Tiger Run supports student outreach

Named to honor an LSUHSC medical student killed at the World Cup last year, the Nicole Murphy Memorial Tiger Run is April 3 at 8:30 a.m. at Audubon Park.

The 5k Run/Walk benefits the LSUHSC Student-Run Homeless Clinics. The event includes a post-race party with food, fun, prizes, and music.

LSUHSC medical students, under faculty supervision, staff clinics at the New Orleans Mission and Ozanam Inn each week. They also support St. Anna’s mobile medical unit.

Begun in 1991 to provide a foundation of quality healthcare to the under-served and disadvantaged of the New Orleans community, more than 356 patients received care last fall from more than 100 student volunteers and 20 LSUHSC physicians.

For more info, visit www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/tigerun/.

LSUHSC students, postdoc earn national awards

Three LSUHSC PhD candidates and one postdoctoral fellow received awards recently from the American Physiological Society. Annie Whitaker and Kristine Kurtz, both graduate assistants in Physiology, and Kavaljit Chhabra, a graduate assistant in Pharmacology, are recipients of the 2011 Caroline tum Suden Award. This award provides funds for junior physiologists to attend and participate fully in the Experimental Biology meeting. The tum Suden award is granted to as many as 36 male or female graduate students or postdoctoral fellows. To be considered for the award, the candidate must be the first author of an abstract submitted to APS and must be a member of APS at the time of application. The awardees receive $500 and complimentary registration for the Experimental Biology meeting where they will present their paper.

Flavia Smith-Souza, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow in Physiology, has been awarded an APS/NIDDK Minority Travel Fellowship Award. The APS Minority Travel Fellowship Award, for physiologists from underrepresented groups and other individuals who have traditionally been underrepresented in science, is sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and is open to advanced undergraduate, predoctoral, and postdoctoral students. The intent of this award is to increase participation of pre- and postdoctoral minority students in physiological sciences. The recipient receives funds for travel expense reimbursement to attend either the Experimental Biology meeting or one of the APS Conferences. Each recipient is matched with an APS mentor at the meeting.