

**Chancellor's Corner**

During the month of February, musicians and retailers remind us to celebrate love and Valentine's Day with those we cherish. At the same time, elected officials use



designated days to remind us of certain cardiac conditions as well as the caregivers, educators and researchers who work to keep us heart healthy.

Looking at February's calendar, I see American Heart Month, National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week, Cardiovascular Professionals Week, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week and National Women's Heart Health Day. These overlap at various points and have a host of outreach events - and some will be recognized here at the Health Sciences Center as well.

I applaud those of you who work to reduce the mortality and morbidity associated with cardiac disease. The medical and nursing staff of our Heart Station, our Intensive Care Units, our Emergency Departments and so many other areas have my highest praise. Equally deserving are the educators who help future caregivers and community members better understand the realities of cardiac disease. Our investigators in Anatomy, Pharmacology, Physiology and other basic and clinical sciences help unravel cardiovascular mysteries and provide a service for generations to come. The work all of you do affects individuals and their loved ones and makes a tremendous difference in our community - not just during the month of February, but year-round.

In closing, please take this opportunity to assess your own physical health and wellness. If it has been more than a year since you have had a checkup / physical examination, you may want to consider scheduling one with your primary caregiver. Besides providing you with important information and reassurance, it may well give your loved ones added peace of mind.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert A. Barish M.D.*

Robert A. Barish, MD, MBA  
Chancellor

**\$5 Million Payment to LSUHSC-S for EHR**  
*DHH Recognizes PELICAN Project Milestone Achievement*

**H**ealth care officials from around the state gathered Jan. 12 in Shreveport to announce that LSUHSC-S will receive \$5 million for its progress on the PELICAN Project and that Louisiana is among the first four states in the nation to receive incentive payments for activities related to health care technology and Electronic Health Records (EHR).

The 10 LSU Health hospitals will receive a total of about \$24 million in federal stimulus funding this year with the \$5 million to Shreveport being the first payment. The nine other hospitals will receive their initial payments over the next eight weeks, according to Lee Bairnsfather, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Health Information Technology and statewide director of the PELICAN Project.

"We applaud the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for its leadership in making it possible for LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport to begin implementation of electronic health records throughout the statewide LSU Health System," said Chancellor Robert A. Barish, M.D., M.B.A. "These funds will enable our hospital to improve patient



*Vice Chancellor Hugh E. Mighty, M.D., M.B.A. (right) listens as DHH official Kathy Kliebert announces EHR progress.*

safety and quality of care for our patients, for example through instantaneous access of medical records and disease management programs. The electronic health records also will enhance our research database, strengthening our research program. Over time, the electronic health records are expected to reduce costs as well," he said.

DHH Deputy Secretary Kathy Kliebert traveled to Shreveport to make the announcement at LSUHSC-S.

LSU Health System hospitals in Shreveport and New Orleans are among the first five eligible hospitals in Louisiana. On the national level, Louisiana, Iowa, Oklahoma and Kentucky are the state leaders, with health care providers adopting and effectively using the mandated health information technology under this program.

Additional funding for the national EHR initiative will be released over the months and years leading to the 2015 deadline for full implementation under several federal reimbursement programs. The LSU Health System plans to have its integrated EHR system, PELICAN, completely operational in all 10 of its hospitals by 2013 and it estimates that its incentive funding will amount to about \$85 million over four years, Dr. Bairnsfather said.

"The money is only a part of the picture here," Ms. Kliebert said. "This is really about the hospitals, doctors, nurses and other health care providers who are taking those critical-but-difficult first steps to change how they deliver health care," she said. "And in the end, it's about delivering safer, more effective, more fluid and efficient health care services to the people of Louisiana."

**LSUHSC-S Hosts 7th Annual Virology Colloquium**

The Center for Molecular and Tumor Virology (CMTV) at LSUHSC on Feb. 1-2 will host its 2011 Virology Colloquium, "Recent Advances in Virology: The Challenge of Old Foes and New Threats," bringing to campus members of the Center's External and Internal Advisory Committees and Symposium Visiting Scientists as participants.

CMTV is now in the eighth year of its ten-year NIH funding authorization that totals more than \$18 million. Center director is Boyd Professor Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D., who holds the Willis-Knighton Chair of Molecular Biology and also is Head of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, LSUHSC-S.

