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# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



October 5, 2012

## City Council bestows posthumous honor

New Orleans City Councilmembers Jackie Clarkson and Diana Bajoie introduced a resolution that recognized and honored the life of the late Dr. Mary Kay Pelias, LSUSHC Emeritus Professor of Genetics at the City Council meeting yesterday.



Dr. Pelias, who also earned a law degree and taught medical ethics, worked with both councilmembers when they served in the Louisiana State Legislature on bills to promote genetic confidentiality and non-discrimination, legislation she also helped draft when she served as a Congressional Fellow.



Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner joined Dr. Pelias's sons, Gus and Drew, and daughter-in-law, Shyra Latiolais, at the table where he spoke on behalf of the Health Sciences Center. The family was not only touched, but amazed to learn what a tremendous mark their mother made. ■

## PA program earns provisional accreditation, applications taken

The new Physician Assistant Program at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans has been granted provisional accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) and can now accept applications for the inaugural class of 30 students beginning the spring semester of 2013. The application deadline is November 1, 2012. The status, granted after a site visit last February, indicates that the new Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program at LSUHSC New Orleans appears to demonstrate the ability to meet the ARC-PA standards if fully implemented as planned.



Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree and meet the additional entrance requirements. The intense, 29-month program will prepare students to practice as health care providers and assume leadership roles within the medical community. Admission to the program will be highly competitive.

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## LSUHSC nursing students take top honors

Forty-one LSUHSC nursing students attended the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses (LASN) Convention last week, including Kira Riches as LASN Secretary, Leonard Jones as LASN President and Meagan Hingle as LASN Historian. They came home with a host of awards. Marirose Bernard, MN, APRN, NE-BC, received the Faculty of the Year Award and was honored as LASN Honorary Member this year. Kira Riches



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The curriculum includes classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences. The program is designed to incorporate evidence-based medicine, foster the development of critical thinking skills, and instill in each student a commitment to the community. The program seeks to educate a diverse student body that will provide culturally sensitive, patient-centered health care and to increase the number of primary care health care providers for the State of Louisiana. Students will have opportunities to learn in a variety of health care settings (hospital, out-patient, physician offices.) Clinical rotation sites are currently being developed and venues for service learning are being identified.

Interested applicants are urged to review the program's website for information about the prerequisites, curriculum, tuition, and the various learning opportunities offered at <http://alliedhealth.lsuhs.edu/pa>. Information is also available at 568-4243 or 568-5232. Student registration is scheduled for January 7, 2013, with classes beginning on January 8, 2013.

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the Student Nurse of the State Award.



Our students won other awards presented at the Awards Banquet, including 2nd place Best Image of Nursing Presentation for our EB Awareness community service event, Best Recruitment Project, Greatest number of students NIMS Certified, Disaster Preparedness Blanket Collection Award - school with most brought in (194 blankets!), Most Newsletter Articles submitted to LASN's Horizons, Largest Number of Community Service Events, Scrapbook: 1st place for best representation of SNA activities, Scrapbook: 2nd place for most creative, and Scrapbook: Best Overall

LSUHSC students were also elected to the LASN Board of Directors: Sarah Windsor Landry - Vice President, Jessica Allen - Secretary, Sara Lacey - Treasurer, Alexander Wong - BTN/Membership Director, Claire Faia - Special Events Coordinator, Genevieve Claypool - Parliamentarian, Holly Tomasello - Region 4 Director, Kira Riches - Presidential Consultant.

Congratulations to all for such phenomenal achievement!

**Coming up**

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Lecture Room A of the Medical Education Building on "Budget Reduction Impact on GME".

Please join  
**Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD**  
at a  
**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
for LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students  
**"Budget Reduction Impact on GME"**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**  
**5:00 pm MEB-Lecture Room A**

Streamed Live on the  
**Dental School Campus Auditorium B**

**LSUHealth NewOrleans**  
www.lsuhealthneworleans.com

The Town Hall Meeting will be streamed live to Auditorium B at the School of Dentistry, with two-way communication capability.

Then beginning Wednesday, while supplies last, flu shots will be offered on October 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the School of Nursing 5th floor room 5 B 12.

**Seasonal Flu Shots**

for LSUHSC Faculty, Staff & Students  
(LSUHSC ID required)

**October 10, 11, 12, 17 & 18**  
(while supplies last)

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**School of Nursing, 1900 Gravier**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 5B12**

Students – No Charge

Faculty & Staff \$10

(Check or Money Order Payable to LSUHSC-NO)

There will be no charge for students, but faculty and staff should be prepared with a check or money order for \$10.00. The check or money order should be made payable to LSUHSC. No cash please.