

# Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing

Summer 2009

## Message From the Dean

Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD (c), APRN



Since 1929, the Louisiana State University System has been offering formal nursing education. In 1933, a formal nursing education program leading to a baccalaureate degree was instituted. This first degree was a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education. Our current baccalaureate degree, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, was initially accredited in 1955. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education degree was discontinued in 1958. Over the years, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center inaugurated Associate of Science in Nursing, Master of Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Science degrees. The Associate of Science in Nursing degree was discontinued in 2000.

LSUHSC School of Nursing continues to provide nursing education at three academic levels: baccalaureate, master, and doctoral. Our Alumni Association, in partnership with our faculty, staff and students, is planning a gala celebrating our history of being the only nursing school within an academic medical center that provides formal nursing education at all three academic levels. Please watch our website <http://nursing.lsuhscc.edu> for updates on this event.

The School of Nursing enrollment and graduation rates remain very “healthy.” We are preparing to admit over 100 nursing students into our Traditional BSN program and over 50 nursing students into our CARE accelerated BSN program. The School of Nursing maintains a total enrollment of over 950 students, with approximately 250 students pursuing studies in the master’s and doctoral programs. Our RN to BSN and RN to MN articulation programs continue to grow.

As the nursing shortage continues to threaten nursing practice, we continue to meet the demand for nurses. Despite relief of the nursing shortage created by the nation’s current economic status, nursing researchers, economist and workforce analyst continue to project that by 2025, an additional 260,000 registered nurses will be needed. In addition, the current suggested health care reform measures will provide increased opportunities and demands for nurses in our country. Nursing is and remains a critical profession within the health care system.

LSUHSC School of Nursing not only continues our tradition of excellence in nursing education but contributes to the science of nursing and prepares the next generation of leaders in nursing. This newsletter presents only a snapshot of activities and accomplishments of our nursing school faculty and students. Enjoy reading about your alma matter!

Tiger Nursing Times

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***Save the Date!***  
***Explore our Graduate Nursing Programs!***

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
School of Nursing**



***Representatives from our graduate programs will be available to  
provide information on continuing your nursing education***

**When: Monday, September 21, 2009**

**Where: Fourth Floor, LSUHSC School of Nursing  
1900 Gravier Street, New Orleans**

**Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Programs of Study**

RN to MN  
Nurse Educator  
Nurse Anesthesia  
Nursing Administration  
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner  
Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner  
Advanced Public Health-Community Health Nursing  
Psychiatric-Community Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Doctor of Nursing Science

***Apply by November 6, 2009, for fall admission.  
If you cannot attend and would like more information about  
LSUHSC School of Nursing, please contact:***

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## LSUHSC Nursing Faculty Get Top Honors

Three members of the faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing are recipients of three of the Louisiana State Nurses Association's top Nightingale Awards. Judith Gentry, APRN, MSN, OCN, LSUHSC Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, was named Nursing Educator of the Year 2009. Nancy Buccola, MSN, APRN, LSUHSC Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, was named Outstanding Nurse Researcher. Jane Sumner, PhD, RN, APRN, LSUHSC Professor of Nursing, was inducted into the Nursing Hall of Fame.

The awards were presented at the 8th Annual Louisiana Awards Gala for Nursing and Healthcare sponsored by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation and Louisiana State Nurses Association in Baton Rouge on January 31, 2009.

Criteria for the Nursing Educator of the Year award include impact on students, excellence in classroom presentation or other instructional methods, excellence in clinical expertise, comments from students and participation in professional organizations. Ms. Gentry's 45-year practice as an RN and her 24-year academic career were recognized, as was her excellence in both LSUHSC Nursing's traditional and accelerated nursing programs. She was also acknowledged for teaching an interdisciplinary complementary pain management course for medical, dental, nursing, physical therapy, and occupational therapy students.

The Outstanding Nurse Researcher award recognizes a Registered Nurse who has led significant nursing research which has had an impact on health care or the community. Through a 34-year nursing career, Ms. Buccola has worked to improve mental health and has gained international prominence as a nurse researcher. For the past ten years, she has been supported by funds from the National Institute of Mental Health as principal investigator of multi-center schizophrenia studies.

The Nursing Hall of Fame recognizes a Registered Nurse's lifelong commitment to the profession of nursing and its impact on the health and/or social history of the State of Louisiana. The recipient must have practiced in Louisiana for at least ten years and achieved national prominence. He or she must have demonstrated leadership and enduring achievement, having value beyond the recipient's lifetime. Dr. Sumner's career spans nearly 45 years and she has devoted more than 16 years to improving the health of her adopted Louisiana through nursing education and her national and international prominence as a nursing scholar and theorist.

