

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing

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Message From the Dean

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



As our city celebrates the New Orleans Saints' historic Super Bowl win, the LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni Association and School of Nursing is planning our Anniversary Gala. Our 75th Anniversary Gala will celebrate 75 years of baccalaureate nursing education within the Louisiana State University System. This event will provide us with an opportunity to reconnect with past alumni, celebrate alumni accomplishments, review our historical development as the only School of Nursing in Louisiana within an academic health sciences center, and vision our future.

Our celebration will trace the development of the nursing school over the past 75 years. Our unique history includes shared roots with Charity Hospital and the Louisiana State University main campus. The School of Nursing first emerged from the School of Medicine as a Department of Nursing and eventually, a School of Nursing within a major academic health sciences center. We will take the opportunity of our 75th Anniversary to review the accomplishments of alumni and celebrate all alumni and leaders who are graduates of the School of Nursing. Mark your calendar now and so you can join us at the 75th Anniversary Gala on March 20, 2010.

As the celebration plans take shape, the nursing school administrators, faculty, and students remain very active. Several of our nursing faculty are leading the 90th Anniversary celebration of the New Orleans District Nurses Association, our nursing school's home district. In addition, we are reviewing the accomplishments of our 2008-2010 strategic map as we plan for the 2010-2012 strategic map. Several of our advanced practice nursing academic programs are initiating transformational curriculum revisions to prepare advanced practice registered nurses for the current and future advanced practice nursing role. Our students remain community service oriented through activities such as relief efforts for Haiti and Habitat for Humanity. They continue to engage in leadership at the local, state and national level in student nursing associations.

To kick off the 75th Anniversary, LSUHSC School of Nursing invites all former faculty and graduates to join us at the school for an Open House on Friday, March 19, 2010 from 4 pm to 6 pm. For more information contact Cathy Lopez at (504) 568-4180 or clopez@lsuhsc.edu.

Please join us on March 20, 2010 to celebrate our 75th Anniversary!

Tiger Nursing Times

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LSUHSC School of Nursing Partners with the New Orleans Museum of Art *The Art of Caring Exhibition*



The LSUHSC School of Nursing served as a proud community partner for “**An Afternoon Focus on Caregiving and Healing**”, a community awareness event held on July 25, 2009, at the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA). The event was held in conjunction with the exhibition *The Art of Caring: A Look at Life through Photography*. The national exhibit explored moments that shape our lives as depicted through over 200 photographs, including a preface by the famed photographer Annie Leibovitz. Community partners were invited by NOMA to assist in the presentation of a special series of awareness days related to the themes of the exhibition. Featured partners shared information about the contributions they make to our community and raise awareness about important issues that shape our lives.

Faculty volunteers conducted blood pressure screenings, offered oral hygiene instruction and age appropriate toothbrushes, and distributed safety information to NOMA’s young visitors. SON Representatives were also available to discuss opportunities for undergraduate and graduate nursing education.

The exhibition, which included themes such as Caregiving and Healing, Wellness, Aging, and Remembering, also served as an educational experience for the LSUHSC nursing students. The experience fostered student learning of the aesthetic, or art, of nursing. Students identified feelings such as hope, joy, compassion, loss and sorrow as they viewed the photographs of poignant moments and every day events. According to **Marjorie Kraus**, School of Nursing Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing and faculty liaison to the event, “We believe in the power of the visual arts to confront difficult life issues and to promote the art of healing through nursing.”



Kelli Collins Awarded Edna Trueting Scholarship

The Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners awarded the 2009 Edna Trueting Scholarship to LSUHSC School of Nursing Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner student **Kelli Collins**, RN, BSN. The scholarship is given in honor of Edna Trueting, RN, PhD, former Chief Public Health Nurse in Louisiana.

