

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



May 9, 2008

## Surgeon General recognizes LSUHSC program

Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, MD, MPH, Acting U.S. Surgeon General, recognized the LSUHSC Trim Kids weight management program at the YMCA in Metairie yesterday.



The Trim Kids Program, based upon 20 years of research by Dr. Melinda Sothern at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, has produced one of the world's highest long-term success rates in preventing and treating pediatric obesity. LSUHSC Trim Kids, cited by the National Cancer Institute as a gold standard for risk reduction, is now being offered at area YMCAs.

Dr. Galson was in New Orleans to recognize efforts to curb childhood obesity as part of his "Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future" initiative. He presented Healthy Youth awards to the children and said that this is the kind of program that really excites him. He went on to say how crucial such programs are.

## Nolan leads national group

After serving a one-year term as President-Elect, Dr. Tom Nolan, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was installed as the President of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons at its annual meeting in Savannah.



The Society is recognized as a select member group of over 250 physicians representing both private practice and academic faculty--all involved in teaching and the practice of advanced gynecologic surgery. Scientific Meetings are held annually with presentations research in anatomy, physiology, pathology, surgical technique, or clinical results of gynecologic surgery by members and invited guests. Papers are published in The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

## State readies for hurricane season

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness held the 2008 Hurricane Preparedness Functional Exercise at the Emergency Operations Center this week.

The statewide exercise simulated response to fictional Hurricane Mike. The Health Sciences Center and Health Care Services Division participated along with other state, parish and federal agencies.

As the start of hurricane season is only weeks away, now is the time to re-familiarize yourselves with CM 51 and to register for the LSUHSC Text Alerting System if you haven't already. Sign up at <https://www.lsu.edu/alerts/e2campus/>. There is no fee to subscribe, but users will have to pay regular text messaging rates through their cellular providers.



## Coming Up

- 134th Commencement
- Thursday, May 15, 2008
- 10:00 a.m.
- UNO Lakefront Arena
- Commencement Speaker: Governor Bobby Jindal