

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Business community tours research labs

We hosted business leaders, the Regional Planning Commission members, government leaders, and other stakeholders this week for a firsthand look at our research enterprise during the Biosciences Tour of the Medical District. The day was designed to kick off a strategic planning process to define post-Katrina bioscience expansion plans.



Dr. Augusto Ochoa answers questions

I talked about the economic impact of our research programs as well as the potential of the biosciences industry to rebuild and diversify the economy of New Orleans before the group toured Cancer Center and Alcohol Research Center labs.



Drs. Steve Nelson and Greg Bagby interact with the group

Thanks go to Ron Gardner, Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher, James Hardy, and Pat Magee for putting the event together. ■

## CHF and LSUHSC partner for children's health

This morning, LSUHSC and the Children's Health Fund launched the Baton Rouge Children's Health Project. Two mobile medical units – one for medical and one for mental health services – will provide care for medically underserved children in the Baton Rouge area, including displaced children



now living in FEMA housing. This initiative will bring regular medical care to many of the disaster's most vulnerable victims and will provide a medical "home" for them while we rebuild our health infrastructure.

Many of these children have unmet health needs including care for chronic conditions and the ability to obtain medications and medical equipment. This has resulted in hospitalizations and ER visits. A

number of them have also developed emotional and behavioral symptoms since the storm with no treatment resources.

The Baton Rouge Children's Health Project will be integrated into LSU's Pediatric Service

under the direction of Dr. Stewart Gordon. He and Dr. Heidi Sinclair led our work on this.

LSU Health Sciences Center and the people of southern Louisiana will be grateful for the generous support of the Children's Health Fund and its sponsors—the Lucky Brand Foundation and the UJA Federation of New York—for years to come as we rebuild our future one child at a time. ■

## Public health student published in national journal

Catherine Tridico, President of the School of Public Health's SGA, has been published in *News and Views*, a publication of the American Public Health Association's Student Assembly. Her article, entitled "Living Public Health in New Orleans", recounts her Katrina experience including being part of the public health response. Catherine worked with the City of

New Orleans' Population Estimate Project. The work involved continually assessing the number of the people in the city to determine what kind of emergency services were needed. She then worked with the Mailman School of Public Health interviewing displaced residents in FEMA housing to document health needs. Well done, Catherine! ■