

# Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing

*Summer 2010*

## Message From the Dean

Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN



Dear Colleagues,

In this issue of Tiger Nursing Times, we offer you a glimpse of our contributions to advancing the education, practice, and science of nursing. Our students continue to provide community service through activities such as assessing the needs and assets of local neighborhoods and rebuilding our community in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Throughout the academic year, students and faculty participated in conferences at the local, state, and national level. On page seven, you'll find links to publications featuring Alison Faust, a current LSUHSC School of Nursing baccalaureate student leader, and Dianna Masvidal, a dedicated graduate who cared for victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake.

Three graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Science (DNS) program are our featured alumni. Dr. Lisa Broussard, Dr. Karen Rice and Dr. Danny Willis are inspirational nurse scholars and we hope you enjoy reading about their accomplishments.

We had a very active spring semester. The School of Nursing celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a gala event that was enjoyed by all. Sigma Theta Tau International, Epsilon Nu Chapter, inducted 79 new members. We celebrated Nurses Week in May with activities for both students and faculty. We congratulate our May, 2010, graduates. A list of new LSUHSC School of Nursing alumni and well deserving award recipients is presented on pages five and six.

Our nursing faculty continues to contribute to the body of nursing science through scholarly publications and presentations. Faculty members continue to celebrate the School of Nursing anniversary through the 75th Anniversary Lecture Series. Please take some time to visit the school and attend one of the lectures.

Lastly, in the midst of these activities, our nursing school faculty are evaluating the 2008-2010 strategic map. In early fall semester, 2010, we plan to present and approve our next strategic map. This new strategic map will guide our nursing school activities over the next two years.

We encourage all students, faculty, and alumni to remain connected to our nursing school. Please contact the School of Nursing Alumni Association to learn of the many ways you can remain active with the LSUHSC School of Nursing. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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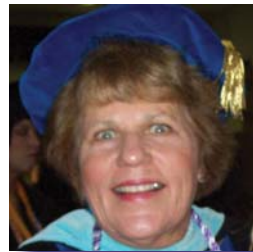


## LSUHSC School of Nursing Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Megan Bell and Lisa Schulmeister, Alumni President, pictured with Dr. Demetrius Porche

## Dr. Pollock Receives Allan A. Copping Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award



Congratulations to Dr. Christine Pollock, the LSUHSC School of Nursing recipient of the Allan A. Copping Excellence in Clinical Teaching award for the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Pollock, a Women's

Health faculty member, obtained her BSN in 1967 from Ohio State University, MN in 1985 from LSUMC, and her PhD in 1992 from the University of New Orleans. The honor is well deserved as Dr. Pollock begins her retirement after more than 20 years in nursing education.

The Alumni Association proudly sponsored the LSUHSC School of Nursing 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The event was held at Pat O's on the River in New Orleans. Alumni, faculty, staff, students and School of Nursing supporters enjoyed a great evening of food and fun with music by the band *Four Unplugged*.

As Louisiana's flagship school, the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing is the only nursing school in Louisiana within an academic health sciences center. The first class of three students graduated in 1935 from the program which lead to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Over 75 years, LSUHSC School of Nursing has grown to nearly 1000 students enrolled in 12 different programs ranging from Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing to the Doctor of Nursing Science degree program.

The School of Nursing is sponsoring a summer lecture series in conjunction with the anniversary celebration. Attendance is open to the community and free. Contact hours will be provided for each of several interesting topics to be addressed by SON faculty members. (See schedule on page 8.)

## Dr. Garbee Selected as Nursing Educator of the Year



Deborah Garbee, PhD, APRN, Associate Dean at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing, has been selected as the Nursing Educator of the Year for 2010 by the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Dr. Garbee was nominated for her extraordinary impact upon the nursing profession.

Dr. Garbee also directs the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Program at the LSUHSC School of Nursing, and in her role as Associate Dean, is responsible for the undergraduate nursing program which includes the traditional Bachelor of Nursing Science Program, Career Alternative Registered Nurse Accelerated (CARE) Program, and the RN to BSN Program.

