Winters elected ABU Trustee

Dr. J. Christian Winters, the H. Eustis Reily Professor and Chairman of Urology, has been elected to a six-year term as a Trustee of the American Board of Urology. Dr. Winters was nominated to the ABU by the Society of University Urologists, where he currently serves on its Board of Directors.

Allied Health celebrates inaugural Alumni Day

More than 100 alumni, students, faculty and colleagues participated in the 1st Annual Allied Health Alumni Day sponsored by the Alumni Association, Alumni Committee and student Alumni Ambassadors. Following a breakfast gathering, Bruce Greenstein, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) gave a talk on the future of health care in Louisiana.

Secretary Greenstein outlined changes being implemented in DHH programs and discussed other aspects of national healthcare reform affecting our State. The continuing education opportunity engaged allied health professionals in the reform process.

An evening reception capped off the day which provided an opportunity for alumni and friends to visit with classmates, create new professional relationships, and tour the Health Sciences Center. About 80% of the School’s graduates practice in Louisiana.

Leading LSUHSC programs touted at UMC Board meeting

The University Medical Center Board met in the Isidore Cohn, Jr. MD Student Learning Center on Thursday. The venue provided an opportunity to showcase LSUHSC’s leadership in simulation technology and team training, skull-base surgery, and vascular surgery.

Jerry Jones, of the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control, reported that pre-construction activities are on schedule with the ground-breaking on April 18th, the selection of Skanska USA as the UMC’s new construction manager, and land clearing is set to begin June 1st, continuing through the summer into early October.
Benefit Auction raises funds for Camp Tiger

The Camp Tiger Benefit Auction held at the New Orleans Museum of Art raised about $53,000 to support the operation of this year’s Camp Tiger.

Camp Tiger is a week long day camp for special needs children run by first year students of the LSUHSC New Orleans School of Medicine at no charge to campers. The Camp is made possible by the generous support of the community, faculty, staff, families, and friends. Camp Tiger offers its campers a wonderful opportunity to be fully accepted by peers and counselors as the incredible children that they are. It also offers the medical students a humbling reminder of their reasons for becoming physicians.

Tiger Run honors Nicole Murphy and family

With her family in attendance, the Nicole Murphy Memorial Tiger Run held last Sunday in Audubon Park, was named to honor a second-year medical student tragically killed last year at the World Cup. Medical students were interviewed live on Channel 6 throughout the morning. Participants enjoyed post-race jambalaya, music, prizes, health screenings, and supporting a good cause. Proceeds benefit the LSUHSC Student-Run Homeless Clinics.

Town Hall provides info and updates

Thanks to everyone who attended the latest Town Hall meeting last Monday evening. It was an opportunity for the leadership of the Health Sciences Center to share information about progress on our facilities and new projects, achievements in each of our schools, new appointments, and some exciting new ventures and resources for the Health Sciences Center, the Biosciences District, the City of New Orleans, and the State.

The gathering also gave faculty, staff, and students a chance to ask and have their questions answered.

Tom Finicle, Bob Lewis, Dan Rose, and Kenny Guichard deserve special thanks for the excellent IT technical support and making arrangements for the Town Hall meeting to be carried live with two-way communication at the School of Dentistry.