

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

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UAMC/VAMC projects update

A couple of events took place this week moving the new Veterans Affairs Medical Center and University Academic Medical Center forward. The City Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday on street closures within the footprint on the new VA Medical Center. The Commission overwhelmingly approved the street closures and the matter now goes to the New Orleans City Council.



Then on Wednesday, a coalition of business organizations in five parishes came together at a press conference calling for accelerated development of the new centers. A resolution signed by the organizations was unveiled citing the benefits of the new projects and urging "speedy removal of any and all obstacles to the completion of this project".

Support for these two medical centers is now widespread and diverse as is recognition of what an enormous impact they will have on the health and economic well-being of this city, region, and state.

LSUHSC Nursing helps rebuild lives

More than 30 LSUHSC School of Nursing students, faculty, and administrators, plus one husband, spent last Saturday swinging hammers, pounding nails, and measuring twice before cutting at a New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity home in the upper 9th Ward.



With the home's owners (front row, left)



Organized by the LSUHSC Student Nurses Association, participants also represented the

LSUHSC chapters of the Southeast Louisiana American Assembly for Men in Nursing and the Nursing Christian Fellowship.

The latest outreach initiative of our Nursing School, the LSUHSC volunteers helped build and

install framing for all of the home's exterior walls.



Ritchie, Cheramie lead dental admissions

Dental School Dean Dr. Henry Gremillion has appointed John R. Ritchie, DDS, MEd, Director of Admissions, Diversity, and Minority Affairs. Dr. Ritchie, an Associate Professor of Comprehensive Dentistry and Biomaterials, had also served as Director of Diversity and Minority Affairs at the LSUHSC dental school since 2006. The appointment combines the functions of the two offices.



Dr. John Ritchie

Dr. Gremillion has also appointed Toby J. Cheramie, DDS, Assistant Director of Admissions.



Dr. Toby Cheramie

An Associate Professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry and Biomaterials, Dr. Cheramie also serves as Division Head of Clinical Comprehensive Dentistry. He is a scholar in the ADEA/AAL Institute of Teaching and Learning, and is President-Elect of the Theta Kappa Chapter of the OKU National Honor Dental Society.