



# CHANCELLOR'S *Notes*



May 13, 2011

## Events recognize Rural Track grads

The LSUHSC School of Medicine recognized students who are graduating in the Rural Scholars Track Class of 2011 at two events in April. Ten students in Lafayette and three students in New Orleans, as well as their families and rural physician mentors, gathered to celebrate their achievements and commitment to rural medicine in Louisiana.



Garland Anderson II, Randall Beyl, Jamie Collins, Jessica Daigle, Eric Gravois, Stewart Greathouse, Michael Hulin, Micah LeLeux, Michelle McCoy, Smitty Smith, Amy Soileau, Devan Sczcepanski, and Mathew Whittington have each committed to practice primary care medicine in a rural Louisiana community after they complete their residency training.



LSUHSC Rural Scholars Track graduates now total 40, with 8 in practice since 2005. ■

## Expanded Bogalusa Family Medicine Center opens

Senator Ben Nevers, Representative Harold Ritchie, Bogalusa Mayor Charles Mizell, Washington Parish President Richard Thomas, Jr. and John Milazzo, Bogalusa Community Medical Center Foundation Chairman, joined us for the Grand Opening of the expansion of the LSU Bogalusa Medical Center Family Medicine Center this morning.



*Dr. Kim LeBlanc, Rep. Harold Ritchie, Dr. Richard Friend, Sen. Ben Nevers, Dr. Larry Hollier, Kurt Scott, John Milazzo*

The \$3 million expansion adds a total of 18,595 square feet to the Family Medicine Center for the delivery of quality health care and residency training.



The new construction enlarges clinical treatment areas and houses the new residency administration and resident office spaces, the resident lounge, and



physician on-call sleeping quarters.

The new facilities also accommodate the expanded LSUHSC Rural Family Medicine Residency program which doubled its capacity to train Louisiana Primary Care physicians with a \$3 million grant last fall. ■



## LSUHSC students, faculty, and staff respond to tornado-stricken Tuscaloosa community

**L**ed by two University of Alabama alumna who are members of the LSUHSC Medicine Class of 2011, two LSUHSC relief efforts bridged rivalries and brought supplies and donations to the University of Alabama as well as Central High School in Tuscaloosa.

Driven by memories of her fellow Alabama students reaching out to help the people of New Orleans after Katrina, Rachael Delahoussaye-Shields jumped into action to return the kindness

shortly after the tornadoes devastated T-town. She signed up classmates to help her bake goods for sale in the MEB and set up drop-off locations for donated supplies on campus. She also sought help from area businesses. In two days they were able to raise more than \$2500 and had three trucks full of clothes, food, toiletries, and supplies which they brought to Tuscaloosa last week. The money went to the UA Acts of Kindness Fund to benefit the students, faculty, and staff affected by the



tornadoes. The donated clothing and supplies went to Temporary Emergency Services where families who lost everything could pick out what they needed. Rachael stayed to help, volunteering at Temporary Emergency Services, a church, and serving dinner to volunteer firemen, many of whom were from New Orleans and Lafayette.

Classmate Sharell Bindom, an MD/PhD candidate, wanted to help another UA alumnus who is now a teacher at Central High School. Many of the school's students lived in two housing developments that were totally destroyed. He told Sharell that what they really needed was personal hygiene items, toiletries, and school supplies. So Sharell organized a supply drive in the School of Graduate Studies. Dentistry and Medicine quickly joined the effort.

Supplies came pouring in—soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex, deodorant, paper towels, razors, floss, mouthwash, lotion,



*Rachael Delahoussaye-Shields with Stephanie Bourque*

computer bags, notebooks, and more. The HOP Clinic put together beauty kits complete with loofahs. Since the high school had decided to go ahead with the prom as scheduled, make-up, nail polish and nail art were also sent. The amount donated somewhat surprised Sharell. It was enough to fill an office.

As we know all too well, beyond the material, one of the things that helps people get through disasters like this is the kindness of others. And that quality is something found in abundance within the LSUHSC family.



*Sharell Bindom*



*Central High students show their gratitude*