

From the Dean

Congratulations to **LesLee Taylor, Ph.D., LAT**, on her recognition as a distinguished fellow in the Athletic Training Academy of the National Academies of Practice. This honor is extended to those who have excelled in their profession and are dedicated to furthering interprofessional practice, scholarship and policy in support of interprofessional care. She was honored during the organization's awards and induction ceremony in Washington DC on April 1, 2023.

April 23-29 is Medical Laboratory Professionals Week 2023 and celebrates clinical and public health laboratory professionals for their contributions to the health of our communities. This is also a great time to mention recent activities from those in our Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Faculty member **Leticia Nuñez Argote, Ph.D., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}**, was one of three featured speakers on the webinar "Labvocate: Amplify Your Voice for Your Profession and Your Patients" held on Tuesday this week. Meanwhile, faculty member **Dana Powell Baker, M.S., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}** and doctoral student **Melody Boudreaux Nelson** were invited to co-present for the Baylor Pathology Citywide Grand Rounds hosted online by Baylor College of Medicine on April 17, 2023. The title of their session was "The Role of Interprofessional Simulation in Clinical Laboratory Science Curriculum." Nice work.

An [article in KU Medical Center News](#) highlighted our school's role in developing virtual global classroom exchanges at KU Medical Center. The relationship between **our bachelor's degree program in respiratory care** and colleagues in Ghana – well-established before the COVID-19 pandemic forced activities online – helped foster this new alternative to in-person travel going forward, reducing costs and thereby creating opportunities for more students to participate in an international educational experience. Good job.

KU audiology students received the top score in audiology cases during the month of February in Simucase – an online learning platform using videos and simulations of virtual patients, based on real people's stories, to measure skills and enhance clinical competency. The company behind Simucase [posted a note about our students' performance online](#). Well done.

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