

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



May 26, 2006

132nd Commencement holds unique place in history

We celebrated a miracle Saturday at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center in Baton Rouge. Nearly 500 students graduated from our six health professions schools during the commencement that even Katrina's aftermath could not stop.



Board of Supervisors Chairman Rod West presents diploma to nephew Stanford White.

Dr. Jenkins gave an inspired Commencement Address, and the Allen A. Copping Teaching in Excellence awards were presented to Dr. Andy Pellett-Allied Health, Judith Gentry, RN-Nursing, Dr. Michael O'Brien-Dentistry, Dr. Robin English-Medicine, Dr. Richard Whitworth-Basic Science, and Dr. Neal Simonson-Public Health.

Speaking of graduation honors, the top graduate in Tulane's Master Medical Management program was our own Dr. Dwayne Thomas, who received the Outstanding Student Award for the Class of 2006.



University Hospital repairs progressing

Work on University Hospital continues to progress, geared toward completion in early to mid-October.

Demolition is 90% complete and the window work finished.

Power will be restored to 80% of the hospital on Friday, June 2.

The roof will be completed by June 30.

The Pediatric Emergency Room has been gutted and cleaned and is ready to be finished.



Welding in the basement



Pediatric Emergency Room

The fourth floor auditorium and administration areas have been similarly prepared for finish work.

Construction of the Pharmacy, Core Lab, Blood Bank, and modifications/additions to Radiology will also be finished in October, with the exception of moving the high speed

64-slice CT scanner from Charity Hospital for the Trauma Team. That will be moved in time for the return of the Trauma Program to University Hospital in December.

All of the medical gas equipment has been delivered and is ready for the contractor to install.



Electricians at work

The target date for reopening the OB Clinic is mid-July.

Allied health & nursing move home

Both our schools of allied health and nursing moved back home this week. Students registered for the summer session and classes have already begun. Allied health started Wednesday and nursing on Friday.

Upcoming events

Welcome Home Block Party

June 10th

RSVP to lcapo@lsuhsc.edu

Katrina Walk Fund-raiser

June 24th

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