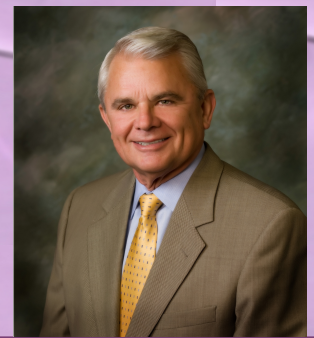


CHANCELLOR'S Notes

June 19, 2009



Psychiatry recognized for post-Katrina work in schools

Our Department of Psychiatry was chosen to receive the prestigious 2009 Distinguished Partners in Education Award by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Department of Education.



Dr. Howard and Joy Osjfsky

One of only 11 organizations statewide receiving the award, the Department was nominated by JFK Profile in Courage Award recipient Doris Voitier, Superintendent of the St. Bernard Parish Public School System.

The Department worked with Voitier, her faculty, and St. Bernard students and their families, to provide the mental health services



and emotional support that were instrumental in helping the St. Bernard Unified School open in November, 2005, 11 weeks after Hurricane Katrina.

The award is given annually to a select number of businesses, industries, associations, or individuals who have made significant contributions to education in Louisiana.

Nelson named Honorary Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean of our School of Medicine, was named Honorary Alumnus of the Year by the LSU Medical Alumni Association during Alumni Weekend last week.



Dr. Steve Nelson & James Leonard

The award was presented at the Scientific Session which also included presentations by three of our MD-PhD students. Jeffrey White, who was awarded the Langman Award by the American Association of Anatomists for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the Experimental Biology Meeting, presented research data on how the frog can help us to understand, diagnose and treat kidney disease.



Jeffrey White

David Stark, who is the only new recipient of an F30 grant in Louisiana this year from the National Institutes of Health, presented progress on his research at the Neuroscience Center. The goal of his project is to determine how specific molecules derived from the omega-3 fatty acid, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), can protect the brain under conditions of stress associated with neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.



David Stark

Following two years of medical school, Jesse Sulzer, who is completing his first year of graduate school, discussed how acute alcohol intoxication impairs the counterregulatory response to hemorrhage.



Jesse Sulzer

15th Summer Undergraduate Neuroscience Program underway



Twenty-four high school and college students, along with college faculty, have been selected through a competitive process to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Neuroscience Program. The 8-week program provides hands-on research experience as well as lectures in contemporary neuroscience and mentoring to encourage careers in science and to keep our best and brightest in Louisiana.