Under her leadership, the Perioperative Nursing Elective was expanded to give students the opportunity to learn about nursing care provided in the operating room. Dr. Garbee is a mentor to students in this course and secured nursing preceptors in local agencies in order to expand the course offering to more students. Simulation was added to each clinical course in the new curriculum and in 2005, Dr. Garbee applied for and received a grant to expand the use of simulation to include collaboration with the medical students. The grant "OR Communication Pilot Study," offered enhanced working interdisciplinary relationships with the medical school. Incorporating innovative teaching strategies into her courses, she was the first faculty in the course to add threaded discussion and the use of the features of Blackboard technology classroom offerings. Dr. Garbee also serves as a mentor for new faculty members.

Some of her highest accolades came from her students who described her as "an incredible educator, generous, caring, supportive, an excellent teacher, knowledgeable," and who attribute their success to her. One wrote, "Her real gift, though, is her love and passion for the nursing profession. This gift is shared with the world indirectly through the nurses she has taught and mentored."



## Graduate Students Attend AACN Inaugural Health Policy Summit



*Dianne Semmes and Jessica Culver are pictured with Dr. Demetrius Porche, SON Dean and Senator Mary Landrieu*

In March, 2010, The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) held its inaugural Nursing Student Policy Summit in Washington, DC. Designed to prepare tomorrow's nursing leaders, the event featured policy experts, lobbying visits to the U.S members of Congress, and networking opportunities. LSUHSC School of Nursing graduate students Diane Semmes and Jessica Culver were selected to attend. Ms. Semmes and Ms. Culver are May, 2010 graduates of the Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

## CARE Students Assess Broadmoor



LSUHSC School of Nursing CARE students **Jackie LEndsley, Sarah Mizell, Amanda Worsham** and **Katie Zumo** were greeted by enthusiastic students during a recent visit to the Andrew W. Wilson Charter School. The school visit was carried out in conjunction with their assessment of the Broadmoor community in the class Population Focused Nursing.

The students found the school housed in a large facility

designed to accommodate a growing student body. The campus is enhanced with smart boards in every classroom, a garden, and a gymnasium. In addition to assessing the site, the LSUHSC students visited three third grade classrooms where they were warmly welcomed. The youngsters were engaged in discussion about nursing school and college and hands went up eagerly with pertinent questions. Following the discussion, the CARE group read to the classes and distributed books.

Jackie, Sarah, Amanda, and Katie feel the Wilson Charter School has great potential to provide “a greater number of children in the Broadmoor community with the opportunity for an excellent education.”

**Ellen Beyer MN, APRN, PHCNS-BC, MBA**, serves as course coordinator for the undergraduate Populations Focused Nursing course. **CARE (Career Alternative RN Education)** is an accelerated Bachelor of Science program designed for individuals who have a degree. For more information about the CARE program, please contact [nsprograminformation@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:nsprograminformation@lsuhsc.edu).

# May 2010 Graduates

## *Master of Nursing (Anesthesia)*

Rebecca Acosta	Angela Fontana
Julie Addison	Laura Fusilier
Wayne Alongi	Leah Gonsoulin
Christie Boyd	Rita Gonzalez
Kenneth Byrd	April Graffeo
Kaycee Cahouest	Candice Hude
Cristin Clement	Diana Kadue
Shan Couvillion	Stephen Kelly
Celeste Dale	Stephanie Landry
David Ernst	Anne Leblanc
Brendt Madden	Katie Pigford
Mark Marmande	Natalie Riche'
Lisa Martin	Crystal Sanders-Henderson
Alicia McCampbell	John Scott
Amy McMaster	Gwynn Sperandeo
Debra Meyers	Stephen St. Germain
Kendal Miller	Karen Tate
Gerardo Ortega	Melissa Thomas
Kimberly Palmisano	Tino Vekic
Claire Fabre	Scarlett Welch-Nakajima
Jennifer Ficklin	Ashley Young