Ms. Collins is currently employed at LSUHSC – Shreveport. Her love of empowering and educating patients in an effort to decrease health care disparity makes her eager to become a nurse practitioner. A graduate of Grambling State University, Kelli is a resident of Shreveport, LA, where she is active in community service. Her professional affiliations include membership in the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Shreveport Black Nurses Association, and she is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The LSUHSC School of Nursing congratulates Kelli on her achievements.

Nancy Buccola Receives 2009 Nurse Excellence Award Anne Troy is Finalist

LSUHSC School of Nursing is proud to announce that faculty member Nancy Buccola, MSN, APRN, BC, is the recipient of the South Central Region 2009 Nurse Excellence Award for Advancing and Leading the Profession. The NurseWeek Nurse Excellence Awards, created by Nurse.com and sponsored by Johnson and Johnson, is a national program that recognizes extraordinary contributions nurses make to their patients, each other, and the profession. The award for Advancing and Leading the Profession is given to nurses who have made broad-reaching contributions which impact the entire profession and delivery of patient care.

Anne Troy, MN, FNP, LNC, SANE, was among the finalist for the Community Service Award, which recognizes nurses who have made significant professional or voluntary contributions to the community in improving patient care.

Velma McInnis-Edmonds, DNS, MSN, RN Recognized in Cambridge Who's Who



Dr. Velma McInnis-Edmonds, a former School of Nursing faculty member and **graduate of the LSUHSC School of Nursing doctoral program**, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who as a distinguished professional in nursing education. Dr. McInnis-Edmonds has been identified by Cambridge as a valuable industry resource and adult healthcare authority with over 40 years professional experience.

Dr. Edmonds is the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Infection Control Center Director at the University of Texas El Paso School of Nursing. Her clinical expertise lies in adult and international health and she serves as the coordinator of student exchanges between the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong. In addition to carrying out international health interventions in Honduras, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, she has served as a nursing education consultant to the University of Guam School of Nursing.

Dr. Edmonds is an active researcher, having secured grants from the National Institute of Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration. She is currently conducting research correlating air quality with hospital admissions of asthmatic children in El Paso. In the recent past, she served as Principle Investigator on research in nutrition, health, and illness beliefs and behaviors among recently immigrated Honduran women in New Orleans.

Dr. McInnis-Edmonds credits her **LSUHSC doctoral education as being integral to her goal** of participating in international health issues. Her individualized curriculum allowed her to concentrate on consultation and included the ability to take core courses at the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. McInnis-Edmonds' professional affiliations include the American Nurses Association, Transcultural Nursing Association, International Home Care in Central America, International Health Intervention and Health Seminars, Military Child Education Coalition, and The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. She was named an honorary ambassador to the city of Le Ceiba, Honduras, and previously was appointed to the Hispanic Advisory Committee of New Orleans.

NO Falls: Community Nursing Students Teach Fall Prevention

The LSUHSC School of Nursing Community II course participated in an interdisciplinary event focused on public education aimed at preventing falls among the elderly. The **N(ew) O(rlans) Falls Prevention and Resource Event**, held September 22, 2009, at Grace Episcopal Church in New Orleans, was coordinated by the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Occupational Therapy Department in conjunction with the Louisiana Fall Prevention Coalition and the Office of Public Health Injury Research and Prevention Program. Representatives from the LSUHSC Schools of Medicine and Physical Therapy rounded out the interdisciplinary event.

The event focused on the Fall Free National Action Plan and provided an overview of the four key aspects of fall prevention: medication management, physical activity, home safety and nursing interventions. Eight senior nursing students participated in the event through poster presentations related to nursing interventions aimed at preventing falls in the hospital, home safety, medication management, and the effect of orthostatic hypotension and benefit of blood pressure screening.

Ms. Ellen Beyer MN, APRN, PHCNS-BC, MBA participated in coordinating School of Nursing involvement in this event. According to Ms. Beyer, a goal of incorporating nursing students in this interdisciplinary community health event was to highlight the role of nursing students as community leaders in the primary prevention of falls. Students described the event as an exciting opportunity to work with different professions in the provision of patient care.



