

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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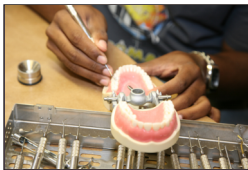
Changing the face of dentistry

Now in its third year, the Summer Multicultural Enrichment Program at the School of Dentistry is helping to launch dental careers while increasing diversity in our classrooms and culturally sensitive care in the profession.



Students accepted through a competitive admissions process, spend six weeks on the dental school campus in lectures, clinics, and gaining hands-on experience.

This year, nine students from seven universities participated. Twenty-eight faculty members and five dental students taught the 125-hour curriculum.



Director of Admissions Dr. John Ritchie, who also directs the program, is pleased with the results so far. A couple of weeks ago six "graduates" of the summer program began classes as freshmen dental students at the LSU School of Dentistry.

Largest medical class "coated"

Nearly 200 medical students – the largest class ever to participate in the White Coat Ceremony – were "coated" by faculty members chosen by the class last Saturday.

Following remarks by Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean, Dr. Betty L o - B l a i s addressed the students. She is



their nominee for the Humanism in Medicine Award to be presented by the Association of American Medical Colleges at its

annual meeting. Ifrah Jamil, 4th year student, read her winning Humanism in Medicine Essay.

According to the Arnold P. Gold Foundation which donated a Humanism in Medicine lapel pin for each student, the white coat, the mantle of the medical profession, is placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the student's ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

Congressman Reaches Out and Reads

Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao stopped by the Kids First Clinic on Prytania yesterday to read stories to Dr. Rachel Dawkins' patients. He was invited by Reach Out



and Read Louisiana, whose administrator – Instructor of Clinical Nursing Ellen Beyer – and medical director – Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Dr. Rachel

Dawkins – are both LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans faculty.

Established in 2000 at the Medical Center of Louisiana, the goal of Reach Out and Read Louisiana is to expand throughout Louisiana and provide training and resources necessary to put books into the hands and homes of every child. Reach Out and Read programs seek to make early literacy a standard part of pediatric primary care.