*The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing is the only Louisiana nursing school integrated into an academic health center. It provides local, regional, 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.*



*Judith Gentry, Jane Sumner and Nancy Buccola*

## LSUHSC School of Nursing

### Dr. Celestine Carter Promoted to Colonel

Dr. Celestine Carter, a professor at the LSUHSC School of Nursing, has a long and varied career in nursing that includes service in the United States military in addition to her years of nursing instruction. In April of 2009, Dr. Carter was promoted to the rank of Full Bird Colonel, which is a milestone for nurses seeking a career in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Carter entered the U.S. Army Reserves as a Second Lieutenant in November, 1984, seven years before she began teaching at LSUHSC in July, 1991. Making use of Dr. Carter's nursing skills, the army initially assigned her to the 305<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. In 1996, Dr. Carter was transferred from Gulfport to the 4010<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Hospital in New Orleans, where she continues to serve.

During her tenure in the military, Dr. Carter has had the opportunity to visit several countries outside the U.S. including Paraguay, Argentina, Bolivia, and Canada. Within the United States, she's been stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Polk, Louisiana; and Fort Hood, Texas.

Dr. Carter co-directed the LSUHSC Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center's Partner's in Health Program from 2000 until 2005. This program focused on recruitment of underserved minority women in the Greater New Orleans Area by providing free mammography, Pap screening, and education.

The faculty, staff, and students of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing congratulate Dr. Carter on this honor and thanks her for her dedication to our nation's armed forces.



## Dr. Denise Danna Assumes Role of Louisiana State Nurses Association President

After serving in various positions in the LSNA over the last eight years Dr. Denise Danna, LSUHSC Associate Dean of Nursing has assumed the role of president. Dr. Danna plans to move forward with the LSNA strategic plan and along with the Board of Directors, has identified goals to improve the operational aspects of the organization. The LSNA goals for 2008-2009 include establishing a succession plan, identification of potential growth opportunities, becoming an active partner in healthcare design, and a restructuring of the governance of LSNA.

Currently, LSNA represents over 44, 000 registered nurses in the state and has approximately 1150 members. Dr. Danna hopes to promote the organization's ongoing development through the support of all nurses in the state and thanks all nurses who are LSNA members. Membership in the American Nurses Association entitles nurses to membership in LSNA and Dr. Danna encourages all nurses to join this professional organization.

## Dr. Jane Sumner, Nursing Theorist Publishes New Book

Dr. Jane Sumner's book, *The Moral Construct of Caring in Nursing as Communicative Action: A Theory for Nursing Practice*, was released earlier this year. Dr. Sumner was the guest of honor at a book signing, held January 6, 2009, at the LSUHSC School of Nursing.

Dr. Sumner theorizes that caring in nursing is a complex and multifaceted process and occurs in a bidirectional manner between the nurse and the patient. The nurse, consisting of a personal and professional self, interacts with the patient, who consists of a personal and an illness self. The nurse professional self consists of theory, practice, and experiential knowledge. The patient illness self includes physical, psychosocial, social, and spiritual needs. The interaction is based on innate human vulnerability and need of 'considerateness.' The moral component is predicated on the vulnerability of both.

Dr. Sumner completed her diploma training in New Zealand. She received her BSN from Eastern College in Pennsylvania, a Master of Nursing degree from LSUHSC School of Nursing, and a PhD in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans. Dr. Sumner's clinical expertise is in home health and hospice, where she served as a staff nurse and administrator. Early in her career, Dr. Sumner found a love for teaching and is currently the program director for the LSUHSC School of Nursing Advanced Public / Community Health Nursing Graduate Program.



**The Student Government Association Annual Crawfish Boil was held on March 28, 2009 at LaFrenier Park. Students, alumni, faculty and families enjoyed great weather and great food.**

## **Kendra Barrier First Graduate of New Nurse Educator Program**



Kendra Barrier came home from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for Christmas break in December 1980, after 3 semesters. Her “break” extended to 12 years as she followed a career path in banking. When a friend experienced a tragic wound that left her paralyzed, Kendra realized she should have pursued her desire to

become a nurse. Her personal experience with illness made her even more determined to reach her goal.

Kendra was quickly diagnosed with myasthenia gravis after seeking a second opinion for her symptoms. As a patient, she realized the important role the nurse plays in providing emotional and physical care. With her prerequisites complete, she began the LSUHSC School of Nursing Bachelor of Science program in August, 2007, keeping pace with her younger classmates. Following graduation, Kendra became an emergency room nurse and soon was asked to precept student nurses. LSUHSC instructor Rose Schaubhut, RN, MPH, recognized Kendra as a natural educator. Ms. Schaubhut persistently encouraged Kendra to enroll in a graduate nursing program, ignoring her protests that she was too old and was not interested in taking tests and writing papers. One year after completing the application, Kendra became the first graduate of the LSUSHSC School of Nursing Nurse Educator Graduate Program on May 16, 2009. The year brought other honors as Kendra was named a Great 100 Nurse of New Orleans and has been inducted into the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Kendra is currently employed at LSUHSC School of Nursing as an instructor for Adult Health II, a critical care course. She likes to engage her students in active learning and enjoys the clinical aspect of teaching. Kendra is now considering when she'll submit her next application for doctoral studies!

