As of this morning, the LSUHSC campus is not included in the area where Tropical Storm Isaac may make landfall. Now is the time to finalize your plans, get your supplies, and complete your preparations, just in case, though. There has been uncertainty with the forecast for Isaac, and as we all know, hurricanes don't always wind up where we think they're going. We are monitoring the situation and will keep you informed as necessary.

Your preparations for the season should also include helping us get information to you in a rapid fashion—about tropical weather as well as other time-sensitive situations.

If you haven’t already, and would like to opt-in to receive text messaging and/or email alerts through our e2Campus subscription, you can register at the Emergency Preparedness section of the LSUHSC website. Just follow the Text/Email Alerts link in the menu and then follow the instructions there.

And if your contact information has changed, please take a moment to update it.

LSUHSC’s LA Tumor Registry wins national research award

Dr. Vivien Chen, Director of the Louisiana Tumor Registry, a program of the LSUHSC School of Public Health, accepted the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) 20th Anniversary Research Award this week in Washington, DC.

This is one of only two awards given to registries this year. It recognizes the cancer

Speed Mentoring, a new way to advance careers

The South Louisiana Chapter of the Association for Women in Science sponsored a Speed Mentoring event at LSUHSC this week. The event was conceptualized by the NIH and developed by Dr. Alice Cepeda of the University of Southern California, who traveled to LSUHSC to oversee the event.

The purpose of Speed Mentoring was to provide an informal venue where junior faculty, post-docs, graduate students, residents and medical students could receive career and personal advice from senior members in their profession. The concept is for mentees to have face time with someone in a similar profession who has been successful in their career trajectory. The mentors are considered to be experts in their fields who have experience in navigating challenges associated with specific situations and
registry and researchers who best utilized central cancer registry data for cancer research resulting in peer-reviewed publications. The NPCR includes registries from 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Pacific Island Jurisdictions.

In conferring this award, the CDC hopes to highlight achievements that have contributed to the growth and success of the program over the last two decades. Louisiana Tumor Registry researchers have been either lead or coauthors for 96 articles on cancer research published in peer-reviewed journals over the last 10 years and presented data analysis results and findings on cancer research in 114 presentations at state, national and international conferences. They remain highly active in research.

All these studies either have already made or will potentially make significant impacts on the understanding of cancer causation or planning and implementation of cancer control programs, leading to improved outcomes and minimize disparities not only in Louisiana but also for the entire nation.

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issues in their careers. Not only does this event serve as a mentoring mechanism but it facilitates an informal networking opportunity that otherwise may not be possible through other more traditional events. Overall, the idea of Speed Mentoring is for mentees to receive a quick but focused interaction with a mentor.

The feedback from all of the mentees was extremely positive, with requests that this be an annual event.