

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



March 9, 2007

## LSUHSC hosts LSU Board of Supervisors

The LSU Board of Supervisors held its March meeting on our campus this week. It gave the Supervisors a chance to tour our campus and University Hospital to appreciate our recovery firsthand.

Graduate student Lauren Brignac gave the invocation and Medical School Student Body



President Brad Culotta led the pledge of allegiance. Each of our students, followed by Graduate Studies Associate Dean Dr. Kathleen McDonough, addressed the Board. Their remarks were well received.

The Board then presented long-serving Board member



Charles Cusimano with a resolution lauding his contributions and announcing that a live oak will be planted in his name on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge.

## Medical School weekend activities successful

The Medical School held three very successful events last weekend. Nearly a thousand people attended Friday night's annual Camp Tiger Wine and Cheese Party and Auction. The event, organized and put on by our first year medical students, raised \$37,000 from the auction and \$26,000 from donations which have been pouring in. The event is the main fundraiser for Camp Tiger, the free week-long day camp for physically and mentally



challenged children.



Saturday was Family Day where we got to meet parents and families of our

medical students.

Tiger Run 2007, held Sunday at Audubon Park, raised \$12,000 for our Student-Run Homeless Clinics. The 247 participants had a great time.



## Courageous young man visits LSUHSC for hope

Kyle Bryant, an inspirational young man diagnosed with Friedrich ataxia, made our campus one of the stops on his 2,800 mile biking quest to raise awareness of this little known disease as well as the research to treat or prevent it. Kyle came to meet Dr. Ed Grabczyk to learn about the work that Drs. Grabczyk and Bronya Keats are doing to understand this degenerative inherited condition at the molecular level.



Dr. Ed Grabczyk with Kyle and Diane Bryant

Dr. Grabczyk told Kyle and his family about his lab's work to reproduce cell lines lost in the aftermath of Katrina. These cells will be used to determine the effectiveness of potential treatments of which there are now none. Work is progressing and Dr. Grabczyk expects to have these lines ready in the near future—good news for Kyle and those living with this terrible disorder.