.
OMSA Outreach Opportunity Spotlight:
Monthly Art Club with the Autism Society of Greater New Orleans

Michael Carver MS3, Hannah Dalke MS3, Kylie Abe MS4 and Dan Mammel MS4 paint along
**Crawfish Boils**
Here are a few of the well-rated boils taking place locally!

**Uptown:** Freret Street Publix House (Fridays & Sundays), Maple Leaf Bar (Sunday 10 pm), Superior Seafood & Oyster (Thursday-Sunday), Rivershack Tavern (Friday & Sunday 4 pm), Frankie & Johnny’s

**Mid-city:** Bayou Beer Garden (Saturday & Sunday), Mid-City Yacht Club (Fridays 5 pm), Cleo’s, Finn McCool’s, Prytania, Cajun Seafood

**Metairie:** Bevi Seafood CO

Below: Some 3rd and 4th-year students enjoying First Saturday Bowling.

Below: Taking a break from studies to cheer on New Orleans’ basketball team, the Pelicans.

**First Friday Balcony Bar & Cafe, 6pm**

**Something to do every weekend...**
- New Orleans Wine & Food Experience (May 20-23)
- Greek Festival (May 22-24)
- New Orleans Oyster Festivals (May 30)
- Cajun Zydeco Festival (June 6-7)
- Go 4th on the River (July 4)
- Essence Music Festival (July 3-5)

**Upcoming Road Races...**
Anyone looking to put together a team, contact OMSASocial@ochsner.org
- Greek Festival Run-May 22
- Fat Boy 5K-May 30
- Viva La Margarita 5K-June 6
- NOTC Summer Series Races- June 10, 24, July 8
- NOLA Trail Run Series-June 13, 27, July 11

To redeem your discount, email discountsplaynola.com or fax 504-264-5956 with name, email, & proof of enrollment
1st & 2nd year Ochsner students dive into Australian culture & take some surf lessons at The Spit Beach along the Gold Coast. After working up an appetite in the surf, the gang enjoyed a sausage sizzle BBQ before heading back to St. Lucia.

**Things to Do in the City...**

- **Paniyiri Greek Festival**, May 23-24
- **La Soiree**, May 7-24
- **Comedy at the Powerhouse**, Fridays 6pm
- **Ballet Revolution**, July 9-12
- **Story Bridge 75th Celebration**, July 5, 11am-4pm

**New Bars & Dining:**
Take a break from your studies and give your taste buds a treat!
- Doughnut Time (Fortitude Valley)
- Bourbon Street (Creole, South Bank)
- Brooklyn Standard (speakeasy live music venue, The City)
- Gauge (Breakfast, South Brisbane)
- Can you Keep a Secret? (wine bar, Woolloongabba)
- Sonny’s House of Blues (speakeasy, Mexican, The city)
- Los Villanos Mexican Kitchen (The Barracks)
- Malt Dining (modern Australian, CBD)

**Upcoming Road Races:**
- Queensland Half Marathon-June 7
- City2South-June 14
- Oxfam Trailwalker-Mt Glorious to Mt Coot-tha 100K
4 Person Event-June 19
- Queensland Running Cross Country Series-Saturdays
- Brisbane Road Runners Race-Sundays