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# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Recruiter interest in LSUHSC Allied Health grads ramping up

The LSUHSC School of Allied Health Professions hosted its second multi-disciplinary Professional Job Fair yesterday.



Dean J. M. Cairo, PhD, chats with company reps

Thirty-three employers from a number of states participated. They were seeking applicants from all of our programs.



It was an excellent opportunity for students to make initial contact with recruiters from local and regional hospitals, clinics, and professional staffing agencies. The Fair also gave potential employers early access to the students who will make up the applicant pool of Allied Health professionals when they graduate.

## BioInnovation Center to help grow new industry

Before a standing room only crowd, the New Orleans BioInnovation Center officially opened with a dedication ceremony yesterday.



The \$47 million biosciences incubator is eventually expected to house about 200 employees from 80 companies offering everything from wet lab and office space to marketing, business, and legal advice to entrepreneurs, start-ups and expanding companies. The goal is to transfer technology invented in local research labs like ours to the local economy.

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## Big Turnover Program benefits Dental School

New Orleans Saints defensive star, Jonathan Vilma, #51, joined Dr. Joey Lacoste, President of Louisiana Dental Center and 1980 graduate of the LSUHSC School of Dentistry, this week to present a check to Dean Henry Gremillion, DDS, for the second season of the Big Turnover Program.



holding check: Stuart Huntsman, Dr. Gremillion, Jonathan Vilma, Dr. Joey Lacoste

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Another milestone in the development of the biosciences industry in New Orleans, the BioInnovation Center will enhance research productivity as it also creates high paying, highly desirable jobs. Along with other new resources like the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, the VA Medical Center and the University Medical Center, New Orleans is well on the way to diversifying and strengthening its economic infrastructure and growth potential.



## Faculty Women's Alliance supports LSUHSC student service



Kelly Trail Zea, Mackie Gremillion, Bernadette Moerschbaeche, & Drs. Kathleen McDonough, Fern Tsien Udai Pandey, Jaime Becnel and Betty Oseid

*The LSUHSC Faculty Women's Alliance presented checks totaling \$1,500 to support three LSUHSC student outreach programs this week. They raised funds for the LSUHSC Student Homeless Clinics in the School of Medicine, the Making Impressions Program in the School of Dentistry, and the LSUHSC/New Orleans Public Schools Science Partnership Program in the School of Graduate Studies. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this group's service to LSU Health Sciences Center's faculty and students.*

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Louisiana Dental Center, a private group dental practice with many of our alumni, unites a commitment to support the Dental School with its enthusiasm for New Orleans Saints football by pledging to turn over \$250 for every takeaway the Saints' defense creates. This year, they presented a check for \$8,250. The gift represents \$6,250 toward a \$15,000 pledge for renovating and upgrading the preclinical teaching labs, as well as \$2,000 to support the LSUHSC Dental Summer Enrichment Program, an intensive program for undergraduate students from under-represented minorities or disadvantaged backgrounds to prepare them for dental school admission.

Senior LSUHSC dental students met defensive team captain, Jonathan Vilma, who, as the leading tackler for the Saints for the past three seasons, forcing and recovering fumbles, and intercepting passes, has been responsible for generating a major portion of the gift. Vilma signed everything from footballs and jerseys to a hammer, albeit an official NFL New Orleans Saints hammer, brought by one student.



Jonathan Vilma, Danielle Causey