

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Opelka shares expertise

Dr. Frank Opelka has been invited to join other national experts in health care delivery and quality at the 2009 American Board of Internal



Medicine Foundation Annual forum this weekend. The focus of this year's forum is to develop shared

principles among physicians, leaders, consumers, patients, purchasers/payers, policy makers, and other key stakeholders to guide payment reform.

ABIM Foundation says while health care reform is addressed, the health community has an opportunity to help shape a system focused on achieving the societal goals of equity, affordability, and quality.

Dr. Opelka's session will be Sunday afternoon and will follow the Forum's "Fishbowl" format. A small group of experts will conduct a facilitated discussion while the larger surrounding group will observe and listen.

Dr. Opelka is widely recognized as an expert on health care issues, and he continues to work with various professional health care organizations, policy makers, and political leaders to improve health care quality and outcomes.

LSUHSC faculty help high school students "SOAR"

About 60 rising high school seniors from throughout the United States spent a morning at our Schools of Medicine and Dentistry this week.



They are participants of the Xavier University Summer Science Academy's Stress on Analytical



Reasoning (SOAR) Program. The program is designed to prepare rising seniors who are interested in

medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, biology, or chemistry for standardized testing.



Our faculty provided them with hands on activities in genetics, the Clinical Skills Lab, the Klein Center for Advanced Practice, and the dental school clinics. The visit gave them the chance to get a good look at our campuses, schools, and facilities, and to learn about what makes us unique.

The students were so impressed that those who are from out of state were asking about what our residency requirements are.

LSUHSC serves the community

The School of Nursing was celebrated as a community partner in the *Art of Caring: A Look at Life through Photography* exhibit at the New Orleans Museum of Art last weekend. Faculty and students took



handed out toothbrushes and health information, as well as showcasing our school.



LSUHSC Schweitzer fellows fix up Abeona House Child Discovery Center

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