



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Air Force honors LSUHSC's Chappuis

The Louisiana Air National Guard presented Col. Charles W. Chappuis, MD, LSUHSC Professor of Clinical Surgery and Chief of Surgery at University Medical Center in Lafayette, with the Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award at the 159th Fighter Wing Awards Banquet. One of



Chief Master Sergeant Randi Volpi, 159th Fighter Wing Command Chief, Dr. Chappuis, 159th Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Roy Qualls

the Air Force's most prestigious honors recognized Dr. Chappuis, the state air surgeon and former medical group commander for the 159th, for demonstrating the highest qualities of leadership in the performance of his duties and in the conduct of his life.

Dr. Chappuis served as the commander of the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron at Camp Sather, Iraq. He supervised 30 personnel and was responsible for \$3 million in assets. He provided for more than 3,000 patient visits and served as a faculty member and lecturer for the Iraqi Air Force's first-ever fixed wing aero-medical evacuation course. ■

104 earn degrees at LSUHSC in December

Students in the Schools of Nursing, Graduate Studies, Allied Health Professions, and Public Health at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans completed their academic programs and were awarded their diplomas this month. With the largest number of graduates, the School of Nursing held an Awards Ceremony on December 9 at the John A. Alario, Sr. Event Center.



Nursing Valedictorian Emily Duffy, Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean, Salutatorian & Dean's Award recipient Corey George

Ninety-three nursing students received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Nursing, or Master of Science in Nursing degrees. Emily Duffy was named Valedictorian, and Corey George was the Salutatorian and Dean's Award recipient. They, along with Jenifer Andry, Brittany Hoff, Erin McElroy, Laura Misiak, and Tiffany Vidrine graduated *cum laude*.

Kay Lopez, DSN, Associate Professor of Nursing, and Marjorie Kraus, MS, Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, were honored with the Faculty Nursing Caring Award at the School of Nursing ceremony.

Three students earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the School of Graduate Studies.

Three students earned a Master of Public Health degree in the School of Public Health.

Five students earned either a Master of Communication Disorders or a Master of Health Science in Rehabilitation Counseling degree in the School of Allied Health Professions. ■

LSUHSC faculty & students inspire next generation



Daryl Lofaso, MEd, RRT, Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator works with the Ben Franklin students

The Advanced Placement Biology students from Ben Franklin High School spent a day at the Health Sciences Center learning about LSUHSC research, health careers, and the educational resources unique to LSUHSC.

Daryl Lofaso, MEd, RRT, Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator, Drs. Nicolas Bazan, Bill Gordon, and Ham Farris in the Neuroscience Center, Drs. Alistair Ramsay, Jeff Hobden, Angela Amedee, and Ben Kelly in Microbiology, Dr. Fern Tsien, Elisa Ledet and Nikki Nguyen in Genetics, Luis Marrero and Rebecca Quillin in the Morphology and Imaging Core, Dr. Jovanny Zabaleta in the Genomics Core, Dr. Beatriz Finkel-Jimenez in the Immunology Core, and Dr. Chau-Wen Chou in the Proteomics Core gave the students tours, information, demonstrations, and hands-on experience in their labs.



Dr. Angela Amedee scans hands for bacteria



Dr. Fern Tsien oversees experiment

This annual event helps fill the pipeline of health professionals as the students are not only exposed to the various disciplines, but also to the advanced resources available right here at home at LSUHSC. The feedback from the students and their teacher was extremely positive. She said, "I am so appreciative of the time and effort you spend on these young people. They are our future. And we want to keep the best and the brightest here." So do we!

UAE taps LSUHSC Dean for expertise

Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of the LSUHSC School of Nursing, was selected by the Commission for



Dr. Demetrius Porche

Academic Accreditation Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the United Arab Emirates to serve on the team conducting the initial accreditation for the first nursing masters degree program in the UAE.



Dr. Porche and his colleagues conducted a site visit at the RAK Medical and Health Sciences University which was founded in 2006 as a private university. In addition to nursing, the school also offers degrees in medicine and surgery, dental surgery and pharmacy.

Dr. Porche says the establishment of the nursing masters degree has been the vision of His Highness Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Crown Prince & Deputy Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah.