#### CDC selects Blanco

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention has named LSUHSC's Maria Blanco as an Act Early Ambassador. The CDC's Learn the Signs; Act Early initiative helps

educate the p u b l i c about early signs that could indicate a higher risk of autism or other developmental disorders as



well as available resources to help. The earlier developmental delays or disabilities are identified, the earlier parents and professionals can act to help children reach their fullest potential.

Blanco, who will serve as Louisiana's Ambassador, is an assistant professor in the LSUHSC Human Development Center. An early childhood and Autism

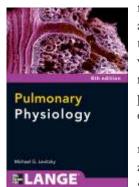


Spectrum Disorders (ASD) specialist, she works to increase access to services for children with developmental disabilities. She directs a statewide school-based ASD training and technical assistance project.

### Levitzky publishes latest edition of textbook used worldwide

he latest edition of what has been called the preeminent textbook and primary educational tool worldwide for this subject for more than three decades, came out this month. McGraw Hill's Lange Physiology Series published the 8th Edition of *Pulmonary Physiology* by LSUHSC's Dr. Michael Levitzky.

The book, first published in 1982, gives first-year medical,



respiratory therapy, nursing, nurseanesthesia, and other health students a thorough understanding of how and why the respiratory system works. The material includes all of the aspects of

pulmonary physiology that serve as a foundation for the practice of medicine.

<u>Pulmonary Physiology</u> is also useful as a review tool. Called the best review for the USMLE Step 1 exam, required to become licensed as a physician in the US, it is also used by residents and fellows in specialities such as internal medicine, anesthesiology, pediatrics, and pulmonary medicine prior to taking certification and

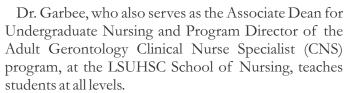
licensure exams.

Dr. Levitzky, who is the Director of the Basic Science Curriculum at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine, is the author or co-author of a number of other textbooks.

# LSNA appoints LSUHSC's Garbee to Board of Directors

he Louisiana State Nurses Association has appointed Deborah Garbee, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, Associate Professor of Nursing at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing, to its

Board of Directors. Dr. Garbee will serve as Chair of the Clinical Practice Committee.



A board-certified Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, Dr. Garbee worked in the operating room and post-anesthesia care unit for 21 years before entering academic nursing.





The Louisiana State Nurses Association represents registered nurses in all specialties and practice areas, and serves as a voice for the nursing profession in the state. Dr. Garbee's two-year term begins this weekend.

## Camp Tiger Benefit Auction kicks off Family Weekend

When the LSUHSC School of Medicine Class of 2016 "called all heroes," hundreds

answered by attending the 28th Annual Camp Tiger Benefit Auction last Friday. Those who participated were treated to delicious food and drink donated by restaurants including Jacques-Imo's, Zea Rotisserie and Grill, Café B, Superior



Grill, Don's Seafood Hut, Dong Phuong Restaurant and Bakery, Manhattan Jack,



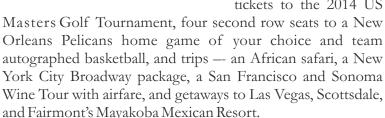
Maple Street Patisserie, VooDoo BBQ, Yee Chinese Restaurant, and Taste of Tokyo, among others.

Items up for bid in the silent auction included art, jewelry, designer accessories, sports



equipment, health and beauty services, autographed sports memorabilia, home furnishings, and gift certificates for everything

from restaurants to hotel stays. The Live Auction, which sold out before the event, included a freshwater pearl necklace, four tickets to the 2014 US





Peter Casey & Meghan Jones

The first-year medical students put together a stellar event, raising \$65,000 toward the cost of Camp Tiger 2013.

Families got an opportunity to learn all about medical school and tour our campus on Saturday at the annual School of Medicine Family Day.



The weekend wrapped up with Tiger Run 2013, a 5k Run/Walk to support medical student outreach. About 300 people participated. The primary beneficiary is the LSUHSC Student-Run Homeless Clinics where medical students, under faculty supervision, provide care at the New Orleans Mission and Ozanam Inn.

### **Book Drive boosts reading**

The LSUHSC/New Orleans Schools Science Partnership Program needs your help to share the gift of reading with 4th-graders in participating schools.



The Partnership is collecting new or gently used age-appropriate books in boxes located near the main elevators in the Trail CSRB, the Resource Center, MEB, the Allied Health/Nursing Building, as well as at the Dental School.



In coordination with school administrators and teachers at partner schools, volunteer students and faculty from LSUHSC bring hands-on science activities tied to current curriculum to teach in the classrooms. The program makes science accessible, bringing it to life, and making it easy to understand. One of its accomplishments is improving test scores on the 4th grade standardized Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) exams.

The Book Drive continues through Friday, May 10.