CARE Students Contribute to Health Sciences Center H1N1 Prevention Efforts



In response to mounting concerns about the spread of H1N1 flu, the LSU Health Sciences Center launched an effort to vaccinate students, staff and faculty. Influenza vaccination is considered the first and most important effort in protecting individuals from the flu. Healthcare workers have been identified as one of the target populations for receiving the vaccine. Coordinated by CARE Program Director **Stephanie Pierce, PhD(c), RN, MN, CNE** and armed with hundreds of doses of the vaccine, the LSUHSC School of Nursing students and staff administered 1635 vaccines over 7 days.

Students from the CARE VIII, Senior I, and Junior II classes got ample experience delivering both intramuscular and nasal doses of the vaccine. Students who participated in the vaccine drive include: **Lindsey Bourgeois, Emily Harris, Suzanne Guzmán, Christine Joubert, Kathryn Cranford, Jessica Cardinale, Meagan Champagne, Kirk Barnett, Bryce Mansfield, Christopher Milton,**

Jake Fontenot, Lucas Gruwell, Marci Livingston, Amanda Washinton, Fatoumata Traore-Gele, Sarah Dowden, Lindsay Guerin, Bethany Rich, Joanna Donnigan, John Larson, and Christina Spezio.

Providing this volume of immunizations would not have been possible without the help and support from the following staff and faculty: Katherine Carter, Glenn Landry, Veronica Barcelona-deMendoza, Marjorie Kraus, Khaleelah Hasan, Maria Haslauer, Ellen Beyer, Marsha Bennett, Kendra Barrier, Harlee Kutzen, Elizabeth Spivey, Glenn Jones, Michele Lowery, Althea Demas, Marizetta Picou, Ja'nae Sumler, Phyllis Johnston, Elizabeth Levitzky and Laura Douresseaux.

MIND BODY SOUL

Caring, a core value of the LSUHSC School of Nursing, was exemplified through student participation in the **Mind, Body, Soul Wellness Workshop**. The community based experience for people living with cancer took place at the Rose Garden on Saturday, October 3, 2009, and was sponsored by the New Orleans Oncology Nurses (NOON).

The workshop participants thoroughly enjoyed the hand massages offered by the students. These one-to-one interactions provided the future nurses the opportunity to actively listen and form a connection with community members living with various types of cancer. The massages were considered the highlight of the event.

LSU alumna **Ms. Lynda Thibodaux, RN, BSN, OCN**, of Tulane Cancer Center complimented the student's empathetic response. In addition to Ms. Thibodaux, NOON member and LSU Nursing Alumni President **Lisa Schulmeister** and SON faculty member **Judy Gentry** served as event coordinators who provided the students with the opportunity to participate.



American Assembly for Men in Nursing Holds Membership Drive

The LSUHSC School of Nursing chapter of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) began actively recruiting members in August, 2009. **Todd Tartavouille RN, MN**, chapter president, is excited about student interest in the organization. To date, there are 18 student and faculty members.

The AAMN is a national organization which provides a framework for nurses to meet, discuss, and influence factors which affect men as nurses. The organization began as a grass roots movement in 1974 and is evolving as a national force.

The goals of AAMN include:

- *Encouraging men of all ages to become nurses and join together with all nurses in strengthening and humanizing health care.*
- *Supporting men who are nurses to grow professionally and demonstrate to each other and to society the increasing contributions being made by men within the nursing profession.*
- *Advocate for continued research, education and dissemination of information about men's health issues, men in nursing, and nursing knowledge at the local and national levels.*

According to Mr. Tartavouille, a goal of the LSUHSC chapter is to encourage young men to consider a career in nursing through recruiting at local high schools and sponsorship of on-campus events. The group is also considering developing a scholarship fund for well deserving students.

