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Preliminary figures indicate highest ever LSUHSC enrollment

Preliminary figures released by the university registrar's office indicate that LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans has enrolled the largest number of students ever. The total enrollment for the Fall 2011 semester is 2,766 students.



The Schools of Allied Health, Medicine, Public Health and Nursing show enrollment increases, with the largest in Nursing at 1,033 students. The RN to BSN and Nurse Practitioner programs have experienced a high degree of growth.



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While these are only preliminary figures which will be verified over the coming weeks, they still reflect recognition of the high quality and value of LSUHSC educational programs. ■

LSUHSC faculty chosen to represent US at world summit

Rebekah E. Gee MD MPH FACOG, Assistant Professor, LSUHSC Schools of Public Health and Medicine and Director of the Louisiana Birth Outcomes Initiative, has been invited to represent the United States at the 2011 World Health Summit. Dr. Gee was nominated by the Institute of Medicine to participate in the InterAcademy Medical Panel for Young Physician Leaders and then attend the Summit on their behalf.



Dr. Rebekah Gee

The World Health Summit will bring together leading representatives from medicine, research, governments, industry, international institutions and non-governmental organizations to address the most pressing issues that medicine and health care systems will face over the next decade and beyond. Their aim is to develop cogent and timely responses and solutions to achieve better health for populations worldwide.

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LSUHSC's Cefalu appointed Editor of ADA journal

William T. Cefalu, MD, Professor and Chief of the Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, has been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of *Diabetes Care*. *Diabetes Care* is the American Diabetes Association's premier peer-reviewed journal dedicated to diabetes care, prevention, and treatment. Dr. Cefalu will serve a three-year term, for the 2012 to 2014 volume years, with an optional two-year extension.

As the incoming Editor-in-Chief of *Diabetes Care*, Dr. Cefalu brings a wealth of professional and scholarly experience to the journal. Dr. Cefalu, who also serves as Vice Chair of Clinical Research in the Department of Medicine at the LSUHSC School of Medicine, is Director of the Joint Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism Program of the LSUHSC School of Medicine and Pennington Biomedical Research Center.



Dr. William Cefalu

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Dr. Gee, who trained at Harvard, has served as the medical director for the maternity program of Title V, the state's maternal health federal block grant program since moving to Louisiana in October 2009. She was then named Director of the Birth Outcomes Project for Louisiana, a cabinet level position in Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals aimed at improving the health of Louisiana's women and children.

Dr. Gee has held many leadership roles in organized medicine and reproductive health including local and national leadership positions in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). Since 2005, she has served on the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Gynecology Committee at ACOG, a leader in setting standards for gynecology nationwide. She has also held state and district leadership posts for ACOG. She is a frequent commentator in national media and is the expert gynecologist for *Women's Health* and *Glamour* magazines. Dr. Gee is on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Board of Health Care Services and is the inaugural recipient of a two-year Gant fellowship at the IOM. She is clinically active and is caring for patients at LSU. ■

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Dr. Cefalu's research is active at both the clinical and basic levels. On a clinical level, he is interested in clinical interventions to improve the metabolic state of individuals with insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. On a basic level, he is interested in cellular mechanisms for insulin resistance. In addition, Dr. Cefalu also serves as Director for a National Institutes of Health-funded Center for the Study of Botanicals and Metabolic Syndrome at Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

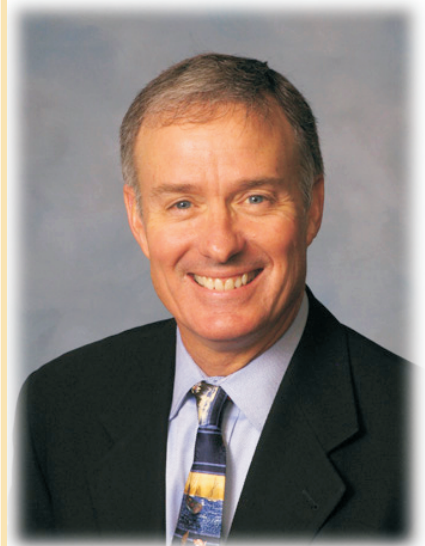


Dr. Cefalu has published widely in journals, books, and book chapters and has edited several textbooks on the management of diabetes. He is a past Associate Editor for *Diabetes Care* and is currently an Associate Editor for *Diabetes*. He lectures both nationally and internationally

Diabetes Care is the highest-ranked journal devoted exclusively to diabetes prevention and treatment. The journal publishes original research about topics that are of interest to clinically oriented physicians, researchers, epidemiologists, psychologists, diabetes educators, and other health professionals. *Diabetes Care* is published 12 times a year. ■

LSUHSC's LeBlanc named Family Physician of Year

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians has honored Kim Edward LeBlanc, MD, PhD, as its 2011 Family Physician of the Year. This award recognizes Dr. LeBlanc's years of service to his patients, his dedication to Family Medicine and his contributions to developing and improving the profession for future physicians and their patients.



Dr. LeBlanc is the Marie Lahasky Professor and Head of the Department of Family Medicine at LSUHSC School of Medicine - New Orleans. He is also the Director of Rural Education for the School of Medicine, overseeing the Rural Scholars Track, and a Professor in the Department of Orthopedics.

Established in 1947, the Academy is one of the state's largest primary care organizations, with more than 1,500 member physicians, residents and medical students. ■