

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Legislature approves LSU-VA Hospital funding plan

The funding plan for the new LSU/VA Hospital sailed through the full legislature this week. Mail ballots were returned and counted on Thursday. The plan provides for the immediate allocation of \$74 million to buy land and begin the design of the new state-of-the-art teaching hospital. The remaining \$226 million of CDBG funds will be released for construction upon the legislature's approval of the size and business plan for the hospital.

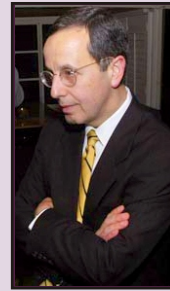


During his visit to New Orleans also Thursday, VA Secretary Jim Nicholson said that the hospital will be built in greater New Orleans, and the VA is looking at sites in the area. He reiterated the VA's commitment to the collaboration with LSU, and we will continue planning for the new hospital to be located downtown.

We are grateful to our legislators who voted overwhelmingly in favor of the plan – in the Senate 32 - 6, and in the House 68 - 24 – permitting the project to move forward.

LSUHSC faculty and students recognized

Two LSUHSC faculty were honored by the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians this year. Dr. Charles Hilton and Dr. George Karam were named 2007 Laureates of the Louisiana Chapter of



Dr. George Karam



Dr. Charles Hilton

year.

the American College of Physicians at its annual chapter meeting and scientific session this month. Only two physicians are so honored each

LSUHSC graduate students took top honors at the 81st Annual Louisiana Academy of Sciences meeting recently held at Southern University in Baton Rouge. Biochemistry and Pharmacology student Electa (Elly) Park won first place in the graduate oral presentation competition. Physiology student Keisa Mathis placed second.



Keisa Mathis and Elly Park

The Louisiana Academy of Sciences holds annual competitions for the best graduate and undergraduate oral and poster presentations. Congratulations, Elly and Keisa and also mentors, Dr. Andrew Catling and Dr. Patricia Molina!



A number of LSUHSC Nursing faculty were recently elected to key leadership positions in the New Orleans District Nurses Association.

– Dr. Kathleen Moisiejewicz, Vice President

– Dr. Denise Danna, Treasurer

– Dr. Kay Lopez, Secretary

– Dr. Shelly Jeanfreau, Board of Directors

– Dr. Deborah Garbee, Board of Directors

The New Orleans District Nurses Association is a constituency of the Louisiana State Nursing Association and the American Nursing Association. Its purpose is to advance the profession of nursing at the local, state, and national levels. There are about 250 members of the New Orleans District Nurses Association.