

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

December 22, 2006



## Public Health gets grants to open mammography unit

Donna Williams Director of the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program in our School of Public Health, successfully competed for funding to support a new mammography unit located at St. Thomas Community Health Center. The American Breast Cancer Foundation provided a \$105,000 grant for the down payment and the Avon Foundation provided a \$500,000 grant to cover the remainder of the cost and to support the operation of the unit for the next year.



Donna Williams and Terry Fonham

The unit was dedicated and officially opened on Monday morning. The celebration included remarks from Dr. Terry Fonham, representatives from St. Thomas, Avon, and ABCF as well as from grateful patients. The unit restores early detection services to low-income, uninsured, and medically underserved women in metropolitan New Orleans.

Congratulations to Donna and her staff, Dr. Mary Abell, Terry Fonham and the School of Public Health!

## APS supports recovery

The American Physiological Society is contributing \$6000 to our Department of Physiology to underwrite the cost of seminar speakers for physiology graduate students at LSUHSC and Tulane. Under the direction of Dr. Patricia Molina, students from both programs will select and invite the speakers. We're grateful for APS's continued support including \$75,000 immediately after Katrina.

## Anesthesiology news

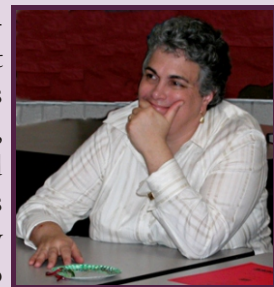
Dr. Alan Kaye led a department project to collect and donate toys to children at battered women's shelters this week to help bring a sense of optimism for the new year. The Department has also established a New Orleans Anesthesiology Hall of Fame into which Drs. John Adriani, Mac Thomas, Alan Grogono, Mohamad Naraghi, John Youngberg, and James Riopelle were inducted.

## Pharmacology adopts public school

Dr. Pamela Lucchesi in the Department of Pharmacology wanted to help our community recover by adopting a neighborhood school. She began collecting donations from LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students to buy presents for students and supplies for Laurel Elementary School on Jackson Avenue.

The outreach effort grew as family, friends, and colleagues from New Orleans to Vancouver and from Kentucky to California wanted to help, too. Pam wound up raising thousands of dollars--enough to buy each of the 576 students in grades pre-K - 8 a gift, each of the 23 teachers supplies for their classrooms and some badly needed equipment which had been lost to looting following Katrina.

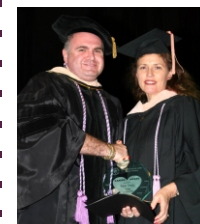
Congratulations to all who participated!



Christmas came early to Laurel Elementary

## Nursing's Silady given Faculty Caring Award

Karen Silady's students and peers chose her as the recipient of the Nursing School's Faculty Caring Award presented by Acting Dean Dr. Demetrius Porche. The award is for an exemplary faculty who exhibits the school's core values of respect, integrity, professionalism, caring, ex-



cellence and diversity. Karen was instrumental in reestablishing clinical education after Katrina.

Congratulations on this well deserved honor, Karen!