The members have been active since August. Events included gathering for an afternoon of cabbage ball in October and participating in the Jesuit High School College Night. Service to the community is also on the organization's agenda, with plans to participate in a Habitat for Humanity building event this February.

Mr. Tartavouille, who teaches Critical Care Nursing, has found the students to be passionate about recruiting males into the profession of nursing "Our students are excited about the opportunity to be a positive role model for one another and the community."

LSUHSC AAMN Chapter Officers:

President: Todd Tartavouille, RN, MN

Vice President: Larue Hatton, RN, MSN

Secretary: Sally Ruel, MSN/MBA-HCM, PhD

Treasurer: John Jones, RN, NEA-BC

Past President: O. Danny Lee, RN, PhD



LSUHSC School of Nursing Reaccredited

Dr. Demetrius Porche is pleased to announce the LSUHSC School of Nursing has been granted a 10 year term of accreditation by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**. The formal notification of accreditation follows a March, 2009, on-site evaluation and extends to the SON baccalaureate and master's degree programs. The School of Nursing met all accreditation standards with no compliance concerns.

CCNE is officially recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency. As an autonomous accrediting agency, CCNE contributes to the improvement of the public's health and ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing.

August 2009 Graduates

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ashley Adams	John LeSage
James Anderson III	Mark Peart
Kiuana Bright	Danielle Pepper
Stephanie Bowden	Tara Percle
Katherine Brockoff	Gina Rancatore
Heather Brooks	Emily Richard
Roy Carlisle	Dianna Wadsworth
Joyce Glover	

Master of Nursing (Anesthesia)

Julie Ayers

Doctor of Nursing Science

Mattie Caldwell

Major Professor: Dr. Yvonne Sterling

Dissertation: *Endurance Exercise Regimen on Cancer-Related Fatigue & Physical Performance on Women with Breast Cancer*

Kay Whitten

Major Professor: Dr. Demetrius Porche

Dissertation: *Parent Perception of Resiliency Strengths and Resources of Adolescents with Mild, Moderate, and Severe Levels of Depression*



December 2009 Graduates

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Tomilee Abadie	Lauren Lamarque
Reyna Baldi, RN	John Larson
James Bamber	Phuc Le
Amanda Bienvenu	Kasey Lentini
Jamie Black	Hunter Louviere
Anthony Bodine	Janis Lydick, RN
Bridgitte Boehm	Gina McCormick
Gary Bordelon	Megan McGovern
Stephani Bordelon	Jennifer Moore, RN
Malinda Brantley	Ungelica Moses, RN
Megan Breaux	Jody Nunnery, RN
Devanjee Ceaser, RN	Leslie Olivier
Erica Dawson	Kilsy Pena
Jennifer DiBuono	Carly Powell
Louis Dickinson	Amie Prince
Joanna Donnigan	Brandon Rachal
Nicole Dupont	Elizabeth Rodrigue
Lynsey Dupree	Tiffany Roper
Theresa Escude'	Lindsey Ruiz
Callie Estes	Mariela Sarmiento
Ayrione Fassitt, RN	Cassey Sartin
Anna Figueroa	Erica Schmidt
Colleen Fitzpatrick	Lauren Shealy
Andrew Flowers	Brandi Smith
Matthew Frost	Anthony Taullie
Edward Gibson	Helen Tedesco
Monique Gibson	Ardyn Treadway
Beth Gilly, RN	Rachel Tulin
Elaina Gonzalez	Charlotte Turgeon
Brittany Gravois	Lauren Vinson
Bessie Grillot	Alexis Washington
Samantha Harris	Allison White
Lance Henagan	Matthew Williams
Cullen Jones	Meghan Zeairs
Julia Jones	Ryan Zetzmann
Kaylee Kalil	

