IPSA AWARDS
IPSA presents two awards to students across all six LSUHSC schools. The purpose of these awards is to recognize students for their interprofessional volunteer service work and their leadership in an interprofessional setting.

The **IPSA Award of Interprofessional Distinction** is given to graduating students who have extensively volunteered in IPSA service projects and/or participated in IPSA leadership workshops. Specific requirements are set for each program.

The **IPSA Leadership Award** is given to student leaders who have gone above and beyond their role in interprofessional service work in the community. Service hours granted for each project are determined by the organizing program and submitted accordingly.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP
The next workshop will be aimed at teaching students how to craft grant applications for their organizations. The goal of the workshop will be to help students understand the process, and better determine what granters are looking for from applicants. By the end of the workshop, students should have completed most of the Walmart Foundation Grant application.

Information on the grant:
http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program. The workshop will be held Tuesday, October 24th from 6:00-7:30pm, at LSUHSC, room TBA. Those interested in attending should sign up using this link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/d/1heeT9n1l_oie6KF2C4Hq2s_xkCS76bhPiMEK67bwh6V/edit?usp=sharing.

RECENT WORKSHOPS
IPSA has hosted two workshops so far this year: ACEs Training and NOMA Observation & Communication Skills Workshops. The ACEs Training Workshop included attendance from 90 students from all 6 LSUHSC professional schools. To date, this is the largest workshop hosted by IPSA since its creation 3 years ago. The response was overwhelmingly positive from faculty and students. The second workshop, hosted at the New Orleans Museum of Art, taught an interprofessional group of students to use their skills of observation to better communicate with other providers and to ensure better care for patients. Students worked to improve their skills of observation in the setting of fine art with the hopes of transferring those skills to their professional career. Those who attended reported a great educational session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
IPSA held its first official meeting of the year, where Board of Governors and Program Representatives approved the changes to our Bylaws as well as the requirements for awards. All programs have been instructed on the process for hour submission, and a master spreadsheet will be made available for students to check their hours soon.

CONTACT US
For events, see our IPSA calendar: http://www.lsuhsc.edu/administration/academic/cipecp/ipsa_calendar.aspx
Questions, concerns, comments: lsuhscipsa@gmail.com or IPSA@lsuhsc.edu
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENSORY FRIENDLY FUN DAY
Join us for the next Sensory Friendly Fun Day at the Louisiana Children's Museum! Our Harvest themed event will be November 5th with the event lasting from 10:30-12:00 and volunteers being expected to be there from 10:00-12:15! Use the following link to better understand activities of the program: http://lcmm.org/sensory-friendly-fun-days. Please contact aumrig@lsuhsc.edu with further questions or to volunteer!

NOMI
New Orleans Medical Innovators (NOMI) is a medical engineering design incubator created by LSUHSC and other university students in order to solve real world clinical problems. Congratulations to Casey Spinelli, Nathan Sharfman, and David Van for being selected as Sling Health Team Leaders for the 2017-2018 year! On October 9th, NOMI will be holding its annual Idea Day in Lion's Conference Room from 6-8pm! Idea Day is a networking event where team leaders will pitch their clinical problems to an audience of local doctors, business professionals, and potential team members. Our keynote speaker is Jarrod Harmon, who participated in the program last year and developed his own successful venture. We encourage and welcome students, residents, and professors of all disciplines to join us for the exciting evening with dinner and "mocktails!"
If interested in joining us for the evening as a potential team member, please contact Anushka Das adas@lsuhsc.edu or Vivian Hoang vhoa2@lsuhsc.edu.

NOWS
NOWS, New Orleans Women's Shelter, is an IPSA organization dedicated to serving the community. There are currently two shelters, South Liberty Street and Chateau d'Orleans. Each of the shelters holds family events, professional development events, and activities for the children every two weeks. Once a month, there are also clinics for the shelters which can range from a pediatric clinic to a health fair. Upcoming events:

- **S. Liberty Shelter (2020 S. Liberty St.):**
  - October 12th: Breast cancer awareness and prevention
  - October 26th: Mental Health
  - October 21st: Breast cancer clinic

If you are interested in helping at either of the shelters, please reach out to one of the Co-Directors:
- Caleb Speyer (cspeyr@lsuhsc.edu)
- Shay Vellanki (svella@lsuhsc.edu)
- Katherine Hammer (khamm2@lsuhsc.edu)
- Lauren Bonneval (lbonn4@lsuhsc.edu)

SMART CAFE
"The SMART Cafe program (Student Mentors Advising Real Time Choices About Food and Eating) was started in 2012 through a partnership between Louisiana State University Health Science Center's School of Medicine and ReNEW Sci Tech Academy to address the increasing occurrence of childhood obesity and the prevalence of cardiovascular diseases in New Orleans. LSUHSC students, along with other health science students from around the city, sit with elementary school students during lunch, encourage the students to try all the food on their cafeteria trays (supplied by Revolution Foods), and explain basic nutritional science to the students in an age-appropriate, curriculum-guided, interactive discussion format.
To join, please email us expressing interest and participate in a training session to be able to volunteer. Our upcoming events will be determined after an assessment of public interest. Please contact us at smartcafenola@gmail.com.