An official activity of the Center, the yearly Virology Colloquium, now in its seventh consecutive year, offers CMTV external advisers the opportunity to interact with junior faculty project leaders, with Center faculty, doctoral and postdoctoral trainees as well as Dr. O'Callaghan in his role as Center director.

"This is important," Dr. O'Callaghan said, "because members of the External Advisory Committee must prepare a formal report for NIH that addresses the activities and progress of the Center."

The Center comprises three Cores and five Research Projects, each directed by a junior faculty member as a project leader, according to Dr. O'Callaghan.

"By its cores, the Center contributes to the overall research infrastructure of LSUHSC-S and helps to support the ongoing research of the Center faculty and their doctoral

students, postdoctoral fellows, and research associates. In the past year, the Center helped to support the ongoing research of 17 faculty members who are active in virology research and in the training of 34 postdoctoral fellows and doctoral students at LSUHSC-S as well as the training of several graduate and undergraduate students at LSU-Shreveport," he said.

The scope of interdisciplinary Center at LSUHSC-S extends to two undergraduate universities in North Louisiana, University of Louisiana at Monroe and LSU-Shreveport. Its faculty members at LSUHSC-S include both basic scientists and clinicians.



**Wednesday, Feb. 2**

*The daylong scientific program featuring both LSUHSC-S faculty and external advisers to the Center for Molecular and Tumor Virology will be held in the Zadeck Conference Room (G-221, LSU School of Medicine) from 8:25 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.*

*For more information go to [lsuhscmicrobiology.com/cmtv-overview.htm](http://lsuhscmicrobiology.com/cmtv-overview.htm)*

**New Esophageal Surgery Performed**

A highly complex minimally invasive procedure to remove the esophagus has been performed for the first time in LSUHSC-S, and the patient is recovering as expected, according to chief surgical oncologist Quyen D. Chu, M.D., F.A.C.S., who led the LSUHSC-S surgical team.

The esophageal cancer patient, 57, was referred for treatment from E.A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe.

Minimally invasive surgery, often called "Band Aid surgery," is performed through small incisions. For the esophagus, the incisions are made in the abdomen, right chest, and left neck.

Less than a decade old, minimally invasive removal of the esophagus is available at only a number of high-volume centers in the nation, according to Dr. Chu, Associate Professor, the Albert Sklar Endowed Professor of Surgery, and Director of Peritoneal Surface Malignancies Program, Department of Surgery and the Feist Weiller Cancer Center of LSUHSC-S.

The minimally invasive technique spares the patient from undergoing major incisions to the abdomen and chest to remove the esophagus, which reduces the stress on the patient's body as well as reduces post-operative immobility and pain. In addition, smaller incisions result in better cosmetic results, Dr. Chu noted.

Members of the surgical team included Vyas Rao, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, surgical residents Rodney Smart, M.D., PGY III, and Arielle Dubose, M.D., PGY I.

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Cold December temperatures couldn't chill the warm smiles when Chesapeake Energy Corp. donated 100 free tickets to the Independence Bowl for local St. Jude patients. The tickets went to children who are patients at the LSUHSC-S/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital affiliate clinic at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center. Gathering for the presentation ceremony were (left to right) Katie McCullin, Chesapeake Energy Corp.; Jim Hagan, Independence Bowl chairman; Linda Douglas, LSUHSC-S/St. Jude clinic; LSUHSC-S Chancellor Robert Barish, M.D.; Joseph Bocchini, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, LSUHSC-S; Independence Bowl mascot; Sarie Joubert, Chesapeake Energy Corp.; Donald Mack, M.D., Shreveport pediatrician and Emeritus Board Member of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Paul Pratt, Chesapeake Energy Corp.; Toni Goodin, Business Manager for the Department of Pediatrics; Becky DeKay, FWCC outpatient clinic manager.

## LSU Hospital Acquires Smart IV Pump Technology

Patients at LSU Hospital in Shreveport who require intravenous (IV) medication therapy will benefit from new "smart" IV pumps that will be placed into service throughout the hospital on February 10.

"The smart IV pump technology is designed to avoid medication errors, important for patient safety, which is our hospital's top priority," according to Joe Miciotto, LSU Hospital Administrator.

