LSUSHC awards 876 diplomas, certificates in 2012-13

The newest members of the health professions graduated from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans at the 139th Commencement yesterday.

Graduates include students from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans' Schools of Allied Health Professions, Nursing, Public Health, Graduate Studies, Dentistry and Medicine.

Dr. E. Gordon Gee, JD, EdD, President of The Ohio State University, delivered the Commencement Address. Dr. Gee has been president of more universities than anyone in American history and Time Magazine ranked him #1 in its 10 Best College Presidents issue.

Dr. Nelson set the tone by reminding Dr. Gee in his introduction of LSU’s victory over Ohio State in the 2008 BCS Championship game. Dr. Gee certainly knows his way around a commencement address, and this one was full of fun, laughter, advice and wisdom.
Mr. Lee Mallett, of the LSU Board of Supervisors, conferred degrees.

This academic year, the number of degrees and certificates LSUHSC New Orleans is conferring is at an all-time high. Eight hundred twenty-three of them are to Louisiana residents, from 43 parishes and 123 Louisiana cities and towns. Ninety-four percent of the LSUHSC New Orleans graduates are from Louisiana. Forty graduates are from 17 other states and 13 graduates represent 6 foreign countries.

Females outnumber males considerably, at 71% of the class.

Chancellor’s Award recipients Renford Cindass Jr., medicine, Mark Anthony Ranatza, nursing, Katie Elise Evans, dental surgery, Chih Hui Lee, dental laboratory technology, Amy Jean Snyder, dental hygiene, Shruitee Bhatt Das, allied health professions, and Kadie Jo Rome, public health. School of Nursing Valedictorian is Jennifer Lee Gravolet, and Salutatorian is Rebecca Marie Steen. Deans’ Awards recipients are Robin Jean Gruenfeld, public health, Antonio Mircea Tanase, dental laboratory technology, Leslie Claire Moss, dental hygiene, Christy Michael Lottinger, dental surgery, Jennifer Michelle Pate, allied health professions, and Leonard Clarkson Alsfeld, medicine.

Congratulations to the outstanding LSUHSC faculty, graduates, and their families!