

Despite the Heat

Despite a heat index that was well over 100 degrees, a team of seven volunteers from the LSU School of Dentistry provided five hours of



State Senator Diana Bajoie, Congressman Joseph Cao, Dr. Robert Barsley and Dr. William Garbee

free dental screenings at the “Affordable, Accessible, Accountable” community event sponsored by U. S. Representative Anh “Joseph” Cao. A total of 50 health care volunteers, most of them

from LSU, provided screenings, dental education, supplies and referrals to 200 children and adults. The event was held July 1 in the parking lot of Grace Episcopal Church on Canal Street.

Dr. Robert Barsley, director of Oral Health Resources, Hospital and Community Dentistry, organized the dental school’s participation in the event and arranged for the two-chair “tooth bus.”

In response to an increase in the New Orleans Hispanic population, organizers also arranged for a Spanish interpreter.



Danna Necaie, left, completes screening of Claudia Mass from New Orleans

Save the Date: Alumni Day is October 9

Alumni Day speakers include faculty from The Dawson Academy, a company focused on comprehensive dental practice management with emphases on TMJ and occlusion. The course, featuring topics appealing to all dental health professionals, is a great networking forum and opportunity to gain continuing education credits.

Summer Enrichment

These 15 students, representing ten colleges and universities, have now completed the six-week Summer Enrichment Program that is designed to address the nationwide

disparity in access to care for many members of racial and ethnic minority groups. The students were chosen on the basis of grade point averages, recommendation letters from their science professors, and personal essays. The students were provided 174 hours of lectures and labs, taught by 31 LSUSD professors. The students also received special preparation for the national Dental Admission Test. The program director is Dr. John Ritchie (back row, second from left).



2009 Summer Enrichment class with program director Dr. John Ritchie (back row, second from left)



Elise Morgan Trahant, left, and Danielle Causey

National Level

Students Elise Morgan Trahant (D4), and Danielle Causey (D2) have been chosen to represent the LSU School of Dentistry nationally at meetings for the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Elise Morgan is administrative board member-at-large for the Council of Students, Residents and Fellows.

Danielle is south central regional representative. Travel expenses for their meetings in Dallas, Washington D.C., San Diego and Orlando are funded through state funds and private donations from the school's alumni and friends. Not pictured is Palak Patel (D3), who will chair the National Planning Committee. ADEA is the leading organization in America for dental education with 17,000 members from 225 academic dental institutions. The school has long benefited from close ties to ADEA. This year, Dr. Sandra Andrieu, professor and associate dean of academic affairs, was voted president-elect of ADEA.