

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

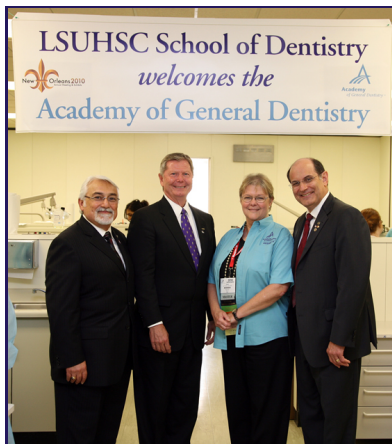
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Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

## First AGD volunteer outreach with LSUHSC

The Academy of General Dentistry and its Foundation partnered with our School of Dentistry for their first ever volunteer outreach program, *Nation of Smiles, One Smile at a Time*.



Drs. Elias, Gremillion, Wooden, Halpern

Dentists, including LSUHSC faculty and students, volunteered to treat under-served or unserved people from homeless shelters and other organizations at the dental school yesterday.



About 200 people received care, some for the first time in decades. They were so grateful. The AGD and participating dentists were very pleased with our school and the success of the event.

## LSUHSC-NO ranks among nation's top in social mission

The School of Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans ranks in the top third of medical schools in the United States in its social mission score ranking according to a new study. One hundred forty-one medical schools were evaluated on their ability to educate doctors in three interrelated areas

- graduating an adequate number of physicians to practice in health professional shortage areas, graduating an adequate number of primary care physicians, and graduating a sufficient number of minority physicians – which combine to determine social mission rankings. The analysis and rankings are published in the June 2010 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

In this study, our medical school ranks 45th out of 141 US medical schools with a social mission score of 0.80. LSUHSC New Orleans ranks 12th in the country in its number of graduates who are practicing in health professional shortage areas, with 40.8%. The school ranks 82nd in its ratio of underrepresented minority graduates to the number of underrepresented minorities in the population of Louisiana and 106th in primary care physician output

with 31.8% of our alumni practicing primary care. However, we count primary care a little differently than this study. Since there are some communities in Louisiana where the only physician is an OB-GYN, we include OB-GYN as well, and nearly half of the 2010 graduates of LSUHSC New Orleans School of Medicine entered primary care residency programs on July 1, 2010.

Our School of Medicine began putting programs in place nearly three decades ago to increase culturally significant care and encourage our students to practice primary care where they are most needed. While we have a way to go, our newest initiative is the Rural Physicians Track Program, already one of the largest in the country.

Alumna Dr. Sunshine Little says, "Choosing the Rural Physicians Track Program allowed me to do most of my medical training close to home in the area where I now practice. I am thankful that the program was available to me. I consider it a privilege to work in the community of Carencro, a medically underserved area. The people here are very appreciative of our services, especially since they don't have to travel far to receive good medical care."

