

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Graduates give Governor standing ovation

For those of you who were unable to attend graduation yesterday, you missed a great Commencement Address. Governor Bobby Jindal delivered one of the most enjoyable ones we've heard and was given a standing ovation.



He made what he called two politically incorrect statements. The first was that knowledge is power. He explained that knowledge is not power – truth is. The second statement was that, “Your goal in life is not to be successful.” Instead, he suggested that the objective should be faithfulness, – in relationships with people, beliefs, and overall mission.

He said the professions our graduates chose are truly the highest calling and an amazing gift impacting thousands of people and their families. He concluded by issuing a direct challenge, saying, “You can dream big right here at home,” and “We need you to be part of Louisiana’s future.”

LSUHSC graduates 494

The 134th Commencement of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans was held yesterday at UNO’s Lakefront Arena. The 494 graduates include students from our Schools of Allied Health Professions, Nursing, Public Health, Graduate Studies, Dentistry and Medicine. The inaugural class of AuD (Doctor of Audiology) students received their diplomas. Dr. Jack Andonie conferred degrees and Board of Supervisors Chairman Jerry Shea participated, as did LSU System President Dr. John Lombardi.

Chancellor’s Award recipients were Melanie Montgomery and Meghan Wilson, medicine, Ashley Duncan, nursing, Darren Hess, dental surgery, Dung Ly, dental laboratory technology, Renee Young, dental hygiene, Kelle Serio, allied health, and Candice Wilson, MPH, public health.



Inaugural class of AuD students

The Spring Commencement brings the total number of degrees awarded by LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans since its founding to 31,186.

2008 Allen Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards



Allied Health—Scott Rubin, PhD



Nursing—Marirose Bernard, MN



Medicine—Juzar Ali, MD



Public Health—Elliot Roberts, MBA/HA



Basic Science—Johnny Porter, PhD



Dentistry—Laurie Moeller, DDS