## *Master of Nursing*

Windy Adams	Winifred Johnson
Ashley Amedee	Erin LaGroue
Kasey Baldwin	Amber Lambert
April Baugh	Lori Lemoine
Bethany Bowden	Emily Maurer
Angela Bradley-Byers	Danna Morris
Erika Broussard	Frida Orrego
Heather Burns	Darrell Prestenbach
Pauline Burrall	Melissa Pretus
Mark Cogburn	Crystal Rowell
Charmaine Cuccia	Sunny Russ
Jessica Culver	Diane Semmes
Lynette David	Janan Slay
Marilyn DiMarco	Celeste Smith
Hailey Entremont	Amanda Theriot
Elizabeth Eure	Tracy Thomas-Favret
Jennifer Horton	Shamika White
Bethany Jennings	Jody Zanca

## *Master of Science in Nursing*

Kimberly Cheramie	Lori Lukinovich
Edwin George	Pamela Mathews
Michelle Laglinais	

## *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Caroline Ackal*	Manisha Gonsalves*
Gizza Alvarado	Laurie Gonzales*
Jennifer Andrus	Sarah Gordon
Brenton Arihood*	Anna Grimsley
Mary Ballay	Lucas Gruwell
Kirk Barnett	Lindsay Guerin
Stacey Barrios	Elizabeth Guthrie
Erin Benit*	Suzanne Guzman
Haley Blanchard	Carrie Haddican
Amy Blouin	Emily Harris
Lindsey Bourgeois	Caroline Hodgins*
Mary Braud	Clifton Holland
Billie Brewer	Keenan Holmes*
Jessica Cardinale	Jennifer Moreham*
Courtney Cashio*	Robin Neely*
Ramona Catalanello*	LaMarcus Nelson*
Kristian Cazeaux	Zachary Parish*
Meagan Champagne	Heather Petit*
Kimberly Cheramie*	Angela Pierron
Lauren Clifford	Lee Proctor*
Stephanie Cone	Bethany Rich
Meagan Cotter-Gruwell*	Caroline Runne*
Kathryn Cranford	Amy Schulin
Corita Darby*	Matt Seamster
Amanda Davis*	Christina Spezio
Cheryl Davis	Heather St. Germain*
Sarah Dowden	Paul Stevens
Leslie Dunn	Steven Stewart
Justin Eagle*	Jenna Surmik
Terry Eddy, RN	Therese Talbot
Jacqueline Endsley*	Leslie Taylor
James Fitzsimmons	Danielle Theriot
Jake Fontenot	Melanie Tingle
Natalie Fontenot	Fatoumata Traore-Gele
Adrienne Francois*	Jennifer Turner*
Faith Friedman	Chastity Waddle
Jacqueline Frois	Dana Waguespack
Brittney Furca	Amanda Washington
Ashley Fury	James White
Samuel Ganier	Amanda Worsha*
Stephanie Gianelloni	Freya Zork
Shivas Gilotra	Katheryn Zumo
Courtney Gist*	

# May 2010 Awards

## *Summa Cum Laude*

Brenton Arihood

## *Magna Cum Laude*

Meagan Gruwell      Lindsay Guerin

## *Cum Laude*

Haley Blanchard      Natalie Fontenot  
Mathew Martin      Jennifer Moreham  
Amy Schulin

## *Valedictorian*

Lindsay Nicole Guerin

## *Salutatorian*

Natalie Kay Fontenot

## *Highest Academic Honors - CARE Program*

Brenton Albert Arihood

## *Academic Recognition Award - CARE Program*

Meagan Maureen Gruwell

## *The Theresa Bittenbring and John Henry Marque Fund Nursing Award*

### *Traditional BSN*

Lindsay Nicole Guerin  
Tomilee Marie Abadee  
Renee Andrea Smith  
Natalie Kay Fontenot  
Elizabeth Angelle Rodrigue

