

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

Gremillion's lifetime service honored

Dr. Henry Gremillion, Dean of the LSUHSC School of Dentistry, has been given a Lifetime Service Award by the American Academy of Orofacial Pain



(AAOP).

Dr. Donald Tannebaum, AAOP Immediate Past President, said, "This award reflects our appreciation for Dr. Gremillion's dedication to educating the dental community about pain, not only to our academy members but to dental students, dentists and other health care professionals throughout the world. Education is about altruism and over the last 20 years, Dr. Gremillion has given generously of his time and knowledge to educate others."

With more than 1,000 members on five continents, the AAOP is dedicated to alleviating pain and suffering through the promotion of excellence in education, research and patient care in the field of orofacial pain and associated disorders.

LSUHSC Epidemiology PhD Program approved

The PhD Program in Epidemiology in our School of Public Health has been approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents. This is the first epidemiology doctoral program in a public institution in the State of Louisiana. The first students will be admitted to the program for the Fall 2010 semester and information about it will be online on June 1.

The LSUHSC PhD in Epidemiology program is supported by a nationally and internationally respected faculty with expertise in cancer epidemiology, nutritional epidemiology, HIV/AIDS, and social determinants of disease. This PhD will provide the terminal degree in this discipline and builds upon the existing Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology.

Hurricane season begins on Tuesday

As we begin the hurricane season, I would like to remind you of our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

As you are aware, our first priority is to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff while simultaneously making every effort to protect the LSU Health Sciences Center's academic, clinical and research enterprises. Although living with the threat of a hurricane is part of life in coastal Louisiana, we can mitigate the impact of severe weather by preparing in advance. We have therefore prepared the LSUHSC-NO Hurricane Preparedness Plan governing the campus-wide

response to weather-related emergencies.

I ask each of you to become familiar with it. The full plan is available online:

<http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/admistration/cm/cm-51.aspx>.



If you have not yet signed up for our campus text messaging alert system, I urge you to do so. Details are available at: <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/alerts/TextEmailAlerts.aspx>.

Now is also the time to complete your individual preparations. I wish you and your families a safe and uneventful hurricane season. Thank you for your dedication to our mission and for your continued support of the Center.

Osofsky awarded prestigious honors

Howard J. Osofsky, MD, PhD, Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry, was given the Humanitarian Award at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for Biological Psychiatry in New Orleans. The award, whose



Dr. Osofsky with Dr. John Mann

previous recipients include former first and second ladies, Rosalynn Carter and Tipper Gore, as well as CBS News Correspondent Mike Wallace, is intended to recognize those who have demonstrated service and advocacy for mental illness.

Dr. Osofsky was also awarded the Special Presidential Commendation presented by the President of the American Psychiatric Association and was one of the Grand Marshals at the Convocation of Fellows at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Dr. Osofsky was honored for his post-Katrina work in New Orleans and hurricane-affected areas over the past five years.

Camp Tiger gives kids experience of a lifetime

Camp Tiger, a class project of our first-year medical students, gave 135 kids a special needs terrific summer camp experience last week.



Camp Tiger celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. It was the largest Camp Tiger in the history of the camp with more than 426



participants including 173 rising second year students, 118 incoming students, six

Emergency Medicine faculty, one Acadian Ambulance, plus six EMS staff and eight Calco buses. The L-1s raised \$135,000, on their own to support the camp, all while adjusting to the first year of medical school.

Camp Tiger, free to the campers, gives disadvantaged and challenged children a chance to go to camp and be just a kid.



Dental School brings special smiles to special athletes

A team led by Jennifer Hew from the Dental School volunteered their time and skills to the Special Olympics, Special Smiles Program during the Special Olympics Games held in Hammond last Saturday.

After they finish their competition, the athletes go to the Special Smiles area where they get one-on-one dental hygiene

instruction, a dental screening, and are taught how to brush and floss their teeth. Referrals can be made. The evaluation includes fabrication of a sports mouth-guard, and each athlete is given a goody bag with dental supplies.

The LSUHSC team, included dentists, hygienists, and students, and alumni, and they screened 162 athletes at the event.

