

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



May 25, 2007

LSUHSC graduation helps address shortages

During the first commencement to be held in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, LSU Health Sciences Center awarded 495 degrees last Saturday to graduates in our Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Allied Health Professions, Graduate Studies and Public Health.

Of the 94 graduates in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, only three are leaving the state. Of the 64 who have already taken jobs, 81% will remain in the metropolitan New Orleans area to practice.



They join the 45% of our medical graduates and incoming residents who will begin their residencies here on July 1.

We also awarded the 2007 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards. Recipients are Jerilyn Schaller, MN, nursing, Guido DeJesus, MD, medicine, Toby Cheramie, DDS, dentistry, Daniel Harrington, ScD, public health, Louaine Spriggs, PhD, allied health professions, and Daniel Kapusta, PhD, basic sciences.

Congratulations to all!

2007 "Who Dat" Camp Tiger a tremendous success

Eighty-seven campers had the time of their lives this week at Camp Tiger 2007. LSUHSC's Camp Tiger is a free week-long summer day camp for mentally and physically challenged children run by first-year students at our School of Medicine. For the campers, Camp Tiger may be their only chance



during the summer to socialize with other children without being singled out for their disabilities. This week allows the campers to be "just one of the kids" and provides them with the freedom to play, socialize, and express themselves as healthy, vibrant children. The first year



medical students look forward to the opportunity to work with these exceptional children and give back to the community.

This year, campers went to the Abita Quail Farm, the Global Wildlife Center, Audubon Zoo and the Aquarium of the Americas.

They saw an Imax movie, went bowling and took a zoo cruise.

They ended the week with an outdoor carnival

and a number of Who Dat activities. The New Orleans Saints experience included a space walk, a football passing game and a jersey for each camper. Gumbo, the team mascot, paid a visit and thoroughly



entertained both campers and counselors alike.

Spiderman dropped in, as did the Visiting Pet Program, and media were in and out during the week.

Congratulations to Rachel Pastorek, Camp Director, Alice Williamson, Publicity Director, all of the medical students who participated and faculty advisor Dr. Joseph Delcarpio.