## **Todd Tartavouille Awarded 2009 Allen Copping Excellence in Teaching Award**

Todd Tartavouille, MN, APRN, has been an Instructor of Nursing at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing for the past 2 years. He currently teaches Healthcare Assessment at the sophomore level and also teaches Critical Care Nursing, his specialty and passion, to seniors.



Todd first graduated in 1993 from The LSUHSC School of Allied Health with a Bachelor of Science degree in Cardiopulmonary Science. He spent the next few years working as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Charity Hospital. In August of 1995, Todd entered the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at LSUHSC and graduated in May of 1998. As a nurse, Todd worked in the MICU at Charity Hospital until 2005, including the week following Hurricane Katrina as patients were rescued and evacuated. Following the storm, Todd returned to the LSUHSC School of Nursing Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist program and obtained his master's of nursing degree in December, 2007. He is AACN board certified as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and started the LSUHSC School of Nursing Doctorate of Nursing Science program this summer.

Congratulations to Todd from the LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty, staff and students!

## **Dr. Demetrius Porche Appointed to Louisiana State Board of Nursing**

Earlier this year, Gov. Jindal appointed Dr. Porche to serve on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN). According to statute, the LSBN serves to ensure that persons practicing as registered nurses are adequately trained and licensed.

Dr. Porche was nominated to serve on the board by the Louisiana State Nurses Association. He will serve with nine other certified registered nurses and two physicians selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Medical Society.

## LSUHSC School of Nursing Faculty Hold Office for New Orleans District Nursing Association

Dr. Jennifer Couvillon . . . . . President  
 Ellen Beyer . . . . . Vice –President  
 Dr. Denise Danna . . . . . Treasurer  
 Rose Schaubhut . . . . . Secretary  
 Dr. Demetrius Porche . . . . . Director at Large  
 Dr. Leslie Pejic . . . . . Director at Large  
 Stephanie Pierce . . . . . Director at Large  
 Kathy Carter . . . . . Director at Large  
 Anne Troy . . . . . Director at Large



*LSUHSC Students at a NODNAA Spring Event*

## LSUHSC School of Nursing Welcomes New Alumni Association President

I am honored to be elected president of the LSUHSC Nursing Alumni Association and look forward to working with the other newly elected officers, board members, and alumni. On behalf of the alumni association, I thank out-going president Arlene Rome for her years of dedicated service to the organization. Arlene's term began just prior to Hurricane Katrina. Thanks to her leadership, the nursing alumni association remains strong and vibrant today. The Board and I invite you to join the nursing alumni association if you are not already a member, attend the monthly association meetings, get more involved with the alumni association, and let us know what you'd like the association to do for you. To join the alumni association, please visit our website, <http://nursing.lsuhs.edu>, and access the Alumni link.

*Lisa Schulmeister, RN, MN, APRN-BC, OCN, FAAN*

## Julia Aucoin Receives Nursing Alumnaus of the Year Award



During the annual nursing alumni association luncheon held on June 13, 2009, President Arlene Rome announced that Julia W. Aucoin, DNS, RN-BC, CNE is the LSUHSC 2009 Nursing Alumnaus of the Year. This award recognizes the LSUHSC Nursing alumnaus who has made significant contributions in nursing practice and is recognized as a role model and leader. Dr. Julia Aucoin received her BSN, MN, and DNS from LSUHSC. She is the Chief Knowledge Officer for Practical Solutions in Durham, North Carolina. She also serves as an independent consultant and national leader in continuing education, accreditation, and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet™ recognition. She is a presenter for the ANCC Journey to Nursing Excellence workshops, author of *101 Tips to Better Conferences* and co-author of *Conversations in Nursing Professional Development*. Dr. Aucoin is currently serving as a Governor-at-Large for the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Aucoin has been teaching evidence-based practice and nursing research for over 15 years. She is an associate professor at Winston-Salem State University and an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is a Certified Nurse Educator and also is certified in Nursing Professional Development by ANCC. Her publications include numerous peer reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Aucoin is frequently invited to speak throughout the United States in hospitals, faculty development programs, and professional nursing conferences.

Congratulations, Dr. Julia Aucoin!

## Faculty Scholarship

**Dr. Denise Danna, John Jones, and Rose Schaubhut**, whose abstract “The Katrina experience: Surviving the Disaster and Rebuilding Healthcare in New Orleans” was accepted for a symposium during the International Council of Nurses 2009 Conference in Durban, South Africa.

**Nancy G. Buccola**, whose abstract “Finding Schizophrenia Susceptibility Genes” was selected for presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau 20<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Vancouver, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Psychiatric Nurses Association Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Dr. Gloria Giarratano, Jane Savage, and Susan Orlando**, whose poster “Perinatal Nursing in Uncertain Times: The Katrina Effect” was accepted for presentation at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in Austin, Texas.

**Marirose Bernard and Pam Mathews**, who were invited to present “Evacuation of a Maternal-Newborn Area During Hurricane Katrina” at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in Austin, Texas.

