

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Porche named to state nursing board

Governor Bobby Jindal has appointed Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of our School of Nursing to a four-year term on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.



The role of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing is to ensure that people practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are sufficiently trained and licensed. The Board comprises eleven gubernatorial appointments.

Osofsky appointed to GNOBEDD Board

Dr. Howard Osofsky, Chairman of Psychiatry, has been appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to a six-year term on the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District Board of Commissioners.



The Board of Commissioners serves to establish strategic plans, develop and market, and continue funding for this physical economic development district aimed at growing biosciences investment.

Broussard twice honored

Larry Broussard, PhD, Professor of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, has been presented the Norman P. Kubasik Lectureship Award by the American Association for Clinical Chemistry Upstate New York Section. This annual award is presented to an individual who exemplifies Dr. Kubasik's interest in education, in teaching and in supporting young



technologists and investigators, or to someone with a reputation as an outstanding scientist in a discipline related to clinical chemistry.

In December, the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India honored Dr. Broussard by presenting him with the Dr. T.N. Pattabraman Oration Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advances in Clinical Biochemistry.

Dental School gives kids a smile

Our satellite dental clinic on the LSU South Campus partnered with the East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System to improve the smiles of kids from four elementary schools last week as part of the national Give Kids a Smile Day last week. Our faculty, staff, and students treated about 200 kids from Highland, Jefferson Terrace, and Westminster elementary schools as well as Kenilworth Middle School.



The children underwent oral health screenings and sealants were applied where indicated. The children also learned about the importance of good oral health and proper brushing and flossing techniques.

Thanks to all who planned and worked to provide such a vital service to these young people. As tooth

decay is the most common childhood disease, outreach activities such as this provide the opportunity to really make a difference in the health and well-being of those we serve. And who knows, we may have met some members of the class of 2020!



Nursing faculty get top honors

Three members of the faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing are recipients of three of the Louisiana State Nurses Association's top Nightingale Awards. Judith Gentry, APRN, Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, was named Nursing Educator of the Year 2009.



Judy Gentry

Nancy Buccola, APRN, Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, was named



Nancy Buccola



Jane Sumner

Outstanding Nurse Researcher. Jane Sumner, PhD, RN, Professor of Nursing, was inducted into the Nursing Hall of Fame.

LSU home rated highest

The Hainkel Center, an LSUHSC-affiliated nursing home, has earned a 5 star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, a distinction earned by only 8 of the 285 facilities in Louisiana and only two in our area. Congratulations to Dr. Charles Cefalu and his team who provide the medical care at that facility.



Strother recognized by LA Library Association

Elizabeth Strother, Head Librarian at the Dental School, will receive the 2009 Lucy B. Foote Award from the Louisiana Library Association during its annual conference in Baton Rouge next month. This award is presented by the Subject Specialists Section to an Association member in



recognition of contributions to special librarianship. Liz recently celebrated her 30th year of service to LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, and she has been a long time member of Louisiana Library Association (LLA) and the Subject Specialists Section.

RTA ramps up education for OTs

When the RTA Paratransit van stopped in front of the School of Allied Health Professions on Tuesday, it wasn't picking up or dropping off passengers. Instead, it became a classroom for 34 LSUHSC Masters of Occupational Therapy students. The students participated in a collaborative service-learning community mobility project with the Regional Transit Authority where they learned the ins and outs of the new RTA Paratransit van. The lesson



moved up to the bus stop at South Roman Street and Tulane Avenue where they got an overview of the accessibility features of a new RTA full size bus with a new mobility ramp. The lesson was preparation for their upcoming assignments to ride the buses to evaluate the use of public transportation for those with disabilities, including environmental barriers like uneven sidewalks, lack of curb cuts and overhead shelters, late buses, etc.



Reisin's expertise sought

Dr. Efrain Reisin has been selected as a member of the Hypertension in the Elderly Expert Consensus Document Writing Committee. This important writing effort includes 12 prestigious participating societies. Over the next six months, the group will produce a document that will serve as a unified, comprehensive resource about clinical practice in this area for



practitioners, payers, and other interested parties.