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Southeast Area Health Education Center Student Stipend

The Southeast Area Health Education Center (SE AHEC) presented \$2,500 stipends to Rebecca Toups and Jennifer Falke. Rebecca and Jennifer are 2nd year occupational therapy students in the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP).



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The mission of the Louisiana Area Health Education Centers is to "improve the supply and distribution of health care professionals within the state through community and academic educational partnerships, in an effort to increase access to quality health care for all Louisiana residents." According to Career One Stop, an agency supported by the US Department of Labor, the projected growth for occupational therapists in Louisiana is 32%.

Students composed an essay indicating the importance of delivering health care to Louisiana residents living in rural areas and how the student plans to impact health care services provided in these areas. Rebecca and Jennifer are both from local rural areas, Cut-Off and Greenwell Springs. The joint venture between the SE AHEC and the SAHP establishes a foundation for continued efforts to enhance statewide access to health care as indicated in the LSUHSC 2009-2019 Strategic Plan.

LAS*PIC Interns Complete Internship

Interns received their certificates of completion at a Certificate Ceremony held July 26, 2010.

The Louisiana School Psychology Internship Program (LAS*PIC) is one of less than fifteen School Psychology Internship Programs accredited by the American Psychological Association in the United States.

Our LAS*PIC Internship is a joint venture between the Human Development Center, Louisiana State Department of Education, and seven Local Educational Agencies or school districts throughout Louisiana.



Department Ranked Among Top 15 in the United States

In the Journal of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Summer 2010 issue, the Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) department was ranked among the top 15 CLS programs in the United States based upon research and scholarly activity by faculty.



Some exemplary accomplishments include:

- All faculty members are authors of a review book for students preparing for the national certification exam. National and international sales of the book have provided more than \$100,000 for an endowed professorship and numerous student awards and scholarships.
- Mona Bakeer, PhD, a 2004 alumnus and Assistant Professor is involved in research focusing on the use of synthetic peptides in the prevention and control of infectious bacterial and parasitic diseases. She is collaborating with others to develop and test synthetic peptides that fight antibiotic resistant microorganisms typically seen in hospitals and other healthcare settings, such as MRSA and pseudomonas.
- Larry Broussard, PhD, DABCC, FACB, the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department Head and Professor has presented internationally in India, Australia, Netherlands, Spain, Brazil, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Dr. Broussard served as President of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC) in 2008.



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