# Nursing begins training for disasters

Supported by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, the LSUHSC School of Nursing has begun training registered nurses and nursing students to help manage the physical and psychological impacts of disasters on vulnerable populations.



Using a 3-D virtual format, the Cornerstone of Cultural Competency During the Disaster Cycle online program teaches best practices of emergency preparedness and disaster management through each of the four phases of a disaster. Components include live online forums with case studies focusing on the unique needs of individuals who experience a disaster and how to best meet them through culturally sensitive care.

A train-the-trainer program will be available in June for nurses interested in offering the program at their facilities.

#### Dental honor societies induct new members

SUHSC School of Dentistry students and faculty were recently inducted

L into two honor societies, Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), and the C. Edmund Kells Society.

New alumni members of OKU are Ashley Altazin, Joshua Brandner, Mohammed Ismail, Cole Johnson, Alexis Phaup, and Nicole Thieler. Third-year dental student Katie Evans received the Dr. William S. Kramer Award of



Excellence. Recipients of the Randolph B. Malloy/OKU Scholarship for



Academic Excellence were fourth-year students Nicole Thieler and Mohammed Ismail. Dr. Archontia (Toula) Palaiologou, assistant professor of periodontics, and Darlene Brunet, assistant professor and director of student affairs, were inducted as faculty member and honorary member, respectively.

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#### Rural Track Scholars recognized

M embers of the School of Medicine 2012 Class of Rural Track Scholars in New Orleans and Lafayette were recognized recently, along with their



mentors, for their accomplishments and dedication to the health of people living in rural Louisiana communities.

The students are: Sharhonda Biley of Washington, Ashley Bordelon of New Roads, Amanda Bray of Negreet, Jacob Breaux of Breaux Bridge, Megan Butler of Amite, Rachel Coleman-Pierron of Bourg, Wonestta Collins of Donaldsonville,

Sara Doguet of Tepetate, Megan Hartman of Valentine, Kimberly H. Landrum of Indian Bayou, Derek Johnson of Jonesville, Ashley Mullins of Arcadia, Julie Rodgers of Bastrop, and Christopher Whipple of Bourg.

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New members of the Kells Society are: Martha "Jennilee" Arrington, Zachary Bulmanski, Erin Carter, and Brian Schmidt, Class of 2012; Khanh Luong, Kevin



McPherson, and Sean Sebourn, Class of 2013; Matthew Davis, Colten Ducote, William "Preston" Jones, Jacque LaBry, Eun-Chee Lee, Griffith Lewis, and Steven Nelson, Class of 2014. The 2012 Kells Society honorary faculty member is Dr. Robert Brannon, professor of oral and maxillofacial pathology.

The Kells Society also presented the C. Edmund Kells Society Student Scholar Award to two junior students, Christy

Lottinger and Sean Sebourn. The recipients of the scholarships are regarded by their Kells classmates as exceptional student dentists and individuals.

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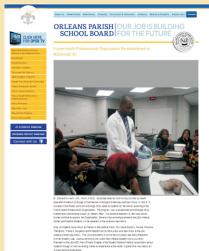
Created to address the shortage of physicians in rural areas, students must commit to practice primary care in a rural Louisiana community when they finish their residency training. These graduates bring the total number of LSUHSC Rural Track Scholars Program alumni to 53, and since 2005, 13 are in practice.





# Pipeline partnership recognized

The Orleans Parish School Board featured the partnership between McDonough #35 Senior High School and LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine in a recent newsletter. The story is about the reestablishment of the Future



Health Professionals Organization at McDonough and its interaction with our school.

Dr. Edward Helm, Associate Dean for Community & Minority Health Education, and Geri Davis, M.Ed., Outreach Coordinator, were invited to speak at the organization's relaunch.

The story also mentioned Joshua Oliver (pictured), an L2, who is President of the LSUHSC-New Orleans Chapter of the Student National Medical Association. He has worked with the McDonough students on our campus to foster their interest in health care careers and LSUHSC.