**Marirose Bernard and Pam Mathews**, whose abstract “The Challenges of Hurricane Katrina: Nursing Care, Leadership, and Teamwork” was accepted for presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> ESPNIC Medical and Nursing Congress in Verona, Italy.

**Dr. Gloria Giarratano and Angelita Brown**, whose abstract “Mammography Adherence: The Role of Discrimination and Mental Health” was accepted for poster presentation at Xavier University’s Health Disparities Conference.

**Celeste Carter, DNS**, whose abstract “Hurricane Katrina Related Demise of a Program Which Provided Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening to Low Income, Minority Women” was accepted for poster presentation at Xavier University’s Health Disparities Conference.

**Dr. Scharalda Jeanfreau**, who was invited to present “Using Qualitative Research to Identify Health Perceptions Among African-American Men with Diabetes” at Xavier University’s Health Disparities conference.

**Marirose Bernard**, who was invited to give the Keynote Address titled “New Pearls for NP’s: Coping and Caring During a Disaster” at the Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Celestine, Carter, DNS, RN, APRN, Khaleelah Hasan, RN, MN, Sharon Kappel, RN, MSN, O. Danny Lee, PhD, RN, CNE, & Angelita Brown, MS**, who were invited to present “The Future Nursing Institute: Closing the Gaps in the Under-Represented Minorities” at the Annual National Association of Hispanic Nurses Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

**Marirose Bernard, Christine Pollock, and Gretchen Deeves**, whose abstract “Using the Human Birth Simulator (Noelle) to Teach Obstetric Core Competencies in a BSN Nursing Program” was accepted for poster presentation at the Wisconsin League for Nursing conference “Preparing the Nurse Workforce: Ensuring Quality and Safety!”

**Julia Tipton**, her poster was accepted for presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference in Orlando, Florida.

**Laura Bonanno, Judy Genty, and Rose Schaubhut**, whose poster presentation was selected for presentation at the Louisiana State Nurses Association 2009 Convention and Link to the Legislature.

**Julia Tipton, Maria Haslauer, Lauren Davis and Randy Rosamond**, whose poster “The Toy Project” was accepted for presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference in Orlando, Florida.

**Dr. Laura Bonanno, Marjorie Geisz-Everson, Christine Langer, and Jennifer Badaux** whose abstract, *Using Evidenced Practice to Reduce Operating Room Errors*, has been accepted for poster presentation at the Ochsner Medical Center and LSUHSC School of Nursing Translating Nursing Research: *Changing Practice ... Changing Lives*.

## Congratulations to:

**Dr. Danny Lee, Jennifer Manning, and Todd Tartavouille** who successfully completed the Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification Exam in Adult Health Nursing.

**Dr. Sally Ruel**, who was awarded a PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Stephanie Pierce and Judith Gentry**, are now Certified Nurse Educators following successful completion of the National League for Nursing Certification Examination.

**Todd Tartavouille**, who was awarded the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center 2009 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award

**Jennifer Hudgens**, who received the New Orleans District Nurses Association 2009 Leadership Award.



**Gina McCormick**, recipient of the Promise of Nursing for Louisiana Scholarship. This national program is administered by the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association. Ms. McCormick also received a scholarship from the New Orleans District Nurses Association.

# Spring 2009 Graduates

## *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Megan Altenhofen	Margie LeBlanc
Addie Arabie	Aimee Lestelle
Lydia Bailey	Jennifer Lewis
Brooke Basiri*	Sarah Mason*
Kortney Belou*	Diana Masvidal*
Julie Bertrand	Shelly May
Janci Bienvenu	Jessica Mayer
Jernae Bijou	Michelle Mayeur*
Therese Blakemore	Sabrina McKenney*
Michelle Borrows, RN	Maria Miller
Randall Brownlee*	Daphne Milton
Renee Callais*	Kristen Mire
Danielle Casey	Morgan Montelaro
Michelle Cenac	Sarah Mundy
Kathleen Childress	Brittany Navo
Michael Claudet	James Nicholson
Leslie Currier	Amanda Nickels
Angela Damico, RN	Rebecca Nobles
Candace Daniel	Courtney Noles*
Rebecca Davis, RN	Rachel Nnmaker
Caroline Donahue	Hanna Parden
Stacy Dufour*	Yogini Patel*
Morgan Eastman	Jennifer Philburn*
Loy Ernst*	Claire Ponson
Ann Fabre	Rachel Poolson
Brenda Fagler*	Raymond Pregeant*
Laura Fendick	Amanda Roueche
Adam Fleming*	Katherine Ryan
Grayson Ford	Shane Schruff*
Jodi Fremin*	Melissa Semar*
Jared Goens	Tanya Shnaider
Dorothy Greiner	Sloane Silvio
Dominique Harris*	Britta Smith*
Ashlie Hof	Daniel Smith
Jennifer Hudgens	Emily Smith
Jennifer Hughes	Lori Southerland*
Mary Hutchison	Mary Stone*
Chastity James*	Latasha Taylor
Stacie Jeanfreau	Jennifer Thompson Falla*
Julie Jenkins	Christina Thoms
Erin Jiminez, RN	Mary Anne Toledano
Alfred Johnson, RN	Susan Traylor, RN
Jared Juban	Ashley Triche
Rachael Karls	Quyten Trinh
Erin Kernaghan	Laura Tubbs
Timothy Kimuyu*	McKenzie Warner
Catherine Knoll*	Stephanie Williams
Quinn Lacey, RN	Gerren Wilson*
Elizabeth Lang*	Michael Zemke
Magen Lauricella	

