

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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5 LSUHSC students named Schweitzer Fellows

New Orleans is the newest of ten Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Programs across the US and the inaugural class of fellows includes five LSUHSC students.

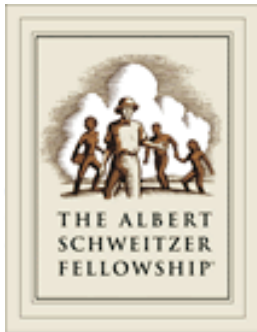
A national nonprofit organization, the program provides community service fellowships for medical and graduate students who are dedicated to addressing unmet health needs in their local areas.

– Valerie Fontenot and Tyra Toston, Public Health, will provide health education about responsible sexual behavior for at-risk adolescents, specifically minority female populations.

– Jonathan Howe, Public Health, will introduce dance intervention, teaching hip-hop to high-risk, overweight adolescents and young adults.

– Erika Lindholm, Medicine, will continue to develop CORE, a student organization designed to offer medical students opportunities to be involved in projects that would improve community health.

– Rohini Singh, Medicine, will work to improve the emotional, behavioral and physical health of children with special health needs through Creative Outlets Promoting Empowerment--Project COPE.



LSUHSC study finds high-dose HBOT extends survival window

A ground-breaking study led by Dr. Keith Van Meter published in the August 2008 issue of Resuscitation has major implications for the #1 cause of death of Americans -- sudden cardiac arrest. The American Heart Association statistics on sudden death have shown that if a patient's heart is not restarted within 16 minutes with CPR, medications, and electric shocks, 100% of patients die.



The researchers write, "to resuscitate any living organism after 25 minutes of heart stoppage at room temperature has never been reported and suggests that the time to successful resuscitation in humans may be extended beyond the stubborn figure of 16 minutes that has stood for 50 years."

Future studies are planned on this important addition to resuscitation and survival procedures.

Sothorn among 2008 Top Female Achievers

Our own Dr. Melinda Sothorn was among New Orleans Magazine's Wonder Women – Top Female Achievers honored at a luncheon on Wednesday. Ten women who are representative of the good work done by females throughout the region were chosen as this year's class.

Before a group of more than 200, Melinda was recognized for her pioneering work in childhood obesity and the Trim Kids program which has been recognized by the



National Cancer Institute and the Acting U. S. Surgeon General.

Congratulations, Melinda, on a well-deserved honor.

Opelka leads national Medicare ePrescribing webcast



The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008:

A Call to Action for ePrescribing



Dr. Frank Opelka was one of two national experts hosting a webcast today for medical providers. About 1,000 physicians, hospitals, and health leaders logged on to learn about the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 and e-prescribing initiatives Frank leads.