Message From the Dean
Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN

Our nursing school’s mission is to “provide local, national, and international leadership in the education of professional nurses to function as generalists, advanced practitioners, educators, scholars, and researchers who shape the delivery of nursing practice and education.” We achieve this mission through engaging in research, teaching, clinical practice, and service activities that shape the delivery of nursing practice and education with an ultimate impact on nursing and the community. This issue of Tiger Nursing Times is an excellent exemplar of LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty and students’ contribution to improving the outcomes of our nursing school and community through engagement in service activities. Our service leadership in the nursing school and community is evident. As nurses and nursing students we have a unique discipline specific philosophy, skills, knowledge, and ability to provide “caring” service to our school and community.

Our nursing school has recently hosted a successful on-site visit of our nurse anesthesia program by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. Our nursing school renovations should come to an end this semester. We will excitedly occupy a new second floor classroom and simulation labs. In addition, we will have faculty offices and some classroom space available on the first floor. This will bring to closure a long post-Katrina construction project.

The nursing school has enrolled our first cohort of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students this fall semester. Our new DNP students are beginning their doctoral studies and initiating evidence based practice projects that are designed to improve nursing practice, health care systems, and/or patient outcomes. Under the leadership of Dr. Danna, Dr. Bennett, and Dr. Jeanfreau, the nursing school has opened a second nurse managed clinic site to provide primary care services. In addition, Dr. Bennett has received a HRSA grant to support our primary care nurse practitioner students’ study by providing monetary support. Our undergraduate nursing students has a successful LASN conference and some of our undergraduate nursing students are preparing to attend the National Student Nurses’ Association Mid-Year Conference. Our nursing school continues to make significant achievements through the dedication of our faculty, staff, and students. Have a safe and joyful holiday season!
Second Nurse Managed Clinic Opens

The LSU Health School of Nursing/Healthcare Network Clinic has opened its second nurse managed primary care clinic at The Terraces on Tulane. Located in Mid-City at 3615 Tulane Avenue, The Terraces is a Volunteers of America (VOA) facility for individuals aged 62 and over. This clinic opened on August 30, 2012. The Terraces has 200 one-bedroom apartments with income-based rents and is a planned living environment with amenities for older, low-income residents. The Terraces was built post-Katrina, providing services for seniors. The clinic has two exam rooms and will serve members of the VOA network. This facility is a national model and the only such VOA facility in the country. Along with the Village de Jardin clinic that opened in New Orleans East in July, this setting provides the School of Nursing with two clinics for faculty practice and student learning opportunities while providing health and nursing care to the elderly citizens of New Orleans.

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On July 21, 2012, the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing Alumni Association held its annual meeting. This year’s meeting was held at Ralph’s on the Park. Many alumni gathered to visit with old friends and enjoy the day. We were delighted to have Beth Higgins, RN, BSN (Class of May 2005) deliver her presentation on organ donation and procurement.

The Alumni Association’s Board of Directors election was held at the annual meeting. The following alumni were elected to positions: President - Brandon Brown, Vice-President - Melissa Pretus-Hudson, Treasurer - Jay Guidry, Board Members at Large - Amber Lambert and Celestine Carter, Board Members - Lance Morello and John Greer.

At this year’s meeting, the Alumni Association honored Dr. Denise Danna as the 2012 LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Danna is a three time graduate of the School of Nursing. She received her BSN, MN, and DNS degrees at the school. She began her nursing career at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans where she started as a nurse tech. She then worked her way from staff nurse to running the telemetry and observation units as a head nurse before accepting a position as Vice President of Nursing. Dr. Danna then transitioned to a position as the Chief Nursing Officer of Memorial Medical Center where she served in that role for over ten years. Post-Katrina, the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing was delighted to have her join their faculty where she is now an Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Community Service and Advanced Nursing Practice.

Dr. Danna has been published in various journals and has authored numerous chapters in text books. In 2010, she co-authored *Nursing in the Strom: Voices from Hurricane Katrina*. Dr. Danna is a member of many professional organizations including the American Nurses Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, Louisiana Organization of Healthcare Executives, National League of Nursing, Southern Nursing Research Society, and Sigma Theta Tau where she serves as the Treasurer of the Epsilon Nu Chapter. She is currently the Past-President of the Louisiana State Nurses Association and Treasurer of the New Orleans District Nurses Association.

