A Message from the Dean

We all understand that these are difficult economic times and fiscal challenges are not unique to Louisiana. Medical schools and institutes of higher learning throughout the country are facing similar challenges. Access to a strong public education system creates opportunity and growth for all of our citizens. This is particularly important when it comes to medical education in Louisiana, where the vast majority of health care professionals are trained within the LSU system. Furthermore, our economic future will be built on a foundation of innovation and creativity that will be knowledge-based and can only succeed if we enjoy a robust and vibrant education system that all of our students can access. We have taken great strides forward in advancing the three core missions of our school – research, clinical care, education and training – during these past few years. We are expanding our research efforts and have significantly increased extramural funding. We continue to serve the uninsured and under-insured as we have throughout our history. We have a new multispecialty enterprise located on St. Charles Avenue and have grown our yearly patient visits fourfold. Applications for our school are at their highest level and we continue to attract Louisiana’s best and brightest to our institution. As we continue our drive for excellence we welcome the Governor’s support, which will benefit all of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

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