

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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4 LSUHSC faculty among Health Care Heroes

I was proud to stand with three other members of our faculty today at a luncheon sponsored by New Orleans CityBusiness honoring the 2007 Health Care Heroes.



Patricia Kimball, RN, MN, Assistant

Professor of Nursing, Dr. Steve



Ross, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, and Dr.

James Campbell, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, and I were recognized.



Dr. Michael Block, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at our School of Dentistry, has received the prestigious W. Harry Archer



Award from the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ACOMS). The award was presented during the College's 28th Annual Scientific Conference & Exhibition in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

LSUHSC Psychiatry develops program to address mental health needs of Katrina displaced

A grant in the amount of \$749,695 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is funding a program developed by the Department of Psychiatry to enhance mental health services and capacity in Katrina-affected areas and to better meet mental health needs following future disasters.

Led by Drs. Howard and Joy Osofsky, the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Family Resiliency Project at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans will provide evidence-based services for children in school settings, first responders and families in Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes.

Mental health professionals and others will be trained in evidence-based intervention protocols in the Gulf Region in collaboration with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Youth Leadership programs to build youth resilience and self-efficacy and to decrease risky behaviors will be developed.

Prevention and intervention strategies that can be used as a knowledge base for future disasters and to inform policy decisions will be established as well.



The program will develop a collaborative base with other public health and service agencies in the heavily impacted areas to re-establish needed infrastructure, increase collaborative efforts, and enhance service accessibility for children and families.

It will also conduct awareness-building training for child-serving professionals and first responder counselors to increase their knowledge, capacity, and ability to make appropriate referrals.

Bazan presented ARVO's highest honor

Dr. Nicolas Bazan, Boyd Professor and Director of the Neuroscience Center, was awarded the Proctor Medal by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). ARVO's highest honor, it is presented annually for outstanding research in the basic



or clinical sciences relating to ophthalmology. Dr. Bazan received the medal this week at the ARVO annual meeting.