We look forward to next year’s meeting. Please check our website for information about the Alumni Association’s upcoming events. http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/NursingAlumniAssociation/Alumni.html.
The LSU Student Nurses’ Association (SNA) was active in the community during the spring of 2012. We kicked off the semester on January 30th with a blood drive through Ochsner Blood Blank, where 47 people attempted to donate blood! During January and February, the SNA collected Valentine’s Day items to donate to Children’s Hospital to make February 14th a special day for the children in the hospital. On February 4th, SNA members participated in a Super Saturday at City Park, where they planted trees and restored walking paths. On February 11th, SNA members volunteered for a Work/Play Day at Big Branch Marsh to help restore the historical Bayou Gardens. From February 22nd to the 26th, SNA members served as volunteers at the Emergency Nurses Association Leadership Conference, where they not only got to volunteer, but also got to see what happens at a professional nursing conference!

On March 4th, SNA worked at a water station for the American Cancer Society Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon. On March 11th, SNA members helped Save Our Cemeteries to restore the ironworks in St. Louis Cemetery No. 2. On March 24th, volunteers worked hard at the Green Project, a local organization that recycles old building supplies, including paint, windows, doors, and more! SNA also collected nonperishable foods during March to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank.

On April 23rd, the SNA hosted another blood drive, this time with The Blood Center, where 19 units of blood were donated. During the month of April, newspapers were collected to donate to local animal shelters. Also during the spring semester, SNA made care packages for the troops with items that were collected from November 2011 to February 2012. We sent thirty-eight care packages to troops in Afghanistan – what an honor to be able to send a token of thanks to those putting their lives on the line!

On September 22nd, SNA members sorted clothing, SNA State Convention
blankets, and other donated items in the Bridge House Thrift Store. These items then could be resold at a reduced price with all of the proceeds going to support the Bridge House’s mission of assisting those affected by addiction and homelessness in our community.

The Student Nurses’ Association State Convention was held October 27th through October 29th. SNA members from nursing schools around the state came together to further their education about nursing leadership and nursing practice fields, as well as hear about community involvement of student nurses around Louisiana.

On October 6th SNA members took part in the Light the Night Walk to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society which aids and brings hope to those combating blood cancers. On October 20th SNA members walked again for two different, but worthy causes. The Fight for Air Walk helps support children suffering with asthma as well as raising awareness about lung cancer, air pollution, and second-hand smoke. We also walked in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure which raises funds and provides educational information about breast cancer. SNA members took an active role in the 100 Great Nurses of Louisiana event by serving food, helping with registration, and guiding those participating and being honored.

On October 27th and 28th SNA students will get into the Halloween spirit by volunteering at Children’s Hospital’s Boo at the Zoo and the Louisiana Children’s Museum’s Museum Mash. Both of these events give children in the New Orleans area a safe way to trick or treat, play games, and show off their Halloween costumes. On November 2nd, we will be volunteering at the Magnolia School Gala by running their auction boards. The gala raises funds for the school which supports those adults in the New Orleans community with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. SNA’s final event this fall will take place Thanksgiving morning when our students will serve Thanksgiving dinner to those affected by homelessness and addiction at Bridge House.

We have been so honored to serve as volunteers to these amazing organizations in our community and look forward to strengthening these partnerships and the New Orleans metro area for the future!

Visit our website for a list of upcoming events: http://nursing.lsuhs.edu/StudentInformation/Activities/StudentNursesAssociation.html
The DAISY Foundation was founded in November 1999, in memory of J. Partick Barnes who died at age 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). The foundation’s mission is to say thank you to the nursing profession in three ways; honoring the super-human work nurses do at the bedside every day through The DAISY Award, funding nursing research through The J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, and honoring nursing faculty through The DAISY Faculty Award.

Criteria for the award selection reflect the School of Nursing Core Values, Mission, and Vision. Honorees are nominated by students, peers, administrators, and staff. The following faculty members were so honored on May 11th, 2012:

Jacqueline Favret
Leanne Fowler
Scharalda Jeanfreau
Connie McKnight

To nominate a faculty member, please visit: http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/Special/DaisyAward.html

Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana 2012

The following nursing faculty members from LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing have achieved the prestigious honor of being selected as one of the Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana for 2012. They will be honored on Wednesday, October 24th at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner. Congratulations!

