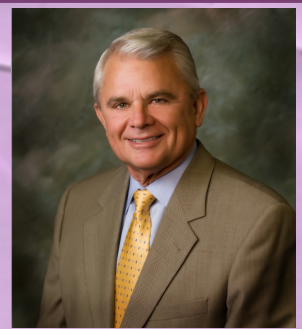


CHANCELLOR'S Notes

June 11, 2010



Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

Porche appointed to accrediting body

Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of the School of Nursing, has been invited to serve a 3-year term as one of the twelve members of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. The Council is responsible for establishing the standards and policies for nurse anesthesia educational programs, as well as serving as their accreditation agency.



Dr. Porche's term begins in October.

Nakamoto honored

Dr. Tetsuo Nakamoto, Emeritus Professor of Physiology, has been honored with a prestigious decoration, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to friendship between Japan and the US.



The decoration was conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

Dillard and LSUHSC awarded \$6.5 million by NIH

Dr. John Ruffin, Director of the NIH's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, traveled to New Orleans to announce the award of \$6.5 million in funding for Dillard University and LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans for a Minority Health Disparities Research Center. The joint project will conduct research



LSUHC PI Dr. John Estrada. Dr. Ruffin is 3rd from right.

on diseases that disproportionately affect minorities, promote minority participation in clinical trials, and develop more minority health professionals. The initial research will focus on genetic influences in prostate and cervical cancers in African-Americans as well as in the development of asthma and obesity in minority children.

Neuroscience Center welcomes SUN students

The Summer Undergraduate Neuroscience (SUN) Program is underway with 16 undergraduate and high school participants from such schools as Boston University, MIT, LSU, Xavier, and Torrey Pine and Benjamin Franklin Sr. High Schools.



They were selected through a competitive process to participate in the 8-week program. The SUN Program provides hands-on research experience as well as lectures in

contemporary neuroscience. The purpose of the program is to attract top undergraduate students in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, psychology, and related fields to partner with LSUHSC neuroscience faculty and mentors conducting research. The goal of this multi-disciplinary program is to stimulate an interest in medicine, neuroscience and research as careers and to keep our best and brightest right here at home.