



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



August 12, 2011

LSUHSC's Scriber helps determine grants funded in New Zealand

The Health Research Council (HRC) of New Zealand invited Dr. Richard Scribner, the D'Angelo Professor of Alcohol Research at L S U Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of



Public Health, to review grant applications for its 2011 Annual Contestable Funding Round. The HRC is the Crown agency responsible for managing the Government's investment in health research.

Dr. Scribner reviewed the pool of HRC grant applications focused on the distribution of alcohol outlets in New Zealand and what their relationship may be to a variety of health problems.

As Chairman of the National Institutes of Health Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section, Dr. Scribner reviews numerous grant applications for research on the influence that neighborhood environments have on health behaviors leading to chronic disease in society. ■

LSUHSC medical students help spiff up City Park

About 200 first-year LSUHSC medical students braved the scorching heat yesterday to work on a variety of activities to improve City Park.



Nicole Okechukwu (l), G. Michael Upchurch, and Nina Nguyen

Just in time for football season, the medical students worked to get Tad Gormley Stadium in shape for Friday night high school matches. The students scraped down and cleaned miles of railings before giving them a fresh coat of glossy black paint.

On the other side of the park, the students attacked weeds and cut back leggy plants in the New Orleans Botanical Garden. After preparing the beds, they planted bedding plants, filling them with explosions of color.



Madeleine Prat and Yvens Laborde (foreground, l-r)



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The LSUHSC School of Medicine

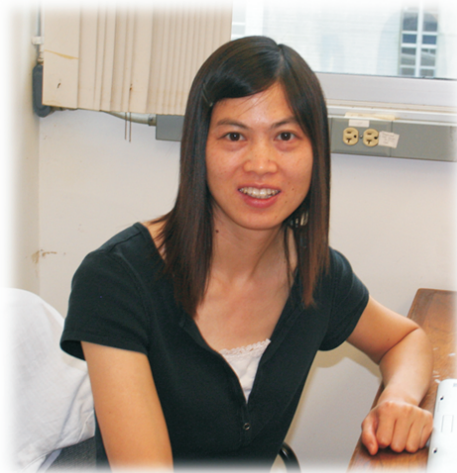
Class of 2015 Service Project was one of two major annual projects these first-year students undertake to give back to the community. Participation was high even though their classes don't start until next week! ■

LSUHSC Pharmacology earns national recognition

A member of the faculty in Pharmacology and a postdoctoral fellow will be awarded national honors at the upcoming High Blood Pressure Research Conference jointly sponsored by the InterAmerican Society of Hypertension (IASH) and the American Heart Association Councils. Both are working on the role of ACE2 in the brain in the regulation of high blood pressure.

Dr. Huijing Xia, Instructor-Research in Pharmacology, has been selected to receive an IASH New Investigator Award. Her research has found that ACE2 in the brain is reduced during the development of hypertension and that maintenance of high ACE2 levels in the brain helps in preventing the development of hypertension.

Postdoctoral Fellow Srinivas Sriramula, PhD, has been selected to receive the



Huijing Xia, PhD

Annual High Blood Pressure Research Conference New Investigator Award by the American Heart Association. Dr. Sriramula's research shows that salt-induced hypertension is associated with high sympathetic drive (nerve discharge) and release of vasopressin from the brain. In addition, maintenance of high

ACE2 levels in the brain reduce these components, leading to the reduction of hypertension.



Srinivas Sriramula, PhD

LSUHSC Psychiatry benefits from upcoming concert

The LSUHSC Department of Psychiatry is a beneficiary of a fund-raising effort organized by local musician Irvin Mayfield with local tourism and hospitality leaders. Saluting the local entities that have been on the frontline of our city's recovery, *Love Sessions: A Festival of Giving Giving – 11 Nights of Music, 11 Nights of Giving* is a concert series benefitting a different non-profit organization each night. Our night is Sunday, August 21st at Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse. It's part of *The Thriller at the Playhouse*, a trumpet battle that builds on a playful, decade-old rivalry between Irvin Mayfield and local trumpet legend Kermit Ruffins.



LSUHSC dental school puts on forensic conference

The *Investigation for Identification Conference*, a continuing dental education offering of the LSUHSC School of Dentistry, is August 26 - 27, 2011 at The Ritz Carlton, designed for dentists, dental hygienists, physicians, nurses, attorneys, death investigators, coroners, medical examiners, as well as law enforcement.

Forensic Sciences: Path to the Future

INVESTIGATION FOR IDENTIFICATION

Conference: Friday, August 26 – Saturday, August 27, 2011

Hands-on Workshop: Thursday, August 25, 2011

in New Orleans

Hear the views of these nationally renowned forensic experts on the future of forensic sciences in the 21st century.



Michael M. Baden, MD
Kenneth F. Cohn, DDS
Jamie U.C. Downs, MD
Rod Englert, BS
M. Lee Goff, PhD
Dayle L. Hinman, BS
Henry C. Lee, PhD
James L. Vance, Lt. Col., USMC (Ret.)

Workshop Leader
Colonel David L. Wells, DDS
Military consultant to the Surgeon General for Forensic Dentistry

Friday Luncheon Speaker
Jim Letten, JD
US Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana

LSU CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION

The LSU Continuing Dental Education name is used to represent the long-standing affiliation between LSU School of Dentistry and The Louisiana Academy of Continuing Dental Education, Inc., for the purpose of developing continuing education programs.

A forensic hands-on pre-conference workshop covering the fundamentals of conducting postmortem dental examination and identification during a mock air crash incident will kick off the forensic sciences conference on August 25th.

For details and information about registration and continuing education credits, call 504-941-8193, or visit <http://www.lsuforensics.org>. Space is still available.