

## Chancellor's Corner



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Our outgoing department chair for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Dr. Fred Stucker, has attended to four presidents, was a qualified submarine and diving medical officer and served as

a consultant to the Surgeon General. Most of us will never have even one of those experiences in our lifetimes, but Dr. Stucker's resume and accomplishments go beyond these.

In his 29 years as chair, he has presided over an unprecedented period of growth and brought local, regional and national recognition to LSU Health Shreveport. He took a department with three faculty members and no residents to one with 12 faculty and three residents per year. He has taught 25 fellows since 1984 and all of his eligible graduates became board-certified.

The rapid growth of the program is to his credit and its national recognition is a result of his great contributions not only to our campus, but also his profession. He is a renowned leader in the area of facial plastics and as a former president and board member of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, he led the first medical delegation to Russia to provide care for children with clefts.

I have great admiration for his military career and service as chair of training programs for the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. As I mentioned, he served on a Naval submarine, The Andrew Jackson.

Asked once what advice he would give a young surgeon on how best to succeed, Dr. Stucker offered: "Concentrate on areas for which you have passion."

Anyone who knows Dr. Stucker can tell you that he has taken his own advice and found the ultimate in success. LSU Health has benefitted greatly from Dr. Stucker's leadership and we are fortunate that, while he is stepping down from the chairmanship, he will remain on staff to contribute his expertise to the new chair, Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD.

Did I mention, by the way, that one of his accomplishments was recruiting her 17 years ago!

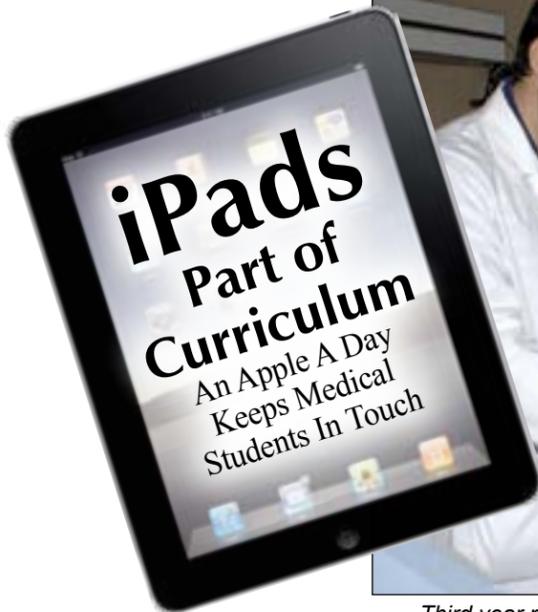
Thank you Dr. Stucker for all you have done and will continue to do for this institution.

I'd also like to thank Dr. Steven Levine who has agreed to serve as Acting Chairman of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Levine's administrative effectiveness, calm demeanor, love for teaching and thoughtful management style have earned him great respect from his colleagues. I have already heard many accolades from faculty and staff.

Our best wishes and appreciation to outgoing chair, Dr. Dan Banks for his 11 years of service to our institution and now his service to our country in his new position at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

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Third year medical students Sergi Besliu, Ross Hardy, Libby Going and Sanjay Juneja confer using iPads in a patient room.

**D**octors in training at LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine are putting a new spin on the old "apple a day" adage. The third year students started the new school year July 1 with Apple iPads alongside their stethoscopes, according to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Mark Platt, PhD. He noted the electronic tablets will be especially helpful when the health system's electronic patient record system goes live later this year.

The medical School is among a handful of medical schools to incorporate the new electronic tablets. Some have introduced them to replace traditional textbooks in the first two years of medical school. For now, LSU students use them for note taking and to access drug databases and other medical references as well as the growing number of medical apps available. The iPads give the students direct access to the information at a patient's bedside, Platt noted. Some have added a large pocket on the inside of their lab coats to carry the tablet.

The inclusion of iPads in the third-year is the latest in the school's 15 year technology odyssey that began even before the internet or laptops. In a sense, Platt noted, the students are "guinea pigs," as the faculty works to assess the effectiveness of various technologies for both learning and caring for patients. At various times students have tried out Think Pads and

Palm Pilots. Now all 118 medical students receive a pre-loaded, identically-configured Mac computer when they enter medical school as freshmen. The school has fully-integrated technology into the classroom. Lectures are available via podcast and students take tests electronically. State-of-the-art electronics allow faculty to use a stylus to interact with on-screen presentations and for students to make notes directly on their computer screens rather than taking paper notes. Class schedules are on iCal, a calendar application.