## *Master of Nursing*

Kendra Barrier	Melissa Marcombe
Donna Davilla	Stacie Migues
Robyn Givens	Marie Sandi
Marguerite Hardy	Teena Sowell
Shona Lawrence	Beth Sullivan
Laina LeBoeuf	Michael Thornton

## *Master of Nursing (Anesthesia)*

Kendell Andrus	Maxy Mathew
Jennifer Braxton	Stephanie Mills
Charlotte Faessler	Erin Morgan
Howard Fussell	Linda Nguyen
Michelle Gibbs	Eric Pezant
Efrem Greely	Michael Powell
Sherry Guedry	Jacob Richard
Theresa Guedry	April Roddey
Lawrence Hebert III	Shelley Roper
Tracy Kelly	Deborah Schmelling
Christopher Kimble	Shannon Smiley
August Klohn	Donald Tolbert
Kimberly Krepplein	Meaghan Tuite
Sharon LaFrance	Jay Voisin
Ryan LeSaicherre	David Williams
Sunny Martin	Sedric William



*Leslie Currier & Jennifer Hudgens*

\*CARE Student (Career Alternative RN Education)



# Spring 2009 Awards

**Shelly May**  
Valedictorian

**Emily Smith**  
Salutatorian

**Kortney Belou**  
Highest Academic Honors CARE Program

**Mary Stone**  
Academic Recognition CARE Program

**Caroline Donahue**  
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award

**Jennifer Hudgens**  
New Orleans District Nurses Association Award  
Student Nurses Association Award  
Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award

**Leslie Currier**  
Student Government Association Award  
Dolores Scheerle Entrepreneurial Award BSN  
Chancellor's Award

**Christina Thoms**  
Nurse Christian Fellowship Award

**Catherine Knoll**  
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award

**Deborah Schmelling**  
Louisiana Nurse Anesthetists Association Award

**Michelle Mayeur**  
CARE Program PRIDE Award

**Addie Arabie**  
Faculty Recognition Award, BSN, Sponsored by Elsevier

**Kendra Barrier**  
Faculty Recognition Award, BSN, Sponsored by Elsevier

**Dana Roe**  
Award for Writing Excellence, Sponsored by FA Davis  
Outstanding Doctoral Award

**August Klohn**  
Dolores Scheerle Entrepreneurial Award MN

**Amanda Roueche**  
Mary Y. Tunis-Stern Community Activism Award

**Grayson Ford**  
**James Nicholson III**  
Mary Lou Steedley Memorial  
Community Health Nursing Award

**Randall Brownlee**  
Patricia Losee Memorial Award

**Marie Childs Sandi**  
Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award

**Michelle Gibbs**  
Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Award

**Sedric Williams**  
**Chris Kimble**  
Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Excellence Award

**Charlotte Faessler**  
Nurse Anesthesia Program Director's Award

**Jay Voisin**  
Alice Hicks CRNA Memorial Award

**Hannah Parden**  
Nurse Caring Award BSN

**Kimberly Kreppein**  
Nursing Caring Award MN



## Students Experience LSUHSC Nursing

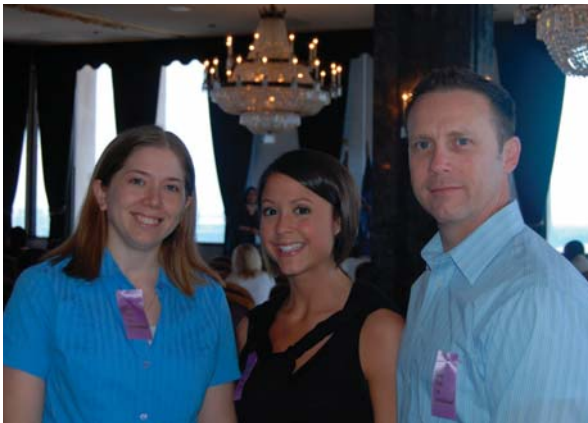
This spring, over 100 students interested in pursuing a career in nursing visited the School of Nursing Campus. The campus visitors, who are students from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, the University of New Orleans, and the Destrehan Satellite School, were accompanied by nursing students who provided a tour of the facility and insight into the life of a student nurse.

The pre-nursing students participated in simulation and were provided with an anatomy review in the cadaver lab. Formal question and answer sessions allowed the potential nursing

school applicants to become familiar the admission process and expectations of applicants to LSUHSC Nursing. The tours were well received and will be repeated each semester.

