

LSUHSC-New Orleans School Science Partnership Program

The LSUHSC-New Orleans School Science Partnership Program held a campus-wide school supply drive. The LSUHSC community donated items including pencils, pens, crayons, markers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, folders, pencil cases, and book bags. Directors of the LSUHSC-New Orleans School Science Partnership Program are Drs. Fern Tsien and Udai Pandey, both faculty members from the Department of Genetics. Along with Dr. Jaime Becnel, a post-doctoral fellow from the Department of Pharmacology, the donated items were delivered to participating public schools. Another school supply drive will be held after the Thanksgiving Holidays, 2011.

The goal of the program is to improve 4th graders' performance in the LEAP exam in science, and to encourage them to have fun while they learn. LSUHSC graduate students, medical students, and faculty volunteer to teach and serve as role models at the two partner schools Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and Langston Hughes Academy Charter School twice a week. LSUHSC students can sign up to volunteer for the LSUHSC-New Orleans Public Schools Science Partnership Program at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/volunteer466>

A. Dr. Becnel and Dr. Tsien deliver supplies to the Langston Hughes Academy Charter School science class.



B. Drs. Pandey and Tsien deliver supplies to Benjamin Banneker Elementary School. Teacher Mr. McCarver looks on.



C. Volunteers teaching science:

Fourth graders learn about the properties of static electricity from second-year medical students Nisha Loganathanraj and Rashad Johnson, and Drs. Becnel and Tsien.



Drs. Tsien and Becnel teach students about the effects of sound waves.

