

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

September 4, 2009



England to lead AANEM

Chair of Neurology Dr. John England has been elected President of the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). He will be inducted during the annual meeting in San Diego in October and will serve a one-year term.



Dr. John England

The AANEM was founded in 1953 and the membership has grown steadily over the years to more than 5,000 physicians. Its primary goal is to serve physicians who diagnose and treat patients with disorders of muscle and nerve, extend the knowledge of electrodiagnostic medicine, and improve the quality of patient care.

Ballard awarded fellowship

Dr. Richard Ballard, Assistant Professor of Orthodontics, has been awarded a Full-Time Faculty Teaching Fellowship by the American Association of Orthodontists. The award was designed to address the nationwide shortage of dental school faculty.



Dr. Richard Ballard

Federal staffers visit LSUHSC

As part of a day-long visit to New Orleans, legislative and policy staff from Senators Landrieu's and Vitter's offices, Representatives Scalise's, Cao's and Cassidy's offices, along with the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, visited the Health Sciences Center yesterday.



Jessica Stewart, Dale Marianeau, Dr. Charles Hilton, Vera Grill, Megan Bell, and Daryl Lofaso look on as Wes Kungel shocks the "patient"

They were here to talk about health care reform, and graduate medical education, as well as to learn about programs such as our highly successful Rural Scholars Track in the School of Medicine. They also got a firsthand look at our unique simulation technology resources in the Klein Center for Advanced Practice and Cohn Student Learning Center.

Genetics awarded Taylor grant to grow health careers

The Department of Genetics has been awarded a \$220,000 grant over two years by the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation to fund two programs offering medical research experience for students at the Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy as well as Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholars.



Summer intern Mohammad Abughazleb

Under the grant, LSUHSC Genetics faculty will conduct hands-on workshops at the Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy. During field trips to LSUHSC,

Academy students will tour LSUHSC research labs, perform scientific experiments and be assigned LSUHSC medical and graduate student mentors to help teach and advise them during the school year.

TOPS scholars will have the opportunity to do summer internships in medical research, working directly with an LSUHSC medical or basic science research faculty mentor.

We hope that these two programs will spark interest in health careers and make students aware of higher education and career opportunities available in their home state.

Coming up

Rededication of the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD Student Learning Center
Friday, September 11, 2009, 5 - 7 p.m.

Graduate Nursing Programs Open House

Monday, September 21, 2009, 4 - 6 p.m.

<http://nursing.lsuhsu.edu/Docs/GradOpenSave%20the%20date.pdf>