Platt teaches the technology integration at orientation and works individually with any students who need assistance. By week 2 or 3, they are generally comfortable with the technology.

Of course, today's students enter tech-savvy with their own arsenal of electronics. "If students are without

their computers for one hour they'll have to go into therapy," Platt jokes.

Once the electronic health record system is live, students will be able to pull up lab reports and radiology images as they round on patients. Since the iPad is not designed to have information stored on it, there is much less chance any patient information would inadvertently become available to others, Platt noted.

*"If students are without their computers for one hour they'll have to go into therapy," jokes Mark Platt, PhD.*

## Multi-Tasker: New ENT Chair is Clinician, Researcher and Teacher



Dr. Cherie-Ann Nathan in her lab

Dr. Cherie-Ann Nathan is the embodiment of the term "multi-tasker." At work, she is an excellent clinician, teacher and researcher. Add to that: wife, mother and accomplished pianist.

This month, she became Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at LSU Health Shreveport. The news came at about the same time she found out she would receive a \$1.24 million National Institutes of Health grant to analyze a novel drug to target genetic pathways that might play a role in recurring head and neck cancers.

It is rare for a clinician to get an NIH grant, but it is her second. Her first one was recently renewed.

When Dr. Nathan left her native India in 1988 after medical school and her residency, she planned to stay one year at Johns Hopkins to do research in head and neck cancer and return to India. Likewise, when she and her husband decided to forego individual offers from the likes of Duke and Stanford and come to Shreveport for dual opportunities, they thought they would stay only one year. That year was so fulfilling, they committed to one more, which turned into 15.

"We just loved it," Dr. Nathan explained. "This is a great town both professionally and personally." She has found the health sciences center to be an easy place to collaborate with other researchers, teachers and clinicians and has enjoyed the opportunity to be all three.

Her husband Dr. Raghu Nathan is a Pulmonary Critical Care Specialist at Willis-Knighton Bossier Health Center. Her sons, Sean, 16 and Neil, 14 are excellent students and are accomplished musicians like their mother. She began playing piano at age 4 ½ and ultimately had a hard choice between music and medicine as a career. She's glad she chose medicine, but still loves to accompany her sons on the piano as they play the cello and the violin.

She is excited about the opportunity to lead what she already considers an excellent program established under Dr. Stucker. Her vision for the future of the department is modeled on her own career excellence. She hopes to grow the department to greater heights in all the areas. In addition to Dr. Stucker, who will continue to lead his world-renowned Facioplasmic Surgery program, Dr. Gale Gardner has established a cochlear implant program and plans a Hearing and Balance Center of Excellence, with a goal to put the program on par with the Head & Neck and Facioplastics sections. She considers herself fortunate to have associates like Dr Tim Lian, another outstanding cancer surgeon in the department who will lead the growth in Cutaneous Oncology and Dr Stewart Little who is on the cutting edge of endoscopic sinus technology with balloon sinuplasty.

In short, she wants a Department that is a lot like her-recognized not only for outstanding clinical skills, but also research and academic excellence.

## Researchers Receive National Grants



Jeffrey Phillips



Hazem El-Osta

Two LSU Health Shreveport researchers, Jeffrey Phillips, MD and Hazem El-Osta MD, have been awarded national grants for their research. Dr. Phillips, a fourth-year resident in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, was selected from more than 150 candidates to receive the CORE Resident Research Grant for his research using the natural agent, cumin, in preventing skin cancer. Dr. Hazem El-Osta, a fellow at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, has been selected for the 2011 Pfizer Fellow in Oncology grant.

Dr. Phillips will use his grant to study the effect of the natural agent, curcumin, on UV radiation, a risk factor for skin cancer. This work is a continuation of research he presented to the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery last year. The grant is administered by the academy foundation. He has also been selected for a national presentation at the Academy Meeting in San Francisco in September on Biomarkers in Skin Cancer.

Dr. El-Osta was selected from the cancer center's 16 Fellows to receive the Pfizer grant, one of only ten awarded in the U.S. He will devote half time to treating cancer patients and half to conducting research involving a novel imaging based screening approach to identify drugs that inhibit tumor invasion and cancer progression.

Dr. Phillips works in collaboration with Dr. Cherie-Ann Nathan's laboratory with Dr. Cheryl Clark, Dr. Oleksandr Ekshyyan, Tara Moore, Dr. Kunal Sonavane and Xiaohua Rong and collaborators Dr. John Clifford and Dr. Fleurette Abreo.

