



# ON THE INSIDE

## LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport

### Children's Hospital of LSUHSC-S is a Hit During Red River Revel



Top: A class from Summer Grove Elementary enjoys activities at the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport booth at the Red River Revel. Right: Volunteers pose during their shift during the Revel



More than 5,000 children from around northwest Louisiana had a "healthy" experience at the Red River Revel thanks to the Pediatric Interest Group of the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

The group planned and volunteers staffed "The Picture of Health at The Children's Hospital at LSU Health Science Center" booth during the eight-day run of the Revel.

The booth helped familiarize children with medical supplies they may see at the doctor's office, or in the hospital in a fun, non-threatening setting.

Each child donned a surgical mask and cap to be photographed in front of an operating room background. Then each child created a frame from medical supplies such as tongue depressors, band-aids, and cotton balls. Donations from the LSUHS Foundation and others helped purchase the supplies used in the booth.

Youngsters also had the opportunity to interact with the more than 250 medical students, staff and faculty of LSUHSC-S who volunteered in the booth. ■

### School of Allied Health to Highlight Research

Faculty Research Day, sponsored by the School of Allied Health Professions of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, will be held Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 3 p.m. in Room 1-400, the medical school auditorium.

This year's invited speaker is J. Dennis Blessing, Ph.D., Associate Dean for South Texas Programs, University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio. His presentation is entitled, "Evidence Based Practice in Allied Health: Attitudes, Utilization and Barriers."

In addition, grant recipients Lynda Britton, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences; Hilary Tice, Pharm.D., Pharmacy; and Anne Rabin, Research Assistant, Clinical Microbiology Lab, will present "Comparison of Yeast Susceptibility Methods and Related Outcomes."

Occupational Therapy students Lindsay Chautin, Jeffrey Despommier, Erin Franks, and Kandice Green will present "How Does Occupational Therapy Intervention in Natural Environments Impact Daily Caregiver Routines?"

Following the presentations, at 4 p.m. nearly two dozen research posters will be displayed in the BRI atrium.

LSUHSC-S faculty, staff, students, as well as the public are invited to attend this free event. ■

### Opening of New Allied Health Building Prompts Changes

The opening of the new Allied Health Building, at the corner of Dowdell and Claiborne, resulted not only in new phone numbers for many Allied Health departments but also relocation of other units into the office space formerly occupied by the School of Allied Health Professions in the Administration Building.

The new main numbers for the School of Allied Health Professions are as follows:

Office of the Dean	813-2900
Cardiopulmonary Science	813-2930
Clinical Laboratory Science	813-2910
Physician Assistant	813-2920
Physical Therapy	813-2940
Occupational Therapy	813-2950
Child and Family Services	813-2960

In addition, the move to the new building has opened up space in the former Allied Health Building (now known as just the Administration Building).

A current listing of those having moved include:

Ground Floor:	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Lab Student Financial Aid
Fourth Floor:	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Conference rooms Neurology
Fifth Floor:	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Departmental Offices Neurosurgery Billing Pediatrics

The phone numbers for these areas are unchanged.

### LSU Hospital Completes Joint Commission Survey

LSUHSCS Hospital recently completed the tri-annual Joint Commission accreditation survey process. The week long survey, which consisted of a thorough review of patient care activities and a physical plant inspection, occurred in early September. The survey was conducted by a five member team of clinical experts. With a focus on patient safety, the team utilized the patient tracer methodology to review compliance in both the inpatient and outpatient settings to assess the delivery of patient care. Personnel at all levels participated in the survey process and did an outstanding job of demonstrating the Hospital's commitment to our patients. Joe Miciotto, Hospital Administrator would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all staff in making this a successful survey. ■

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### Dr. Jain Receives NIH Grant

Sushil Jain, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Pediatrics, has received a four-year grant for \$1,200,000 from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Jain's project, entitled "Ketosis: Vascular Inflammation and its Therapy in Type I Diabetic Patients," focuses on the growing epidemic of diabetes with a goal of developing potential new therapeutic interventions.