"In addition, our new system will enhance adoption of the PELICAN system, the LSU Health's statewide electronic health records system," he added.

In-house education sessions for staff about the new IV pumps, are slated for January 31-February 4 and February 7-9.

With the purchase of the 832 new IV pumps and 300 IV poles comes a drug library that provides safety limits and warnings to assist clinicians, an additional resource now available on this campus.

The IV pumps were selected by an internal team of subject matter experts following a two-year study to identify the best solution for replacement the hospital's outdated IV pump inventory. The model selected and acquired through competitive bid was the consensus choice because of ease of use, its safety history, and its technology strides, according to Mr. Miciotto.

"The team who evaluated the IV pumps made a significant contribution of time and expertise, and we are indebted to each of them," he noted.

Team members and their areas are:

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| Jason Anderson, anesthesia;                   | Latoshia Banks, inpatient women's health;              |
| Jodie Crouch, information technology;         | Rendy Ealy, inpatient orthopaedics;                    |
| Chasity Edmiston, inpatient labor unit;       | Jacqueline Hardman, inpatient neurosurgery;            |
| Jeff Hartgrove, purchasing;                   | Peggy Herring, professional practice;                  |
| Don Hogsett, pharmacy;                        | Mary Jordan, professional practice;                    |
| Jason Lafitte, pharmacy;                      | Umeka Lafitte, inpatient oncology;                     |
| Vannester Mahoney, inpatient medicine unit A; | Rosa Maxie, medicine Unit B telemetry;                 |
| Gerald Messina, biomedical engineering;       | Cynthia Miller, inpatient surgery unit B;              |
| Sara Murphy, nursing supply coordinator;      | Pamela Murray, PICU;                                   |
| Angela Neal, purchasing;                      | Donald Odom, outpatient infusion clinic;               |
| Courtney Procell, inpatient surgery unit A;   | Kara Rider, day surgery;                               |
| Elizabeth Robinette, inpatient NICU;          | Mary Smith, hospital education;                        |
| Janice Soderstrom, hospital education;        | Gloria Talley, outpatient Feist-Weiller Cancer Center; |
| Monica Turner, inpatient pediatrics;          | Ronald Whelply, materials management/warehouse;        |
| Carl Young, biomedical Engineering.           |  |

## Foundation to Offer Series of Departmental Forums for LSUHSC-S Faculty and Staff

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation will meet the new year with increased education and communication. The President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Development Officer have prepared a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation to be delivered to faculty and staff of the LSU Health Sciences Center by department.

Each presentation will be followed by an open question-and-answer session. Foundation staff hope that departmental Foundation Education Forums will be the first in a series of efforts to increase knowledge of the Foundation among LSUHSC-S faculty and staff in an effort to maximize the benefits of the Foundation to the Health Sciences Center.

Topics covered will include the role of the Foundation in the LSU System, how the Foundation interacts with this campus, funds management, investment management, fundraising and development—including maximizing departmental fundraising, the role of the Feist Legacy and future directions of the LSU Health Sciences Foundation.

To schedule an education forum, or if you have questions about how the Foundation raises, manages and distributes funds, please contact the Foundation office at (318) 861-0855 or send an email to [info@lsuhsfoundation.org](mailto:info@lsuhsfoundation.org).

## Words of Thanks

The following letter from a grateful patient was received by Joe Miciotto, LSU Hospital Administrator:

*"I wanted you to know that every nurse was so professional and caring. I wish I could name each by name. Rhonda was especially helpful to us, but each nurse was special in her caring ways."*

— C.P.

## Day Pain Crisis Unit for Sickle Cell Patients Opens at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center

A new three-bed day unit developed to care for sickle cell patients experiencing pain crises has been established at the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center (FWCC) Outpatient Building at LSUHSC-S and was formally dedicated on Jan. 20.

It is only the eighth such facility in the country designed to provide patients with sickle cell a dedicated unit that offers an Emergency Room alternative. The FWCC unit is staffed Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nights, weekends and holidays patients in sickle cell crisis go to the LSU Hospital Emergency Care Center for treatment.

Nebu Koshy, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, is medical director for the unit and Jennifer Angelo, physician assistant, is clinical coordinator.

Patients cared for in dedicated sickle cell facilities like the one recently established at FWCC have been found to have better experiences and can often control the pain crisis through day visits.



