LSUHSC care rates five stars

The John J. Hainkel, Jr. Home and Rehab Center, affiliated with LSU Health Sciences Center and whose Medical Director is our own Dr. Charles Cefalu, has earned a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Center is one of about twelve with a five-star rating in the state, including hospital based skilled nursing facilities. This puts us in the top 4% in Louisiana, and top 5% nationally.

Congratulations!

Dental School gives kids a smile

The School of Dentistry participated in the national Give Kids a Smile Day at our New Orleans and Baton Rouge satellite clinic campuses today. About 200 kids learned about good oral health from Dental Hygiene faculty and students and then had their teeth checked, cleaned, and sealants applied where indicated.

We partnered with the Louisiana Dental Association, the Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association, Health Centers in Schools and local schools in each city.

Give Kids A Smile is an initiative by the American Dental Association to focus attention on the epidemic of untreated oral disease among disadvantaged children. Events take place each year on the first Friday in February.

Allied Health leader part of Saints history

The 2009 season for the New Orleans Saints has brought back a lot of memories for Joe Lassalle, Assistant Dean in the School of Allied Health Professions, all the way back to the beginning of the franchise. Joe was 15 years old when he went to the very first Saints regular season game on September 18, 1967.

The very first play in that first game was a 94-yard kickoff return by Saints wide receiver, John Gilliam resulting in the very first touchdown.

After Gilliam crossed the goal line, he flipped the ball up into the stands right into Joe’s hands.

Joe brought the ball to the Saints facility on Monday and got Gilliam’s and other players’ autographs.

The ball, on loan from Joe, is now part of an exhibit of the team’s early years on display at the New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame in the Superdome, Gate B, Plaza level.