### *CARE BSN*

Brenton Albert Arihood  
Meagan Maureen Gruwell  
Mathew Gerard Martin  
Jennifer Sullen Moreham  
Erin Christine Benit

## *Sigma Theta Tau Distinguished Undergraduate Award*

Lauren Clifford

## *Sigma Theta Tau Distinguished Graduate Award*

Jean Cefalu

## *Student Nurses Association Outstanding Graduate Award*

Bryce Mansfield

## *Student Government Association Outstanding Graduate Award*

Kathryn Cranford

## *Southeast Louisiana American Assembly for Men in Nursing Award*

Bryce Mansfield

## *Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award*

LeMarcus Nelson

## *Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists Outstanding Student Award*

Ashley Newman

## *CARE Program PRIDE Award*

Kimberly Cheramie

## *Faculty Recognition Award, MN Student Sponsored by Elsevier Sciences, Inc.*

Amber Lambert

## *Award for Writing Excellence*

## *Sponsored by F.A. Davis, Co. Publisher*

Lori Lukinovich

## *Delores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award*

Robin Neely

Edwin George

## *Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award*

Melanie Tingle

## *Mary Lou Steedley Memorial Community Health Nursing Award*

Jacqueline Frois

## *Patricia Losee Memorial Award*

Bryce Mansfield

## *Outstanding Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Award*

Janan Slay

## *Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award*

Sunny Russ

## *Nurse Anesthesia Program Director's Award*

Rebecca Acosta

Stephen Kelly

## *Nurse Anesthesia Program Outstanding Graduate Award*

Brent Madden

## *Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Excellence Award*

David Ernst

Tino Vekic

## *Alice M. Hicks CRNA Memorial Award*

Gwynn Sperandeo

## *Nursing Caring Award - BSN Student*

Suzanne Guzman

## *Nursing Caring Award - MN Student*

Siane Semmes

## *Chancellor's Award*

Meagan Gruwell



## Doctor of Nursing Science Graduates Continue Scholarly Work

The Doctor of Nursing Science Program, offered at the LSUHSC School of Nursing is a research focused program that aims to prepare students to generate, test and validate knowledge about diverse populations. Though the term “research” may be intimidating to some, there is no question that it is foundational to education, practice, policy, and is considered essential to generating scientific evidence.

Graduates of the LSUHSC DNS program work in various settings including nursing education, administration and practice. Many have programs of scholarship that were initiated while students at LSUHSC. **Dr. Lisa Broussard**, Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette notes: “My interest in school nursing research began while in my doctoral program. My dissertation on “*Empowerment in school nursing practice*” provided the basis for my program of research. Both course work and field work completed as a student in the doctoral program at LSU gave me the skills and resources that I needed for a career as a researcher.”

**Dr. Danny Willis**, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA states, “The DNS degree from LSUHSC School of Nursing has prepared me to be a leader in nursing science, education, and practice. Upon graduating from the DNS program at LSUSHC, I felt grounded in my identity as a nurse scholar which prompted me to pursue other pathways of personal and professional development, expand my perspectives in nursing philosophy and science, and gain new experiences.”

Most students enrolled in research focused doctoral programs work in academic settings. However, it is not unusual to find them employed full time in clinical agencies. **Dr. Karen Rice**, a 2008 LSUHSC graduate, is Program Director, The Center for Nursing Research at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her responsibilities include facilitating EBP and research-related activities for the 8 hospitals and 35 ambulatory clinics in the health system.

LSUHSC graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Science Program are making significant scholarly contributions to the discipline of nursing and to health care. Dr. Broussard is a statewide and nationally respected expert in school nursing. She reports: “As a school nurse researcher, I work closely with school nurses throughout the state. I have conducted three qualitative studies on empowerment and resilience in school nursing practice, all of which have been presented at national conferences and published in peer reviewed journals.” Dr. Willis developed a program of research and scholarship in several areas including healing from trauma and abuse, health promotion, marginalizing and/or traumatic human experiences, qualitative methods, and nursing philosophy of science. He has published in refereed journals such as *Advances in Nursing Science and Qualitative Health Research*. In March 2010, he received an ‘outstanding’ score from the Adult Review Section of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) at NIH for a research proposal entitled, *Adult Male Survivors Healing from Childhood Maltreatment*.

