



CHANCELLOR'S *Notes*



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Legislators tour Bio Assets

A group of Louisiana state senators and representatives recently came to get a firsthand look at two of the newest economic engines in the city, thanks to partners like LSU Health Sciences Center.



Conceived and built to capitalize upon the LSUHSC research enterprise and others, these facilities will help grow the biosciences industry in New Orleans. The legislators started at the Louisiana Cancer Research Center on our campus at the corner of Tulane and Claiborne avenues. They heard about research progress and economic success before visiting the new state-of-the-art labs at the center which is slated to open early next year.



The tour concluded at the BioInnovation Center, making economic strides since September.

126 complete nursing degrees at LSUHSC in December

The LSUHSC School of Nursing held an Awards Ceremony for its students who completed their degree requirements and were awarded their diplomas on December 8 at the John A. Alario, Sr. Event Center.

One hundred seventeen nursing students received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. Wendy Renée Hounsel was named Valedictorian. Chelsea Hardaway Miller was the Salutatorian. Lauren Elizabeth Eustis was the Dean's Award recipient. They, along with Kristen Nicole Gilberti, Hillary Elizabeth Hymel, and Rachel Mary Sander graduated *cum laude*.



Chelsea Hardaway Miller, Wendy Hounsel, Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean, and Lauren Eustis



Aimee Barrois, Dr. Denise Danna

Eight students earned Master of Science in Nursing degrees, and one was awarded a Doctor of Nursing Science degree.

The school gave a special recognition award to one of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner students who was born at 26 weeks, weighing a little over 2 lbs. She remained in the Southern Baptist NICU for 3 months. Aimee Barrois graduated with a goal to give back to a patient population to whom she can relate.

Recruitment Caravan helps provide culturally sensitive care

The Office of Academic and Multicultural Affairs led a very successful 2011 Recruitment Caravan, with help from the Multicultural Affairs Advisory Committee, and LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students. They participated at the stops, bringing information about their programs and schools,



health professions career opportunities, and their personal experiences as students. They also answered questions during the panel presentations as well as at tables afterwards.

Our hosts not only made it possible for us to share our information with a variety of students, they also helped to produce record turnout at several stops. Hosts were Dr. Dawn Williams at Dillard, QuoVadis Webster and Damon Williams at Xavier; Tamara Montgomery at Southern, and Rose Espiritu at LSU.



Nearly 250 undergraduate students attended the events on the various campuses, and many expressed interest in continuing their education at LSU Health Sciences Center. The goal of the event is to diversify admissions to our schools, and ultimately the health care professions themselves to better reflect Louisiana's population. ■

New community health resource

The LSU Health – Bayou District Health Center officially opened on December 8, 2011.



Available to residents of the Bayou District neighborhood, the mobile health center staffed by LSUHSC faculty, residents, and students, it provides a full range of health care services for children and adults. The neighborhood sits between Bayou St. John and the London Avenue Canal.



Services include sick visits for minor illnesses, annual physical exams, screening for high blood pressure and diabetes, immunizations and KIDMED. Staff can also make referrals for specialty healthcare, mental health counseling, dental services and smoking cessation and treatment. Affordable medication is available.

Health-center hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For appointments, call 940-8236. ■