JNS names England Editor-in-Chief

The World Federation of Neurology has appointed Dr. John England, the Grace Benson Professor and Head of Neurology at LSUHSC, to a five-year term as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Neurological Sciences (JNS). Dr. England’s appointment begins July 1, 2013.

Dr. England has named Dr. Nicolas Bazan, Boyd Professor and Director of the Neuroscience Center, as Associate Editor for Basic and Translational Sciences and Dr. Nicole Ville-marette-Pittman, LSUHSC Neurology Research Development Administrative Director, as Managing Editor in New Orleans.

The Journal of the Neurological Sciences is the official journal of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN). Strongly allied with the World Health Organization, the WFN represents 114 professional societies in 113 countries in all regions of the world.

LSUHSC’s Barsley and Carr identify missing teacher

SUHSC forensic dentists Drs. Robert Barsley and Ronald Carr positively identified the remains found in a car pulled from Bayou St. John last week as Terrilynn Monette. The LSUHSC team took x-rays and carefully compared them to a set of dental records provided by Ms. Monette’s dentist. The 26-year-old teacher had been missing since March 2, when she was seen at a bar in Lakeview. Her disappearance launched a massive search effort and generated national news stories. Ironically, the car and body were found very near the LSUHSC School of Dentistry, where the team who helped to bring closure to the family teaches.

There are very few forensic dentists in the state. Drs. Barsley and Carr not only perform this important work, but they are training the next generation to carry it on.

In this case, they worked with pathologists at the Orleans Parish Coroner’s Office. LSUHSC New Orleans forensic dentists have worked with coroners’ offices in a number of other jurisdictions in the region, law enforcement, and the FACES Lab at LSU for many years. Although the information is released by these other agencies, when visual recognition is not possible and dental records must be used, it is the dental professionals at the LSUHSC School of Dentistry who have made the identification.
The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing provided an unparalleled immersion opportunity for underrepresented minority high school students seriously considering nursing as a profession this week. The Future Nurses Institute, in partnership with the LSUHSC School of Medicine Community & Minority Health Education’s Summer Science Program, hosted 14 junior and senior high school students. The curriculum included lectures, hands-on experience in the hospital lab and simulation labs, and interaction with LSUHSC faculty experts in various nursing disciplines.

Activities included birthing simulation, listening to breath and heart sounds on high fidelity simulators programmed to respond to certain patient scenarios, and participating in various nursing labs. The students, from Xavier University Preparatory High School, St. Augustine High School, St. Mary’s Academy High School and Warren Easton High School, also participated in panel discussions and had a chance to question and learn from LSUHSC faculty who hold leadership positions in the nursing profession.

The program is the outgrowth of a 2008 Health Resources and Services Administration grant to promote nursing to underrepresented minorities within the metro New Orleans area. The LSUHSC School of Nursing has held the Institute annually since 2008, although unfunded since 2009.