

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Gardner leads bid package effort

As Chairman of the Board of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner was at the helm of the effort assembling the bid package for New Orleans to host Super Bowl XLVII.



Ron Gardner with Gumbo at the 2013 Super Bowl rally

The successful bid was announced last week, the culmination of an rigorous six-month process. The theme of the bid was "A Perfect 10" both for the best Super Bowl location and the 10th Super Bowl New Orleans would host. The bid was presented in specially carved cypress boxes, personalized for each team owner with logos hand painted by Ya Ya artists. In addition to details about the bid, the boxes also contained an iPod with a 2 1/2 minute video proposal.

The total economic impact for Super Bowl host cities is about \$300 million, with direct spending in New Orleans when the event returns in 2013 estimated to be about \$150 million.

Congratulations to Ron and his colleagues for working successfully to advance the interests of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana, and all who live here.

Health Sciences Center graduates new colleagues

The 135th Commencement of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans featured special tributes to the students whose educational experience was dramatically affected by Hurricane Katrina and her aftermath. The ceremony included the Katrina Triumph video which celebrates the extraordinary creativity, can-do spirit, and accomplishments of the Health Sciences Center faculty, students and staff. The students also received specially designed pins as a remembrance and a visible symbol of the courage, fortitude, commitment, and resilience of this class and the faculty and staff of the Health Sciences Center.



Nearly 600 students graduated in the allied health professions, nursing, public health, graduate studies, dentistry, and medicine, and became new members of Louisiana's health care workforce. This graduation included the first class graduating with Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees.



The 2009 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to Dr. Betty Lo-Blais for Medicine, Dr. James Diaz for Public Health, Todd Tartavouille, RN, for Nursing, Dr. John Dagate for Dentistry, Dr. John Zamjahn for Allied Health Professions, and Dr. Wayne Vedeckis in Basic Sciences.

News web feature helps promote LSUHSC

The LSUHSC website features a new section where news and press releases are now posted.

The Office of Information Services designed and maintains the site. You can access it by clicking on the "News" link on the right side of the home page.

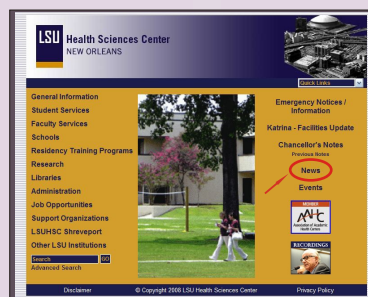
The pages contain press releases and short news stories, along with

photographs. There is also an Archive section for older press releases.

New content will be added as press releases are distributed and stories are written.

The site will help inform the public about what is happening at the

Health Sciences Center. It provides a mechanism to get all the stories we want to communicate out fully, in our own voice.



Iron men *and* women

A number of LSUHSC faculty and staff competed in the recent Ochsner 70.3 Ironman Triathlon. The event comprised a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run. The swimming course began where Bayou St. John meets Lake Pontchartrain and continued in the lake to UNO's Research Campus on the lakefront. The bike leg began at the UNO Research Campus at the lakefront and ended in Venetian Isles. The run course began at the UNO Research Campus on the lakefront and ended at Jackson Square.



Dr. Ben deBoisblanc

More than 2,300 athletes finished.

The relay team of Drs. Ben deBoisblanc, (swimming) Robert Maupin (bike ride) and Joy Cohen (run) finished third in the Medical Coed Division.

Charla Spalluto competed as an individual and completed all three events.

Congratulations to all of our LSUHSC athletes. Your performances are quite a testament to your level of fitness.

Dental school brightens smiles

LSUHSC dental faculty, residents and students partnered with United Concordia Dental to screen children at Esperanza-UNO Charter school recently.



Clare Maddox gives a brushing lesson

Dr. Bob Barsley and Dr. Gerald Evans led a 13-member team of students and a resident to conduct the screening over two consecutive days.



Dr. Jaclyn Dubone gives a flossing lesson

The LSUHSC dental team screened 301 students. They also demonstrated proper brushing and flossing techniques and then gave the children hands-on instruction. Our students taught the Esperanza students all about the importance of good oral health and showed them how to have and maintain beautiful smiles.

Science partnership ends year on high note

Fourth grade students from Banneker Elementary spent the morning at the Health Sciences Center last week interacting with basic science faculty and doing hands-on science experiments. The field trip is the annual year-end activity of the LSUHSC - New Orleans Recovery School District Science Partnership Program.



Dr. Paula Gregory with students



The visit ended with a Science Jeopardy competition, a fun way to use the information learned over the past year.

A program of the School of Graduate Studies, LSUHSC students and faculty go into science classrooms



throughout the school year to teach 4th graders science. Graduate students initiated the program in 2002 as part of a national effort to reform math and science education in the United States. It has apparently been working. The LSUHSC-New Orleans Recovery School District Science Partnership Program is improving science knowledge and helping to boost LEAP test scores.