Dr. El-Osta's mentors are Glenn Mills, MD and Jim Cardelli, PhD.

## Dr. Nanda Key in Louisiana Concussion Act



Dr. Anil Nanda

A new law, requiring coaches and officials to remove any athlete suspected of having a concussion from practice or a game until medical clearance is given, became law in Louisiana recently thanks to the efforts of Dr. Anil Nanda, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at LSU Health Shreveport, in conjunction with Senator Sherri Smith Cheek (R-Shreveport), the NFL, the New Orleans Saints, and the Concussion Coalition.

Gov. Bobby Jindal signed the Louisiana Youth Concussion Act into law, joining about two dozen other states with similar laws. It requires any organizations that sponsors youth athletics to provide the athletes and their parents information about concussion, including long-term effects of a head injury. Coaches and officials must undergo annual training to identify concussion symptoms.

## New Faculty

- Andrew R. Banker, DDS, Assistant Professor – Clinical, MC Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Lourdes M. Del Rosso, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Neurology
- Mitzi C. Glover, PhD, Instructor – MB Cellular Biology & Anatomy
- Elizabeth O. Hudnall, MD, Instructor – Clinical Specialist, MC Family Medicine
- Veerandra B. Koyyalamudi, MD, Assistant Professor – Clinical, MC Anesthesiology
- Leigh T. Liles, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, MC Psychiatry
- Edward J. LoCascio, MD, Instructor – Clinical Specialist, MC Emergency Medicine
- Dana C. Mays, MD, Instructor – Clinical Specialist, MC Family Medicine
- Kristian J. Narveson, MD, Instructor – Clinical Specialist, MC Emergency Medicine
- Shilpadevi S. Patil, MD, Instructor – Clinical Specialist, MC Anesthesiology
- Vidya Raman, MD, Assistant Professor – Clinical, MC Pediatrics
- Tamara N. Richards, MD, Assistant Professor – Clinical, MC Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Steven H. Todman, MD, Assistant Professor – Clinical, MC Pediatrics
- Adam S. Wellikoff, MD, Assistant Professor – Clinical, MC Medicine Pulmonary Critical Care



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## Information Fair August 15 To Promote The Year of The Healthy Child

Associate Professor Marie Vazquez, PhD from the Department of Rehabilitation Science, Program in Physical Therapy, and other like-minded people will take a first step in their goal to help stem the problem of childhood obesity with the kickoff of The Year of the Healthy Child August 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the faculty clinic gymnasium in the School of Allied Health.

About 25 groups are expected to participate in an information fair, along with mayors from Shreveport and Bossier. It is open to the community, particularly anyone interested in collaborating to help with the problem of childhood obesity.

The group hopes to work with Caddo and Bossier school staff to promote healthy activities and education throughout the school year.

There are many groups in the community who are already working to help with the problem of childhood obesity, Dr. Vazquez noted. The idea is to "get everyone on the same page."

Her thought is that a unified effort might be more powerful in helping stem what she calls "an epidemic of childhood obesity, particularly in the south."

For more information, call Dr. Vazquez at 813-2944.

## Pfizer Humanitarian Award: Dr. Zibari's Volunteer Efforts Honored



Dr. Gazi Zibari with a patient in Kurdistan, Iraq

Two decades of surgical volunteerism and humanitarian work were honored recently when Dr. Gazi B. Zibari, Professor of Surgery and Director of Willis Knighton/LSU Regional Transplant Center and Malcolm Feist Chair in Transplantation received the 2011 Pfizer Surgical Volunteerism and Humanitarian Award. Dr. Zibari was singled out for his tireless and selfless commitment to improve the human condition by saving lives and alleviating suffering while supporting and contributing to the basic human dignity of those in need."

The award was given during the International College of Surgeons, 73rd Annual Surgical Update-US Section and came just months after his most recent humanitarian venture – a medical charity team trip to Kurdistan, Iraq. Dr. Zibari along with Dr. Quyen D. Chu, Albert Sklar Associate Professor of Surgery, Chief of Surgical Oncology and Director of Peritoneal Surface Malignancies Program presented a two-day symposium followed by operating room and clinical instruction for hospital residents, medical students and house staff on such topics as management of rural trauma.

The symposium was a combined effort of the International College of Surgeons (ICS)/Operation Hope and American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA).