Dr. Rice continued her program of research that started with her doctoral dissertation, *Nurses’ Recognition of Delirium in the Hospitalized Older Adult*. She has received funding from Sigma Theta Tau and the Southern Nurses Research Society to continue her work. She was selected in 2010 to participate as one of twelve scholars in the Hartford Institute of Geriatric Nursing Research Scholars Program at New York University to develop a protocol and grant to support the study, *A Pilot Study Comparing Nurses’ Mental Status Assessment to Smart Patient Technology in Detecting Delirium in Hospitalized Older Adults*.

Matriculation in a doctoral program is a rigorous process. It important for doctoral students to recognize the relationship between the knowledge and skills gained from their educational preparation and their potential role as nurse scientists. As noted by Dr. Rice: “I am certain that I would not have been able to be effective in my role in leading the strategic plan for nursing research without the academic preparation I received.” Broussard echoes this sentiment. “Guidance and direction from my dissertation committee ensured that the product of my dissertation research was one that I could be very proud of and could be presented alongside some of the leading researchers in the U.S.”

Willis states, “I cherish the education and the life-long quality relationships that resulted from my education at the LSUHSC School of Nursing. LSUHSC SON taught me to value my identity as a nurse scholar who could make a difference in the world through leadership in education, practice, policy, and science.”

These graduates are scholars and without a doubt will continue to make major contributions in their respective fields. They are exemplars of the mission LSUHSC and the School of Nursing.

**For information about the Doctor of Nursing Science Program contact: Yvonne M. Sterling, PhD, RN Director, DNS Program, (504) 568-4150; ysterl@lsuhsc.edu**



Dr. Danny Willis



Dr. Lisa Broussard



Dr. Karen Rice

## Faculty Scholarship

**Dr. Gloria Giarratano**, Principal Investigator, received funding from the National Institute of Health for her R03 project entitled: *Models of Prenatal Care and Perinatal Health Indicators in Disaster Recovery Area*. LSUHSC SON grant team members include **Dr. Susan Rick** and **Ms. Veronica Barcelona-deMendoza**.

**Dr. Denise Danna** spoke at the conference *You Have the Power to Heal: Nursing During Major Disasters and Nursing in Everyday Crises* at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal on March 21, 2010. Dr. Danna also presented *Disaster Nursing: Implications for Marginalized Populations and the Case of Hurricane Katrina* that evening to the McGill Graduate Student Nursing Collegueship & McGill Nurses for Global Health. On April 23, 2010, Dr. Danna delivered the presentation *Let's Not Forget the Human Side* to the Schools of Nursing Aligned for Emergency Responsiveness Conference held in New Orleans.

**Dr. Jane Sumner** will present *Reflection: A Heuristic Approach to Nursing Education* will be presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Reflective Practice Conference to be held in England, June 23-25, 2010. She is also scheduled to present *Critical Social Theory: A Useful Qualitative Method to Examine Moral Uncertainty and Ethical Distress in Clinical Practice* at the 31st Annual Conference of the International Association of Human Caring in Minnesota June 2-5, 2010. Dr. Sumner has been elected to the International Association of Human Caring board. Dr. Sumner's article *A Moral Framework for Caring in Nursing: Neo-Stoic Eudaemonism* has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Human Caring and her article *Reflection and Moral Maturity in a Nurse's Caring Practice: A Critical Perspective* is in press in Nursing Philosophy.

**Dr. Gloria Giarratano** presented the poster *Post-Katrina Perinatal Depression, Sources of Stress, and Remedies Employed to Improve Mood* at the International Council on Women's Health Issues (ICOWHI) held April 7-10, 2010, at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, Philadelphia.