If you or anyone you know is interested in LSUHSC School of Nursing, please contact 504-568-5198 or email [nsprograminformation@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:nsprograminformation@lsuhsc.edu).

## Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Induction Held



*Care Students: Michelle Mayeur, Catherine Knoll and Randall Brownlee*



*Faculty Members: Leanne Fowler, Jean Cefalu, Kimberly Cheramie, Kendra Barrier and Todd Tartavouille*

The LSUHSC School of Nursing Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing inducted new members on Saturday, April 25. Ms. Clair Millet, APRN, MN, PHCNS, BC, Chief Nurse, Louisiana Office of Public Health was the keynote speaker and addressed the topic “The Need for Nursing Leadership in Uncertain Times.” Jacqueline Favret, RN, MPH, presided at the continental breakfast and ceremony. This year’s inductees include:

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| Kendra Barrier       | Tracey Kersten     | Jessica Mayer         |
| Randall Brownlee     | Christopher Kimble | Michelle Mayeur       |
| Jean Cefalu          | Catherine Knoll    | Stacie Miguez         |
| Kimberly Cheramie    | Lyubov Kozmenko    | Kristen Mire          |
| Caroline Donahue     | Kimberly Kreppien  | Ceaset Mule’-Sminth   |
| Alva Farnell         | Quinn Lacey        | Sarah Mundy           |
| Leanne Fowler        | Sharon LaFrance    | Rebecca Nobles        |
| Robyn Givens         | Shona Lawrence     | Shelly Rober          |
| Sherry Guedry        | Colleen Lemoine    | Sammie Smith          |
| Lawrence Hebert, III | Aime Lestelle      | Mary Stone            |
| Kelly Hogan          | Brendt Madden      | Todd Tartavouille     |
| Candice Hude         | Melissa Marcombe   | Shamika White         |
| Jennifer Hudgens     | Shelly May         | Lori Woullard-Breland |
| Brigitte Johnson     |                    | Michael Zemke         |

### Chapter Officers for Epsilon Nu include:

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| President . . . . .               | Jacqueline Favret    |
| President Elect . . . . .         | Tina Covington       |
| Vice President . . . . .          | Dr. Dianna Douglas   |
| Secretary . . . . .               | Dr. Jane Sumner      |
| Treasurer . . . . .               | Dr. Denise Danna     |
| Baccalaureate Counselor. . . . .  | Khaleelah Hasan      |
| Graduate/ Community Counselor . . | Dr. Shelly Jeamfreau |



## Allison Faust Elected to National Office

Allison Faust, a member of the Junior II Class of LSUHSC School of Nursing, was elected to national office at the 2009 National Student Nurses Association convention held in April, 2009, in Nashville. Allison will serve as the editor for *Imprint*, the official membership magazine for the NSNA. She also is a member of the Breakthrough to Nursing and Disaster Preparedness Board Committees.

Twenty-two Students from LSUHSC School of Nursing attended the national conference this spring accompanied by instructor Marirose Bernard.

**Sitting (left to right):** Jill Beasley, Vice-president, The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Cincinnati, OH; Kenya D. Haney, President, University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO. **Standing (left to right):** Liz Patail, Director (West), Linfield College-Good Samaritan School of Nursing, Portland, OR; Dana L. Jennings, Ex-officio, Council of State Presidents Chair, Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, VA; Evette D. Eubanks, Director (North), Research College of Nursing, Kansas City, MO; Carylin M. Holsey, Breakthrough to Nursing® Director, Lee College, Baytown, TX; Diana Carbone, Director (South), Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, GA; Allison Faust, *Imprint* Editor, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA; Denise Landers, Secretary/Treasurer, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; Daniel Krall (not pictured), Director (East), Lancaster General College of Nursing, Lancaster, PA.

# RN Preceptors

## Sharing Their Knowledge & Experience



Above poster by: NAMSS.



**Renee Mancini RN, Preceptor for Shelly May, RN LSU student nurse**

Renee Mancini, RN reports a sense of satisfaction when a nursing student enthusiastically makes the most of the preceptorship program, as her student Shelly May did. Renee said, "Shelly was eager to learn and very pleasant to everyone she met, especially the patients. While here, she learned the importance of time management and head-to-toe patient assessments. She became proficient in working with patients from admission to discharge in the Emergency Department."

For the past few years, the LSUHSC School of Nursing Baccalaureate Program has included a preceptor experience, where students participate in clinical nursing experiences guided by an experienced RN. An Interim LSU Public Hospital staff nurse, with a bachelor's degree and the appropriate experience, as defined by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, acts as clinical teacher, guide, and role model to the student in the clinical setting.

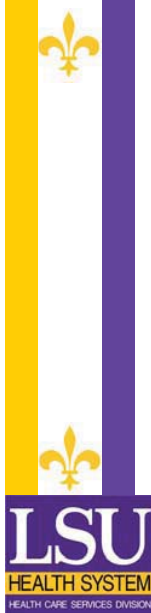
Nurse preceptors and students alike profess this program to be a success. One student recently commented, "I have observed my preceptor, Heidi Ward, the past five weeks. She has an in-born sense to lead and has done an incredible job teaching me on the unit. She has been a role model and has shown me what a leader is made of. She is always helpful, cheerful, and willing to help anyone on the unit. Her bubbly personality and outgoing ways along with her vast knowledge in critical care makes her easily approachable. Patients and staff enjoy her company and respect her too."

