

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Nursing students sweep state convention awards

The Health Sciences Center's chapter of the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses came away from the state convention with multiple honors—sweeping nearly all categories. DeAnna Dardar was named Student Nurse of the Year, and Dr. Susan Steele was named Faculty Advisor of the Year. Last year, six of the state board officers were



*DeAnna Dardar*

LSUHSC nursing students. This year, six more LSUHSC nursing students were elected officers: Jill Acosta, President, Jenny Theriot, Secretary, Irielle Banks, Treasurer, Kim Guidry, Breakthrough to Nursing Representative, Brittany Bodine, Special Events Coordinator, and Shane Grant, Region IV Representative.



Our nursing students won Best Community Health Project, Most Community Health Projects, and the School Spirit Award, among others. ■

## Opelka receives prestigious national appointment

Dr. Frank Opelka has been appointed to the AQA-HQA Steering Committee as a representative from the American College of Surgeons. This national quality alliance was created to better coordinate the promotion of quality measurement, transparency, and improvement in care. The Committee is charged with coordinating quality for all physicians working in hospitals. ■

## Scribner appointed to Study Section

Dr. Richard Scribner has been appointed to the Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section, Center for Scientific Review. Members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline. Dr. Scribner's term begins immediately and ends June 30, 2010. ■

## Medicine launches annual Chancellor's Lecture

Dr. F. Charles Brunicardi, the DeBakey/Bard Professor and Chairman of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine delivered the inaugural Chancellor's Lecture today. He spoke about how molecular biology will play an enormous role in the transformation of medicine this century. He reviewed how advancements such as the human genome project hold great potential to take medicine to a new level of sophistication and personalization. ■



He talked about the roles that technologies such as laparoscopy, computers, and genomics are playing in surgery. He described work at Baylor in islet cell transplantation and pancreatic cancer and the translation of those advances. ■



Dr. Brunicardi closed by talking about leadership. It was a fascinating and provocative hour. ■

## Cohn named Role Model

Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr. was recently honored as a 2006 Role Model by the Young Leadership Council. These individuals have distinguished themselves by promoting a positive attitude and unyielding desire to enhance our quality of life; taking an effective and vigorous leadership role in the community; striving to

unite our community in collaborative efforts for its future prosperity; and making significant contributions in their specific fields of endeavor. ■