Master of Nursing

Deborah A. Bourgeois	Edward McCauley Jordan
Jean Erikson Cefalu	Jennifer Lynn Laviolette
Angela A. Hein-Noya	Janelle Sallean
Cyntrell Howard Janeau	Kristy L. Smith-Broussard

Doctor of Nursing Science

Denise Linton

Major Professor: Dr. Demetrius Porche

Dissertation: *Pap Smear Intention Among Rural Southeast Louisiana Women.*

December 2009 Awards

Honor Graduates

Cum Laude

Tomilee Abadie
Elizabeth Rodrigue
Renee Smith

Valedictorian

Tomilee Abadie

Salutatorian

Renee Smith

New Orleans District Nurses Association Leadership Award

Student Nurses Association Award

Faculty Recognition Award sponsored by Elsevier BSN

Gina McCormick

Student Government Association Award

Anthony Taullie, III

Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award

Ryan Zetzman

Dolores Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award BSN

Jody Nunnery

Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award

Carly Powell

Mary Lou Steedley Memorial Community

Health Nursing Award

Brandon Rachal

Joyce Travelbee Award

Kristy Smith Broussard

Outstanding Doctoral Award

Nursing Caring Award DNS

Denise Linton

Nursing Caring Award BSN

Stephani Bordelon

Elaina Gonzales

Nursing Caring Award Faculty

Sharon Kappel

Dean's Award

Charlotte Turgeon

Sharon Kappel Receives Nursing Caring Award



Sharon Kappel, MN, APRN, received the Faculty Nursing Caring Award at the School of Nursing December Graduation Ceremony. Ms. Kappel graduated from Suffolk Community College, Cornell New York Hospital School of Nursing, and the LSUHSC School of Nursing Graduate Program. Ms. Kappel believes above all, students are deserving of respect. Incorporating this concept into her philosophy of education makes her well deserving of this award. Congratulations Sharon!

Save the Date: Linda Corson Jones Research Day

Dr. Linda Corson Jones Research Day
Nursing Scholarship in the Next Decade

Date: Friday, April 16, 2010

Location: East Jefferson General Hospital

Keynote Speaker

Diane Treat-Jacobson, Ph.D., R.N.
University of Minnesota School of Nursing

*Co-sponsored by the Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing Chapter,
Epsilon Nu of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
Rho Zeta of Southeastern Louisiana University
East Jefferson General Hospital*

Faculty Scholarship

Dr. Danny Lee, along with **Dr. Ken Tillman** from Southeastern University School of Nursing, presented *Exploring Men's Communication and Learning Styles: The Influence of*

Gender and Generational Differences at the national conference for the American Assembly for Men in Nursing held in October, 2009, in Cincinnati.

Dr. Celestine Carter's poster presentation, *Hurricane Katrina Related Demise of a New Orleans Based Program which Provided Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening to Low Income Minority Women*, was accepted for presentation at the Third Annual Nursing Research Poster Day Program at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge in December, 2009.

Dr. Susan Orlando's poster presentation *The Effect of Co-bedding Hospitalized Preterm Twins on Selected Physiologic Variables and Behavioral Cues* was accepted for presentation at the Third Annual Nursing Research Poster Day Program at Woman's Hospital in December.

Dr. Denise Danna, Rose Schaubhut, RN, MPH, and Mr. John Jones, RN, NEA-BC were invited to present *Katrina Disaster: Nurses Survive, Rethink Disaster Response and Rebuild Healthcare*, at the first Research Conference of the World Society of Disaster Nursing in January, 2010, in Kobe, Japan.

Deborah Garbee, Lyubov Kozmenko, RN, BSN, and Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA were selected to present their poster *Impact of High Fidelity Simulation OR Team Training on Inter-Professional Students' Teamwork Attitudes* at the 10th Annual International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, January 23-27, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona. The abstract for the project was published in the December, 2010, issue of Simulation in Healthcare

Nancy Buccola, MSN, APRN, has been selected to present *Finding Schizophrenia Susceptibility Genes* at the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Psychopharmacology Institute and Annual Conference Advancing the Science and Quality of Mental Health, which is to be held on April 13-17, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Shelly Jeanfreau has been invited to present the poster *Application of a Standardized Model for Creating Nurse Practitioner Students' Clinical Rotations* at the 36th Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties to be held in Washington in April, 2010.

