

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Nuss invited as Harvard Visiting Professor

Dr. Dan Nuss, Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology, has just returned from Harvard where he was invited as the Visiting Professor to the Harvard - Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.



Dr. Nuss gave two lectures, one on cerebrospinal leaks and one on disaster preparedness for physicians. He was also asked to moderate a Skull Base Surgery Case Management panel. The visit included meetings with neurosurgeons and ENT surgeons as well as collaborating with the Facial Reconstructive Surgery team.

Jacob selected Fellow

Jean Jacob, PhD, is the only Louisianan selected as a fellow of the 2009-10 class of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women at Drexel University's College of Medicine.

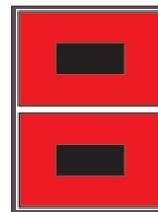


Dr. Jacob is among 53 fellows in the class representing medical, dental and public health schools throughout the country.

Hurricane Preparedness Plan

As we begin the hurricane season, I would like to remind you of our Emergency Preparedness Plan. As you are aware, our first priority is to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff while simultaneously making every effort to protect the LSU Health Sciences Center's academic, clinical and research enterprises. Although living with the threat of a hurricane is part of life in coastal Louisiana, we can mitigate the impact of severe weather by preparing in advance. We have therefore prepared the LSUHSC - NO Hurricane

Preparedness Plan governing the campus-wide response to weather-related emergencies.



I ask each of you to become familiar with it and to initiate your individual preparations for the season. The full plan is available online:

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I wish you and your families a safe and uneventful hurricane season. Thank you for your dedication to our mission and for your continued support of the Center.

Dental School helps keep special athletes smiling

A team led by Jennifer Hew from the Dental School volunteered their time and skills to the *Special Olympics, Special Smiles Program* during the Special Olympics Games held recently in Hammond.

After they finish their competition, the athletes go to the Special Smiles area where they get one-on-one dental hygiene instruction; a personal non-invasive dental screening checking for cavities, broken or missing teeth, periodontal disease or other oral disease. The athletes are also taught how to brush and floss their teeth, and referrals to local dental

professionals can be made. The evaluation includes fabrication of a



sports mouth-guard, and each athlete is given a goody bag with dental supplies.

For the thousands of people in Louisiana with

special needs, dental care often takes a back seat to more pressing medical issues, and as a result, they frequently suffer from progressive dental disease that could have been prevented.

The LSUHSC Dental team, included dentists, hygienists, and students, and they screened 149 athletes at the event.