

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

February 27, 2009



Osofsky elected to national post

Dr. Howard Osofsky, Chair of Psychiatry, was just elected to the Board of Trustees for the American Orthopsychiatric Association for a three year term.



The Association is an 80-year old membership organization of mental health professionals concerned with mental health and social justice. It provides a common ground for collaborative study, research, and knowledge exchange among individuals from a variety of disciplines engaged in preventive, treatment, and advocacy approaches to mental health.

Lady Tigers support Public Health program



Donna Williams, Director of the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program in the School of Public Health (2nd from right), accepts a check from the LSU Lady Tigers Basketball Program at the Tennessee game last night. To her right is Diana Ferguson, a Research Associate at the School. Everybody won – the women who will be screened for breast cancer and the Lady Tigers, 63-61!

Dr. Lombardi speaks at Dental School

LSU System President Dr. John Lombardi spoke at Faculty and Staff Development Day at the Dental School yesterday. Held in preparation for next week's accreditation site visit, Dr. Lombardi gave his perspective of the current state of higher education and the upcoming challenges we will face.



Dean Gremillion shared details

from the school's self study documents. He touched on productivity, curriculum, community service, mission and vision. Most interesting was information about where our students come from and where our graduates go. Over the last eight years, the Dental School student body has represented every one of Louisiana's parishes and our school has sent new dentists to practice in 24 parishes.

MD/PhD student awarded NIH grant

David Stark, one of our MD/PhD students, has been awarded a grant by the National Institutes of Health in the amount of \$28,594. A training grant, the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award is an individual fellowship (F30) given to "promising applicants with the potential to become productive, independent, highly trained physician-scientists."



David works at the Neuroscience Center in Dr. Nicolas Bazan's lab. The goal of his project is to determine how endogenous signaling molecules from the omega-3 fatty acid, DHA, can protect the brain under conditions of stress associated with stroke, epilepsy, and chronic neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer's disease. This kind of research is critical to improving patient outcomes in these diseases. Congratulations, David!

Coming up



TIGER RUN 2009
The 22nd annual Tiger Run is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 8:30 am at Audubon Park. Tiger Run is a 5K Run/Walk. Proceeds help student projects. Post-race party with complimentary food, drink, music and fun!! Register by March 7th!!!
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