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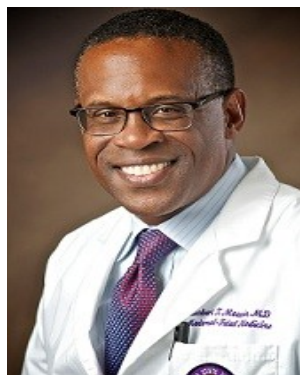
ABOUT US...

We are proud to have the opportunity to connect with our greater LSUHSC School of Medicine Student National Medical Association (SNMA) family.

LSU has a rich history of SNMA student and alumni accomplishments and we want to keep our community connected. We will update you on our students and alumni accomplishments and important events of the school's Office of Community & Minority Health Education (OMCHE).

This past academic year was momentous as we celebrated the well-deserved retirement of the founder and long-time leader of the School of Medicine Office of Community & Minority Health Education Assoc. Dean Dr. Edward Helm. Dr. Helm served as sponsor to several generations of SNMA alumni physicians, and as a

mentor for minority and aspiring health professionals throughout our community. He left an indelible and enduring legacy and his vision as well as his dedication to future medical professionals at LSU Health Sciences Center will be missed.



The Opportunity to join the SOM Dean's Staff as Associate Dean for Community & Minority Health Education has been a true privilege. Working with faculty colleagues, staff and students to further advance our institution's diversity mission is extremely rewarding. As we have embarked on a new academic year, we look forward to further developing our engagement with community stakeholders, Alumni and prospective students.

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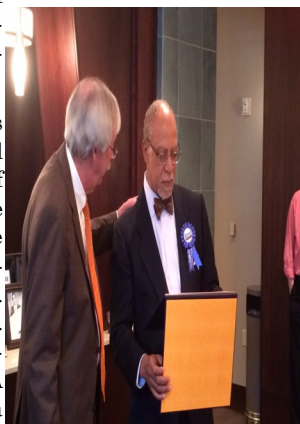
Our Faculty & Staff:

SNMA Highlights....

- SNMA hosted an admission mock interview seminar in early February for pre-medical students from Xavier, UNO, Tulane & Mississippi college.

- Dr. Joia Crear-Perry (SNMA Alumni) was the keynote speaker at the 2014 SNMA Senior Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel.

- Congratulations Markeiya Polite (2017) and Christen Harris (2017) on receiving their white coats during the July School of Medicine White Coat Ceremony.



OCMHE Student Services...

The office of Community & Minority Health Education is extremely fortunate enough to have **Dr. Angela McLean, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine** joins our office as the **Director of Student Development**. Dr. McLean is a Xavier University alum and has a long history of service as a member of the SOM admissions committee and Director of Student Health Services. She will be an invaluable asset in developing academic advising and monitoring resources.



SNMA alums Ashley Matthews, MD (lower) & Ebony Juakali (upper) (c/o 2015) participating in a mock-interview with potential LSU Medical School candidates.



Dr. Allison Augustus-Wallace, Assistant Professor-Research in the Department of Medicine, is a LSU-Baton Rouge alum and doctoral graduate of LSU Health Sciences Center, School of Graduate Studies, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She joins our office to be responsible for the coordination and implementation of current and future OCHME programs and operations, which involves data collection, compilation, analysis, and reporting related to institutional diversity metrics for medical education, graduate education and faculty, and planning as well as evaluation of programs, projects, and services. Additionally, she will coordinate and direct the Pre-Matriculation Program of the OCHME and assist in the development and implementation of diversity related medical education curriculum.

Our Pre-matriculation Program

In June, 2014 our office offered the annual Pre-matriculation program designed to facilitate the incoming first-year student's transition into medical school. The program provided mini-courses in the study of anatomy, cell biology, biochemistry, physiology, diagnostic reasoning and study skill development. Fourteen incoming L1 students participated in the three week session. We are very grateful for the efforts of the course faculty; **Drs. Swartz, Gregory, Whitworth, Worthylake, Levitzky, McLean, Delcarpio, English, Chauvin, Rusnak, and DiCarlo**. These dedicated faculty provided an invaluable year one preview for our new students.



LSUSOM PREMATRICULATION 2014

Summer Science...

The Summer Science Program was established by the LSUHSC OCMHE, to provide an opportunity for underrepresented minority and disadvantaged high school students interested in Health Sciences Professions to have a practical career development experience in an academic biomedical sciences environment.

In early summer of 2014, several SNMA members served as medical student coordinators for the annual summer science high school internship program. 24 high school students participated with host faculty mentors in the clinical and basic science divisions of the school of medicine and the school of nursing. The students were recognized this summer with a special proclamation from the *New Orleans City Council*.



Community Outreach...

Since 1985, the OCMHE has worked with the New Orleans Public Schools in an effort to increase students' knowledge of and interest in the sciences and particularly in the health professions. Throughout the year, area school students receive presentations on opportunities for health professions education, provided by LSUHSC faculty, staff, students and alumni.



Dr. Jolisha Eubanks-Bradley (c/o 2014) as a National Medical Fellowship Scholar, coordinated a community Women's Health Fair in downtown N.O., in collaboration with LSU Medicine Homeless Clinic student volunteers

Upcoming Outreach Events:

- McDonough #35 Senior High Magnet School
Thursday, September 4
@2:30pm

- Donaldsonville High School Field Trip to LSUHSC.

Thursday, October 30 @ 9am-1pm

- Franklin Avenue Baptist Church
2515 Franklin Avenue
Diabetes & Nutrition Community Health Fair
Saturday, November 8
@9am-11am

