

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



May 2, 2008

## LSUHSC co-sponsors mental and public health forum

The Health Sciences Center participated in and co-sponsored a forum where Research!America polling data were released this week. The polling included questions about mental health and public health in the aftermath of Katrina and Rita.

While the finding that mental health is very important to people here is not surprising,



the results revealed some other interesting information as well. There were only two institutions mentioned by name, unprompted, in the list of those acknowledged as helping to improve health conditions since the hurricanes – LSU Medical Center and Ochsner. In the poll, 93% said medical and health research is important to the state's economy, and 97% said it is important for Louisiana to be a leader in medical and health research.

A number of our faculty and leaders participated. Dr. Mark Townsend was a panelist. Drs. Elizabeth Fonham, Howard Osofsky, Leonard Jack, and Nancy Buccola and Donna Williams also participated.

Support for the event was provided by Pfizer.

## Japan honors our own Dr. Jack P. Strong

On April 29, the Government of Japan officially announced that Dr. Jack Perry Strong, Boyd Professor and Head of Pathology, would be honored with a prestigious decoration, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and the United States of America. The decoration will be conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.



The Orders of the Rising Sun, established in 1875 as Japan's first award, recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to friendly relations between Japan and other countries. Dr. Strong has been recognized primarily for his longtime contributions to academic exchanges between American and Japanese doctors and researchers and also his dedication to cultural exchanges between sister-cities of New Orleans and Matsue, Japan.

## Dental School seals kids' oral health

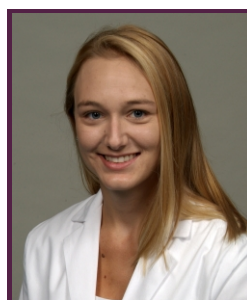
Our Dental Hygiene students and Pediatric Dental faculty and residents teamed up to screen and apply dental sealants to about 60 students from George Cox Elementary School on Tuesday.



The NIH Consensus Conference concluded that the placement of sealants is a safe and highly effective means of preventing pit and fissure cavities that is currently underused in both private and public dental health care delivery systems.

## LSUHSC student one of two awarded national scholarship

Lacey Millet, one of our third year medical students in the Rural Scholars Track, is one of only two medical students in the nation to be awarded an American



Academy of Family Physicians scholarship to attend the annual Family Medicine Congressional Conference May 19-20, 2008 in Washington D.C. The Conference educates participants on family medicine's legislative priority issues, trains attendees on how to lobby on Capitol Hill, and allows participants to put these skills to use with federal legislators and their staff.