Jennifer Badeaux
Jean Cefalu
Kimberly Cheramie
Gerald Guidry
Martha Miller
Alma Nixon
Andrew Pitt
Julia Tipton

After nearly 30 years of service to LSU Health New Orleans, Mr. Glenn Ruiz has announced his retirement. Currently the IT Project Coordinator at the School of Nursing, Mr. Ruiz began his career at LSU Health New Orleans in 1983. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us at the School of Nursing!
The students in the NURS 3365 Child Health Nursing Practicum have taken their expertise in health education to local schools in the New Orleans area. This clinical gives them the opportunity to see the various stages of growth and development in action in a healthy population. Recently, nursing and medical literature has focused on “the future of nursing” with the nursing profession being the leaders in prevention. This view of nursing is touted by many nursing organizations, the National League for Nursing (NLN) Transforming Nursing Education, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA), as well as the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Future of Nursing statement. The students attending our LSUHSC SON students’ presentations at Jefferson Elementary School sent a surprise packet of thank-you letters in appreciation of the time spent with them sharing knowledge about how to keep themselves healthy.
SNA Attends LASN Convention

by Kira Riches and Marirose Bernard

Another successful LASN convention has come to an end and LSUHSC SNA made a big presence at the convention. This year was the 58th Annual State Convention and it was held at the Crowne Plaza in Kenner, LA. We had 41 students attend, including Kira Riches serving as LASN Secretary, Leonard Jones serving as LASN President and Meagan Hingle serving as LASN Historian.

At this year’s Saturday night Awards Banquet, LSUHSC SNA surely did shine! Below is a list of awards we won...

• 2nd place Best Image of Nursing Presentation for our EB Awareness community service event
• Best Recruitment Project
• Greatest number of students NIMS Certified
• Disaster Preparedness Blanket Collection Award - We brought in 194 blankets!
• Most students participating in this year’s LASN Community Health Project (sign-up for organ and bone marrow donation as well as blood donation)
• Most newsletter articles submitted to LASN’s Horizons
• Largest number of community service events
• Scrapbook - 1st place for best representation of SNA activities
• Scrapbook - 2nd place for most creative
• Scrapbook - Best Overall

Additional individual awards were given out...

• Kira Riches was awarded Student Nurse of the State Award.

We also had many students run for LASN Board of Directors positions. The 8 new LASN board members from LSUHSC are...

• Sarah Windsor Landry - Vice President
• Jessica Allen - Secretary
• Sara Lacey - Treasurer
• Alexander Wong - BTN/Membership Director
• Claire Faia - Special Events Coordinator
• Genevieve Claypool - Parliamentarian
• Holly Tomasello - Region 4 Director
• Kira Riches - Presidential Consultant

Congratulations to all our students that represented us at the LASN convention, to the SNA Executive Board, and to all SNA members that participated in our events over the past year. It was through everyone’s efforts that we won so many awards and were as successful as we were!

We would like to extend a really big thank you to Dr. Demetrius Porche for sponsoring our wonderful opening night party and for sponsoring our students so they could attend the convention. Thanks to Dr. Cathy Lopez for the delicious lunch on Friday! And many thanks to all the faculty members that worked with students on scheduling exams, clinicals, etc., so they could attend the convention and enjoy the opportunity of participating in this outstanding pre-professional organization. I think the profession of nursing is in great hands with these students as our future leaders!
Congratulations to Our Graduates

