

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Sholas first certified in PRM in state

Maurice Sholas, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Section of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Director of the Pediatric Rehabilitation Program, has become the first physician in Louisiana to be board certified in Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine and one of only 103 with this credential in the United States.



Dr. Sholas' singular achievement will improve the quality of care for Louisiana's children. In addition to rigorous educational and clinical experience requirements, candidates for board certification in this subspecialty must be recommended for admissibility to sit for the examination.

The introduction of this new subspecialty is further evidence of the Health Sciences Center's leadership and innovation in bringing high caliber services and signature programs to the state. Well done, Maurice!

## Dental progress cited in Town Hall Meeting

I had the opportunity to speak to the dental school faculty and staff yesterday afternoon at a Town Hall Meeting on the South campus. What the dental school has accomplished there is nothing short of miraculous. They built two state-of-the-art teaching clinics from scratch. They've treated more than 5400 patients and educated and trained about 500 students and residents. Students have graduated on time and the applicant pools for all programs have been very strong. Accrediting bodies have been full of praise and national and international honors have recognized the school as well as faculty and leadership.



Dr. Hovland gave an update of future plans which include the development of a new Regional Oral Health Center to be housed on the South Campus. Components of the initiative include the establishment of student rotations, both dental and dental hygiene as well as dental resident rotations through the South

Campus clinics; the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program; the development of a "Healthy Smiles" pediatric dentistry program to help meet the oral health needs of underserved children in the Baton Rouge region; the development of a clinical trials research program; and the development of continuing education programs on the LSU South Campus for the oral health providers in Baton Rouge and its surrounding communities.

We recognize that the past 18 months have been especially challenging for the dental school faculty, staff, and students and appreciate their sacrifice.



Work is progressing at the New Orleans campus and we look forward to welcoming the dental school home this summer.

Please be mindful that there will be a great deal of activity around our campus tomorrow with the Saints divisional playoff game. Be safe, have fun, and GO SAINTS!



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