This is second active research grant from the NIDDK for which Dr. Jain is principal investigator.

He has devoted nearly three decades to diabetes research and is an active member of several National Institutes of Health, American Diabetes Association and international advisory panels.

Dr. Jain has also served on the editorial boards of scientific journals including *Diabetes* and *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*

Co-investigators for the new NIH grant are Robert McVie, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, and Sudha Reddy, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. ■

### Dr. Bahna Delivers Several International Presentations

Sami Bahna, M.D., Dr.PH, Professor and Chief of the Section of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Pediatrics, has been nominated to serve as Vice-President of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) for 2007 - 2008.

After his term as Vice-President, Dr. Bahna will serve a term as President-Elect and then President the following year.

Dr. Bahna has served on the ACAAI Board of Regents, the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee. He chairs the Allergy/Immunology Training Program Directors' Planning Committee, and is a member of the International Committee, the Adverse Reactions to Food Committee, the Education Council and Workshop Committee. ■

### Medical School Class Reunions Held

The Office of Alumni Affairs recently hosted two reunion weekends for members of the medical school classes of 1977, 1987 and 1997.

The gatherings gave classmates the opportunity to reminisce and discuss where their careers had taken them.

The reunions featured a Friday and Saturday night social event along with golf outings, Continuing Medical Education courses, and a guided tour of the institution.

Approximately 40 percent of the class members returned for the events. David DeSha, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy and Co-Director of Alumni Affairs, said, "The alumni who came for the tour were impressed with the advances in medical education at our institution. They especially enjoyed learning about the clinical skills center where they saw demonstrations of the standardized patient and simulation areas." ■

### Dr. Glass Wins Inaugural Feist Award of Merit



Jonathan Glass, M.D., (left) stands with Community Advisory Board President Lisa Hargrove (right) during the presentation of the inaugural Carroll W. Feist Award of Merit

The Community Advisory Board of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center has awarded Jonathan Glass, M.D., Professor and Carroll W. Feist Endowed Chair, Department of Medicine, the inaugural Carroll W. Feist Award of Merit for his contributions to development and growth of the Feist-

Weiller Cancer Center during the last 20 years.

The award is a sketch of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center building painted by patients in the St. Jude Affiliate Clinic.

The project was coordinated through the Arts in Medicine program offered at FWCC. ■

### Dr. Nathan Inducted Into Exclusive Organization



Cherie-Ann Nathan, M.D.

Cherie-Ann Nathan, M.D., Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Director of Head and Neck Surgery at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, was recently inducted into the Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum (CORLAS).

CORLAS is a prestigious International Honorary Society which is limited to 20 total

members from the United States and a maximum of 10 members from other countries.

Members are selected upon the quality of their scientific contribution to the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery as judged by peer-reviewed funding and publications.

The international induction ceremony will be in Berlin, Germany in 2008. ■

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## Medical Librarian Receives Grant

Donna Timm, head of the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport Medical Library User Education program, recently received the Professional Development Award presented by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine-South Central Region.

The \$1,000 award is intended to fund activities such as attending a continuing education course, a seminar, or a professional conference that will enhance knowledge and experience with the goal of providing improved health information access to health care professionals and consumers.

Prompted by her long-standing interest in innovative techniques for teaching Evidence-Based Medicine, Ms. Timm will use her award to attend *Teaching and Leading EBM: A Workshop for Teachers and Champions of Evidence-Based Medicine* at Duke University next April. ■

## Annual United Way/E.A.P. Drive Wraps Up

Thanks to all who contributed to the recent LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport annual United Way/Employee Assistance Program campaigns, community organizations as well as co-workers in need will benefit.

Employees donated nearly \$18,000 during the campaign, which officially ended Oct. 12. Of that amount, more than \$5,700 was given to the employee assistance program.

Again this year, the United Way designated both the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Indigent Pain Fund and the Department of Pediatrics' Reach Out and Read Program as approved non-member agencies. The designation permitted each to receive directed donations.