**Dr. Jane Sumner** (PI) and **Khaleelah Hasan** along with Clair Millett and Connie Bouligny of the Louisiana Office of Public Health, Nursing Department have been awarded a research grant from the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators for their project: *An Evaluation of Public Health Nurses' Self-Assessment of Their Practice Competencies*.

**Kathy Carter, Anne Troy, Susan Rick and Ellen Beyer's** abstract *Post Traumatic Primary Prevention Interventions with School, Community and University* was accepted for the Annual American Public Health Association meeting in Denver, Colorado.

**Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza's** article titled, *Nursing in the Andes* was published in the May 17th, 2010 edition of Nurse.com and in Nursing Spectrum

**Nancy Buccola** is a co-author of the article *The Internet-Based MGS2 Control Sample: Self Report of Mental Illness* in the June, 2010, edition of AJP in Advance. Her co-authors include: Sanders, A. R., Levinson, D. F., Duan, J., Dennis, J. M., Li, R., Kendler, K. S., Rice, J. P., Shi, J., Mowry, B. J., Amin, F., Silverman, J. S., Byerley, W. F., Black, D. W., Freedman, R., Cloninger, C. R., & Gejman, P. V.

## Read About Our Leaders

**Dianna Masvidal, RN, 2009 graduate of the CARE program** and employee of Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, is featured in the Touro Times newsletter (Volume 17, Issue 4, April 2010). Masvidal traveled to Haiti as member of a medical relief team following the devastating earthquake in January. Read her story of caring and dedication at [http://www.touro.com/content/upload/AssetMgmt/PDFs/social\\_media/haiti\\_nurse.pdf](http://www.touro.com/content/upload/AssetMgmt/PDFs/social_media/haiti_nurse.pdf)

**Alison Faust**, a student in the traditional BSN program, is featured in Johnson and Johnson's Nurses Notes. Allison describes her long time desire to become a nurse and shares her nursing school experience at <http://www.jjnursingnotes.com/MAY10/>.

# Sigma Theta Tau Inducts New Members

The Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society inducted 79 new members on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The ceremony was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Hotel in New Orleans. New members include:

Tomilee M. Abadie  
Sarah E. Andrepont  
Brenton A. Arihood  
Kasey L. Baldwin  
Courtney B. Barrileaux  
Jacqueline M. Baudier  
April D. Baugh  
Erin C. Benit  
Haley M. Blanchard  
Constance Bonnet  
Carli R. Bordelon  
Stephani M. Bordelon  
Bethany B. Bowden  
Angela M. Bradley-Byers  
Heather R. Burns  
Pauline E. Burrall  
Chontel M. Carter  
Lauren E. Cefalu  
Lauren C. Clifford  
Mark A. Cogburn  
Kelli Renee Collins  
Charmaine L. Cuccia  
Jessica N. Culver  
Celeste A. Dale  
Lynette F. David

Marilyn D. DiMarco  
Jennifer Elizabeth Ducote  
Justin R. Eagle  
Hailey R. Entremont  
Callie M. Estes  
Angelle W. Estopinal  
Maggie L. Fanguy  
Alison C. Faust  
Gabriel S. Franklin  
Corey M. George  
Edwin George  
Sarah Elizabeth Gordon  
Meagan M. Gruwell  
Lindsay N. Guerin  
Tracy T. Gum  
Elizabeth A. Guthrie  
Crystal S. Henderson  
Keenan J. Holmes  
Angele T. Hooks  
Jennifer Horton  
Cyntrell H. Janeau  
Winifred E. Johnson  
Kayley M. Kalil  
Erin L. LaGroue  
Lori M. Lemoine



Elizabeth F. Liebert  
Hunter J. Louivere  
Mary E. Lowell  
Lori A. Lukinovich  
Jennifer M. Manning  
Donald E. McConnell  
Erin J. McElroy  
Lauren E. Miller  
Laura M. Misiak  
Lindsey G. Moore  
Ashley Lanell Newman  
Angela A. Noya  
Heather M. Petit  
Elizabeth A. Rodrigue  
Crystal A. Rowell  
Sunny L. Russ

