

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Exhibit honors African-American heritage in health

The staff of the John P. Ische Library invites you to view their exhibit, *African Americans in Health Sciences: Black History Month*. The display, created by Reference Librarian Molly Knapp, celebrates the achievements of African Americans in our disciplines.



Molly Knapp



Dr. Mae Jemison

You'll see Dr. Mae C. Jemison, the first African-American woman to go into space, and Mary Elizabeth Mahoney, the first black professional nurse in America. There's Dr. David Satcher, the 16th Surgeon General of the U.S. and first African-American Director of the CDC. You'll also learn about Dr. Robert Freeman, the first black dental student admitted to Harvard University.

The display is on the wall near the computer stations on the third floor. This informational and inspirational exhibit is well worth a special visit.



Dr. James McCune Smith

Press conference announces Neuroscience COBRE grant

We held a very successful press conference this week to announce a \$10.6 million COBRE grant to Dr. Nicolas Bazan and the Health Sciences Center. A number of community leaders participated—Dr. Jack Andonie from the LSU Board of Supervisors, Kim Boyle of the LRA, Councilmembers Arnie Fielkow and Stacy Head, the DDD's Kurt Weigle and Caitlin Cain from the Regional Planning Commission.



Kurt Weigle, Kim Boyle, Arnie Fielkow, join me

This is the second \$10 + million COBRE grant for Mentoring Neuroscience in Louisiana. Under Dr. Bazan's direction, the research of junior faculty at four institutions will be supported. They include: Drs. Hamilton Farris, Alberto Musto, and Houhui Xia of LSUHSC and Laura Schrader of Tulane. Pilot projects will be done here, at Tulane, Nicholls State and Xavier.



Dr. Jack Andonie

LSUHSC mentors are Drs. Nicolas Bazan, Haydee Bazan, Walter Lukiw, Chu Chen, Jeffrey Erickson, Carmen Canavier, Sonia Gasparini, Patricia Molina, Peter Winsauer, and Dennis Paul.



Caitlin Cain

Research areas include memory and learning, hearing, neurotoxins, seizures, and inflammation. Targeted diseases include stroke, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative conditions.



Stacy Head and Dr. Nicolas Bazan

The funding not only supports research for devastating diseases that currently have no curative therapies, but it is also a tremendous investment in the research infrastructure of our region. It helps develop young faculty so they can become competitively funded in their own right. This enhances our capability to generate research breakthroughs, intellectual capital, entrepreneurs, and economic growth.

Congratulations to all involved.