

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry for receiving the 2018 Gies Award for Vision in Academic Dental Institutions.

WHEREAS, the Gies Award, named after William J. Gies, PhD, honors individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the School of Dentistry at LSU Health New Orleans undertook a self-initiated program to improve Interprofessional Education (IPE) university-wide through the development of Team Up: Commit to Compassion, Communication, and Collaboration, a two-year longitudinal experience integrated within the curriculum of all six LSU Health schools for all first- and second-year students; and

WHEREAS, interprofessional education refers to occasions when students of two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Carlin Andrieu, LSU School of Dentistry Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was instrumental in establishing, promoting, and stabilizing the LSU Health New Orleans Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice (CIPECP) along with the CIPECP Chair, Dr. Tina P. Gunaldo; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017-18 academic year, LSU Health New Orleans Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice included 700 first-year students from 19 academic programs in interprofessional education, with this number growing to 1,500 first- and second-year students and 27 academic programs in the 2018-19 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the LSU Health New Orleans Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice is to enable students to enter the workplace as a member of a collaborative practice team and to increase future collaboration among various health professionals, with the ultimate goal of improving health outcomes for all patients; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry was awarded the 2018 Gies Award for Vision in Academic Dental Institutions on March 19, 2018, for its development and commitment to interprofessional education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry, as well as its faculty, staff, and students for being awarded the 2018 Gies Award for Vision in Academic Dental Institutions, a well-deserved recognition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Henry Gremillion, Dean of the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE