

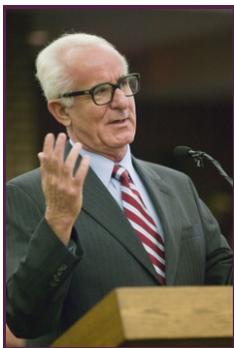
CHANCELLOR'S Notes



July 13, 2007

Dr. John Lombardi named 5th system president

The LSU Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Dr. John Lombardi as the next President of the LSU System at its meeting this morning. He succeeds Dr. William Jenkins



John V. Lombardi, PhD

He was the one candidate who has expertise and relevant experience to lead all of the diverse universities and distinct components of the LSU System. In addition to his academic and administrative credentials, Dr. Lombardi gained nearly a decade of experience with medical education and teaching hospitals during his tenure as President of the University of Florida. He thoroughly understands the role teaching hospitals play in health education and research and is very supportive of the LSU/VA hospital project in downtown New Orleans.

Dr. Lombardi wants to get to know each campus well, so I know you will join me in welcoming him to the Health Sciences Center next fall.

who is retiring after serving so admirably since 1999. Dr. Lombardi plans to take office by September 1.

LSU testifies before House Committee on Veterans Affairs

Dr. Michael Kaiser, HCSD Acting Medical Director, testified Monday before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs about the LSU/VA hospital. He gave members compelling reasons for the partnership between LSU and the VA and for the hospital to be located in downtown New Orleans.

Bill Detweiler, past National Commander of the American Legion, also voiced his support for the downtown location to the committee. He was one of the members of the local business community delegation that visited Washington DC several weeks ago to reaffirm their commitment to an LSU/VA hospital downtown.



Dr. Michael Kaiser

Dr. Kaiser, along with Dr. Cathi Fontenot, has been working with the V. A. to plan the new facility.

V. A. Secretary Jim Nicholson is expected to make the Department of Veterans Affairs decision about where the new hospital will be built any day now.

LSUHSC faculty honored

Drs. Bronya Keats and Patricia Molina were honored at the New Orleans Magazine Top Female Achievers Luncheon this week. Two of ten honorees, their accomplishments and contributions were celebrated in the presence of their loved ones, colleagues, media, community and civic leaders.



Drs. Patricia Molina & Bronya Keats

Dr. Jacqueline Rhoads has been named a 2007 Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. A limited number of nurse practitioners are selected for this highly coveted distinction each year. Only 26 Fellows were named this year.

AANP is the largest, full-service national professional organization for nurse practitioners and represents the interests of the nation's approximately 95,000 nurse practitioners.

