

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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## Scribner chairs NIH study section

**R**ichard Scribner, MD, MPH, D'Angelo Professor of Alcohol Research in the School of Public Health, has been appointed Chairman of the NIH Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section.



Dr. Richard Scribner

The primary function of NIH study sections is to review and rate research grant applications for scientific and technical merit. They make recommendations for the appropriate level of funding support and duration of the grant award. Chairmen are selected for demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific disciplines as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals, and other significant scientific activities, achievements and honors.



Mississippi Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant got a crash course in our patient simulation technology capability last week. Shown here with Dr. Valeriy Kozmenko (r) in the Klein Center for Advanced Practice, Lt. Gov. Bryant visited the Health Sciences Center, arranged by Ron Gardner, to explore potential new areas of collaboration.

## AHEC supports LSUHSC students for rural care

**B**rian Jakes, Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC), presented checks for \$5,000 stipends to two of our third year physical therapy students last week. Brittany Oliver and Jordan Buras wrote the winning essays about the importance of health care delivery in rural communities and how they plan to be a part of it. Jordan and Brittany are both from rural communities – Bootheville and Amite.

The mission of the Louisiana Area Health Education Centers is to “improve the supply and distribution

of health care professionals within the state through community and academic educational partnerships, in an effort to increase access to quality health care for all Louisiana residents.”



Dr. Charles Hilton, Dr. J.M. Cairo, Brittany Oliver, Jordan Buras, Brian Jakes, Sr., Dr. Penny Kroll, Lauren Ventura

According to Career One Stop, an agency supported by the US Department of Labor, the projected growth for physical therapists in Louisiana is 37%. So, the Southeast AHEC sponsored

the essay contest for third-year P.T. students.

The partnership between the Southeast Louisiana AHEC and the School of Allied Health Professions is working to enhance access to quality health care statewide.

## Med students transform 9th Ward playground

**T**he first-year medical student Playground Service Project was a tremendous success. A huge group of our medical students turned out to sand, paint, trim branches, weed, mow, and spruce up the Delery Playground.



We are grateful to Sheriff Marlin Gusman and the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office for providing transportation to and from the playground and to the Louisiana National Guard for its support of the event.

Our faculty and students are known for the tradition of giving back, and this class is no exception. We're proud of how they chose to begin the year and congratulate them on their spirit and hard work in the brutal August heat!

This was a way to support a community that serves as a patient base for the students' medical education, and the students wanted to say thank you.