"Having my senior preceptorship at the Interim LSU Public Hospital was an exciting and invaluable experience! The staff are extremely receptive to students and assist in maximizing our learning opportunity. My experience in the emergency department allowed me to sharpen my clinical nursing skills, especially my assessment and technical skills. Thanks for the opportunity!"

*Shelly May, RN LSU student nurse*



**Sarah Katherine Mundy, Student Nurse with Heidi Ward, RN**



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*Daphne Milton, Timothy Kimuyu and Lisa Schulmeister*

The LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni Association held its' Annual Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans. Dr. Kandy Smith, the featured speaker, presented the topic "Emotional Intelligence and Simulation."

## Sigma Theta Tau Sponsors Connie S. Logan Research Day



*LSUHSC MNNA Students and their Poster Presentation*

## Arlene Rome Outgoing Alumni Association President

The LSUHSC School of Nursing would like to thank Arlene Rome for her tireless service to the School and the Alumni Association. Ms. Rome assumed the role of President in .....

During her tenure, the SON faced unprecedented challenges in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Our Alumni Association is poised for the future partner in meeting the LSUHSC School of Nursing vision to produce local, national, and international leaders in nursing education, research, and practice.

**For Arlene Rome our President who should be Queen**

*By June Rees, MN '72, BSN '76*

To Arlene  
 What's happening?  
 Is it a dream?  
 Don't tell me you are finally going to end your reign  
 Presiding over our association,  
 Why, we should by now have made you at least a queen  
 Of our alumni nation.

You have led us through Katrina waters  
 And kept us afloat.  
 It is time now for all of us to stand up and take note  
 Of your dedication and LSU pride  
 And all of us alumni are grateful  
 To have had you at our side  
 For more years than, I believe, you ever bargained for.  
 Thanks for coming early and staying late  
 Your presidency in our honor of need was surely fate.

So pass the baton and go out in style  
 But we hope to see you around for a long, long while.  
 Only a medal honoring your service would suffice for you,  
 Right there among the best our school can lay claim to,  
 Our dear, Arlene, ending her tenure as Nursing Alumni President, at  
 Our beloved L S U!!!!

The faculty of the School of Nursing at LSUHSC, New Orleans, along with the Epsilon Nu and Rho Zeta Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau, sponsored the Dr. Connie S. Logan Research Day. The event was held on April 3, 2009 at Southeastern University School of Nursing in Baton Rouge.

Presenters from Ochsner Medical Center, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Women's Hospital, Southeastern University School of Nursing and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing explored a wide variety of topics. Patricia E. Thompson, RN, EdD, FAAN delivered the keynote address, "Linking Research to Practice: Connecting Globally Through Knowledge." Dr. Thompson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. In addition to serving in several high ranking academic positions since 1992, Dr. Thompson has been one of the lead investigators of more than 20 grant funded studies.

The day began as Jackie Lall Michael, APRN, PhD, WHNP-BC addressed the "Global Initiative: Sigma Theta Tau Region 6 Project." Dr. Michael is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing and is in private practice as a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner.

Special thanks to Jackie Favret, RN MPH - president Epsilon Nu Chapter, Susan Pryor, RN, DNS - president Rho Zeta Chapter and the conference planning committee for an excellent presentation of nursing research.

## Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project has Productive Year

The **Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project** has had a productive first year, including focused historical document analysis and several presentations.

In April, 2008, **Dr. Deborah Garbee** and **Dr. Dianna Douglas** delivered a podium presentation titled “Joyce Travelbee: The Story of a New Orleans Nurse Theorist” to an audience at the Dr. Linda Corson Jones Memorial Research Day, held at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, LA. Five months later, on September 26, 2008, **Dr. Garbee** and **Dr. Douglas** were podium co-presenters at the 12th International Philosophy of Nursing (IPONS) Conference and 15th New England Nursing Knowledge Conference in Boston, MA. The presentation given at these two events was titled “Joyce Travelbee: Theorist Interrupted”. In December, 2008, Drs. Garbee and Dr. Douglas displayed a poster of the same title at the LSUHSC School of Nursing Research Day.

Exposure to the Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project at each presentation has resulted in the discovery of more documents for further analysis, and additional colleagues and former students willing to participate in interviews. Participants viewing the posters were able to identify individuals in photographs who might possibly provide additional interviews. At the IPONS Conference, Dr. Garbee and Dr. Douglas had the opportunity to speak with nursing faculty from Japan and learn about Travelbee’s influence in that country. While in Boston the researchers spoke with Sister Callista Roy and heard perspectives from Dr. Afef Meleis related to the project.

