

### **Student Research Fellowship: Louisiana Beta Chapter, LSUHSC SOM at New Orleans**



Katie Rousseau, LSUHSC SOM at New Orleans Class of 2013, was honored in 2010 with a Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship. This \$5000 award will support her research project, titled: “Predictive Value of Evoked EMG Signal During Placement of Spinal Epidural for Distribution of Postoperative Paresthesia”. She will conduct this research under the supervision of Dr. Erich Richter, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Associate Director of the Epilepsy Center of Excellence at LSUHSC-NO. She began working with Dr. Richter during the summer between completing her undergraduate studies and starting her medical education. Katie studied biological engineering at LSU and is building upon her technical background through this fascinating project.

### **2010 Annual Spring Banquet: Louisiana Beta Chapter, LSUHSC SOM at New Orleans**

The Beta of Louisiana Chapter held its 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Banquet on April 15, 2010. In the usual New Orleans style, there was plenty of good food and no shortage of jovial people with whom to share it. Dr. Leigh Neumayer, 2010 AΩA Visiting Professor from the University of Utah, addressed the attendees on the topic of work-life balance. Dr. Neumayer is a busy and accomplished surgeon, educator, researcher, and mother of three children.

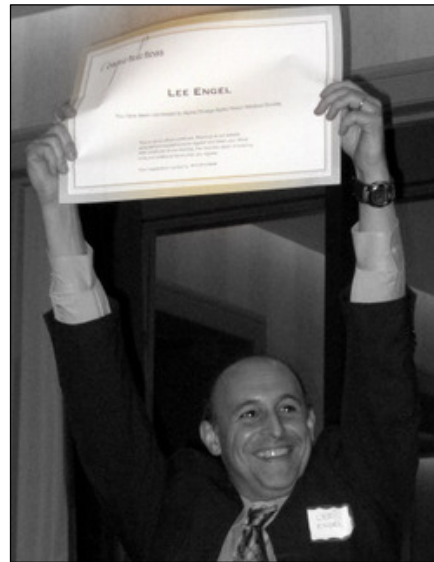
An important part of this annual banquet is induction of new members, including junior and senior medical students, house officers, faculty members, and alumni. The Chapter proudly welcomed thirty-seven new members. Student members are nominated with special emphasis on service, leadership, and research. Two of the new junior student members, Catharine Wolfe and William Steffes, received scholarships from the Chapter in recognition of not only high academic performance, but also an extraordinary level of service to their community and colleagues.

Dr. Michael “Kemp” Amacker received the 2010 AΩA Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award. He practices family medicine in Zachary, LA, a small town on the outskirts of Baton Rouge. A well-respected and busy physician, Dr. Amacker still never fails to find time to educate medical students. He effortlessly integrates teaching into his daily routine, providing students with a true and rewarding experience of life as a family practitioner. Dr. Amacker does all of this gratis.

The Chapter presented AΩA’s Administrative Recognition Award to Ms. Bobbie Millet. She works tirelessly to ensure the school’s medical students do all that is necessary to graduate and pursue residencies in their chosen careers. The fact that she cares for each and every student is readily apparent. In addition to all of this, Ms. Bobbie somehow finds time to help coordinate the Chapter’s activities, including nomination processes and planning for the annual banquet.

Last but certainly not least, the Chapter's senior student members presented gifts in recognition of Dr. Peter DeBlieux, Chapter councilor; Dr. Fred Lopez, Chapter secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Joseph Delcarpio, Dean of Student Affairs, for their ongoing support of the Chapter's activities.

Of course, the students and faculty of the LSUHSC SOM at New Orleans are always looking forward to the next party and will be sure to report again next year. Bon temps!



*Photos, counterclockwise from top right: Dr. Leigh Neumayer addresses the banquet attendees on the topic of work-life balance; Dr. Kemp Amacker (center) with senior student members Paul Buzhardt (left) and Bevan Myles (right) as well as Racha Atkinson, wife of Chapter president; Ms. Bobbie Millet with Chapter vice-president Katherine Faust and president Evan Atkinson; faculty inductee Dr. Lee Engel celebrates with characteristic exuberance.*