Taking a swing at cancer
The LSUHSC Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center is the beneficiary of the proceeds from the 2013 Al Copeland Foundation Golf Tournament. Held at the Lakewood Golf Course today, 160 golfers teed off for a great cause — changing the course of cancer.

Foursomes played a spirited game with food and drink at every hole. With two tee times, 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and putting contests, entertainment by the Saintsations cheering them on and the antics of Gumbo and Sir Saint, plus a host of other activities, the day was full of fun all to support cancer research here at LSUHSC.

We are grateful to the Copeland family, Al Copeland Investments, and the Al Copeland Foundation for their commitment to LSU Health Sciences Center.

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In the first Match since the health care redesign, 56% percent, or 104 of 187 LSUHSC New Orleans graduating medical students participating in the National Resident Match Program this year, chose to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training. The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans residency programs accepted 138 new residents, and 51% of the 65% of 4th year medical students entering LSU residency programs will enter LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans residency programs.

The residency programs at Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge have accepted 32 new residents in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine-Categorical, Internal Medicine-Preliminary, and OB/GYN.

LSUHSC helps raise awareness of HIV and resources
LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans faculty and students took to the streets of Tremé for the recent Red Umbrella HIV/AIDS Awareness Second-Line March hosted by the African-American community. An official sponsor, LSUHSC also staffed an educational booth at the Health and Wellness Fair in Congo Square.
The residency programs at University Medical Center in Lafayette have accepted 16 new residents in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine-Categorical, and Internal Medicine Preliminary.

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Of the 52 accredited residency and fellowship programs sponsored by LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, 25 participated in the Main NRMP Match whose results were released today. They are Anesthesiology, Child Neurology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family Practice (Kenner, Bogalusa and Lake Charles), Internal Medicine, Medicine-Preliminary, Neurological Surgery, Neurology, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Psychiatry (Baton Rouge and New Orleans), Radiology, General Surgery, Surgery-Preliminary, Vascular Surgery, Medicine-Pediatrics, and Medicine-Emergency Medicine.

“All of our programs – New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette – did extremely well in the match underscoring the confidence our students have in training programs that reach across the state,” said Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans.

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LSUHSC celebrates Brain Awareness Week with activities for kids and adults

The LSUHSC Neuroscience Center of Excellence recognized Brain Awareness Week with activities for all ages. Dr. Sonia Gasparini, Assistant Professor, put together a fun-filled program to teach children all about the brain that kicked off the week. Targeted to 5- to 12-year-olds, the public was invited to participate in the free “Your Sensational Brain” event.

Volunteer faculty and students illustrated the mysteries of the brain through hands-on activities including touching and holding fixed brains, show and tell with brain and neuron models, demonstrations and videos of neurons and neuronal activity, demonstrations with brain slices and stained neurons under a microscope and on a screen, demonstrations of the knee jerk reflex, with children "behaving like neurons," brain coloring books, making models of brains with play-doh, and showing optical illusions and blind spots.

During the week, the Neuroscience Center hosted two presentations and interactive forums exploring the latest knowledge and research on addiction by one of the world’s leading authorities on addiction, Dr. Luigi Pulvirenti, Director, Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies in San Quirico d’Orcia, Siena, Italy and the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla. K-12 teachers and professional and civic members of the community also participated.