May 2012

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Alaina Lynne Adams
Jessica Lynn Adams
Rachel Louise Adams
Amanda Michelle Allain
Rodmistrial Rianne-Miggonnetta Allen
Jessica Angerdina
Julie Brooke Arthur
Elise Caitlin Atkinson
Cody Wallace Aucoin
Katasha Maria August
Matthew Gerard Babin
Brittany Jeana Bailey
Brandie Marie Baque
Alexis Jameka Tashé Bennett
Hannah Lynn Best
Brittany Rose Bienvenu
Brittany Michelle Blenkarn
Jessica Danyel Bolin
Jeffrey Jay Bordelon
Jocelyn Jones Braselman
Zoe Tagen Brauner
Emily Mary Breaux
Ashley Dawn Brown
Chelsea Catherine Buchanan
Patrick Dean Buchta
Sean Michael Buchta
Emily Paige Callens
Stacie Louise Campiere
Dana Antoinette Campo
Donald Robert Chaucer, Jr.
Jessica Catherine Chauvin
Meagan Nichole Claret
Victoria Lafaye Clark
Hannah Louise Clarke
Katherine Elizabeth Conley
Laura Kathleen Davis
Erin Denise Digiglia
Judith Ann Dodd
Abby Orkus Donnelly
Danielle Marie Dupont
Amanda Lynn Evans
Alaina Marie Fangue
Mary Kathleen Finnigan
Brad Roy Fitzsimmons
Kelly Ann Fleming
Taylor Marie Flick
Brooke Marie Fontenot
Erika Danyelle Fontenot
Jenna Leigh Gainey
Brittany Theresa Garey
Angelle Cecile Gelé
Natalie Marie Gerdes
Rachel Kateri Gibbons
Ashley Paige Gilchrist
Michael Evan Grabert
Adam Ross Graham
Laura Katherine Gremillion
Valerie Luquette Gunawan
Grant Colvin Gunstream
Maira Alejandra Harris
Kaitlyn Marie Hayes
Rebecca Lee Hentze
Amanda Lynn Hill
Shayna Harper Hogan
Erin Elizabeth Hughes
Michelle Angela Johnson
Sandra Diana Kelly
Emily Elizabeth Krazit
Kim Lopez LaCombe
Carlie Jeanne Lagarde
Ashley Elizabeth Landry
Andrew William Larkin
Jessica Cox Lirette
Gretchen Rochelle Loeber
Anastasia Marie Lopiccolo
Michael Rush Luhowiak
Morgan Kaye Mahaffey
Kadi Dreher Malek
Jennie Marie Martin
Abby Louise Meche
Jennell Jakia Melancon
Lauren Nicole Mendez
Micah Joel Metrailler
Amber Michelle Miley
Melanie Michelle Monroe
Kelsey Elizabeth Monte
Jerrilynn Lillie Moore
Angela Parker Murray
Casey Collins Myers
Brittani Lynn Naccari
Carli Danielle Newell
Sophia Thi Thuy Nguyen
Tuan Van Nguyen
Jessica Sophia Nieves
Phillip Jason Podret
Haley Theresa Pontiff
Sarah Caroline Posseno
Rebecca Susan Powers
Monique Nicole Price
Amanda Lynn Rabalais
Jeffrey Allen Rachal
Craig Robert Redgrave
Jillian Hanover Rodick
Vallorie Danette Rogers
Jeffrey Paul Roussel
Heather Marie Rouyer
Lori Stephens Sandifer
Sarah Anne Scheidler
Trena Crawford Schenck
Raechel Lynn Schexnaildre
Cortney Rebecca Schmidt
Emily Clair Small
Jigna Harshul Soni
Tamara Akilah Taylor
D’Juan Sylvester Thompson
John Peter Tobin, III
Mary Elizabeth Truxillo
Erin Elizabeth Van Zandt
Caitlin Michelle Weilbaecher
Alycee Theresa Wilson
Caitlin Worthington Yerkes
Master of Nursing
Thomas Edward Allison, III
Andrea Alvarez-Dorsey
William Louis Anderson
Heather Sue Aymond
Tara Marie Blake
Kristyn Rosa Bohrer
Trisha Bonanno Bordelon
Michaelyn Hernandez Brabham
Lanesha Thomas Bracy
Jennifer Arynn Breaux
Heather Lynn Brooks
Brandon Carleton Brown
Mack Allen Brown
Robin Ardoiin Bundick
Jennifer Rae Chambers
Carrie Leigh Comeaux
Karen Hauptmann Cretini
Dominick Diecidue, III
Sarah Wallace Eisworth
Christine Elizabeth Ewing
Jude Julien Foret
Ashley Justin Galloway
Erin Leila Maxwell Gardner
Jennifer Lane Gilly
Shekinah Monique Gleason
Celina Theriot Hargenrader
Jennifer Rose Humphreys
Nikki Michelle Hunter
Mary Kathleen Jackson
Alfred Wilford Johnson
Melissa Jean Jumonville
Kenya Knox-Louis
Stefanie Ann Laiche
Suzanne Savage Lancaster
Tiffany Monique Leake
Shawndolyn Kenyitta Lebne
Laura Duet Leckelt
Angelle Marie Lew
Michelle White Lindsey
Melissa Adcox Lumpkin
Michelle Andrea Macaluso
Shari Lyn Malaki-Tran
Frederick Brentz Mallini
Summer Andrews Marshall
Dale La Van Martin
Catherine Rita Mayer
Greens Joseph Meyaski, II
Todd Daniel Morgan
Erin Shackleford Murphy
Jeanette Leona Naquin
Blanche Kimberly Norton
Yvonne Popovits Oakley
Derrick Bernard O’Neal
Mia Portier Oubre
Chevelle Lordez Parker
Michele Smith Patel
Bridgette Elizabeth Payne
Mark Henry Peart
Tara Brady Perle
Wanda Seiders Pezant
Neal Randall Popichak
Kelsey McNitt Prather
Gina Marie Raguas
Wendy Lynn Ramirez
Jason Paul Recatto
Candis Dawn Reily
Kristen Allenday Rogers
Brittany Wax Saale
Ashley Elizabeth Sabrier
Angel Marie Schexneider
Seth Paul Schouest
Joy Adele Soniat
Simone Olivier Stewart
Yong Mei Tan
John Ross Taylor
Elsa Elizabeth Treadway
Tracy Celeste Villarreal
Hai Tuan Vu
Dianna Waller Wadsworth
Elaine Fratesi Zinger

