

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Hartford grant supports geriatric education and care

Dr. Charles Cefalu has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$501,945 over five years to support geriatric care provided at LSU and to re-start the Geriatric Fellowship Program by the John A. Hartford Foundation.

The LSU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship is a year-long concentrated and longitudinal experience that prepares physicians for board eligibility in Geriatric Medicine. At this time, it is the only functioning geriatric fellowship in the state.

"The Hartford Foundation's support is vital to our continued ability to provide geriatric care to the medically under-served and train the next generation of geriatricians," notes Dr. Cefalu. "The Foundation also provided funding last fall that kept our program alive."

Founded in 1929, the John A. Hartford Foundation is a committed champion of training, research and service system innovations that promote the health and independence of America's older adults. Through its grant-making, the Foundation seeks to strengthen the nation's capacity to provide effective, affordable care to this rapidly increasing older population by educating "aging-prepared" health professionals and developing innovations that improve and better integrate health and supportive services. ■

Dental School dedicates 2nd teaching clinic

Dr. William Jenkins helped us unveil the second student teaching clinic on the temporary dental school campus in Baton Rouge this week. Media, alumni and guests were invited to tour the 78-chair senior student clinic. Dr. Eric Hovland also spoke about his vision to build upon the investment already there by developing an oral health center to help meet the needs of the Baton Rouge and surrounding communities.



The chairs in the clinic are the newest generation of dental chairs--so new they're not yet on the market. The clinic also incorporates such innovations as digital radiography and paperless charts, as well as central sterilization. The clinic is used by the senior dental students.

More than 3,000 patients have been treated in the student clinics, the first of which opened in December.

When the dental school returns to New Orleans, we would like to leave a clinical and educational component in Baton Rouge, as we have in other Louisiana communities. We are working to identify funding to develop a regional oral health education and service center to address a number of needs.

Plans include to establish a dental hygiene bachelor's program in conjunction with LSU to address the current shortage; to rotate dental and dental hygiene students as well as dental residents through the clinic; to develop a "Healthy Smiles" pediatric dentistry program; to develop a clinical research and clinical trials program; and to develop continuing dental education programs at the center for oral health care providers in the Baton Rouge area. ■

Psychiatry recognized nationally

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has chosen Dr. Bert Quintana as the recipient of the 2006 Catcher in the Rye Award. The award recognizes his outstanding leadership in maintaining the LSU Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Program and its clinical services after Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Quintana will also receive one of the 2007 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Awards from the ACGME.



Dr. Joy Osofsky was invited to participate in a Congressional Briefing today sponsored by the Society for Research in Child Development, the National Association for Education of Young Children and Zero to Three. She will make recommendations for a national disaster policy for children and families based on the department's Katrina work and expertise. ■