Janelle M. Sallean  
Amy Catherine Schulin  
Diane R. Semmes  
Renee A. Smith  
Heather M. St.Germain  
Karen K. Tate  
Elizabeth J. Thibodaux  
Tiffany M. Vidrine  
Chloe D. Villavaso  
Jennifer Laviolette Vitellaro  
Ryan C. Zetzmann  
Freya A. Zork  
Katheryn H. Zumo

## LSUHSC School of Nursing Celebrates Nurses Week 2010

In keeping with the theme *Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow*, **Dwayne Berry** from the LSUHSC Wellness Center delivered a motivational presentation to faculty and staff. Mr. Berry described the benefits of joining the 18,000 square foot facility that includes cardiovascular and weight training equipment along with a number of classes, including the popular Pilates reformer class.

A highlight of the week included varicose vein screening by the top notch LSU Vein Care team. The team provided assessments for faculty and staff, including an ultrasound of the vessels and recommendation for follow up if indicated. LSU Vein Care team includes board certified vascular surgeons and offers varicose vein treatment options including endovenous laser therapy. This treatment option treats chronic venous insufficiency by delivering laser energy through a small puncture in the leg close to the diseased vein. The entire procedure can be performed in less than one hour in the physician's office.

The event was coordinated by **Robyn Givens RN, NP-C**, 2009 graduate of the LSUHSC School of Nursing Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Program. A special thanks to the following vein care staff: **Jaime Perez (Director of Vascular Services)**, **Claudie Sheahan, MD (Vascular Surgery)**, **David Barry, RVT (Director of Vascular Lab Services)**, **Jennifer Plaisance, RVT, RDCS (Vascular Lab Technician)**, **Tori Gwaltney, RN (Vascular Surgery Nurse)**, **Robyn Givens, NP-C (Nurse Practitioner Vascular Surgery Vein Care Center)**. If you would like additional information from LSU Vein Care, please contact **894-VEIN (8346)**.



# NODNA Student Nurse Night a Huge Success



The New Orleans District Nurses Association hosted the annual Student Nurse Night on March 2, 2010 at the Chateau Golf and Country Club in Kenner, Louisiana. LSUHSC senior nursing students joined other students from New Orleans area schools of nursing for an evening of fun that included a brass band and a second line. Melissa Stewart, MN, RNC, CPE was the featured presenter. Special thanks to LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty member **Ellen Beyer** for coordinating this event.

# Student Nurse Association Makes Health Education Fun

On April 27, 2010, members of the LSUHSC School of Nursing Student Nurses Association traveled to the Louisiana Children’s Museum in New Orleans where they participated in health education for high school students. Invited by the Louisiana City Year group, the SNA engaged students from George Washington Carver High School in a game of “Jeopardy” with questions related to body systems, drugs of abuse, bullying, nutrition, and infectious disease. The group was accompanied by moderator **Marirose Bernard, MN, APRN, CNA-BC**. The following students participated in the activity: **Michelle Fourier, Micah Metrailler, Caitlyn McMullen, Mallory Kuss, and Kaitlyn Hayes**.

D.A.R.E to resist	Lemme hear you say, “Ahhh”	You’re not alone, I’m hurting too	Eat this, Not that	Doctor, Is there nothing I can take?
<u>10 Point</u>	<u>10 Point</u>	<u>10 Point</u>	<u>10 Point</u>	<u>10 Point</u>
<u>20 Points</u>	<u>20 Points</u>	<u>20 Points</u>	<u>20 Points</u>	<u>20 Points</u>
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*Caitlyn McMullen, Kaitlyn Hayes and Michelle Fourier watch the Jeopardy Game Board.*

# Dr. Porche Elected to COA

**D**r. **Demetrius Porche**, Dean and Professor of the LSUHSC School of Nursing, has been elected to The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) as a University Representative member. His term will begin October 2010 and end just before October 2013.