Master of Science in Nursing
Allison Vallee Cado
Shelly Ann Duet
Kimberly Dawsey Easterling
Gerard Rupert Guidry, Jr.
Margaret Elaine Leonard
Trudy Baker McLaurin

Doctor of Nursing Science
Amanda Singleton Eymard

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Caroline Elizabeth Adams
Ijeoma Ibe Anadi
Chereé Sessums Boddens
Kimaka Juanette Bowens
Mandell Joseph Butler
Wilma Garcia Cabading
Oto-Obong Ekaete Collins
Crystal Lee Davis
Brian Edward Duthu
Danyele Krystyne Gomez
Shanedolyn Grover
Cheree Bryant Harris
Keela Marie Hawkins
Kelly Elizabeth Jones
Joshua Lee Littlejohn
Morris Daniel McMurray
Vanessa Marie Metoyer
Caroline Denise Miles
Katrin Rose Mooney
Katherine Elizabeth Musso
Nacole Natalie Nurdin
Jena Portier Parfait
Patricia Carimi Poolson
Cora Vincent Presley
Florence Carolina Russell
Nadinna Ann Schaeffer
Nadine Veronica Simmons
Chau Minh Tran
Kristin Nicole Treadaway
Jennifer Dawn Tubré
Kelly Marie Walker

Master of Nursing
Lisa Simon Dick
Susan Wallace Mulderick
...and Our Award Winners

Natalie Marie Gerdes
Valedictorian
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Jessica Catherine Chauvin
Salutatorian

Katasha Maria August
Academic Recognition, CARE Program
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Brandon Carleton Brown
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, MN

Robin Ardoin Bundick
Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Award

Carrie Leigh Comeaux
Nurse Anesthesia Program Director’s Award

Karen Hauptmann Cretini
Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Outstanding Graduate Award

Erin Denise Digiglia
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, BSN
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Judith Ann Dodd
Patricia Losee Memorial Award

Shelly Ann Duet
Nursing Caring Award, MN

Brian Edward Duthu
Early Childhood & Family Learning Foundation
Community Award

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Wendy Renée Hounsel
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Nikki Michelle Hunter
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award
Faculty Recognition Award
Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award

Gretchen Rochelle Loeber
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Kadi Dreher Malek
Highest Academic Honors, CARE Program
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Micah Joel Metrailer
Chancellor’s Award
Faculty Recognition Award
Student Government Association Award
Student Nurses Association Award

Chelsea Hardaway Miller
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Angela Parker Murray
CARE Program PRIDE Award

Bridgette Elizabeth Payne
Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Excellence Award

Haley Theresa Pontiff
Nursing Caring Award, BSN

Jeffrey Allen Rachal
Mary Lou Steedley Memorial Community Health Nursing Award

Jason Paul Recatto
Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Excellence Award

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Hai Tuan Vi
Alice Hicks CRNA Memorial Award

Caitlin Worthington Yerkes
Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award
Accomplishments
Deborah Garbee has been promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing.
Judith Gentry has recertified as an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN) by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC).
Susan Orlando has been promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing.
Yvonne Sterling was recognized as one of the 2012 City Business Health Care Heroes.
Julia Tipton has passed the Certified Nurse Educator examination and is now a Certified Nurse Educator.
Julia Tipton has been named the recipient of the Graduate Scholar Award at the Second International Conference on Food Studies that was held October 4th-5th in Urbana, IL.

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