

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Nursing grant addresses shortage

Stephanie Pierce, RN, of our School of Nursing has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to provide scholarships to individuals under-represented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds in an accelerated nursing degree program. The funding will support ten scholarships in our Career Alternative RN Education, or CARE, Program, expanding enrollment and the number of fully qualified nurses prepared to practice.

The CARE Program was designed for people who already have a degree and want to change careers. It prepares graduates to practice nursing in less than two years and our CARE graduates are in great demand

Dental students coated

Sixty-two first year Doctor of Dental Surgery students at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of



Dentistry received their white coats at a ceremony on last Friday. We're pleased to welcome the class of 2012 to clinical patient care.

Daniels Lecture unique this year

Dr. Stephen Daniels, the son of Dean Emeritus Dr. Robert Daniels, delivered the 4th Annual Dr. Robert S. Daniels and Vikki Ashley Distinguished Lecture in Medical Education to a standing room only crowd.



Dr. Daniels, Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Pediatrician-in-Chief at The Children's Hospital-Denver,

spoke about strategies to prevent adult disease by managing disease risk factors in children.

The lecture also marked the debut of the Dr. Robert S. Daniels Distinguished Faculty Award in



Medical Education to be awarded each year to a member of the LSUHSC School of Medicine faculty.

The first recipient was Dr. Catherine "Cacky" Hebert, Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Hovland celebrated

As his tenure as Dean is coming to a close, Dr. Eric Hovland was honored at a special event yesterday at the School of Dentistry. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, members of the dental community, and family gathered to celebrate his 15 years as Dean and all he achieved.



Drs. Laurie Moeller, Vince Liberto, Shawkyy Mohamed, Paul Fidel, and Sandra Andrieu joined me in



recounting the highlights and impact of Eric's many accomplishments including his leadership during the school's remarkable recovery following Katrina. He'll return to the school after taking a six-month

sabbatical as an Oral Health Policy Fellow for the American Dental Education Association in preparation to develop a dental public health curriculum and locate dental public health funding opportunities.