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CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Students come to LSUHSC to learn about dentistry

The National Student Leadership Conference brought some of the top high school students in the nation to the LSUHSC School of Dentistry to learn about the dental professions. All of these students want to pursue health careers.



Dr. John Ritchie, Director of Admissions, Diversity and Minority Affairs, spoke in detail about the rewards of dental practice as well as professional opportunities. He then walked the students through the preparation and application processes. He arranged a Q & A session with one of our senior dental students, followed by tours of the campus led by students in other classes.



This is the first year the program has visited New Orleans, and before they left, they were talking about coming back next year. ■

LSUHSC Nursing awarded \$4.3 million in federal grants

During a one month period, the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing has been awarded grants totaling \$4.3 million by the US



Drs. Denise Danna, Demetrius Porche, and Laura Bonanno

Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The funding will support projects to restore primary care for underserved elders in New Orleans East, improve the diversity of nurse anesthesia students and the cultural competency among nurse anesthetists to better serve rural, underserved and

marginalized communities, prepare nurses and other leaders to provide culturally competent health care to vulnerable populations during disasters, and advance the education of nursing graduate students through HRSA traineeships.

A \$2.6 million grant supports a project under the direction of principal investigator Scharalda (Shelley) Jeanfreau, DNS, FNP-BC, LSUHSC Assistant Professor of Nursing, to establish and operate a Nurse-Managed Clinic at Village de Jardin Independent Living Center in New Orleans East. The project will offer primary care to older adults residing in Village de Jardin, as well as those individuals and families living in the neighborhood.



Dr. Shelley Jeanfreau

LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty will practice there as they educate 15 to 18 graduate nursing students, 80 to 100 Bachelor of Science in Nursing students, and 7 to 14 interprofessional students (representing medicine, allied health, nutritional sciences, social work, pharmacy, and public health), for a total of 102-132 students per year. New Orleans East was one of the areas hardest hit by the flooding following Hurricane Katrina, and one that remains medically underserved.

A grant in the amount of \$853,000 supports a project under the direction of principal investigator Laura Bonanno, CRNA, DNP to recruit, enroll, educate and graduate nurse anesthesia students from minority and disadvantaged backgrounds and from rural and medically underserved communities in Louisiana and Mississippi, increase the number of rural clinical training sites and expand current clinical training experiences in rural, underserved, and disadvantaged communities, and to provide

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LSUHSC faculty help bring services to moms and babies



LSUHSC Chair of OB/GYN Dr. Amy Young (in white coat) looks on as LSUHSC Assistant Professor of Public Health Dr. Rebekah Gee (holding scissors) cuts the ribbon opening the Moms and Babies Mobile Health Center. The unit, in collaboration with the Interim LSU Hospital and the March of Dimes, will provide services to women of child-bearing age and children up to age 2.

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cultural competency training to preceptors of nurse anesthesia students at clinical sites.

A \$733,000 grant supports a project under the direction of principal investigator Denise Danna, DNS, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, to develop online and face-to-face continuing education and undergraduate and graduate electives for nurses to learn how to ethically respond in disaster situations to minimize health hazards and life-threatening damage to vulnerable populations. A needs assessment survey conducted in the fall of 2010 identified that the majority of facilities lack policies, procedures, and specific education that addresses cultural competencies in disasters, and the majority of respondents indicated a need for such an educational program. The need for cultural sensitivity in disasters was well documented in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The focus of the continuing nursing educational (CNE) program will be on identifying strategies addressing the phases in the disaster cycle enabling nurses to facilitate and work effectively as members of a multidisciplinary team to manage both physical and psychological impacts of disasters on vulnerable groups, strengthen the nursing workforce and improve quality of nursing care during disasters.

Associate Dean for Nursing Research, Scholarship & Science Marsha Bennett, DNS, APRN, ACRN, is the project director for one of two HRSA traineeships for graduate nursing students, with a total award of \$73,440.



Dr. Marsha Bennett

LSUHSC partners with Walgreens

LSUHSC and the LSU Healthcare Network have formed a new relationship with Walgreens' Take Care Health System division which will increase opportunities for clinical coordination and improve patient access to the high-quality, convenient and affordable health care options available at Take Care Clinics in the greater New Orleans region.



In addition to collaboration between LSUHSC physicians and Take Care Clinics, the partnership will serve as clinical education sites for LSUHSC Nurse Practitioner students.

The collaboration includes development of an interface between each organization's electronic health record system to enable effective scheduling and information sharing.

Walgreens also plans to open a Take Care Clinic in close proximity to LSUHSC physicians and programs.

The relationship will benefit LSU patients who will have greater access to care. With night and weekend hours, Take Care Clinics extend care available at LSU clinics.

The partnership also includes the development of a regional medical plan for people who are working but uninsured.