Benjamin Li, M.D.

## Louisiana Chapter of American College of Surgeons and Surgical Association of Louisiana to Hold Annual Meeting in Shreveport

For the first time, the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and Surgical Association of Louisiana (SAL) in January held its annual meeting in Shreveport, according to Benjamin Li, M.D., FACS, LA-ACS President, The John McDonald Chair in Surgery and Professor and Chairman of the Department

Surgery, LSUHSC-Shreveport.

The three-day conference kicked off with an "Ultrasound for Surgeons Course" directed by two LSUHSC-S faculty members. Asser Youssef, M.D., FICS, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Chief/Medical Director of Trauma and Critical Care, and Horacio D'Agostino M.D., FICS, Professor of Radiology, Surgery and Anesthesiology and Chairman of the Department of Radiology, led the hands-on training with the use of models and standardized patients.

"We were excited to bring our annual Louisiana ACS-SAL meeting to Shreveport," said Dr. Li, who presided at the formal conference welcome. "This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase Shreveport as we brought the surgical community in Louisiana together to learn from one another and continue to strengthen the network we have within the state."

Additionally, the conference featured resident paper presentations, case studies, guest speakers from throughout Louisiana and a keynote address from David Hoyt, M.D., FACS, American College of Surgeon's Executive Director, Chicago, Ill.

Special events during the conference included the Surgical Association of Louisiana Thirteenth Annual Banquet at The Shreveport Club with guest speaker Major General Floyd L. Carpenter, Commander, Eighth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic) Barksdale Air Force Base, La., addressing the history and current status of the Global Strike Force.

Concluding the conference was the third annual Resident Surgical Jeopardy Tournament chaired by Quyen Chu, M.D., FACS, Albert Sklar Associate Professor of Surgery, Chief of Surgical Oncology, LSUHSC-Shreveport. The Surgical Jeopardy Tournament, modeled after the popular television show, tested general and specialty surgery knowledge of junior and senior residents from all four Louisiana teaching programs.

The Louisiana Chapter ACS consists of over 420 surgeons working together to provide a collective voice in the state on legislative, reimbursement, and educational issues. The Chapter works to improve both surgical care for patients and the practice environment. Founded in 1927, the Surgical Association of Louisiana is a professional association that focuses on the education of its membership in order to advance the care of their surgical patients.

## United Way Pledges Surpass 2009 Campaign

LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport's United Way campaign for 2010 ended Dec. 20 with pledges of \$33,469, according to campaign co-chairs Kim Pullen, Assistant Professor of Medical Library Science and head liaison librarian, and Willie Buffington, head of University Police.

The previous year's campaign raised \$25,000.

United Way contributions help fund dozens of community organizations in Northwest Louisiana.

## New Faculty

- Holly B. Hoffman, M.D., Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics
- Todd D. Jaebon, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery
- Carmell Lenert-Williams, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine
- Tomasina Q. Parker, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
- Raman Saharan, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine

## Conway Employee of the Month



Diana Broomfield

E.A. Conway Medical Center's first employee of the month for 2011 was veteran employee Diana Broomfield, Human Resource Analyst in the payroll department.

Ms. Broomfield joined the staff at Conway in July 1987 and for the past six years has worked in payroll.

She completed her accounting and clerical curriculum at Opportunities Industrialization Center of Ouachita, Inc., and majored in computer information services while attending University of Louisiana at Monroe.

## Recognitions and Presentations



**Maureen Heldmann, M.D.**, Professor of Radiology, Body Imaging, was recently honored twice. She was chosen as a "Top Doc" in Louisiana

in Radiology by a survey of physicians nationwide and she was voted as one of the "Best Doctors in America" for 2010, a national honor.



**Eduardo Gonzalez Toledo M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Radiology, has been a guest speaker for the Society of Neurosciences in Saint Petersburg,

Russia. At the same time he was appointed an Honorary Member of that Society. He was a guest speaker and member of the Scientific Committee at the Meeting of the International Society of Neuroradiology (Symposium Neuroradiologicum) in Bologna, Italy. He was invited to the Iberolatinamerican Society of Neuroradiology as a guest speaker. He was invited to the American Society of Neuroimaging in Fort Myers, Fla., as a guest lecturer. He was invited to write a Chapter on MR spectroscopy in a book of magnetic resonance from Karolinska Institutet (Sweden). He was appointed as a liaison to the Interamerican College of Radiology from SILAN. He led residents Kelly Roberts, M.D., and Julie Babb, M.D., to present in the Web Meeting of the Interamerican College of Radiology, being the only USA institution at that event.



