

## LSUHSC Nursing awarded \$1.47 million in grants

The LSUHSC School of Nursing has been awarded \$1.47 million in new and continuation funding from the Health

Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the past few weeks. This funding is for three programmatic grants and two traineeships. The traineeships are to benefit graduate nursing students in the Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Anesthesia Programs. These traineeship dollars are provided directly to students to assist with their studies. For the Family Nurse Practitioner students who qualify, they can receive up to \$22,000 for full-time studies and \$11,000 for part-time studies. The first and second year Nurse Anesthesia students are each awarded a portion of the dollars received to assist them with their studies.

Our three programmatic grants in Advanced Nursing Education and Nursing Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention all received full continuation of their funding for this year. The Advanced Nursing Education grant supports our Nurse Anesthesia program in the recruitment of underserved students and students from rural backgrounds. It allows us to purchase equipment to be used by students during course work and to raise awareness of careers in Nurse Anesthesia to high school and undergraduate students in Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Through this grant last year, we were able to recruit and enroll 21 students with underrepresented backgrounds and 10 students from rural areas.



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## LSUHSC provides free dental screening at La Raza conference

The LSUHSC School of Dentistry conducted a free dental screening with Johnson & Johnson last weekend for children and adults attending the National Council of La Raza national annual meeting at the Morial Convention Center. Part of the LSUHSC Making Impressions Dental Outreach Program, the LSUHSC dental team screened participants from



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We hold two Nursing Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (NEPQR) programmatic grants. The first is our Cultural Competency During

the Disaster Cycle (C3DC) grant. This grant has been successful in training RNs, APRNs, faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students to assist vulnerable populations during disasters. Through online modules, Second Life Virtual Case Studies, and face to face discussions, the C3DC program served over 1,200 participants during the 2012-2013 academic year. In the final year of the grant, the project will target home health and long term care nurses.

The second NEPQR program is for our Nurse Managed Clinics in New Orleans East and Mid-City. The first clinic opened, the Village De Jardin, is located in New Orleans East and is open to the public. We are excited to be able



to expand our services to all adults 18 and over during this programmatic grant year. The Terraces on Tulane in Mid-City is open to The Terraces residents and now to select Volunteers of America clientele. During this year, we are expanding our services to include Obesity Management, Tobacco Cessation, and Diabetic Foot Care. We are also expecting to expand our partnerships with our Interprofessional Partners in the Dental School, Allied Health, Xavier University School of Pharmacy, and Southern University New Orleans School of Social Work.

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10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Dale Ehrlich, Chairman of the Department of Comprehensive



Dentistry & Biomaterials, coordinated the Dental School's participation.

This is the second year that J & J Consumer conducted dental screenings at this conference. They noted that with the help of LSUHSC dental faculty, staff, and students, 270 participants were screened, which is more than twice the amount of people that were screened at last year's conference.

This type of outreach is most rewarding. Direct interaction not only helps educate people about oral health, but it can also have a profound impact on those who desperately need dental help.

