

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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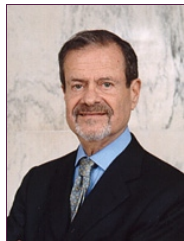


LSUHSC mental health work with children recognized

This was a banner week for our Psychiatry Department. The week kicked off with the announcement that the department was one of six grant recipients from the Greater New Orleans Foundation. The maximum amount given was \$100,000, which is what we received, and if benchmarks are met, a second round of funding is possible. The money was awarded to Dr. Joy Osofsky to expand services to all young children in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs in New Orleans and their families.

On Tuesday, Drs. Howard and Joy Osofsky were honored by the St. Bernard School Board "for outstanding and continuing service, in our greatest hours of need, to the students and faculty of the St. Bernard Parish Public Schools."

Thursday, the Osofskys were given the Sarah Haley Award for Clinical Excellence by the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies at its annual meeting in Baltimore. This award is given to a clinician or group of clinicians in direct service to traumatized individuals.



Funding approved for Student Learning Center

With FEMA's obligation of \$9.2 million, construction work on 2020 Gravier is expected to begin early in the new year. The projects include elevating and rebuilding the Isidore Cohn Jr., MD Student Learning Center on the 6th floor, moving critical equipment up to the 2nd floor, and building an exterior staircase to floors 5 and 6.

Together with the new Center for Advanced Practice, these new centers will be home to one of the country's most advanced simulation-based education and training destinations. We're most grateful to FEMA, the Governor's Office and the Office of Facility Planning and Control for their support.

Public Health earns national recognition

Dr. Leonard Jack, Jim Finks Endowed Chair of Health Promotion and Professor of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, has been elected as the Trustee for Research/Ethics by the Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE). One of only 11 trustees including the student trustee, Dr. Jack was selected from among candidates internationally for this key post in the leadership of the 10,000 member organization.



Jennifer Hayden, Data Manager for the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program, was featured in the Fall 2007 issue of the Centers for Disease Control's *Insight*.

Her profile was the lead story in the issue and provided details about what she does, the impact of the disaster, our program, and the service it provides to women in Louisiana.



LSUHSC Faculty Women's Alliance provides important support

The LSUHSC Faculty Women's Alliance, formerly known as the LSU Faculty Wives Club, expanded membership in 2004 and now includes women who are LSUHSC faculty members or LSUHSC executives, in addition to the spouses of faculty and executives. Its mission of supporting the special needs of the LSU medical community while promoting social and cultural exchange among members remains constant.

Each year the Committee awards grants to departments for equipment, teaching tools, books, and a variety of other resources which are greatly needed. A special project at Christmas provides funds and items to mothers of newborns at University Hospital.

Please contact Debbie Boudreaux at jpboud4@bellsouth.net for membership information and details on upcoming activities.