

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Hiring Freeze Update

With stories about the limited hiring freeze in the news lately, I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on actions we have taken and where we now stand. We have submitted lists of those faculty who had been offered and accepted employment prior to January 15 when the freeze was announced to the Division of Administration. We have also submitted a list of individuals for whom we had verbal but not written acceptance prior to January 15.

As soon as we have received data from all of our schools, we'll be presenting a list of positions we will need to fill prior to June 30 in order to carry out essential functions.

We are grateful for the assurance of Commissioner Davis and the Division of Administration that our requests will be processed rapidly and to Governor Jindal for his commitment to higher education.

2008 Chancellor's Lecture on nursing well received

Dr. Beverly Malone, National Nursing League CEO, delivered an inspiring message to our faculty and guests at the 2008 Chancellor's Lecture this week. We were fortunate to attract such a learned and dynamic individual to our campus.



LSUHSC student awarded national fellowship

Keisa Williams Mathis, a graduate student in Physiology, is one of two students in the United States to be named a 2008 APS-NIDDK K-12 Minority Outreach Fellow by the American Physiological Society (APS).

Program activities include year-long outreach fellowships for senior graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to visit K-12 classrooms, help conduct teacher professional development workshops, and attend scientific meetings.

The fellowship will allow Mathis to

continue developing her mentoring skills with particular emphasis to under-represented minorities in research. She has already mentored two minority students in addition to working with New Orleans Public School teachers and students to help them prepare for the LEAP test, as well as teaching through hands-on demonstrations on the physiopathology of alcohol intoxication and physiological functions. She has served as a medical physiology tutor and participated in national round table discussions with high school students on careers in science.



LSUHSC Anesthesia team makes medical mission trip

Laura Bonanno CRNA, Acting Director of our Nurse Anesthesia Program, Tracy Broussard SRNA, anesthesiologist, and Ronda

Flower MD, Wendy Smith CRNA, and April Tanner SRNA just returned from Guatemala. They volunteered their time and expertise to patients at the Hermano Pedro Hospital in Antigua as part of the 2008 Knoxville Medical Mission. They spent a very busy week providing quality anesthesia services to low income patients ranging in age from 10 months to 70+ years old. They also

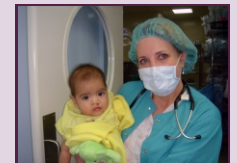
helped to educate and train hospital medical providers.

They performed 80 surgical cases, working with a variety of surgeons, including a general surgeon, gynecologist, urologist, and a plastic surgeon. The surgical procedures included laparoscopic cholecystectomies, hernia repairs, cleft lip and palate repairs, hysterectomies and prostate surgeries. Some of the patients had waited a year or more for their surgeries.

The Health Sciences Center has gone for the past four years. Not only are the missions rewarding experiences, but they're great teaching opportunities as well.



Flower, Broussard, Smith



Bonanno and patient

