



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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LSUHSC's Opelka invited to national forum

Dr. Frank Opelka, Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs, was invited to join other



Dr. Frank Opelka

national leaders in health policy at the Brookings Institution for a public forum to discuss the most effective and thoughtful

path forward for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act created the Medicare Shared Savings program to implement ACOs, coordinated networks of providers with shared responsibility for providing



CMS Administrator Donald Berwick

better care at lower costs. Officials at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are currently working on regulations for implementing ACOs in 2012 under Medicare provisions that will help transform the payment and delivery of health care.

News from Egypt reaches across globe to touch LSUHSC

Today's historic and stunning developments affected people around the world including a small group of our students and faculty who are from Egypt. They all have family and friends living there. Here are their thoughts.



"The crowds that filled the streets of Egypt were made of men and women, old and young, Muslims and Christians all saying one chant. The people of Egypt are looking for the world to support their aspiration to move their country into a free and democratic society, one nation under God. They

are striving to achieve freedom, democracy, equality and prosperity to all Egyptians. These values form the four corners for stability which will lead to the security of Egypt and the region." – *Mona Bakeer, PhD, MT (ASCP), Assistant Professor of Clinical Laboratory Sciences*

"As an Egyptian, I am very proud of my generation who went to the streets in a well behaved, peaceful and civil way to reform our system of government, to end corruption and oppression. I am extremely happy for my people to regain their dignity and respect. This is undoubtedly a new dawn for the *see Egypt, page 2*

Nursing school celebrates Family Day

The School of Nursing held its Annual Family Day on Saturday. It provided Sophomore 1 and 2 students and CARE IX students and their families with

an opportunity to visit various Discovery Zones where they were able to get an up close look at the various courses and experiences they would encounter on their road to becoming Registered Nurses. The Discovery Zones included OB, Critical Care, and Perioperative Nursing Scenarios; Foundations and Health Assessment Zones where students and their families



were able to actually participate in various nursing skills and assessments; Senior Zones where they learned about Preceptorship experiences and what it might be like to grow old; Forensics, Emergency Nursing, Spanish in Nursing, and Oncology Nursing Electives; Nursing Research and Faculty Scholarship Zone; *see Nursing, page 2*

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great nation of Egypt.” – *Sherin I. Hashem, MB BCh, MS, Graduate Student*



Hamada Rady

“This is by far the best moment in my life and I am waiting to see a democratic, prosperous, and developed Egypt; the Egypt that I have always dreamed of. I would like to congratulate Egyptians all over the world with this great victory. I am so proud of the Egyptian people who participated in or supported this revolution; people who proved that when change is needed, they can do it.” – *Hamada Rady, Graduate Student*

“I’m deeply impressed by the young activists who risked their lives to organize the protests. 18 days of peaceful and well-organized demonstrations brought down a president who’s been entrenched in power for 30 years. I hope that those responsible for human rights violations that occurred during Mubarak’s regime are brought to justice.” – *Sara Saad El-Dein, Medical Student*

“It’s the most wonderful news you can ever read. A new nation and new people have been born, after 30 years of dictatorship and corruption. We as Egyptians are now witnessing the emergence of a movement for democracy that transcends narrow nationalism or even pan-Arab nationalism, which embraces universal human values that echo in all directions.” – *Dr. Ashraf Heram, OMS Resident*

“I’m so happy. This is huge. With the corruption and unemployment, it’s time for someone new. It was an internet revolution–Revolution 2.0–and it succeeded by people standing together.” – *Rafik Dib, Dental Student*

“I cannot find words that can express my feelings at this moment. What I only can say is that this is the greatest moment of my life. It’s a great victory of the youth, young men that started all of that. My greetings to all the people in my country who have gone through a rough time and overcome the fear by standing together, supporting each other and standing till they did what we thought was impossible. I wish that I was there in Egypt with my family celebrating it. God bless great EGYPT!” – *Mohamed Abdraboh, PhD*

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Technology Zone where students were introduced to the various technology applications they will be using such as E*Value, Moodle, computer testing, etc; a Home Visit Zone where they learned what it will be like to provide nursing care in the home environment.

One hundred fifty-five people visited the Discovery Zones for two hours, then congregated in the cafeteria where they enjoyed “Tiger Bait” purple and gold popcorn, king cake and meeting Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean, and the faculty.



Healthcare Network holds retreat

The LSU Healthcare Network is holding a retreat Saturday for the Board of Directors to introduce new members, and acquaint them with Network governance, structure, operations and responsibilities of the Board.

Walter Lane, PhD, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Economics and Finance at UNO is the featured speaker on the topic of *Healthcare Economics*.

Interim CEO Dr. Cathi Fontenot will present a brief history of the Healthcare Network and Dr. Hollier will update participants on current health care initiatives and their impact on the Network. The day will wrap up with a session on strategic planning to address the Network’s future growth and success.

Coming Up



The School of Dentistry is celebrating Black History Month with a very special event on Tuesday, February 15, at 12:00 noon in Auditorium A. Come hear about *The Civil Rights Movement Through the Eyes of a Child* from our own Tessie Prevost Williams, who played a key role in history and the desegregation of New Orleans Public Schools.