Dr. Denise Danna, Marirose Bernard, MN, APRN, CNA – BC, and Pamela Mathews, BSN, RN-NIC will participate in a panel presentation addressing *Health and Medical Issues Related to Evacuating Vulnerable Populations* at the National Evacuation Conference held in February, 2010, in New Orleans.

Ellen Beyer, MN, MBA, RN, BSN, Katherine Carter, MSN, APRN-B.C., Susan Rick, DNS and Anne Troy, MN, FNP, LNC, SANE published two handbooks: *From Trauma to Triumph: Parent Handbook* and *From Trauma to Triumph: Information for Teachers*, which address Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in children and adolescents.

Rose Schaubhut, RN, MPH, and Judy Gentry APRN, MSN, OCN: Nursing preceptor workshops: Partnership and Collaboration between Academia and Practice has been accepted for publication in The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing.

Dr. Jane Sumner: A Critical Lens on the Instrumentation of a Caring in Nursing Theory has been accepted for publication in Advances in Nursing Science.

Dr. Gloria Giarratano, Dr. Yvonne Sterling, Dr. Denise Danna, Dr. Susan Orlando, Marirose Bernard, MS, APRN, CNA – BC, Gretchen Deeves, MSN, APRN CNM, and Pamela Mathews, BSN, RN-NIC: Targeting Prenatal Emergency Preparedness through Childbirth Education has been selected for publication in the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing.

Dr. Denise Danna, Marirose Bernard, MS, APRN, CNA – BC, Rose Schaubhut, RN, MPH, and Pamela Mathews, BSN, RN-NIC: Experiences of Nurse Leaders Surviving Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, has been accepted for publication in Nursing and Health Sciences.

Kendal Andrus, MN, Mike Fussell, MN, Efreem Greely, MN, Linda Nguyen, MN, Sedric Williams, MN, and Marjorie Geisz-Everson, CRNA, MS: Yes You Can (Succeed in Nurse Anesthesia School) was published in the fall, 2009 edition of Minority Nurse.



Congratulations

Judith Gentry APRN, MSN, OCN, Rose Schaubhut, RN, MPH Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, and Marjorie Geisz-Everson CRNA, MS, received a grant award from the Office of Medical Education Research and Development's Academy Educational Enhancement Grant to fund the project Educating Clinical Nurse Preceptors to Enhance Nursing Education.

Dr. Deborah Garbee, Kendra Barrier RN, MSN, Jean Cefalu, RN, MSN, Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, and Lyubov Kozmenko, RN, BSN received the National League for Nursing's Education Research Grant Award. The grant funds the project Interdisciplinary Teamwork and Communication Collaboration.

Judith Gentry, APRN, MSN, OCN is now a Certified Nurse Educator.

Nancy Buccola, MSN, APRN, received American Psychiatric Nurses Association award for Excellence in Research. This award is granted to an APNA member who has made a significant contribution to research in psychiatric nursing care, education, leadership/management and/or health services.

Dr. Deborah Garbee, Kendra Barrier RN, MSN, Jean Cefalu, RN, MSN, Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, and Lyubov Kozmenko, RN, BSN received a 2009 NLN Nursing Education Research Grant which funds the project Interdisciplinary Teamwork and Communication Collaboration in a High-Fidelity Simulated Code. Dr. Garbee will serve as the principle investigator of the team, which also includes School of Medicine staff **Dr. J. Paige and Dr. V. Kozmenko and Dr. J. Zamjahn** from the School of Allied Health.

