

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Fontham honored as Visiting Scholar

Dean Terry Fontham, DrPH, was recently honored as a Visiting Scholar by the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics for her contributions to epidemiology and public health, particularly in the areas of environmental exposures.



Dr. Terry Fontham

Dr. Fontham presented a Visiting Scholar Seminar on the association of *Helicobacter pylori* infection and cancer. She also met with investigators from DCEG and attended a series of roundtable discussions, followed by a luncheon hosted by the DCEG Women Scientists Advisors where leadership development of mid- and senior-level women scientists was discussed.

Dr. Fontham will also be featured in an upcoming issue of the DCEG's publication called *Linkage*.



Congratulations!

Nursing hosts BSN Family Day

The School of Nursing welcomed nearly 100 new undergraduate students and their families today to Family Day.

Activities included welcoming remarks from leadership, presentations to orient the students to our



campus, campus tours, including a stop in the bookstore with mom and dad to load up on nursing items.



The day wrapped up with a reception and the opportunity to meet nursing faculty, current students, and leaders.

Classes begin on Monday, and I know you join me in welcoming this new class of nursing students to the Health Sciences Center.



Kolls awarded multimillion dollar grant to reduce pneumonia

Dr. Jay Kolls, Professor and Chairman of Genetics in the School of Medicine, has been awarded a \$2.1 million grant over five years by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health to further his work on a discovery that plays a critical role in the body's defense against pneumonia.



defense mechanisms against it are not fully understood. Dr. Kolls and his research team have identified a unique group of white blood cells that play a critical role in defense against pneumonia.

This work will help advance prevention and treatment of pneumonia and also advance vaccine development against lung infections. It will also have broader application in emerging infections such as H1N1 flu and MRSA.

Bacterial pneumonia is an important clinical problem and