

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

April 6, 2007



LSUHSC programs rank nationally

Our graduate programs in Nursing and Allied Health Professions have ranked nationally in the 2008 edition of US News & World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools.



Audiology, which admitted its inaugural class in 2004, ranked in the top 24 programs. The Physical Therapy doctoral program, whose first class began last year, ranked in the top 74. Rehabilitation Counseling ranked in the top 39. Our Speech-Language Pathology program ranked in the top 45, and Occupational Therapy ranked in the top 71.

Our Nurse Anesthesia program, also relatively new, ranked in the top 42, and the Master's Nursing program ranked in the top 141.

The medical school doesn't participate at the request of the AAMC.

Congratulations to our faculty and students who make these programs among the best in the nation!

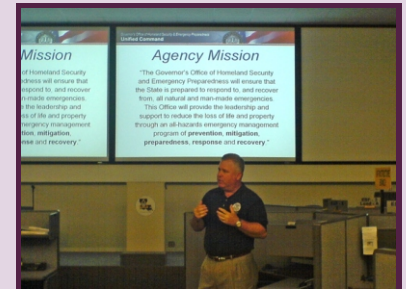
LSUHSC public health students learn emergency response

As part of the Emergency Response to Disasters and Terrorism course taught by Dr. Mary Lynne Thames with Dr. James Aiken, a group of our public health students visited the Emergency Operation Center at the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness this week.



Col. Pat Santos, Assistant Deputy Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, explained the Unified Command System and activities that take place in the EOC during emergency activations.

The class then visited the Command Center for the State Office of Public Health and Command Headquarters for Emergency Preparedness. There



Col. Pat Santos explains EOC operations

they learned about the State's roles, responsibilities, and on-going efforts to maintain the health and safety of our population.

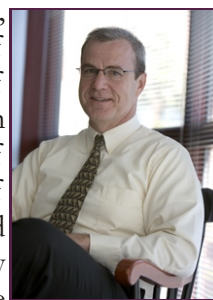


James Aiken, MD, Mary Lynne Thames, PhD, Sayad Ahsan, Col. Pat Santos, Sid Brevard, MD, Aaron Pourcain, Cole Claiborne, Charles Berthold, Rashid Niaz,

An unexpected outcome of the two visits was the verbal encouragement from both agencies to our students to apply for jobs. ■

LSUHSC Medical grad appointed UMass leader

Dr. Terence Flotte, a 1986 graduate of our School of Medicine, has been appointed Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Deputy Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School.



He will serve as the school's chief academic and administrative officer beginning in mid-May. We congratulate Dr. Flotte and are confident that he will excel.

This most recent appointment again demonstrates the quality of our programs as our graduates continue to attain positions of prominence. ■