Dr. Demetrius Porche, successfully defended his dissertation titled Emergent Leadership during a Natural Disaster: A Narrative Analysis of an Acute Healthcare Organization's Leadership. Dr. Porche now holds both Doctor of Nursing Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Dr. Denise Danna, RN, DNS, NES, BC, FACHE, has been appointed to the Medical Care Advisory Committee for Louisiana's Medicaid program.

School of Nursing Faculty Collaborate to Address PTSD

TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Parent Handbook



When the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) surveyed teachers and school nurses from southeast Louisiana following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it was not surprising to find information related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was much needed.

The teachers expressed a need for education on how to identify and intervene when students suffer from the disorder. The LPHI, through its School Health Connection, partnered with LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty members **Ellen Beyer, Katherine Carter, Susan Rick, and Anne Troy** to develop and present comprehensive in-service programs. The joint venture, which was funded through a grant, was quite successful. The LSUHSC School of Nursing Continuing Education Department was key in facilitating the educational offerings which reached educators and school based nurses throughout the state during 2009.

In addition to the programs, two comprehensive handbooks were developed for parents and teachers. Titled

Trauma to Triumph, the handbooks detail the cause of PTSD, how children are affected, symptoms, and interventions to foster resiliency and support students as they "spring-back" from a traumatic event. Congratulations to these faculty members for collaborating to support Louisiana educators, parents, and school age children as a part of state-wide disaster recovery efforts.

LSUHSC School of Nursing Student Nurses Association Fills Fall Semester with Activity

Members of the LSUHSC Student Nurses Association had a non-stop fall semester filled with community service and professional development activities. In keeping with the National Student Nurses Association's focus on disaster preparedness, the local chapter held a Disaster Kit Drive which secured items such as bottled water, baby items, canned food, first aid supplies and eye glasses for donation to the local Red Cross. The students rounded out the semester with participation community service activities including the NO AIDS walk, Boo at the Zoo, Light the Night, and a day of building with Habitat for Humanity.

The Louisiana Association of Student Nurses State Convention, held in Lafayette, was one highlights of the semester, where the LSUHSC School of Nursing again had the largest contingency in attendance. LSUHSC School of Nursing served as the sponsor of the opening night activities and several faculty were in attendance as invited speakers.

The LSUHSC SNA received several awards including: Best Recruitment Project; Most Items Donated to Disaster Relief Fund; Best Costume; Best Scrapbook Cover; 2nd Place—Best Overall Scrapbook

Kirk Barnett, who will graduate this May, was the recipient of the Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarship and was elected as the Parliamentarian of the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses for the 2009-2010 term. **Charlotte Turgeon**, December 2009 graduate, was the recipient of the Financial Need Scholarship. The LSUHSC School of Nursing was recognized with a plaque for supporting the statewide SNA through its sponsorship of the opening night.



