Suzanne Farrar, RDH, MSHCM, Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Staff and Patient Services at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Dentistry, is the only hygienist among the 24 dental educators in the nation named to the 2012 Class of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute.

The ADEA Leadership Institute is a year-long program designed to develop the nation’s most promising individuals at academic dental institutions to become future leaders in dental and higher education.

Farrar was also awarded the ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Company Allied Dental Educators Fellowship for her strong leadership qualities in dental hygiene and higher education administration. She will apply the $4,000 stipend that comes with the fellowship to the ADEA Leadership Institute tuition and fees.

The Institute kicks off during the ADEA Annual Session in March.

AHA recognizes LSUHSC’s Chen as outstanding

Dr. Liwei Chen, Assistant Professor of Public Health, has been chosen as one of three recipients of the Scott Grundy Fellowship Award for Excellence in Metabolism Research by the American Heart Association. This award is named for Dr. Scott Grundy, a distinguished leader in the metabolic determinants of atherosclerosis.

The award will be presented during the Joint Conference: Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism and Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention 2011 Scientific Sessions, in Atlanta next month. Dr. Chen was also invited to present her poster, Racial Difference of Pediatric Hypertension in Relation to Birth Weight and Obesity in the United States, during the session.

LSUHSC School of Dentistry gives kids a smile

Faculty, residents, and dental students at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Dentistry helped improve the smiles of kids from the New Orleans area this afternoon. Area children, ages 6-12, had oral health screenings which included exams, x-rays if indicated, cleaning, and a fluoride treatment if indicated. The kids learned about the importance of good oral health and proper brushing and flossing techniques. The event was co-sponsored by the New Orleans Dental Association and Catholic Charities.

Give Kids A Smile® is a national initiative by the American Dental Association to focus attention on the epidemic of untreated oral disease among disadvantaged children and to provide access to care to these children.