## LSUHSC Student Nurses Association Attends National Convention

**T**wenty members of LSUHSC School of Nursing mixed work and fun this spring at the National Student Nurses Association Annual Convention, held April 7 – 11, 2010,

in Walt Disney World. SNA President Elise Collins described the convention as a great success and a wonderful learning experience. The attendees participated in the House of Delegates, focus sessions, and plenary sessions with nurse leaders including Rebecca Patton, president of the American Nurses Association. **Rebecca Levy, Kristen Gilberti, Micah Metrailler, Michelle Fourrier, Caitlyn McMullen, and Kevin Brown** represented the school as delegates.

The SNA thanks LSUHSC School of Nursing dean **Dr. Demetrius Porche** and faculty advisor **Marirose Bernard, MN, APRN, CNA-BC**, for their support.

Convention attendees included: **Sarah Andrepont, Kirk Barnett, Carli Bordelon, Kevin Brown, Kimberly Cheramie, Elise Collins, Katie Cranford, Michelle Fourrier, Kristen Gilberti, Brittany Hoff, Angele Hook, Rebecca Levy, Marci Livingston, Bryce Mansfield, Caityln McMullen, Micah Metrailler, Laura Misiak, Melanie Tingle, Fatoumata Traore-Gele, Amanda Washington.**

## Ochsner Medical Center and LSUHSC School of Nursing Present Evidence Based Nursing Practice Conference

*Translating Nursing Research: Changing Practice...Changing Lives*

**Pre-conference** July 22, 2010

*Embracing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Role of Technology in Advancing EBP*

**Conference:** July 23, 2010

Featured Presentation: *Shifting How You Think About EBP and Nursing Research:*

*New Rules of Engagement*

Presented by:

**Janet Y. Harris, RN, MSN, NEA-BC,**

System Chief Nursing Executive Officer, University of Mississippi Health Care and

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# Community Service: Habitat for Humanity



LSUHSC School of Nursing Student Government Association, Student Nurses Association and Assembly for Men in Nursing participated in building a home with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Students and faculty worked side by side cutting, measuring, nailing and caulking wood to restore a flood damaged home.

## Alumni Association Awards Scholarships



*Lisa Schulmeister presents LaMarcus Nelson with LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship.*

The May, 2010 LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarships, which recognize academic achievement and student leadership, were awarded to:

**Meagan Cotter-Gruwell**  
CARE May 2010 Graduate

**LaMarcus Nelson**  
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**Micah Metrailler**  
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**SUMMER NURSING LECTURE SERIES**

Date and Time	Topic	Presenter	Place
May 21, 2010 2 pm to 3 pm	Caring From Theory to Praxis	Dr. Jane Sumner	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
May 21, 2010 3 pm to 4 pm	Interdisciplinary Teamwork and Communication	Dr. Deborah Garbec	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
June 18, 2010 2 pm to 3 pm	Maintaining the Balance: Managing Work and Life Stressors	Dr. Dianna Douglas	Clinical Sciences Research Building, Room 563
June 18, 2010 3 pm to 4 pm	Personality Conflicts at Work: Maintaining a Healthy Work Environment	Dr. Dianna Douglas	Clinical Sciences Research Building, Room 563
July 16, 2010 2 pm to 3 pm	Men's Health: An Emerging Clinical Specialization	Dr. Demetrius Porche Dr. O. Danny Lee	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
July 16, 2010 3 pm to 4 pm	Multigenerational Workforce	Rose Schaubhut	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
August 20, 2010 2 pm to 3 pm	Emerging Infections: Maintaining a Health Workforce and Community	Catherine Lopez	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
August 20, 2010 3 pm to 4 pm	The Future of Advanced Practice Nursing	Dr. Shelley Jeanfreau Dr. Demetrius Porche	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
September 17, 2010 2 pm to 3 pm	Research Priorities: Finding the Right Match	Dr. Marsha Bennett	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4
September 17, 2010 3 pm to 4 pm	Are You Ready? The Nurses Role in Disaster Preparedness	Dr. Denise Danna	Medical Education Building Seminar Room 4

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