The medical symposium included a multidisciplinary team: Drs. Quyen Chu (Surgical Oncologist), Michael Moore (Hematologist/Oncologist and Hematopathologist), Susan Shattuck (OB/GYN), Mark Dean (ENT) and Gazi B. Zibari (Transplant and HPB) from Shreveport, along with a Trauma and Critical Care Specialist, Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeon, Plastic Surgeon, Ophthalmologist and Scrub Tech. A reporter and cameraman from a Texas ABC affiliate were also on the trip.

Surgeries performed included ophthalmology, head and neck, OB/GYN, mastectomies, advanced laparoscopic surgeries, complex hepatopancreatobiliary and renal transplantation.

The team was received by Mr. Barzani, President of the Kurdish Regional Government.



Christopher Dillard, left, a student at Louisiana Tech University, explains his poster presentation during the recent end-of-year presentations by participants in the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program. The program provides an eight-week apprenticeship for college students interested in medical careers to work with LSU Health Shreveport scientists and physicians. Christopher's mentors were Dr. Eduardo Gonzalez-Toledo and Dr. Daniel in the Department of Radiology.

## Graduation Set for August 13

Students in several School of Allied Health Professions programs and the School of Graduate Studies will graduate during commencement exercises August 13 at the Shreveport Convention Center. The ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. for more than sixty students.

Bachelor's degrees will be presented to graduates in Cardiopulmonary Science, Physician Assistant, and Medical Technology. A total of 21 students will receive Master's degrees in Occupational Therapy and Public Health and one will earn a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Three Graduate Studies students will earn PhDs.

## Nephrology, Spine Surgery Recognized in Top Hospital Rankings

LSU Health Shreveport's Nephrology and Spine Surgery departments have been recognized recently by two publications.

In their annual Best Hospitals listing, U.S. News and World Report rated the hospital's nephrology as one of the country's "top performing." The department earned high scores for advanced technology, survival rates and patient services available.

Louisiana Life Magazine ranked the hospital second in the state in Spine Surgery Excellence.

U.S. News ranks hospitals as "high performing" in a service line if they are in the top 25% for patient volume and other indicators. Louisiana Life bases its findings on Health Grades scores.

## Two Former Surgery Leaders Honored



Dr. Benjamin Li, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, with former chairman Dr. Richard Turnage.

The LSU Health Shreveport Department of Surgery honored a former chairman and vice chairman recently in separate ceremonies. A portrait of former chairman Richard H. Turnage, MD, was unveiled July 15 and will be on display in the third floor corridor of the Department of Surgery alongside other former chairmen. Dr. Turnage was chairman from 2001-2008.



Dr. Benjamin Rush stands alongside his dedication plaque.

Dr. Benjamin Rush was honored July 12 with the dedication of Conference Room 3-201 in his name. Dr. Rush served the Department of Surgery from 1973-2007 and was vice chairman for 20 years. He currently holds the distinguished appointment of Professor Emeritus in the Department of Surgery.

Both have received accolades and awards as they taught, guided and mentored medical students, surgical residents and faculty members.

## Recognitions and Presentations

**Philip Cole, MD**, Whitney Boggs, Jr. Professor in Colon & Rectal Surgery, Clinical Professor of Surgery & Division Chief was elected to the American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) National CME Committee as well as the 2012 ASCRS Program Committee.

**Fred J. Stucker, MD**, Professor and Jack Pou Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, was a guest professor at Mayo Clinic Rochester, where he gave four lectures for the Bryan Neel Guest Lectureship.

**Lester Wayne Johnson, MD**, Professor of Clinical Surgery & Vice Chairman at EA Conway was re-elected as EA Conway Chief of Staff for 2011-2013.

**Dr. Kenneth Abreo**, Professor of Medicine, Chief, Nephrology Section and Acting Vice Chair, Department of Medicine was invited to talk on *Prevention and Management of Bacterial Infections in Hemodialysis* at the Medicine Grand Rounds at LSUHSC New Orleans.

**Dennis D. Venable, MD, B.E.**, Trichel Endowed Professor and Chairman of Urology, was elected Southeastern Section Representative for the American Urological Association Board of Directors. He currently serves on the editorial board.

**Quyen D. Chu, MD**, Albert Sklar Associate Professor of Surgery, Chief of Surgical Oncology and Director of Peritoneal Surface Malignancies Program, has been selected as a Scientific Reviewer for the 2011 Breast Cancer Research Programs for the Department of Defense Congressionally-Directed Medical Research Programs.

