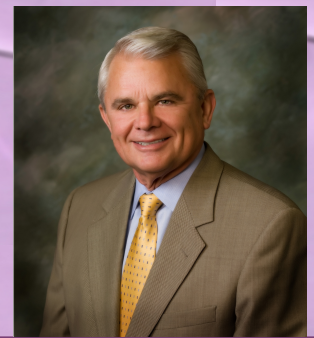


CHANCELLOR'S Notes

May 8, 2009



Winters honored by AUA

Dr. Chris Winters, Professor and Chairman of Urology, has won the American Urologic Association Teaching Award for 2009. His two chief residents, Drs. Scott Delacroix and Eric Laborde, along with former Department Chair



Dr. Chris Winters and Harriette Scarpero

Dr. Harold Fuselier, nominated him for this award.

He was selected from a pool of 14 candidates nationwide, and the head of the committee noted that the "choice was clear" and that it was not a difficult selection for the committee. He was recognized for the reorganization efforts of



Dr. Christopher Roth, Chris Winters, Eric Laborde, & Scott Delacroix

the LSU / Ochsner Urology Residency and the growth of the LSU department of Urology since Katrina. A presentation was made at the AUA annual meeting, and then the LSU Urology Foundation held a celebratory dinner at the University Club in Chicago which included faculty, alumni, residents and nationally prominent urologists.

New website feature premieres

I'd like to make you aware of a new feature on the LSU Health Sciences Center website. On our homepage you will find a photo of LSU System President Dr. John Lombardi in the lower right corner which points to links for messages that are timely and important, not only to LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students, but to all those who live here and are stakeholders in the Health Sciences Center.



Dr. Lombardi and I feel that it has never been more important for you to have direct and accessible communication and so he made time to record them for you. I would encourage you to visit the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans homepage and listen to Dr. Lombardi address such issues as the new LSU/VA teaching hospital and the budget cuts to higher education. Please feel free to share them with your family and friends, and stay tuned.

AAMC colleagues honor McClugage

Colleagues of Dr. Sam McClugage, Medicine Associate Dean for Student Affairs, surprised him last month with the 2009 AAMC Southern Group on Student Affairs (SGSA) Robert Sabalis Award for Exemplary Service. The SGSA represents 47 of the 130 accredited US medical schools.



Dr. Sam McClugage

"Exemplary service" is defined as significant and sustained leadership, expertise, and/or creativity in addressing an issue or issues of importance to the SGSA. Nominees for this award shall have demonstrated, in activities appropriate to membership in the SGSA, an extraordinary record of accomplishment, collaborative leadership, resourcefulness,

dedication, mentoring of colleagues, and commitment to the mission of the SGSA.

He was recognized for his leadership – serving 5 sustained years rather than the usual 4, as Vice Chair, Chair-elect, Chair for 2 years, and Past Chair. Among his accomplishments are the creation of a voucher system to absorb the cost of attending AAMC meetings for two medical students per school which has greatly increased student participation; the development of the first listserv for SGSA members to enhance communications; mentoring of new members; and being a masterful meeting planner and contract negotiator.



I know you join me in congratulating Dr. McClugage on this richly deserved honor.

Oral cancer screening picks up possible cancers

The Departments of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Oral Surgery screened 148 people for oral cancer during Oral Cancer Awareness Week. The two days of screening took place at the Interim LSU Public Hospital.



Resident Dr. Geoffrey Peters screens a participant as medical student Dana Marshall looks on

Organized by Drs. Rohan Walvekar, Vladimir Zuzukin, and Likith Reddy, 14 of the participants were referred for head and neck evaluation to rule out cancer. Forty-five were referred for routine followup, and 89 required no followup.

Xavier students also volunteered and have expressed interest in coming back to shadow in the clinics.



Drs. Charles Brown, Michael Walsh and Joseph Moerschbaecher at the School of Public Health's Moments in Leadership series. Dr. Walsh, President of the Walsh Group and a national expert in substance abuse policy, drugs in sports, DUI, and the development of drug detection technology, spent two days sharing his knowledge and interacting with faculty and community leaders for the series organized by Dr. Brown.

Commencement speaker is 1st female physician in Congress

The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, MD, the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory, and the first woman Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands, will deliver the Commencement Address at the 135th Commencement of LSU Health Sciences Center



The Honorable Donna Christensen, MD

New Orleans. Commencement exercises will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena.

An Assistant Majority Whip in the 111th Congress, she is a new member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the first non-voting delegate to be named to the committee.

Delegate Christensen is also a member of the Committee on Natural Resources, which oversees territorial and public land issues and is a former chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs. She was named to the Energy and Commerce Subcommittees on Health, Telecommunications and the Internet, and Oversight and Investigations. The Subcommittee on Health

has jurisdiction over public health and quarantine, hospital construction, mental health and research, biomedical programs and health protection, Medicaid and national health insurance, food and drugs, and drug abuse.

Post-Katrina, Delegate Christensen has been very supportive of the recovery of the City of New Orleans.

Free ultrasound could save lives

LSU Health Sciences Center and the LSU Healthcare Network have teamed up with Aneurysm Outreach, Inc. to offer a free abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening to qualified participants. The screening will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the LSU Healthcare Network Baptist Medical Plaza Office (LSU Healthcare Network Physician Practice at the Ochsner Baptist Medical Center) located at 2820 Napoleon Avenue, Suite 890.

Not symptomatic until they rupture, 90% of ruptured AAAs are fatal. A simple ultrasound can detect them.

A Free Ultrasound Could Save Your Life

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM
3rd leading cause of sudden death in men

RISK FACTORS:
Smoking Heart Disease High Cholesterol
High Blood Pressure Age 60+ AAA Family History

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Male screening participants eligible for special door prize drawing

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Please help us get the word out about this potentially life-saving community outreach event organized by Dr. Hernan Bazan and the Healthcare Network.