**Carlos Previgliano, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Radiology, has been selected as Coordinator of Radiology Education for Latin America and

has contributed actively in the development of the Postgraduate Radiology Education Program with the Universidad Nacional del Sur, Argentina. The target audience for the Postgraduate Course are radiology residents, radiologists and non-radiology physicians from the city of Bahia Blanca. The program consists of one to two, one hour teleconferences per year.



**Guillermo Sangster, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Radiology, was invited as an International Speaker at the 15th Annual Congress of Radiology

and Imaging Diagnosis, presented by the Venezuelan Society of Radiology and Imaging Diagnosis (SOVERADI) in Novem-

ber in Caracas, Venezuela. Dr. Sangster gave four lectures.



In November, **Alberto Simoncini, M.D.**, Associate Professor in the Department of Radiology was guest speaker at the IX Ibero-American Society of Prenatal Diagnosis and Therapy and Ultrasound Society of Paraguay. Dr. Simoncini gave several lectures on MSK Ultrasound.

Two posters from LSUHSC-S faculty and residents from the Departments of Radiology, Pathology and Urology and a senior medical student were accepted at the Radiological Society of North America, 96th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting 2010 (RSNA) out of the thousands submitted. One of the posters was awarded an honorable mention, "Multimodality Imaging, Operative Approaches, and the Pathologic Spectrum of Surgical Scrotal Disease", Ajay Ravi, M.D., PGY5, Radiology; Maureen Heldmann, M.D., Professor of Radiology; Amy Rowell, M.D., PGY 4, Radiology; Elena Campbell, M.D., PGY 3, Urology; Donald Elmajian, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Urology; Ami Bhalodia, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology; Paul W. Walker, M.D., PGY 4, Urology; Guillermo Sangster, M.D., Associate Professor of Radiology; and Andrew Marsala, MS 4. The poster is on display in the hallway outside the Radiology Department. The other poster was a collaborative effort between Julie Babb, M.D., PGY 3, Radiology and Eduardo Gonzalez Toledo M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Radiology, on the "Imaging of Chiari Malformation".

Horacio D'Agostino, M.D., FICS, FACR, Professor and Head of the Department of Radiology, has been nominated as one of the vice presidents of the International College of Surgeons, 2011 Executive Council, United States Section. Recently, Dr. D'Agostino was part of the International Faculty invited to the 81st Argentine Congress of Surgery as a commentator for the official theme of the Congress, "Oncologic Imaging for Abdominal Cancer," and also gave two lectures. Dr. D'Agostino also was a featured speaker at the X International "Hands On" Course in Minimally Invasive Surgery and Interventional Radiology in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he gave seven lectures and three workshops. Most recently, Dr. D'Agostino was invited to speak at the 2nd Annual General Surgery Update sponsored by the Foundation for Surgical Education on "Malignant Jaundice - What the Radiologist has to Offer: Imaging and Interventions."



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LSUHSC-S plastic surgeon **Mary T. Kim, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery was initiated as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the largest organizations of surgeons in the world, during convocation ceremonies at the College's recent 96th annual Clinical Congress in Washington, DC.



Dr. Kim, a 1997 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, attained board certification from the American Board of Plastic Surgery in 2007. She is a member of professional societies including the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Southern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Association for Academic Surgery, Louisiana State Medical Society, and Shreveport Medical Society.

In addition to meeting stringent academic and professional eligibility criteria, a surgeon must also demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

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**Sami Bahna, M.D., Dr.P.H.**, LSUHSC-S Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, and Chief of Allergy and Immunology, concluded his term as President of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) at its recent annual meeting attended by 3,300 members.

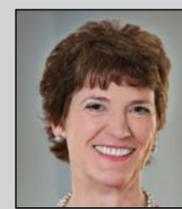
His presidential "State of the ACAAI" presentation addressed the year's major accomplishments in the areas of education, research, and advocacy at both national and international levels. He also reflected on the factors expected to influence the future of the ACAAI and the specialty at large, drawing a standing ovation.

