Blaine Adams has received the tenth annual LAMMICO scholarship, awarded to a first-year student from Louisiana to begin studies at the LSUHSC School of Dentistry. “This scholarship rewards recent college undergraduates who have attained academic excellence,” said Thomas H. Grimstad, MD, LAMMICO’s president/chief executive officer. Raised in Cut Off, Louisiana, Blaine graduated cum laude from Nicholls State University in May 2010 with a degree in biology. He then finished required course work at Nicholls toward a master of science in marine and environmental biology. Blaine is currently in the process of defending his master’s thesis, which includes research on molecular cloning of the genome of Louisiana’s commercial red swamp crawfish.

Blaine Adams Receives LAMMICO Award

The LSUSD Alumni Association is accepting nominations for two awards, Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Alumnus. The Alumnus of the Year Award, established in 1998, is the highest honor bestowed by the school. The hallmark of each recipient is a distinctive career of lifetime achievement as well as a commitment to strengthen LSUSD through volunteerism and financial support. The Distinguished Alumnus Award, established in 2014, recognizes a graduate who has shown extraordinary lifetime professional achievement in the areas of dental education, research, or community service. It honors those who have made significant contributions to the profession of dentistry.

The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2014. Recipients will be honored at Alumni Day on Friday, September 19, 2014. For more information visit the LSUSD website at www.lsusd.lsuhsc.edu.

Alumni Day With Dave Weber

Bring the entire staff to Alumni Day to enjoy motivational speaker Dave Weber. His high-energy and entertaining style has made him one of the country’s most sought-after speakers. He challenges and inspires his audience while having fun along the way. He will explain how words and relationships affect morale, productivity, customer service, absenteeism, safety, and learning.

Prior to Weber’s presentation, industry experts from CEREC, E4D, and Carestream will present insightful information about keeping up with the technology of restorative dentistry.

Alumni Day
Friday, September 19, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Keeping Up with the Technology of Restorative Dentistry: Industry experts from CEREC, E4D and Carestream (morning)
Sticks & Stones Exposed: The Truth Behind Words & Relationships: Dave Weber (afternoon)

TGIF celebration event to follow. Proceeds benefit the LSUSD Alumni Association. For more details, visit www.LSUHealthCDE.org or call 504-941-8193.

Outreach to Homeless Youth

This spring, members of the Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association (SADHA) coordinated a toiletry drive to make 100 “Just Add Water” bags for the residents of Covenant House. Covenant House is a non-profit organization in New Orleans that provides a safe haven for homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth ages 16-22. Senior dental hygiene students, Megan LeBlanc, SADHA president, and Rikki Heitmeier, SADHA treasurer, are pictured at right delivering the “Just Add Water” bags. This is one of many outreach projects that SADHA has organized over the years.