

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## Translational Research Initiative funds projects

Under the direction of the Executive Research Council chaired by Dr. Nicolas Bazan, the Translational Research Initiative awarded funding to 13 new projects in Phase II announced this week. Funded were Bonny Dickinson, PhD, and Eugene Woltering, MD; Tara Lin, MD, and Yong Sung Choi, MD, PhD; Sean Collins, MD, and Joseph Su, PhD; Joseph Su, PhD, and Jodi Kamps, PhD; Yuwei Fan, PhD, and Xiaoming Xu, PhD; Patricia Molina, MD, PhD, and Lisa Moreno-Walton, PhD; Erich Richter, MD, Theodore Weyand, PhD, and Anne Foundas, MD; Jovanny Zabaleta, PhD, and Pelayo Correa, MD; Ben deBoisblanc, MD, David Welsh, MD, and Nicole LeCapitaine, PhD; Lolie Yu, MD, and Yan Cui, PhD; Donna Neumann, PhD, and Herbert Kaufman, MD; Jasmine Elison, MD, and William Gordon, PhD; and Paulo Rodriguez, PhD, John Cole, MD, and Augusto Ochoa, MD.



4 Exemplary Mentors were recognized—  
Dr. Judd Shellito, Dr. Carol Mason,  
Dr. Haydee Bazan, and Dr. David  
Martin, far right  
Also pictured, Dr. Nicolas Bazan,  
LHH, and Dr. Steve Nelson

## Historic snow blankets Health Sciences Center

Thursday brought a little magic as well as history to the city and the Health Sciences Center. The earliest snowfall ever reported at the airport fell for several hours yesterday morning.



It came down heavily at times, leaving between one and three inches in the city. Enough collected on our campus to make us look like a winter wonderland for a while.



## Ben Franklin students immersed in science and opportunity

Twenty-eight junior and senior Advanced Placement science students from Ben Franklin High School spent a day on our campus this week. Daryl Lofaso taught them clinical skills with patient simulators. Dr. Paula Gregory had them running gels in



experience in scientific technique while explaining their research projects. The high school students stained and mounted slides, worked with cell culture, and observed fighting flies.



The goal is to interest these bright young people in science

Genetics. Graduate students Eric Knott and Ben Siddoway showed off the Neuroscience Center and discussed research opportunities. Then graduate students Sharell Bindom, Rahul Datta, and Alex Yang, and postdoc Jaime Becnel gave the Franklin students hands-on

and in LSUHSC.