

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



September 15, 2006

Med students present summer research

Fifteen students presented their research results at the annual Medical Student Summer Research Program Forum this afternoon.

Initiated in the early 1980s, the program was developed to provide students an opportunity to experience research to better understand the relationship between research and clinical practice. The students must commit 8 weeks to the work. Mentors supply the time, space, supplies, and the ideas.



This year's participants were Benjamin Boudreaux, Jason Bourgue, Andrew Conger, Jeremy Daigle, David Daly, Islaam Elnagar, Cennet Erbil, Elizabeth Francis, Tiffany Niemoller, Jose Posas, Melissa Raspberry, David Stark, Derek Vonderhaar, Alexander Yang, and Rahul Datta.



Constitution Day Program informative and entertaining

Our inaugural Constitution Day Program was most successful. Congress passed legislation last year requiring institutions receiving federal funding to annually commemorate the signing of the US Constitution. We wanted our program to be both relevant and timely, so we held a panel discussion of the "Explicit and Implicit Constitutional Responsibilities of the Federal Government in the Wake of a Disaster."

Panelists Professor Jim Viator, a constitutional authority from

Loyola's Law School, Jed Horne, Times Picayune metro editor and author of *Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City*, Jeffrey Thomas, an attorney working with the Bring New Orleans Back

Commission's Urban Planning Committee and our own emergency preparedness expert Dr. Jim Aiken fielded questions posed by moderator Dennis Woltering, WWL-TV anchor.

Areas of discussion ranged from the Army Corps of Engineers' immunity from lawsuits and whether or not the forced evacuation violated the 5th and 14th amendments to the right to bear arms and the legal basis for mandating curfews. We also learned the real impact of the Posse Comitatus Act.

We're grateful to our participants for giving us such a provocative and informative hour.



Dennis Woltering



Jed Horne and Jim Viator



Jim Aiken and Jeff Thomas

Upcoming events

Senior Dental Teaching Clinic Dedication

September 20th 11:00 a.m., 8000 GSRI Road

75th Anniversary Campus Celebration

October 6th, 4 - 7 p.m., 500 block of Bolivar Street

75th Anniversary Medical Alumni Association Gala/Auction

October 7th, 6:30 p.m., Astor Crowne Plaza