

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Tenet sale beneficial

As you may have heard, Tenet is divesting itself of its metropolitan New Orleans hospitals. I believe that this will be a positive move for New Orleans and particularly for LSU Health Sciences Center. As you know, we have a strong clinical presence at Kenner Regional, and I am confident that any purchaser will be very interested in our activity there which assures financial viability for that hospital. ■

## Residencies begin tomorrow

We have successfully placed 476 residents and fellows in 19 hospitals, including Baton Rouge General, Bogalusa Medical Center, Children's, Earl K. Long, East Jefferson, Lallie Kemp, Chabert, LSUHSC Shreveport, MCLNO, Ochsner, Our Lady of the Lake, Slidell Memorial, Touro, UMC and Womens and Children in Lafayette, various VA hospitals, West Jefferson, and Kenner Regional. ■

## Chiche National President

Dr. Gerard Chiche, Professor and Chair of Prosthodontics in the dental school has been elected President of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. Membership is by invitation only. They are considered the elite professionals of the field. ■



## Libraries to benefit by Springer Gift

The LSUHSC libraries are among the beneficiaries of a \$1 million donation of eBooks by Springer Science+Business Media to hurricane affected universities. The announcement was made during the American Library Association meeting in New Orleans this week. ■

The LSUHSC libraries will receive 10,000 eBooks for 2005, 2006, and 2007. The library will put up a link which will provide access to each of the donated titles. The eBooks that are in SCOPE will be cataloged. We are grateful to Springer for this generous gift. ■

## LSUHSC helps St. Bernard youth plant seeds of future

The students and faculty facilitators at the St. Bernard Unified School planted a memorial garden this week as part of the Youth Leadership Program created by Drs. Howard and Joy Osofsky in our Department of Psychiatry. The pilot program was designed to build resiliency and reduce hurricane-related symptoms. ■

All of these students experienced displacement and loss, and some of them, trauma as well. In collaboration with St. Bernard Public Schools, the program is also teaching the skills to develop future community leaders. ■



The garden is only one of the community projects the students chose during the multi-tier four week program. ■

A leadership class will be offered next school year so that more students can benefit by the program, and the summer program will continue as well. LSUHSC has worked with the students, faculty, and families at the St. Bernard Unified School since it opened last November, and will continue the relationship. The impact of this program is already being felt and will carry well into the future. ■

## Block Honored Nationally

Dr. Michael Block, Professor and Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Research at our dental school, has been given the Distinguished Service Award by the American Association



of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. The award honors an AAOMS member's significant contributions. Dr. Block was recognized for his advances in dental implants. ■