

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

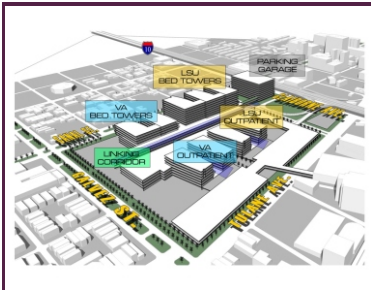
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## State provides funding for LSU/VA hospital

In a move to keep the LSU/VA hospital project on track, this week Governor Blanco, with LRA approval, asked the Legislature to revise HB 765 to include funding for the hospital. The bill passed and was signed into law by the Governor. The bill provides \$74.5 million for planning and land acquisition for the hospital.

The remaining \$225.5 million of the state's portion of the project is included in HB 2 as Priority 5 funds payable by general obligation bonds.



We are grateful to the Governor and her staff, the Legislature, and the LRA for taking action to move the hospital project forward.

## SAVE THE DATE



Tuesday, July 3

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Essence of Hope

**Susan L. Taylor**  
Editorial Director  
Essence Magazine

Lecture Room A - MEB

## LSUHSC awarded millions

The Board of Regents yesterday approved its Review Panel's recommendation to award the Health Sciences Center \$3.3 million to fund research in infectious diseases and an equal share of a \$5.9 million grant for clinical research. The awards are from their Research Commercialization and Education Enhancement Program, which the Louisiana Recovery Authority was instrumental in funding.



Dr. Paul Fidel is the principal investigator and will lead the \$3.3 million South Louisiana Institute for Infectious Disease Research. The institute will build upon research strengths in fungal diseases, HIV/SIV, sexually transmitted diseases, vaccines/vaccine develop-

ment, respiratory diseases, oral diseases and biodefense-emerging infections at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans and Tulane Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Steve Nelson is the co-principal investigator of the highest ranked and highest funded grant. The \$5.9 million Clinical and Translational Research Education and Commercialization Program at LSU Health Sciences Center and Tulane will support clinical and translational research. The clinical core will comprise the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) housed at University Hospital which Dr. Nelson leads as Program Director.

We're grateful to the Regents and the LRA and to all involved in obtaining these competitive awards.

## LSUHSC Postdoc earns national honor

Yumei Feng, MD, PhD, a post-doctoral researcher in Pharmacology, has been awarded a New Investigator Travel Award from the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association.

Yumei's abstract was reviewed and selected for an oral conference at the September annual meeting of the Council. These awards are presented to only 10 new investigators each year.