**B. Jill Williams, PhD**, Associate Professor of Urology and Director of Basic Urologic Research, was invited to chair the Pathobiology study section for the Department of Defense Prostatic Cancer Research Program.

**Glenn Mills, MD**, Acting Director of Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, was the guest speaker at the New Orleans Summer Cancer Meeting. His talk was about principles, potential targets, and agents in development to inhibit blood vessel growth in tumors.

**Jerry McLarty, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Director of Cancer Prevention and Control at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center presented *Early Indicators of Mortality in Asbestos Workers* at the World Conference on Lung Cancer in Amsterdam.

**Arun Pramanik, MD**, Professor of Neonatology, was the recipient of the Distinguished Physician Award from the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

**Dr. J. Steven Alexander**, Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology gave an invited speech entitled: *Multiple Sclerosis: An Unrecognized Vascular Disease?* at the Golden Circle Multiple Sclerosis Research Reception hosted by the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS). LSU Health Shreveport's Multiple Sclerosis Research Team, including members of the laboratory of **Ikuo Tsunoda, MD, PhD**, joined the discussion.

The Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery presented a total of five (two oral and three poster) abstracts addressing different aspects of immunosuppressants in renal transplantation at the American Transplant Congress in Philadelphia.

In addition, abstracts were presented at the International College of Surgeons - North

American Federation Annual Scientific Congress in Portland, OR. Three general surgery residents presented their academic work. Fourth-year **Dr. Darin Doumite** addressed laparoscopic liver resection, second-year, **Dr. Matthew Sanders** presented a comparison of open vs. laparoscopic adrenalectomy and third-year, **Dr. Jean Sheng** addressed *Laparoscopic vs. Open Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter Placement: A Single Institution Experience*. All three were mentored by **Gazi B. Zibari** and **Hosein Shokouh-Amiri**.

At the same meeting, Dr. Zibari presented *Two Decades of Charity Medical Work in Iraqi Kurdistan: Collaborative Partnerships to Enhance Education and Health Care* during a symposium moderated by Shokouh-Amiri and **Dr. Robin Lacour**.

Department of Urology members were involved in a number of presentations for the American Urological Association (AUA) annual meeting in Washington, D.C. and other professional meetings recently.

**Dr. Ayme Schmeackle** (PGY-4, URO-3) presented *Use of Fibrin Glue as an Adjunct to Hypospadias Repair*, with co-authors **Dennis D. Venable, MD** and **John A. Mata, MD**, at the AUA meeting, where it was recognized as one of the best posters. Dr. Schmeackle also presented this work at the annual meetings of the Southeastern Section of the AUA and the Louisiana State Urological Society. Dr. Schmeackle also presented *Overton Brooks VAMC Preliminary Findings in Patients Exposed to Agent Orange* with Renal Cell Cancer, with co-authors **Debora Moore, MD**, **Robert G. Moore, MD**, and **Phillip Hadaad, MD** of Dayton, OH, at the AUA Annual Meeting.

**Dr. Paul Walker** (PGY-4, URO-3) presented *Midurethral Sling Surgery in the Obese Woman: Does Degree of Obesity Influence Surgical Outcomes and Complications?* with co-authors **Andre P. Broussard, MD**, **Kristi L. Hebert**, **B. Jill Williams, PhD**, and **Alex Gomelsky, MD**, at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section. Mr. Broussard presented this work at the Louisiana State Urological Society Meeting.

**Dr. Joshua P. Holstead** (PGY-1) presented *Long-term Follow-up of Bovine Dermis as a Biologic Substitute for Autologous Tissue in Pubovaginal Sling Surgery*, with co-authors **B. Jill Williams, PhD** and **Alex Gomelsky, MD**, at the AUA, Society of Urodynamics and Female Urology (SUFU) and Southeastern Section annual meetings.

**Dr. John A. Mata**, Professor of Clinical Urology was a co-author of *L5-S3 Lumbar to Sacral Nerve Rerouting to Restore Bladder and Bowel Function in Neurogenic Patients: A Neurosurgical Perspective*, presented by **Ryan Vidrine** at the Southeastern Section meeting and moderated the Pediatrics Podium Session at the meeting.

**Dr. Alex Gomelsky**, Associate Professor of Clinical Urology, presented *A Longitudinal Evaluation of Subjective Postoperative Symptoms and Dissatisfaction in Women Cured of Stress Incontinence after Sling Surgery*, with co-author **B. Jill Williams, PhD**, Associate Professor of Urology, at the annual meetings of the AUA, SUFU, and Southeastern Section. Dr. Gomelsky also participated in a debate during the plenary session of the AUA meeting entitled *Single Incision Sling: Is It Ready for Prime Time?* and moderated the Young Urologists Forum at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the AUA.



