

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

Rural Track wins national honor

The Rural Scholars Track program in our School of Medicine has received the 2010 AHEC Center of Excellence Award for Health Education Student Training from the National AHEC Organization.



Developed by the LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine in conjunction with the Southeast Louisiana AHEC, the Rural Scholars Track Program at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, is the final piece in the pipeline producing primary care physicians to practice in rural and underserved areas in the state.

The LSUHSC Rural Scholars Track Program was recognized nationally as a best-practice high yield primary care physician training program model that is successful because of the excellent relationship that exists between the School of Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans and the South Louisiana Regional AHEC Program centers.

LSUHSC public health students named Schweitzer Fellows

Four students at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Public Health have been named Schweitzer Fellows for 2010 and their service projects will serve everyone from homeless veterans to children in the community.

Megan Burns will work with students and faculty at James W. Johnson School on her "Makin' Groceries" project.



The pilot program will use the community garden on campus as an educational tool to address disparities in nutrition and obesity by increasing exposure to, preference for, and consumption of fruits and vegetables with Johnson students and their community. Activities will include planting, tending, preparing, tasting, and marketing fresh vegetables.

Meagan Relle and Reece Alkire will develop and implement a health education program for the Volunteers of America to use at their new facility for homeless veterans. The facility provides



meals and lodging for up to two years while the veterans regain their independence. The project will educate the residents about the importance of nutrition, exercise,

etc. which may help prevent disease. The lessons taught will provide rehabilitated homeless veterans with knowledge to make healthier life choices and promote a healthier population.



Emily Mabile will collaborate with children and teens to paint



murals in schools and after school day cares in low income communities where art programs are not affordable and

post-Katrina stress may still be high. The project is based upon the therapeutic nature of art as self expression. The children will be extensively involved in the creative process. She plans to contact muralists to enlist their help which will give the children a chance to meet professional artists and learn tips by painting with them.

The New Orleans Schweitzer Fellowship Foundation was established in 2007 as part of the U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Program. Named for the Nobel Laureate Albert Schweitzer, the foundation upholds his ideals of compassionate service to community and reverence for life.