

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Joint Budget Committee approves hospital plan

State facilities manager Jerry Jones presented the business plan for the new LSU/VA hospital to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget this morning.

I am very pleased to report that it was unanimously approved so the project will continue to move forward.

Although questions were raised, the consensus was that LSU needs a new university hospital in New Orleans and the VA needs to hear a single voice from the state that it supports the partnership.



The plan will now move to the full legislature for approval. From there it will go to the Governor and then to HUD for final approval of the use of the remaining \$226 million in CDBG funds.

We are indebted to the legislators and Administration for their continue support.

LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans MD/PhD student wins national competition

Rahul Datta, an MD/PhD student from the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans has won an important national research award.

Rahul was awarded The James W. McLaughlin Award for Excellence in Infectious Diseases/immunology Research” at the 28th Annual National Student Research Forum held at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, for his presentation, PARP-1 INHIBITION PREVENTS



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After finishing 2 years in medical school, he's now working on his dissertation in Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. His mentor is Dr. Hamid Boulares.

HOP Clinic celebrates 20 years

The HIV Outpatient Clinic begun by the late Dr. Ted Wisnewski for whom it is named, celebrated its 20th anniversary today with a host of activities. Besides remembrances of Dr. Wisnewski, his contributions to the health of patients statewide and the early days of the clinic and the disease, there was a health fair with nutrition education, testing and health educators.



A model for the country when it first opened as part of a statewide system of care, the clinic served 3300 clients in 2005 and in 2006 was up to 50% of pre-K volume.

A number of dignitaries, along with Dr. Wisnewski's family, were on hand to celebrate this milestone in care and compassion.

