

Showcase for Teaching, Scholarship

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The Annual Teaching Scholar Ceremony and Education Day on the Tulane health sciences campus on Tuesday (March 23) recognized two outstanding faculty members: ophthalmologist Dr. Ramesh Ayyala and the late Dr. R. Edward Newsome, a plastic surgeon.



Dr. Benjamin Sachs, right, recognizes Dr. Ramesh Ayyala, left, as a teaching scholar finalist. Sachs is vice president and dean of the School of Medicine. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Education Day allowed faculty, students, and staff in the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine to promote the scholarship of teaching on the health sciences campus, and it gave them the opportunity to present new and innovative work in health sciences education.

Ayyala is a professor of ophthalmology and director of the glaucoma service, the residency program and the glaucoma/anterior segment fellowship.

"Dr. Ayyala has been recognized by his peers as one of the top ophthalmologists in

the nation. The Teaching Scholar Committee is honored to have Dr. Ayyala as a finalist," said Annie J. Daniel, director of the [Office of Medical Education](#).

The Teaching Scholar Committee also recognized Newsome, who at his time of death was chief of the division of plastic surgery and assistant dean for graduate medical education.

Newsome worked to establish a unified plastic surgery residency program in southern Louisiana, creating one of the premier plastic surgery training programs in the country, Daniel said. As a result, he was able to bring together plastic surgeons throughout the region and from all the major training centers, allowing for greater cooperation and improved patient care.

As part of the Education Day event, faculty, staff members, residents and students in the School of Medicine made presentations about their research projects.