

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

November 7, 2008



## Sothorn and Gordon honored

Two of our faculty were chosen as the recipients of the 2008 Cecil J. Picard Award for Excellence in Education to Prevent Childhood Obesity. Dr. Melinda Sothorn, Professor and Director of the Section of Health Promotion in Public Health, and Dr. Stewart Gordon, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, were presented the awards for their individual and collaborative contributions to address



*Dr. Gordon, Sothorn and Brown*

childhood obesity. The awards were presented by last year's recipient Dr. Charles Brown, at the Childhood Obesity and Public Health Conference held at Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

The award is presented each year by the Louisiana Council on Obesity Prevention and Management in memory of the late Cecil J Picard. Mr. Picard was an effective legislator and Superintendent of Education of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. He was widely known for many innovative improvements in education, intense interest in early childhood development and his devotion to healthy eating and physical fitness.

## LSUHSC endowed chair & professorships worth \$3.6 M

We received matching funds in the amount of \$1,440,000 for one endowed chair for eminent scholars and 16 endowed professorships from the Louisiana Board of Regents yesterday. Their total value is \$3.6 million.



They are: the Mervin L. Trail, MD Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Oncology; the Tucker H. Couvillon, III Professorship for Nursing Research in Parkinson's Disease; the Leslie Lewinter-Suskind and Robert Suskind, MD Professorship for International Pediatric Collaboration—a double professorship; the Children's Hospital Professorship of Pediatric Research—a triple professorship; the Nelson K. Ordway Professorship of Pediatric Research—a triple professorship; the Bettina C. Hilman, MD Professorship of Pediatric Allergy/Immunology—a double professorship; the Johnson

Foundation Professorship in Endodontics; the Tulsa Dental

Professorship in Endodontics; the Howard Buechner, MD Professorship of Medicine—a triple professorship; the Raja W. Dhurandhar,

MD, Professorship of Cardiology; the Charles Hilton, MD Professorship of Medical Education; the Alice Baker Holoubek, MD Endowed Professorship; the William A. Rock, Jr., MD Professorship in Clinical Pathology; the Charles L. Brown, Jr., MD Professorship of Health Promotion; the Frances Zuppardo Professorship of Cancer Research; the Cancer Crusaders Professorship of Research—a double professorship; and the Cancer Crusaders Professorship of Epidemiology—a double professorship.

We're grateful to our donors whose generosity made them possible.

## Parker honored by AAMC

Jane E. Parker, JD, MBA, RN, Assistant Professor for Clinical Family Medicine and Assistant Director for Community and Minority Health Education in the School of Medicine, has been given the Group on Student Affairs-Minority Affairs Section (GSA-MAS) Service Award by the Association of American Medical



Colleges. The GSA-MAS Service Award is the Group's most prestigious honor made to an individual who has provided substantial contributions to the GSA-MAS and its educational mission.