



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



September 28, 2012

Town Hall provides budget update

There will be a Town Hall Meeting for LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students on Tuesday, October 9th at 5:00 p.m. in Lecture Room A, first floor, of the Medical Education Building. The meeting will be streamed live to the School of Dentistry in Auditorium B. Communication will be two-way, so Dental School participants will also have the ability to ask questions.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss how the Health Sciences Center will be affected by budget reductions and the strategy to manage the impact.

Please join
Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD
at a
TOWN HALL MEETING
for LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students
"Budget Reduction Impact on GME"

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
5:00 pm MEB-Lecture Room A

Streamed Live on the
Dental School Campus Auditorium B

LSU Health New Orleans
The Health Sciences Center

These reductions have been the subject of a number of meetings and hearings recently that have received extensive news coverage. The Town Hall Meeting affords LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students a chance to get firsthand, specific information regarding LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans programs, as well as the opportunity to get answers for your questions.

Please make every effort to attend. ■

Nursing awarded grant to improve care in LA nursing homes

The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing has been awarded a \$143,000 grant by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to train nursing staff in Louisiana nursing homes in comprehensive skin care and wound management. The funding supports the training around the state. The state of Louisiana ranks 49 out of 50 in the prevalence of pressure sores, with an 11-13% prevalence, according to CMS.

The need for this type of training around the state is vital as 97% of nurses administering wound care within nursing homes in Louisiana are Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and LPNs do not receive this type of training during formal education.

The training will take place bimonthly at host facilities in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Shreveport. The training is a three-day course that includes lectures and hands-on practice, culminating in a certificate of completion from the LSUHSC School of Nursing. Those who have completed the training will in turn train RNs, LPNs, and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) at their facilities. The goal is to train all direct care staff to provide better care to the residents.

Jean Cefalu, MSN, ANP-C, GNP-C, CWOCN, CFCN, LSUHSC Instructor of Nursing, is the grant's principal investigator and project director. Kim Cheramie, MSN, RN, BC, Coordinator of Continuing Education for the LSUHSC School of Nursing will also work on the project. ■



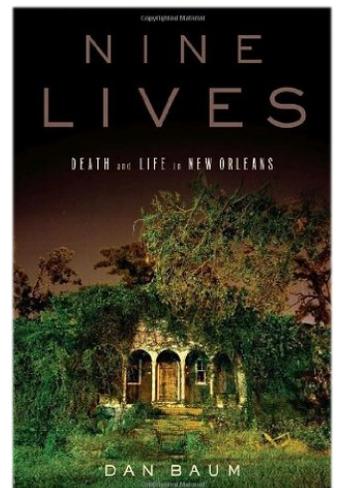
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Book chosen for 2nd LSUHSC Campuswide Book Club

Nine Lives: Mystery, Magic, Death, and Life in New Orleans, by Dan Baum, is the second book chosen for discussion by the LSUHSC Campuswide Book Club sponsored by the Office of Academic and Multicultural Affairs.

Nines Lives is a biography of New Orleans told by nine New Orleanians through two epic storms: Hurricane Betsy, which transformed New Orleans in the 1960s, and Hurricane Katrina, which nearly destroyed it. It's discounted in the LSUHSC bookstore.

The Book Club will meet on November 12 from 12:15pm to 1:30 pm in the Trail CSRB 523 for a "brown bag" discussion. The book's author, Dan Baum, has agreed to join us for this discussion as well as several of the people featured in the book. ■



LSUHSC gives BR kindergarteners “eye-opening” experience

Dr. Marie Acierno, LSUHSC Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, Director of the Ophthalmology Residency Program, and Chief of LSUHSC Ophthalmology in Baton Rouge, and two 4th year LSUHSC medical

Photos by Episcopal High's Dianne Madden



Dr. Marie Acierno shares a moment with the students

students from New Orleans and Shreveport spent Thursday afternoon at Episcopal High in Baton Rouge teaching three classes of kindergarten students all about eyes

with her “Eye Opening Program.” Using lots of visuals, they covered everything from how you see, wearing sunglasses to protect your eyes, and respecting others' eyeglasses, to what you do if you encounter a person with a red-tipped white cane in the grocery store.

The students were so excited about the visit that they wrote and sang Dr. Acierno a song about how the eye works—the iris is made of many colors and the pupil gets Big and Small! ■



Dr. Acierno and LSUHSC med student Nick Frizard



Marcy Landry

LSUHSC offers seasonal flu shots

The Health Sciences Center is once again offering seasonal flu shots for faculty, staff, and students on the downtown campus. A valid LSUHSC ID will be required.



While supplies last, the immunizations will be offered on October 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18. Nursing students under faculty supervision will give the shots from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the School of Nursing 5th floor room 5B 12.

There will be no charge for students, but faculty and staff should be prepared with a check or money order for \$10.00. The check or money order should be made payable to LSUHSC. No cash please.

The CDC recommends that most people over the age of 6 months get an annual flu shot, particularly those in health care. Information about who should be vaccinated for influenza, and who should not get a flu shot is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm>.

People should be vaccinated every year against influenza because flu viruses are constantly changing. It takes about two weeks after vaccination to be fully protected. ■