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*Don't miss out on this year's NCSRC Annual Symposium!
September 24th and 25th at the Koury Convention Center in
Greensboro, NC.*

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT- RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The members of the research committee have over 60 years of experience in research and presenting research on various topics. We are here to mentor and assist you in any project you are interested in. Quality initiatives, best practices, evidence base care, the list goes on and on. We all research in our daily work, looking for improvements and/or ideas? Reach out to us we are happy to help!

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Meet **Daijanae Leonard**, 25, a current CPCC RCP student. She was born in Florida and raised in Georgia by Caribbean parents, whose culture she says has shaped who she is today. She had a **desire to help others** and began her healthcare journey in phlebotomy. She saw Respiratory Care as a way to be more active in patient care, stating, **"No matter our age, background, or circumstances, we're all connected by the simple act of breathing. It's something most of us never think about until it's taken away"**. When asked how she's managing school/work/life balance, she says there are difficult times but "staying focused on my long-term goals and praying keeps me motivated". She's fortunate to have a **support system** to remind her why she started this journey when times are difficult. Daijanae plans to work with pediatric patients at Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital after graduation next year, stating, "I hope to build a career where I can provide **high-quality respiratory care** while helping children and their **families feel supported and cared for**".

By: Crystal Hunter, MHA, RRT, RCP

ADVICE FOR FUTURE RCP STUDENTS:

"Never let one difficult moment convince you that you don't belong. There were times when I questioned myself, felt overwhelmed, and wondered if I was capable of making it through the program. But I've learned that growth often comes through challenges. Every setback became an opportunity to learn, become more resilient, and trust the process", Daijanae

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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The American Thoracic Society (ATS) and ATS Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) Committee are launching a new initiative to understand how PFTs are currently interpreted. They are seeking participants to take part in a brief survey.

How to participate:

- Click here: [Link to survey](#)
- Share your name and email address
- The study team will send you the survey link and details

Your information:

- Stored securely in password-protected files
- Used only to contact you about the survey
- Personal information will be destroyed after the study completion

Questions? Contact lauren.kearney@bmc.org
Thank you for supporting this important work!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT,

As I reflect on the work happening across North Carolina, I am incredibly proud to be part of such a dedicated and passionate community of respiratory care professionals. Every day, I see the impact you are making—at the bedside, in the classroom, and within your organizations—and it truly inspires me. Together, we are not just advancing our profession; we are strengthening the care we provide to patients and the support we give one another.

Over the past quarter, our focus has centered on connection—finding meaningful ways to engage, learn, and give back. Whether through committee work, outreach efforts, or preparing for our upcoming annual symposium, it's been exciting to watch our members step forward and make a difference. What makes NCSRC special is that it's not just a society—it's a community, and there is a place for every one of you in it.

I want to personally invite you to get involved in a way that feels meaningful to you. Attend a session, join a committee, share your ideas, or simply reach out and connect with a colleague. Your voice, your experience, and your perspective matter—and they help shape the future of respiratory care in North Carolina more than you may realize.

As President, I am committed to supporting you and creating opportunities for every member to grow, lead, and thrive. Let's continue building something we're all proud to be part of—together.

Thank you for the care you give, the passion you bring, and the role you play in making NCSRC stronger every day.

Jevonnie Barrett MBA-HCM, BSRT, RRT, RCP



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 48TH ANNUAL NCSRC SYMPOSIUM- 9/24-9/25 GREENSBORO, NC
- 2026 AARC CONGRESS- 11/14-11/17 NEW ORLEANS, LA