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Jerry McLarty, PhD



Julia Atkins

## EAC Employee of the Month

Julia Spivey Atkins has been named EA Conway Medical Center's employee of the month for July 2011. Atkins is a Licensed Master Social Worker in the Social Services Department and an employee of EA Conway since 2003. She received her Masters of Social Work Degree from Grambling State University in 1994.

# Calendar of Events

## Summer 2011

**Saturday, August 6**  
*Cardiovascular Conference 2011*  
 Clarion Hotel  
 1419 E. 70th Street, Shreveport

**Friday, August 19**  
*Annual Carroll W. Feist Scientific Symposium sponsored by the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center*  
 LSU Health Shreveport Auditorium, Room 1-400  
 Please call 318.675.7565 for information

**Saturday, September 3**  
*Opening of Sci-Port "Science of Generosity" Exhibit*  
 Sci-Port Discovery Center  
 820 Clyde Fant Parkway  
 Downtown Shreveport



## Life Savers Ball Gala Goes Through the Looking Glass September 17

The annual Feist-Weiller Life Savers Ball will take party-goers "through the looking glass" with a gala dinner, dance, open bar and its ever-popular auction. The theme for the evening is "Magnify the Cure." Vicki Franks is the event chairman.

Sam's Town on the Shreveport Riverfront will be the venue for the fundraiser on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$375 per couple for a seated dinner or \$100 per person for "the rabbit hole buffet."

Entertainment will include music by Big Blast and The Party Masters, along with a chance to hit a stroke of luck to win \$10,000 in gems from Clarkes Jewelers by playing a \$100 game of croquet.

All proceeds are used to fund Lifesavers Idea Grants to Feist-Weiller researchers. Since its inception, 23 grants worth \$1.2 million have been awarded from the proceeds. Since this program began, local award winners have brought \$8 million back into the community from research resulting from these Life Savers Idea Grants.

Jim Cardelli, PhD and Stephen Witt, PhD were the 2010 winners.  
 For ticket information, call 813-1423.

## Welcome New Students

LSU Health Shreveport has welcomed 149 students for the 2011-12 school year, including 118 freshmen medical students who began July 29. The medical school Class of 2015 includes 70 men and 48 women.

Also new to the campus are 19 students in the School of Graduate Studies and 12 in the School of Allied Health Program of Clinical Laboratory Science. A few more students will participate in the joint Master of Public Health program with LSU Shreveport.

## Women's Equality Day Activities Planned for August 26

In recognition of Women's Equality Day, the Office of Diversity Affairs and Equal Employment Opportunity along with Women in Science and Health (WISH) will hold a one day seminar focused on "Workplace Dynamics" with speaker Theresa A. Dear.

The August 26 seminar is open to the community. It will begin at 10 a.m. in the Biomedical Research Institute Conference Room.

Ms. Dear is a champion for employee-based innovations. While Vice President of Worldwide Human Resources at SPSS Inc., she received national recognition by Working Woman Magazine for positioning the business as one of the "Best 100 Companies to Work for in America."

Ms. Dear and several from the LSU Health Shreveport community will facilitate roundtable discussions during the afternoon, with topics entitled "How to interview," "Interview Preparation," "Negotiation Skills," and "Mentoring."

For more information, please contact Kenneth Hunter (khunt6@lsuhsc.edu), Delira Robbins (drobbi@lsuhsc.edu) or Michelle Carroll-Turpin (mcarro@lsuhsc.edu).

## Life Savers Auction Goes On-Line

The renown silent auction at the annual Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Life Savers Ball is going on-line this year, giving even those who can't attend a shot at such inviting items as trips to Colorado, the Great Northwest and Disney, skydiving, flight school, LSU memorabilia and a boat lift.

On-line bidding begins September 1 at [www.biddingforgood.com/LifeSavers](http://www.biddingforgood.com/LifeSavers).

### Auction items include:

- 1,000 jonquil bulbs planted at your site
- Endless spa and beauty offerings
- To-die-for jewelry
- Dinner certificates to Shreveport-Bossier restaurants;
- Original art including a Blue Dog
- Scuba, kung fu and fencing lessons

Many items have "BUY NOW" prices. All proceeds are used to fund cancer research at Feist-Weiller researchers.

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