According to the researchers, goals for the project’s future include further document analysis, one-on-one semi-structured interviews, and data analysis coding for themes, specifically those of Joyce Travelbee’s poetry. Her writing style will be analyzed in an effort to place it a historical context and relate it to other writers of her time. An abstract was accepted for a poster presentation at the American Psychological Association conference October 7-10, 2009 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Anyone who would like to share information related to Joyce Tavelbee or the Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project may contact Dr. Deborah Garbee at 504-568-4183 or by email at [DGarbe@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:DGarbe@lsuhsc.edu)



This Spring, the LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty and students participated in events supporting the LSU Health Sciences Center’s mission to provide public service through direct patient care and community outreach. The School of Nursing provided blood pressure and vision screening at the Brazilian Health Fair, the 7th Ward Health Fair and at a Community Health Day hosted by Congressman Joseph Cao at Grace Episcopal Church.

## Judy Gentry Honored for 50 Years of Nursing Practice



*Judy Gentry and Dean Porche*

Judy Gentry, APRN, MSN, OCN, Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing was recognized for 50 years of nursing practice at a luncheon held on May 15, 2009. Ms. Gentry began her nursing career in 1959 as a medical-surgical nurse in Madison, Wisconsin. She subsequently worked as a dialysis nurse and has been an oncology

nurse since 1978. She began teaching in the BSN program at LSUHSC in 1985 and has no plans for retirement! In 2007, Ms. Gentry was inducted as a fellow in the LSU Academy for Advancement of Educational Scholarship and is the 2009 recipient of the Nurse Educator of Year Award, given by the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Her 50 years of nursing practice also was honored on May 13, 2009 during an Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) New Orleans chapter meeting. Ms. Gentry has been a member of ONS for 30 years.

## LSUHSC School of Nursing Dean Receives Distinguished Honors

In November, Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Porche will be one of only 1500 nursing leaders in the nation to receive this prestigious honor. The Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) include a diverse collection of leaders in nursing education, management, practice and research. Invitation to join the Fellowship is more than recognition of one's accomplishments within the nursing profession. AAN Fellows also have a responsibility to contribute their time and energies to the Academy and to engage with other health care leaders in transforming America's health care system.

In June, 2009, Dr. Porche was also inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP), which recognizes nurse practitioners who have made outstanding contributions to health care practice, research, education or policy. FAANP members are considered visionaries committed to the global advancement of high quality healthcare and are also expected to create and implement leadership programs in the community for the advancement of nurse practitioners.

## Congratulations To The Following Dean's List Students

Samantha Adams	Meagan Cotter-Gruwell	Katheryn Henry	Mary Lowell	Amanda Nickels
Megan Altenhofen	Amanda Davis	Brittany Hoff	Lauren Lyons	Rebecca Nobles
Jenifer Andry	Emily Duffy	Keenan Holmes	Janis Malaki	Katie Olatin
Brenton Arihood	Jacqueline Endsley	Jennifer Hudgens	Matthew Martin	Zachary Olatin
Lydia Bailey	Alison Faust	Kendall Jakob-Connick	Shelly May	Tara Percle
Brooke Basiri	Laura Fendick	William Jarrell	Jessica Mayer	Rebecca Riche
Kortney Belou	Natalie Fontenot	Julie Jenkins	Michelle Mayeur	Elizabeth Rodrigue
Erin Benit	Grayson Ford	Angela Jones	Kelsey Merrick	Katherine Ryan
Janci Bienvenu	Patrick Frye	Christine Joubert	Maria Miller	Emily Smith
Amy Blouin	Jessica Gelpi	Tracey Kersten	Kristen Mire	Jordan Stratton
Carli Bordelon	Corey George	Lauren Lamarque	Laura Misiak	Lindsay Stuart
Victoria Bracey	Adrienne Goodwin	Elizabeth Lang	Laura Moldaner-Occhipinti	Christina Thoms
Megan Breaux	Sean Grand	Anna LeBlanc	Morgan Montelaro	Laura Tubbs
Samantha Caillouet	Lindsay Guerin	Kasey Lentini	Jennifer Moreham	Jennifer Turner
Jamie Capdeboscq	Elizabeth Guthrie	Aimee Lestelle	Sarah Mundy	Nneka Uwaemelu
Lauren Cefalu	Holly Harris	Ashley Liberto	Brittany Navo	Amy Wright
				Michael Zemke

## *LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni: A Legacy of Nursing Excellence*

*Be a part of our vision to produce local, national and international leaders in nursing education, research and practice.*

- Join the Alumni Association
- Consider a donation to support our mission for the next generation of LSUHSC Nurses through The Foundation for Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center: <http://www.foundation.lsuhscc.edu>.
- Reconnect to LSUHSC School of Nursing by submitting your contact information, practice specialty, and achievements

*Please visit the Alumni Link on our website, <http://nursing.lsuhscc.edu>*



*LSUHSC School of Nursing students welcomed over one hundred-fifty new undergraduate nursing students to campus during Family Day on Friday, August 7, 2009.*





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