Joining the incoming president and several ACAAI past presidents to toast Dr. Bahna at a private President's Dinner attended by 180 invited persons were **Robert**

**A. Barish, M.D., M.B.A.**, LSUHSC-S Chancellor, and **Joseph Bocchini, M.D.**, Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Bocchini also gave an invited presentation, "Vaccines in practice – Ins and outs."

During the scientific program, Dr. Bahna gave two plenary presentations "Allergy to Kissing & much more" and "Perspective on peanuts in schools and on commercial flights." Both attracted significant national media exposure and dialogues over the internet.

In addition, the LSUHSC-S Allergy/Immunology fellows presented four abstracts. They were "An adult with intractable asthma," by Chee Woo, M.D.; "A case of immune dysregulation, X-linked lymphoproliferative disease," by Osman Dokmeci, M.D.; "A case of neonatal rash," by Ari Kounavis, M.D.; and "Lisinopril-induced psoriatic erythroderma" by Chee Woo, M.D.



**Terry Davis, Ph.D.**, Professor, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, continues her education of national policy makers and academic clinicians on the importance of

health literacy, a field that she pioneered more than two decades ago and in which she is recognized as a national expert.

Among her most recent invited presentations were the Institute of Medicine/University of California School of Business conference, "The Role of the State Legislature in Health Literacy Improvement," Pfizer Visiting Professor in Health Literacy, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Albuquerque; The Brookings Institution/FDA Workshop, "The Science of Communicating Medication Information to Consumers;" and the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting, "Impact of Health Literacy on Healthcare Decision Making and Consent."

Residents from three of the LSUHSC-S Family Medicine residency programs across North and Central Louisiana competed with their peers in a research competition that highlighted the recent Department of Family Medicine and Comprehensive Care Fifth Annual Educational and Recruitment Conference.

Winners and their research projects were:

First place, Amit Warke, M.D., PGY2, E.A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe, diagnosis and treatment of a patient with malaria. Dr. Warke's faculty mentor was Robert Parker, D.O., Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine.

Second place, Will Hudson, M.D., PGY3, E.A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe, research on an HIV patient with Steven's Johnson Syndrome. Dr. Hudson's faculty mentor was Deardre Chao, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine.

Third place, Amber Bazler, M.D., PGY3, and Chris Killer, M.D., PGY2 in the combined Emergency Medicine/Family Medicine Program, both in Shreveport, diagnosis and treatment of a patient with unicuspid aortic valve. Their faculty mentor was Homayoun Ataei, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine.

Faculty presenters at the conference included Stephen Taylor, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Departments of Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine (Vivian/Rural residency program); Dr. Ataei; Anne Pinfold, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine (Alexandria program); Don Givler, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine (Conway program); and Kevin Carter, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine (Shreveport program).

The annual conference provides continuing medical education opportunities for faculty and alumni, encourages research among Family Medicine residents, and helps recruit medical students and residents for Louisiana's rural, underserved areas.

## Human Resources Corner

Campus Education Day (CED) Online is available for employees to access to complete their mandatory training requirements for 2011. CED is a review of annual training requirements mandated by Joint Commission, State Executive Order, OSHA, and LSUHSC Shreveport Administrative Directive that all employees are required to complete. CED Online provides quick and easy access to training, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and as close as your desktop computer.

To access CED Online, go to <http://training.lsuhschshreveport.edu>. Your login ID is your 7-digit employee ID number and your password is your birthday in the following format: mmddyyyy.

Employees are scheduled to complete CED requirements by the end of their birth month, but no later than December 31st of each year. Also, Business Managers, Supervisors, and other departmental staff with access to the Human Resources/Student Admin system in PeopleSoft should remind their departmental staff to complete CED in their birth month. By running the LSUSH\_CED query on the second business day of each month, managers and supervisors collect CED attendance status for their respective departments. Additionally, Human Resource Management would like to remind managers and supervisors that employees hired in 2011 are not required to complete CED Online for 2011, as those employees complete mandatory training requirements during New Employee Orientation.

If you have any questions about CED Online, please call the Staff Training & Development office at ext. 5-8574. Need a quiet place to complete CED or computer assistance? Call Project CARE at ext 5-6381 to schedule an appointment.

