

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## New hospital continues to move forward

The new LSU/VA teaching hospital in downtown New Orleans continues to be on track with funding for it included in House Bill 2. The bill includes \$30 million in cash as well as a credit line of \$195.5 million.

DHH Secretary Alan Levine and Dr. Fred Cerise released the following joint statement.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals is conducting a review of the proposed business plan for the building of a new academic hospital in New Orleans. Louisiana State University, Tulane University and others are participating in the review process, with the goal of concluding a thorough review within the next two months.

The review is focused on ensuring the proper size, scope and cost of the new hospital with the dual purpose of providing world class academic training and needed tertiary services such as trauma and other highly specialized services appropriately provided in an academic setting.

All efforts to acquire the property—already designated through the consensus of the Veterans Administration and local officials—are continuing, including seeking the proper approvals from federal historical preservation and environmental agencies.

The process continues, with the goal of ensuring maximum

## Porche appointed to national post

Dr. Demetrius Porche, Professor and Dean of Nursing, has been appointed by the President of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) to a two-year term on its Education



Committee.

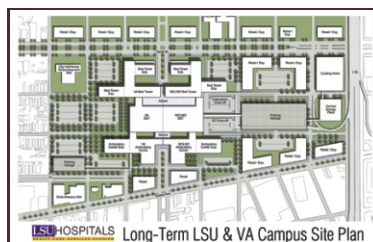
Founded in 1995, NACNS has defined CNS practice competencies, recommended core content for graduate curricula, and provided direction for regulatory credentialing of CNSs. Currently, the NACNS serves over 2,000 individual members including CNSs in practice and educator roles. The NACNS promotes the public's access to the full range of CNS services in improving patient outcomes and cost-effectiveness and advocates for the role of CNSs in health care solutions.

## Dr. Leigh goes to Washington

Dr. Janet Leigh, Professor and Chair of Oral Medicine and Radiology, has been awarded the 2008 ADEA-Sunstar Americas, Inc. Harry W. Bruce, Jr. Legislative Fellowship by the American Association of Dental Education.



The program provides one dental school representative each year with in-depth training in the federal legislative process and increased understanding of policy issues related to dental education and research in Washington, DC. Bruce Fellows form a cadre of dental faculty and administrators who work effectively with federal and state legislators. Fellows serve for one year and spend three months in Washington. They receive a stipend from Sunstar Americas, Inc.



success in both financing and the ongoing operations of the new hospital.

Subject to successful completion of the environmental and historical preservation review process, there will be a new hospital in downtown New Orleans, and all parties agree it is critical to ensure the business plan can withstand the test of time, the financing market and changing market conditions. The taxpayers should expect no less.