CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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LSUHSC fared well in 2006 legislative session

vernor Kathleen Blanco this week signed HB-

1 into law which included funding for LSU Health Sciences



Center at New Orleans. We will receive an appropriation of \$15 million to cover the remaining post-Katrina deficit in our operating budget. Also funded is an appropriation of \$4 million for faculty recruitment and retention as well as our portion, to be determined by the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents, of the funding for faculty increases.

We are grateful to our legislators, Governor Blanco, and Commissioner of Administration Jerry Luke LeBlanc for their continued support of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans. These appropriations are central to our successful recovery.

USMLE Step 1 scores reflect outstanding effort

The majority of the scores (92%) for the USMLE Step 1 exam are in and they are quite impressive. Despite the challenges and the hardships of the past year, our students had a 98% pass rate. I'm confident that the news about the remaining scores will be good as well. These scores validate the dedication and incredible effort of our faculty and students.

LSUHSC interacts with US Senate subcommittees during New Orleans visit

r. Janis Letourneau testified for me today before the Senate Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health



http://help.senate. gov/Hearings/200 6_07_14_b/2006_ 07_14_b.html

Dr. Joy Osofsky was invited to participate in a meeting

Preparedness on the impact of Senate staffers from the Katrina on our research enterprise. Subcommittee on Education and

To learn more click on ■ Early Childhood Development. ■

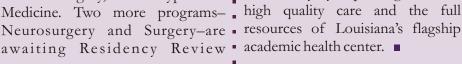
West Jefferson touts LSUHSC affiliation

A number of our residents joined • Committee approval and expect to me at a press conference Monday • begin rotations by the end of the hosted by West Jefferson Medical year. LSUHSC faculty have Center to announce that they are practiced at West Jeff for many

now one of our teaching hospitals. Through our new a f f i l i a t i o n agreement for graduate medical education, we have 14.5 residents and fellows there now in six programs-

Emergency Medicine, Vascular Jefferson's capacity to care for Surgery, Neurology, Pathology, patients. And it benefits the larger Plastic Surgery, and Hyperbaric community by improving access to Medicine. Two more programs— high quality care and the full

years, including me. This new agreement strengthens our partnership to everyone's benefit. It provides us a much needed teaching hospital. It increases West



Doctoral students eligible for special incentives fund

and the Louisiana Board of Regents announced cash grants totaling \$75,000 to doctoral students at LSU campuses affected by Hurricane significant by the university. For Katrina. The grants are limited to • information and an application: LSUHSC and UNO doctoral http://www.lsusystem.lsu.edu/new students. Eligible students sandupdates.html

I he LSU Board of Supervisors ■ can apply for up to \$2,000 each to • help pay for attending national academic conferences, research trips, or other activities deemed