# Calendar of Events

## February

**Thursday, Feb. 3:** LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport will host a LifeShare Blood Drive in the BRI Atrium. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Goal is 75 units.

## March

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**Monday, March 7:** Mardi Gras Holiday (all offices and clinics closed)

**Friday, March 25:** The 7th Annual Mary Louise and Ben Levy, Jr. Visiting Professorship in Neurosurgery. LSUHSC-S Auditorium (Room 1-400) 10 a.m.

## April

**Thursday, April 7:** LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport will host a LifeShare Blood Drive in the BRI Atrium. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Goal is 75 units.

**Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25:** Easter Holiday (all offices and clinics closed)

The information contained in the calendar of events is accurate as of press time. However, event locations, dates and times are subject to change, and events are occasionally cancelled. Please check <http://www.lsuhseshreveport.edu> and search "events" periodically for the latest information.

## Malcolm Feist Bequest Supports Cardiovascular Research

The generous contributions of Mr. Carroll Feist both during his life and through his will, support of the cancer center of excellence at LSUHSC-S, renamed the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center in honor of his families. Less well known is the 1985 bequest made by Mr. Malcolm Feist, his brother, to fund "research in cardiovascular disease" at the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.

The impressive Feist-Weiller Cancer Center outpatient building, which Mr. Carroll Feist's philanthropy helped to fund, stands as testament to his vision for cancer research at LSUHSC-S. The Institute for Cardiovascular Disease and Imaging, an intellectual enterprise of appointed LSUHSC-S faculty, is supported by Mr. Malcolm Feist's bequest.

Led by Neil Granger, Ph.D., Boyd Professor and Head of the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, the Institute for Cardiovascular Disease and Imaging was established in 2003 by now-retired medical school Dean John C. McDonald, M.D., who simultaneously served as LSUHSC-S Chancellor.

The Board of Directors of the Institute developed a strategy for investment of the revenue from the Malcolm Feist consistent with growth and expansion of cardiovascular disease research at LSUHSC-S.

"Priority has been given to investing revenue into seed packages for new faculty recruits with research programs in the cardiovascular sciences, establishing endowed chairs in cardiovascular research, acquiring state-of-the-art technology to enhance research competitiveness, and supporting intramural grants as well as pre- and post-doctoral fellowships in the area of cardiovascular research," said Dr. Granger.

Early development and support of young cardiovascular researchers is important for the growth of the Institute for Cardiovascular Disease and Imaging as it will allow recruitment of young, promising cardiovascular researchers into the Institute at junior faculty levels.

As part of the long-term strategy to develop the next generation of cardiovascular disease researchers, the bequest funds the Malcolm Feist Cardiovascular Research Fellowship program. Malcolm Feist Fellowship recipients are mentored by cardiovascular researchers at LSUHSC-S, Dr. Granger said.

The fellowships can be as much as \$75,000 per year and are renewable for up to three years based on research progress and productivity, Dr. Granger noted.

There are two application periods, one in March and one in October. Application forms and instructions are available at <http://www.sh.lsuhs.edu/oor/> and in Room F1-51, the LSUHSC-S Office of Research located on the first floor of the Biomedical Research Institute.

Since its inception the Malcolm Feist Cardiovascular Research Fellowship program has provided stipend support and laboratory funds for fellows in seven basic and clinical sciences departments within the School of Medicine.



Currently conducting cardiovascular disease research as Malcolm Feist Fellows are (front row, left to right) Wei Li, Ph.D.; Elena Y. Senchenkova, Ph.D.; Shyamal Bir, Ph.D.; Yan Li, Ph.D. (second row, left to right) Vijay Ganta, Ph.D.; Prashant Chittiboina, M.D.; and Shuang Zhao, M.D. Sponsors (not pictured) are: for Dr. Wei Li, Tak Yee Aw, Ph.D., Professor, Physiology; for Dr. Senchenkova, D. Neil Granger, Ph.D., Professor, Physiology; for Dr. Bir, Chris Kevil, Ph.D., Professor, Pathology; for Dr. Yan Li, Brent Reed, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biochemistry; for Dr. Ganta, J. Steven Alexander, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Physiology; for Dr. Chittiboina, Guohong Li, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery; and for Dr. Zhao, Yuping Wang, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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