Congratulations To The Following Dean's List Students

Alaina Adams	Lauren Clifford	Rebecca Hentze	Michelle Maurin	Rachel Sander
Rachel Adams	Kendall Connick	Caroline Hodgins	Victoria McAdam	Richon Saunders
Sarah Andrepont	Meagan Cotter-Gruwell	Brittany Hoff	Donald McConnell	Jenny Schneider
Jenifer Andry	Kathryn Cranford	Keenan Holmes	Erin McElroy	Amy Schulin
Brenton Arihood	Laura Davis	Wendy Hounsel	Jessica Meister	Matt Seamster
Mary Ayo	Amanda Davis	Benjamin Hudnall	Lauren Mendez	Renee Smith
Jacqueline Baudier	Richie Rose Diaz	Alexandra Hurtado	Rachael Mery	Christina Spezio
John Beard	Jennifer Ducote	Hillary Hymel	Micah Metrailer	Jenna Surmik
Erin Benit	Emily Duffy	Donna Hymel	Chelsea Miller	Therese Talbot
Hannah Best	Nicole Dupont	Megan Irby	Laura Misiak	Ashley Tessitore
Haley Blanchard	Lauren Eustis	William Jarrell	Brittany Mitchell	Elizabeth Thibodaux
Brittany Blenkarn	Natalie Fontenot	Lindsey Johnson	Candice Moldthan	MELanie Tingle
Amy Blouin	Brittney Furca	Angela Jones	Jennifer Moreham	Charlene Townshend
Carli Bordelon	Samuel Ganier	Christine Joubert	Casey Myers	Mia Trupiano
Stephani Bordelon	Corey George	Natalie Kot	Katie Olatin	Mary Truxillo
Jaime Bruno	Natalie Gerdes	Emily Krazit	Travis Osborne	Rachel Tulin
Patrick Buchta	Jessica Goldberg	Linda Kurtz	Zachary Parish	Charlotte Turgeon
Sean Buchta	Sarah Gordon	Andrew Larkin	Celeste Poche'	Tiffany Vidrine
Bryan Buechler	Sean Grand	Phuc Le	Lauren Poe	Erin Watson
Susan Burck	Molvie Greene	Anna LeBlanc	Brandon Rachal	Renata Weber
Emily Callens	Lindsay Guerin	Ashley Liberto	Jeffrey Rachal	Caitlin Weilbaecher
Bryan Camus	Grant Gunstream	Renee Loupe	Jessica Raines	James White
Courtney Cashio	Elizabeth Guthrie	Mary Lowell	Lynid Relle	Matthew Williams
Lauren Cefalu	Whitney Harbin	Lauren Lyons	Bethany Rich	Jack Wong
Katherine Champagne	Holly Harris	Janis Malaki	Elizabeth Rodrigue	Heather Wright
Jessica Chauvin	Emily Harris	Heather Maness	Caroline Runne	Freya Zork
Anne Ciulla	Ashley Hebert	Matthew Martin	Samantha Sagona	Katheryn Zumo

Jo Ellen Smith Scholarship Winners Announced

On August 11, 2009, The Friends of Jo Ellen Smith awarded scholarships to four undergraduate students. The scholarship fund was established in honor of Jo Ellen's heroism to help deserving students who share in Jo Ellen's philosophy and have chosen to study for careers in health care. Awards are made on the basis of academic excellence and involvement in community services.



The following students were recognized: **Phuc Le, Meagan Gruwell, Steven Stewart and Katherine Constantini.**
Congratulations to these well deserving students!

LSUHSC Nursing Alumni Association News and Events



Nursing Alumni Association Scholarships Awarded

The 2009 LSUHSC Nursing Alumni Association Scholarships, which recognize academic achievement and student leadership, were awarded to:

Tomilee Abadie: Senior II Class Vice President

Elise Collins: Student Nurses Association (SNA) Community Service Coordinator

Charlotte Turgeon: Class President and SNA Convention Delegate
Ms. Collins is currently enrolled in the BSN program. Ms. Turgeon and Ms. Abadie are December, 2009, BSN graduates. The students were recognized at a reception held in their honor on October 26, 2009.

Order Your 75th Anniversary Gala Tickets Now While They are Still Available

Please join us in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the LSUHSC School of Nursing. A limited number of tickets are now available for the gala, which will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 (7-10 pm) at Pat O's on the River. Proceeds benefit the LSUHSC Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. By purchasing your tickets now, you may be eligible for a 2010 tax deduction to the extent allowed by law.

For more information, please visit our website: <http://nursing.lsuhs.edu/Alumni/index.html>

LSUHSC Nursing Faculty Appreciation Luncheon and Silent Auction Held

The Nursing Alumni Association and School of Nursing recognized the School of Nursing faculty at a faculty appreciation luncheon on Friday, December 11, 2009. On the same date, the Nursing Alumni Association held its annual silent auction at the School of Nursing.

LSUHSC Nursing Alumni Association Board of Directors

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