American Heart Association’s Young Investigator Award

Dr. Rosalyn M. Ophir, associate professor at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine, received the American Heart Association’s Young Investigator Award. The award recognizes outstanding research by early-career scientists. Dr. Ophir’s award-winning work focused on the role of the small GTPase RhoA in the development of atherosclerotic plaques.

Career Development Award for Early-Stage Investigators in Clinical Research

The National Institutes of Health recently awarded a Career Development Award for Early-Stage Investigators in Clinical Research to Dr. Sheela Sivakumar, a research associate at the LSUHSC School of Medicine’s Department of Urology. The award was given in support of Dr. Sivakumar’s research on the role of the epidermal growth factor receptor in urothelial cancer progression.
Camp Tiger Benefit Auction kicks off Family Weekend

When the LSUHSC School of Medicine Class of 2016 “called all heroes,” hundreds answered by attending the 28th Annual Camp Tiger Benefit Auction last Friday. Those who participated were treated to delicious food and drink donated by restaurants including Jacques-Imo’s, Zea Rotisserie and Grill, Café B, Superior Grill, Don’s Seafood Hut, Dong Phuong Restaurant and Bakery, Manhattan Jack, Maple Street Patisserie, VooDoo BBQ, Yee Chinese Restaurant, and Taste of Tokyo, among others.

Items up for bid in the silent auction included art, jewelry, designer accessories, sports equipment, health and beauty services, autographed sports memorabilia, home furnishings, and gift certificates for everything from restaurants to hotel stays. The Live Auction, which sold out before the event, included a freshwater pearl necklace, four tickets to the 2014 US Masters Golf Tournament, four second row seats to a New Orleans Pelicans home game of your choice and team autographed basketball, and trips — an African safari, a New York City Broadway package, a San Francisco and Sonoma Wine Tour with airfare, and getaways to Las Vegas, Scottsdale, and Fairmont’s Mayakoba Mexican Resort.

The first-year medical students put together a stellar event, raising $65,000 toward the cost of Camp Tiger 2013.

Families got an opportunity to learn all about medical school and tour our campus on Saturday at the annual School of Medicine Family Day.

The weekend wrapped up with Tiger Run 2013, a 5k Run/Walk to support medical student outreach. About 300 people participated. The primary beneficiary is the LSUHSC Student-Run Homeless Clinics where medical students, under faculty supervision, provide care at the New Orleans Mission and Ozanam Inn.

Book Drive boosts reading

The LSUHSC/New Orleans Schools Science Partnership Program needs your help to share the gift of reading with 4th-graders in participating schools.

The Partnership is collecting new or gently used age-appropriate books in boxes located near the main elevators in the Trail CSRB, the Resource Center, MEB, the Allied Health/Nursing Building, as well as at the Dental School.

In coordination with school administrators and teachers at partner schools, volunteer students and faculty from LSUHSC bring hands-on science activities tied to current curriculum to teach in the classrooms. The program makes science accessible, bringing it to life, and making it easy to understand. One of its accomplishments is improving test scores on the 4th grade standardized Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) exams.

The Book Drive continues through Friday, May 10.