

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Fontham recognized by Council President

Council President Jackie Clarkson presented a proclamation to Dr. Terry Fontham at the New Orleans City Council yesterday.



The Council recognized Dr. Fontham's election as national President of the American Cancer Society, a well deserved achievement for Dr. Fontham bringing honor and distinction to the Health Sciences Center and the City of New Orleans as well.



Veteran Jamie Macys was among the 300 veterans who received gifts and health screenings at the December health fair for veterans sponsored by LSU Hospitals. Overseeing the dental screenings was Dr. Janet E. Leigh, Chair of the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology at the Dental School, assisted by general practice residents Dr. Chris Olson and Dr. Beth Flannagan.

## Trauma Center regains Level 1 designation

Louisiana's first Level 1 Trauma Center has regained its designation by the American College of Surgeons.

Once again one of only two in the state and both at LSU hospitals, the designation formalizes the delivery of the highest level of care attainable for life-threatening injuries since 1996.



Grateful patient Victoria Bergeron with her parents, Denise and Mark, Dr. Cathi Fontenot

The Center has relocated twice in the last three years and a critical volume of cases plus a year's worth of data at a location are requirements for re-application for the designation. The Center was able to satisfy those requirements at the LSU Interim

Hospital.

This is great news not only for LSU, but for everyone who lives in this region.

## LSU Emergency Medicine resident honored by British navy

LSU Emergency Medicine resident Dr. David Crawford, who is a former US Navy Lt. Commander, was presented with the Commander in Chief Fleet's Commendation by British Navy Commodore Steve Ramm at a special ceremony I had the pleasure of attending yesterday.

Dr. Crawford risked his life to rescue a British submariner after an explosion under the polar ice cap aboard the HMS Tireless. Traveling to the disabled sub aboard a skidoo in near darkness with a temperature of -28°C, Dr. Crawford boarded the boat in an unsafe atmosphere to care for and evacuate

a critically injured sailor on a harrowing and dangerous 8 ½ hour journey in Arctic waters and air. He continued to oversee his patient at the hospital and the man fully recovered.



Commodore Ramm and Dr. Crawford

Dr. Crawford was honored for "unhesitatingly and knowingly putting himself at

risk in order to provide medical assistance to HMS Tireless in some of the most inhospitable conditions in the world, for firm leadership, and for his exceptional professionalism and his willingness to take personal risk in order to assist UK casualties."