Together, those two special projects drew nearly \$1,600 in employee contributions. ■

## Human Resources Corner

• **To convert LSU Legacy numbers to PS Account Codes navigation:** [www.sh.lsuhscc.edu](http://www.sh.lsuhscc.edu) Administration > Human Resource Management > PERs > LSU to PeopleSoft account conversion. This opens the Excel spread sheet which is updated regularly.

• **Campus Education Day (CED)** All employees are required to complete annual mandatory training requirements by December 31. **Last live session November 14** from 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. in the Medical School Auditorium (Room 1-400) for those who do not have computer access. There are no "make-up" sessions after the deadline.

• **Register for CPTP classes online:** [www.sh.lsuhscc.edu](http://www.sh.lsuhscc.edu) – click on Administration > Human Resource Management > HRM Home > Training > CPTP > Register

• **View Training Record** for all your employees: Log in to PeopleSoft, HRM Reports database, [Home > PeopleTools > Query Manager > Use > Query Manager > LSUSH\\_CPTP\\_ATTENDANCE](#). Enter any date range you'd like to view.

• **Faculty offer letters** should only be processed after the PER has been approved and departmental copy of the approved PER is received. The faculty offer letter packet including original letter of offer, letter of offer attachment, copy of candidate's CV, and copy of approved PER should be sent to the Chancellor's office for processing. Please ensure the start date on faculty offer letters is future dated to allow time for the letter of offer to be processed and the faculty member to have adequate time to meet all pre-employment requirements. For faculty letter of offer questions please contact Chasidy Guthrie in the Unclassified Staffing office at 675-5624 or [cmangh@lsuhscc.edu](mailto:cmangh@lsuhscc.edu).

• **View available classified positions** The website, <http://www.sh.lsuhscc.edu/HR/HRM/indexHRM.htm>, and job line, 675-5627, are updated each Monday and Wednesday except holidays.

• **Career Progression Group (CPG)** Multiple levels of a job in the same career field. This method may be used to attract candidates who possess the minimum to the highest level of experience. The candidate will be offered the appropriate title under the guidelines of the hiring department's career progression group policy.

• **Single position description (SF-3)** encompassing the identical duties of three or more employees (positions) is considered a master position description. The SF-3 should be from one to five pages depending on the subject matter.

• **Open Enrollment for Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)** participants. Employees are able to switch from one plan to another if desired; come by HRM Benefits Office anytime during the month of November.

• **Deferred Compensation Representative**, Maisha Sellers, will be on-site November 13, BRI building third floor conference room to assist current clients and those interested in participating in the savings plan.

## Otolaryngology Resident Are Tops in Competition

Three residents from the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery emerged as winners of the inaugural "Academic Bowl" for residents introduced at the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery.

Kavita Malhotra, M.D., fifth-year resident; Kenny Iloabachie, M.D., fourth-year resident; and Marc Dean, M.D., third-year resident, formed the LSUHSC-S team. They competed against teams from the National Capitol Consortium, Cleveland Clinic and the University of Utah to correctly answer the most questions during the 80-minute competition.

The LSUHSC-S team was chosen to participate after their residency program was recognized as one of the top four in the country, as determined by the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery.

Timothy Lian, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, is the residency program director.

In addition to the first-place team finish in the Academic Bowl, Dr. Malhotra also won first place recognition from the



(From left to right) Kenny Iloabachie, M.D., Kavita Malhotra, M.D., and Marc Dean, M.D., put their heads together to answer a question during the inaugural "Resident Bowl."

American Association of Otolaryngologists of Indian Origin for her research entitled, "mTOR Inhibitors as Potential Novel Radiosensitizing Agents in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma".

Dr. Malhotra's research was performed under the direction of Cherie-Ann Nathan, M.D., Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. ■

## E.A. Conway Announces Employee of the Year



Kesha Gipson (seated far left on the front row) was selected E.A. Conway Employee of the Year; other employees who were employee of the month include: (front row, left to right), Mary Wesley, and Sandra Turner. (Back row, left to right): Todd Walters, Clayton O'Quinn, Jeannie Lewis, Fred Taylor, Lenora Hill, and Tomi Tharp. Not pictured: Janice Waggoner and Bobbie Cooper.

