

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

March 30, 2007



Dental Hygiene students meet ADHA president

Nearly 80 of our Dental Hygiene students met Marge Green, CDA, RDH, President of Board of Trustees of the American Dental Hygienists Association, at the Louisiana Dental Hygiene Association annual meeting in Baton Rouge today. The ADHA contributed \$11,000 to provide extra help to our students last year. The ADHA's gift funded the costs for all of our senior students to take a Texas National Board Review for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination last year. The donation also provided support to the junior dental hygiene students.



Row 3: Suzanne Farrar left ; Marge Green right

The students had the opportunity to meet the president of their national professional society and to personally thank her for the ADHA's generosity. Ms. Green had the opportunity to hear about our amazing survival and resurrection and to meet the future of the profession.

The luncheon meeting was arranged by faculty Suzanne Farrar, who is also President of the Louisiana Dental Hygiene Association.

LSUHSC conducts free vision screening for displaced residents

The LSU Eye Center conducted a vision screening last weekend at the Renaissance Village in Baker, LA in conjunction with the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation (FCGCF). Renaissance Village, the largest FEMA trailer park in Louisiana, is the temporary home for hundreds of displaced New Orleanians.



Dr. Donald Bergsma with Steve Lutz of the FCGCF

Eye Center physicians screened more than 50 people for potentially blinding eye disorders including glaucoma using the Foundation's Mobile Eye Screening Unit. This clinic on wheels brings eye care specialists to people in places where there aren't resources as well as to at-risk populations such as the elderly.



Front row L-R: Dr. Ephraim Atwal, Steve Lutz, 4th year med student Michael George, Dr. Brendan Girschek, Dr. Donald Bergsma, Dr. Marc Bodman, Patricio Monteil
Back Row: Dr. Marie Acierno, Dr. Karla Alejandro

The Eye Center has received a \$19,000 grant from The Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation to provide free glaucoma screenings for the greater New Orleans community. For the vast majority of individuals with glaucoma, the chances of preserving their sight is significantly improved with early diagnosis and treatment.

The Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation supports the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus, a group of US Congress members who are dedicated to fighting glaucoma and other eye diseases.

Communication Disorders students see importance of tolerance

The recent Anne Frank Exhibit at the National WWII Museum provided a unique learning



environment to learn about hope and tolerance for a group of our Communication Disorders students.

Pictured at left: (L-R back row) faculty Mrs. Meber Banajee, Kaylie Leger, Melody Benedic, Jennifer Fontenot, (front row) Katie Milazzo, Nicole Bourgeois, graduate students in Communication Disorders listening to World War II Veteran Mr. J. J. Witmeyer introduce the Museum and exhibit. (not pictured, faculty Aloma Lykes, photographer).