



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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LSUHSC's Lo-Blais appointed to RRC

Dr. Betty Lo-Blais, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Pediatrics and Director of the Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program, has been appointed to the Residency Review



Dr. Betty Lo-Blais

Committee for Internal Medicine of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

The ACGME is a private, nonprofit council that evaluates and accredits medical residency programs in the United States through Residency Review Committees for the major medical specialties. Six to 15 volunteer physician members serve on each committee, who are appointed by the AMA Council on Medical Education and the appropriate medical specialty boards and organizations.

The mission of the ACGME is to improve health care by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through exemplary accreditation.

Dr. Lo-Blais begins her service with orientation in May. ■

Key figure in N.O. civil rights history shares story with LSUHSC colleagues

As a very special Black History Month celebration, Tessie Prevost Williams, Administrative Assistant in Pediatric Dentistry at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Dentistry, shared her experiences as one of the "McDonogh 3"—three six-year-old African-American children who were the first students at McDonogh 19 Elementary School, along with Ruby Bridges at William Franz Elementary, to desegregate New Orleans public schools in November 1960. Williams, who played a key role in history as part of the implementation of the Brown vs. the Board of Education decision, has been a member of the staff at the LSUHSC dental school for 20 years.



Tessie Prevost Williams



The talk, the second in the Cultural Topics Series sponsored by the LSUHSC Dental Library, is available on the School of Dentistry website at <http://www.lsusd.lsuhscc.edu/News/topstorytessiewilliams.html>. ■

LSUHSC Nursing Alumn addresses students

The Honorable Thomas "Tom" Wilmott spoke to senior nursing students this morning. A registered nurse, he's a graduate of the LSUHSC School of Nursing. Also an attorney, he was elected to represent District 92 in the Louisiana Legislature in 2007. Rep. Wilmott addressed bills he authored including one that provides authority for registered nurses to administer anesthetic agents through perineural catheters. He also spoke about a study resolution he authored to reduce nosocomial infections.



District 92 Rep. Tom Wilmott ■

Resource Fair benefits students

The Peer Advocate Liaison Program (PAL) held its annual Student Resource Fair on Monday. Each year, PAL holds this fair to remind students of all the resources the Health Sciences Center makes available to them. Resources participating in this year's fair included Bonnie Adelsberg (free off campus counseling), C.A.P. (Campus Assistance Program), LSUHSC Wellness Center, LSUHSC Department of Rehabilitation Counseling, LSUHSC Department of Communication Disorders, LSUHSC Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC Student Nursing Association, LSUHSC Student Health, and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Dr. Dereck Rovaris was available to discuss cultural diversity. The School of Public Health provided smoking cessation information. LSUHSC Police provided information on their Rape Aggression Defense Training Class, and Sodexo and Subway donated food.



The primary goal of the Peer Advocate Liaison Program is to empower students to direct their classmates when they are in need of resources or in a time of crisis. Since students see each other on a regular basis and know each other well, they may be in a position to notice if one of their classmates may need assistance. Students who are having academic problems or problems with depression, alcohol, drugs, or relationships can use their PALs as a temporary liaison to the campus resources that can assist them.



Learning Center hosts Northlake Christian

More than 20 students in Mrs. Sherri Alker's 11th and 12th grade Anatomy classes at Northlake Christian School in Covington spent this morning with LSUHSC medical students and faculty in the LSUHSC Simulation Centers.



Ryan Estaris advises Hanna Davison

They tried their hands on the laparoscopic trainers, learned how to distinguish between



Brady Imms and Brittany Alker

normal and abnormal heart and lung sounds, and ran a case with the human patient simulator in the simulation operating room. Visits like this are so important because they feed the pipeline of Louisiana health professionals.