NOARHP
Do you have an interest in reproductive health? Health education? New Orleans Adolescent Reproductive Health Project is the opportunity for you. We are an interprofessional group of healthcare students that partners with area schools to bring a comprehensive, judgement-free, and age-appropriate reproductive health curriculum to adolescents. New this year, all volunteers will be trained by an organization bringing a standardized national model for sex education (more information at foundationstraining.org). For more info you can e-mail Clairissa at cmullo@lsuhsc.edu.

STUDENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY
This past weekend, Students for Sustainability and friends spruced up the garden so it is now more beautiful than ever! Be sure to go eat lunch or hang out between classes in the garden behind the Stanislaus parking garage. Our events for the month of October are:
- **Wednesday 10/11:** General Meeting in MEB S14
- **Thursday 10/19:** Painting and Pinot in the Garden! For $35, you get two glasses of wine, cheese and crackers, as well as supplies and hands on instruction to paint a fall scene. Please contact agill4@lsuhsc.edu or lsuhscsfs@gmail.com!
- **Wednesday 10/25:** Breast Cancer Clinic
- **Friday 10/27:** 2018 Campus Mocktail Night! Join us for the next Sensory Friendly Fun Day at the Louisiana Children's Museum! Our Harvest themed event will be November 5th with the event lasting from 10:30-12:00 and volunteers being expected to be there from 10:00-12:15!! Use the following link to better understand activities of the program: http://lcmm.org/sensory-friendly-fun-days. Please contact aumrig@lsuhsc.edu with further questions or to volunteer!

LITTLE BITTY LEARNING
The Little Bitty Learning program is in full swing! This program teaches families from McMillian’s First Steps Early Head Start Center the Cooking Matters curriculum and simultaneously the children engage with different children organizations from New Orleans. We are now entering the fifth week of class and the families and children are having a great time! So far the families have loved it and all this great work wouldn’t be possible without the help of our volunteers! Thank you for all your hard work. If anyone is interested in learning more about this IPSA organization and how to get involved, please email Lisa Staples at lstapl@lsuhsc.edu.

LOCUS
LGBT + Allies Organization for Cultural Understanding in the Health Sciences (LOCUS) is an inter-professional student organization aimed at advancing awareness and advocating for the LGBTQ community at LSUHSC and in New Orleans. The training will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 1-4 at the LSUHSC downtown campus, room number TBA. Safe Zone training was developed to foster culturally competent work and school environments for LGBTQ individuals. These training sessions provide participants with the awareness, knowledge, and skills to advocate for their LGBTQ peers, family members, friends, coworkers and for themselves. To date, 27 faculty members have undergone Safe Zone training. They can be identified by the Safe Zone sticker attached to their office nameplate, as well as being listed on our website (see link below). If you are interested in participating, please email Ayesha Umrigar at aumrig@lsuhsc.edu.
LOCUS will also be facilitating a “Coffee Talk” with the New Orleans Advocates for GLBT Elders (NOAGE) on October 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room #250 of the New Orleans Healing Center (2372 St. Claude Ave.). This talk will focus on the role of genetic testing in providing patient care. Three student volunteers will be conducting a simple experiment to demonstrate how genetic testing is performed in the laboratory. Prior laboratory experience is not necessary for this volunteer opportunity. If you would like to participate, please contact Ayesha Umrigar (aumrig@lsuhsc.edu) for more details. Be sure to check out our website (https://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/cmhe/locus/) which provides links to resources for LGBTQ students, as well as for the general community. This is also where we post information about any upcoming events. If you would like to receive emails from LOCUS, there is an option on our website to subscribe to our listserv. To protect the privacy of our members, we use the "blind carbon copy" for email correspondence. This means that you can't see the other recipients of the email and they can't see you.

We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events this year!

I know many of you have become trained Cooking Matters volunteers over the past few years. I wanted to let you know that we have lots of opportunities to help with classes this semester. There will be FOUR Cooking Matters courses held on or near campus this semester:

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