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University Medical Center Foundation Presents Nurse, Physician of the Year and Presidential Awards

Baton Rouge (June 2, 2009) -- The University Medical Center (UMC) Foundation presented its first annual awards for exemplary service to three UMC staff members at its Third Annual Jazz Brunch at La Carte.

Dr. Charlie Chappuis, Head of the Department of Surgery, received the Physician of the Year Award. Mary Broussard, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing, received the Nurse of the Year Award, and Bridget Latiolais, Administrative Assistant 5 for both UMC and the UMC Foundation, received the President's Award.

Dr. Chappuis, MD, received the Physician of the Year Award for his superior performance and dedication to the quality of surgical medicine. Dr. Chappuis demonstrates the integrity and exceptional dedication that characterize the traits the award honors.

Since 2001, Dr. Chappuis has been the Chief of Surgery, Operating Room Director, and Director of the Ambulatory Surgery Unit. He received his B.S. in 1974 from Louisiana State University. In 1979, he received his M.D. from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, finishing his internship in 1980. He completed his residency in General Surgery at LSU-affiliated hospitals and a fellowship in General Surgery at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington, Mass. He is a colonel and flight surgeon in the Louisiana Air National Guard 159th Medical Group.

From 1983 – 1984, Dr. Chappuis was Chief Resident of General Surgery at LSU affiliated hospitals in New Orleans.

Dr. Chappuis is a Professor of Clinical Surgery through the LSU School of Medicine at University Medical Center. He has also been the Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery at UMC; the Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery at UMC; the Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the LSU School of Medicine; and Clinical Instructor through the LSU School of Medicine.

His work has appeared in many journal publications, and he has written multiple books and chapters. Dr. Chappuis was included in "The Surgical Management of Choledocal Cyst," a video produced by the LSU Medical Center.

Chappuis serves both his country and local community. "He continually proves himself and inspires other to do their best," said Larry Dorsey, UMC hospital administrator.

Mary Broussard, RN, MSN, has numerous responsibilities. She is the UMC liaison with Hospice of Acadiana, Louisiana Organ Procurement Organization, the Office of Public Health and the advisory boards of Louisiana Technical College in Lafayette, LSU Eunice Nursing Department and the University of Louisiana Lafayette. She epitomizes the commitment and dedication the Nurse of the Year award represents.

Broussard maintains the quality of UMC patient care with the utmost devotion and persistence. "Mary Broussard personifies the ideal other nurses should aspire to," Dorsey said.

Broussard began with the state hospital system as a "Blue Angel" volunteer in 1969 on the pediatric unit of Lafayette Charity Hospital (LCH), which would become UMC. She gained extensive experience with student nursing associations and served on the Governor's Statewide Planning Committee for Nursing and worked on the revision of the Nurse Practice Act.

After graduation, she began as a staff nurse at LCH, then was promoted to head nurse, and eventually to multi-area manager and associate director of nursing before becoming director of nursing.

She graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and received her Master of Science degree in community psychosocial nursing at Southeastern University in 1999.

Dr. Paul Azar, UMC Foundation Board President, presenting the President's award on behalf of the board of directors to Ms. Latiolais, cited her spirit of volunteerism in the hard work she has done for the foundation.

"Ms. Latiolais is an invaluable member of our team at UMC," said Dorsey. "She works with staff throughout UMC, and she is essential to the day-to-day operation of the hospital."

A UMC employee for 12 ½ years, she has worked in the quality management and human resource departments prior to her current position as administrative assistant, a position she has occupied for 7 years.

Before joining UMC, Ms. Latiolais attended Louisiana Technical College, Evangeline Campus, in St. Martinville, where she majored in business and accounting.

An asset to the UMC Foundation since its inception in 2003, Ms. Latiolais serves the Foundation as volunteer bookkeeper, stenographer, and events organizer.

The University Medical Center Foundation aims to recognize outstanding physicians, nurses and employees of the University Medical Center system on a yearly basis.

Photos of the award recipients are available on the web at:

<http://www.lsuhs hospitals.org/News/2009/UMCFoundationPresentsAwards.html>

The LSU Health System - Health Care Services Division is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 35,000 inpatient admissions, nearly 196,000 inpatient days, 515,500 outpatient clinic visits, 894,000 outpatient encounters, and nearly 244,000 emergency department visits. Each year nearly 500 residents and fellows from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 2,200 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU facilities.

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