

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

ATS honors LSUHSC faculty

Two members of the LSU Health Sciences Center faculty were honored by the American Thoracic Society (ATS) at their annual meeting in New Orleans last weekend. Dr. Ben deBoisblanc, Professor of Medicine, was asked to give the keynote address at the Opening Ceremony that kicked off the 2010 ATS International Conference.

Dr. deBoisblanc's talk to the 15,000+ participants focused on the triumph of humanism in circumstances of tremendous tragedy.



Dr. Summer with Dr. Monica Kraft

Dr. Warren Summer was recognized for his lifetime contributions in education and mentoring in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Shown here with Dr. Monica Kraft of the ATS, he was presented with the Outstanding Educator Award on Sunday.

LSUHSC faculty only LA members of national toxicology group

Dr. James Diaz, Professor of Public Health and Director of Environmental/Occupational Health Sciences, has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Medical Toxicology (FACMT).



This is a real honor as there are only several hundred in the US. There are now three fellows in Louisiana, and all are at LSU

Health Sciences Center. In addition to Dr. Diaz, LSUHSC-NO Emergency Medicine physician and Director of Toxicology Dr. Victor Tuckler, and Dr. Tom Arnold at LSUHSC-S are also FACMTs.

The mission of the American College of Medical Toxicology is to advance quality care of poisoned patients and public health through physicians who specialize in consultative, emergency, environmental, forensic, and occupational toxicology.

Another successful year for partnership

The Health Sciences Center hosted the sixth annual LSUHSC-Recovery School District Science Partnership Field Day last week. This event is the culmination of



the year's activities involving 4th graders from Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and LSUHSC students. The Field Day included a visit from the Audubon Zoomobile and science demonstrations from faculty in the basic science departments.

The Science Partnership Program originated in the School of

Graduate Studies, but has expanded to include students from the School of Medicine and School of



Dr. Judith Venuti points out key aspects of the human brain

Nursing. During the school year, LSUHSC student volunteers participate in weekly science lessons for the 4th graders. These lessons involve "hands on" science experiments to encourage the 4th graders to get excited about science. The goal of the program, coordinated by Dr. Judith Venuti with the assistance of Pharmacology Postdoctoral Fellow Jaime Becnel and Pharmacology graduate student Lauren Brignac Huber, is to help improve 4th grader's Leap Exam scores in Science and Math.