Kesha Gipson of Nutritional Services is the E. A. Conway Medical Center Employee of the Year for 2007.

Ms. Gipson, along with 10 other Conway Employees of the Month, was honored at a luncheon on October 11 where it was revealed that she had been selected from the group of outstanding employees as Conway's Employee of the Year.

Nominations were made throughout the year by co-workers with monthly selections made by a committee.

Ms. Gipson, who has worked at Conway for ten years, was presented with a trophy at the announcement luncheon.

Others E. A. Conway of the Month employees are Mary Wesley, Outpatient Clinic; Sandra Turner, Social Services; Todd Walters, Computer Services; Clayton O'Quinn, Central Supply; Jeannie Lewis, Budget and Finance; Fred Taylor, Warehouse; Lenora Hill, Admitting/Screening; and Tomi Tharp, Pharmacy; Janice Waggoner, Human Resources; and Bobbie Cooper, Facility Maintenance. ■

## LSUHS Foundation Tenth Anniversary Celebration

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation will celebrate its tenth anniversary Thursday, November 15, with dinner and dancing at the Shreveport Country Club.

A decade after its creation, the Foundation continues to pursue its mission of supporting, enhancing and assisting the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

"Without the support of the faculty and staff of LSUHSC-S, the progress made by the Foundation would not have been possible. So please honor us by joining in the festivities as the Foundation commemorates this milestone year with cocktails and a dinner beginning at 6 p.m., followed by dancing to live music by Dorsey Summerfield and the Polyphonics," said Lisa Babin, President and CEO of the LUSHS Foundation. Also on the evening's agenda, the auctioning of an artist proof by William Joyce.

Admission is \$50 per person and includes valet parking, dinner, drinks and entertainment.

Reservations, required by Friday, November 9, can be made by calling 675-5002. ■

## Dr. Stucker Presents Invited Lecture

Frederick Stucker, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, recently presented an invited lecture at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Stucker addressed the school's Head and Neck Tumor Program.

His topics included "Nasal Skin Cancer, Reconstruction Options"; "Analysis and Correction of the Crooked Nose"; "Otoplasty, Review of 341 Cases; and "Teaching Evolution in Rhinoplasty Based on 8155 Personal Cases." ■

## Correction

The story "Neuro-Interventional Suite Enables Enhanced Treatment" which ran in the October *On the Inside* incorrectly identified neurosurgeons as performing the procedures mentioned in the story. Interventional Neuroradiologists are responsible for the procedures.

## Flu Vaccine Offered to LSUHSC-S Students and Staff

The flu vaccine is now being administered to employees, medical and allied health students, and volunteers in the Occupational Health Clinic on 8th floor of the hospital, room H-8-8.

Immunizations, free for employees, are given between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The recommended time to receive the flu vaccine for maximum protection against the influenza virus is in October or November, but the shots will be offered until the supply of the vaccine is exhausted.

A fast track line will be in operation in Occupational Health from 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. Monday – Friday for employees who need only the flu vaccine.

Those who need the flu vaccine in addition to other Occupational Health Clinic services will need to "sign in" and be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Employees will need to present their LSUHSC-S badges.

Before the vaccine will be administered to a pregnant employee, she must present documentation from her personal physician stating that she may take the flu vaccine. ■

## New Faculty

### School of Allied Health Professions:

Robert Baye, Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant  
Allison Earl, Instructor, Cardiopulmonary Science  
Lisanne Meiners, Instructor, Physical Therapy  
Gaella Youngblood, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Child and Family Services

### School of Medicine:

Julia Esparza, Assistant Professor, Medical Library Science  
Ellen Lewis, Instructor, Otolaryngology  
Guohong Li, M.D., Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery  
Charles McCathran, M.D., Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Mary McWilliams, M.D., Associate Professor, Neurology  
Joy Nichols, Ph.D., Instructor, Neurology  
Thomas Reilly, M.D., Associate Professor, Medicine

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