

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

July 25, 2008



LSUHSC celebrates another recovery milestone

We held a press conference this week at West Jefferson Medical Center to announce a new partnership to provide comprehensive epilepsy care for adult patients in the metropolitan New Orleans area.

For the first time since the disaster, we can now offer the full range of services to diagnose, treat, or even cure epilepsy. This partnership allows us to re-establish the only Level 4 Epilepsy Center along the Gulf Coast and the LSUHSC Epilepsy Center of Excellence.



Dr. Peter Olejniczak, Director



Dr. Erich Richter, Associate Director

We will also co-host Epilepsy Awareness Day with the LA Epilepsy Foundation and the American Society for Electroneuro-diagnostic Technologists on August 7, 2008 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The event, which is free and for the public and professionals alike, will be at the Sheraton Hotel in the Armstrong Ballroom.

LSUHSC faculty awarded AHA grants

Three of our faculty have been awarded grants by the American Heart Association.

Dr. Jerome Breslin, Assistant Professor of Physiology, was awarded a Scientist Development Grant from the American Heart Association National Center. It's a four-year grant totaling \$308,000. He is investigating the mechanisms that regulate the exchange of fluids, nutrients, etc. that occurs between the blood and the surrounding tissues, with the goal of identifying targets that could be used for the development of new anti-inflammatory therapeutic strategies.



Dr. T. Cooper Woods, Instructor of Pharmacology, was awarded a Grant-in-Aid by the Greater Southeast Affiliate in the amount of \$165,000 over two years. He is studying the basic mechanisms of how a drug and its analogs used in stents affect the healing process in order to improve the design of future vascular disease therapies.

Dr. Yumei Feng, a Postdoctoral Associate in Pharmacology, was awarded a two-year \$92,000 Postdoctoral Fellowship. She works with Dr. Eric Lazartigues studying the role of the brain in regulating blood pressure to better understand the development of hypertension.

Tennyson appointed by Governor

Governor Bobby Jindal has appointed Dr. Margaret Tennyson, Professor of Nursing, to the Louisiana Advisory Committee on Midwifery.

The Louisiana Advisory Committee on Midwifery establishes and publishes the minimum curriculum and experience requirements for persons seeking a license to become a midwife, establishes and publishes the minimum standards of the

midwifery practice, and examines, approves, denies, revokes, suspends and renews licensure of qualified applicants.



Greetings from Iraq

We got a note this week from LSUHSC University Police Officer Danatus King who is serving our country in Iraq. Officer King will be in town for a short visit in a few weeks before returning to Iraq. Upon completion of his service, we look forward to welcoming him home permanently.



Officer King with Commanding General David Petraeus