5 years later

As the world marks the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, it’s a time to also reflect upon the courage, fortitude, and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students and the remarkable feats that have been accomplished. While we still have a way to go, we have built back better and stronger. Ours is a story of turning tragedy into triumph, and that is a testament to the talent, commitment and heart of each of you – the tigers in the community.

The University Medical Center Management Corp. Board meets

The board of the University Medical Center Management Corporation, the non-profit created to run the new teaching hospital complex affiliated with LSU, met on Wednesday at the Interim Hospital. During the public meeting, General Counsel to the Board of Supervisors Ray Lamonica provided detailed information about the board’s charge. LSU System Vice President of Health Affairs Dr. Fred Cerise gave an update on the consultants’ work to prepare for the revenue bond market. State Facilities and Planning Director Jerry Jones updated the board about land acquisition and indicated that a November ground-breaking is possible.

FEMA chief learns about health care recovery at LSUHSC

FEMA administrator Craig Fugate and a group of FEMA officials from the local, state, and Washington offices, were part of a media tour of our campus yesterday focusing on health care recovery.

The group, which included ABC Network News, saw the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD Student Learning Center, which FEMA provided funding to rebuild, and the Russell Klein Center for Advanced Practice. The visit provided the opportunity to both highlight our national leadership and innovation in simulation-based medical education, and to provide a firsthand look at our campus and projects that still await FEMA funding to be competed.
LSUHSC outreach benefits the community

In the LSUHSC tradition of giving back, faculty and students from our schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health Professions have been partnering with various groups on community service projects over the past couple of weeks.

As a way of saying thank you by improving the quality of life for the patients who will help them learn the art and science of medicine, the Class of 2014 put together a group of 240 medical students to work in five areas of City Park.

The students planted, cleaned, and completed projects already underway at in the Amusement Park, the Botanical Gardens, Tad Gormley Stadium, the Pelican Wetlands Greenhouse, and the Volunteer Office.

The following week, medical and nursing students were back at City Park, along with elected officials, celebrating the benefits of America’s parks. The LSUHSC students took blood pressures and did health education, while one of our researchers demonstrated the park’s opportunity to be active.

This week, Allied Health faculty and students from the Department of Occupational therapy worked with Rebuilding Together on their Fifty for Five project. The goal is to rehabilitate fifty Gentilly homes for the fifth anniversary of Katrina.

The LSUHSC team first assessed homes for modifications to increase safety, function, and the homeowners’ ability to age in place, and then volunteered to help get the work done.

Contributing to the progress of our city seems a fitting way to commemorate this anniversary.