

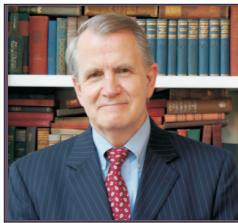
CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Sanders elected to leadership position

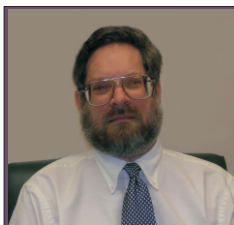
Dr. Charles V. Sanders, Chair of the Department of Medicine, has been elected President-elect of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation.



The Society is dedicated to the advancement of medical research and the exchange of knowledge, information and ideas. Its members are committed to mentoring future generations of medical investigators and promoting careers in academic medicine.

Levitzky represents LA on new board

Dr. Michael Levitzky, Professor of Physiology, is the only Louisianan appointed to the Commission on Colleges Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' new Peer Review Advisory Board.



Its purpose is to provide guidance and assistance to the Commission on a wide range of issues bearing upon the peer review process. The Board will focus particular attention on ways to strengthen the consistency, quality and value of the evaluation committees as they review institutions.

Chauvin awarded grant to expand primary care statewide

Through a competitive process, Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Professor and Director of the Office of Medical Education Research and Development, has been awarded a grant by the Louisiana Primary Care Association to develop a collaborative model that will increase the number of residency and student clinical rotation programs at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), or Community Health Centers (CHCs), across the State of Louisiana.



This project will increase the number of primary care health professionals including physicians, community health nurses, dentists, and allied and public health professionals, and improve access to care for people living in Louisiana's rural and under-served communities.

Under Dr. Chauvin's direction, LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans will conduct an initial assessment to evaluate and analyze existing Louisiana Community Health Centers' academic residency/clinical rotation programs. Then, her team will develop a

standardized academic residency/rotation program model that can be implemented by Louisiana FQHCs as well as a set of recommendations and partnership strategies to develop effective rotations. They will also foster collaboration and develop academic-community health center partnerships among stakeholders.

This award recognizes the Health Science's Center's leadership in this area. Congratulations to all involved.

LSUHSC graduate student and postdocs nationally recognized

Yumei Feng, MD, PhD, Postdoctoral trainee in Pharmacology, and Keisa Mathis, a graduate student in Physiology, are the only two



Dr. Yumei Feng

New Orleanians to successfully compete for the 2009 Caroline M. Suden/Francis A. Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the American Physiological Society (APS). Thirty-six recipients were selected from 91 applicants.



Keisa Mathis

Huijing Xia, PhD, a postdoctoral research associate in Pharmacology, has also been selected by the American Physiological Association to receive a Research Recognition Award from the Central Nervous System Section. The award recognizes meritorious research by



Dr. Huijing Xia

young investigators who participate in the Experimental Biology meeting to be held April 18-22, 2009. All three will present their work at the meeting which will take place in New Orleans. Congratulations!