

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



November 3, 2006

## Hovland receives international recognition

The International College of Dentists presented Dean Dr. Eric Hovland its Outstanding Dental Leader Award for his action's to save Louisiana's only dental school in



the wake of the flooding after Katrina. Dr. Hovland received the prestigious award on October 16 at the College's annual meeting. The award came with a \$25,000 donation to the School of Dentistry. Congratulations, Eric! ■

## Dental SGA raises funds for outreach

Dental SGA President Nick Rauber reports that their first annual Sporting Clay Tournament was a great success. It raised \$9,000 and the students have established a



Dental Outreach Fund with the proceeds.

From it, the students have purchased electric toothbrushes for the 125 clients at Magnolia Special School. The Dental Outreach Fund will also support the Mexico Externship and other upcoming school projects. Well done! ■

## LSUHSC government interaction

The Health Sciences Center hosted the Joint Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management, Recovery and Long-Term Revitalization and the Subcommittee on Orleans as they heard testimony about K-12 education



in New Orleans and the Recovery School District. The meeting brought K-12 education leaders and community members to our campus.

Legislators present included Co-Chairs Senator Diana Bajoie and Representative Charmaine Marchand, as well as Senator Edwin Murray, and Representatives Jeff Arnold, Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, Juan LaFonta, and Cedric Richmond.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Governor Blanco's Deputy Chief of Staff, participated along with BESE Board President Linda Johnson.

President Jenkins, Don Smithburg and I presented an update on the LSU/VA hospital proposal to the LRA yesterday. We have requested \$300 million in CDBG funds

including \$60 million for land acquisition. The VA assured the committee

that they are still committed to the partnership. Overall, the meeting went very well. The next step is to provide the committee with the full business plan which will be done by Thanksgiving.

Then yesterday afternoon, I attended the Joint Health and Welfare Committee meeting where Dr. Fred Cerise provided legislators with updated figures on the cost of the health care redesign plan for New Orleans. Negotiations between the state and CMS are expected to be complete by year's end. ■

## Russian delegation visits LSUHSC

A delegation of Russian physicians came to the Health Sciences Center to learn about medical education, research and our Juvenile Justice Program. Drs. Perry Rigby, Rhonda Kendrick, and Michal Jazwinski, and Leslie Capo interacted with the group. The trip was part of the Open World Program sponsored by



the Library of Congress and funded by the US Congress. ■