



Improving Health Care and Outcomes for Residents of Lincoln Parish

Initiative:	Healthier Living
Project Name:	Public Presentations – Topic of Cancer Causes and Prevention
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Project Administration:	Louisiana Tech University School of Biological Sciences
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Program Summary:

Dr. Jamie Newman and Dr. Teresa Murray at Louisiana Tech University organized a seminar series for the 2013-2014 academic year to bring in nationally recognized researchers in the area of cancer research. Cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death in the United States, with that same trend observed in Lincoln Parish. Educating the community on preventative cancer measures such as risk factors, symptoms, strategies for early detection, and available treatment options is one way to combat that. The 2013-2014 public seminars consisted of 2 events: one in September 2013 with Dr. Lucio Miele as the guest speaker and a second event in January 2014 with Dr. Louis Guillette as the guest speaker.

Program Goals:

- Educate members of the community
- Educate members of the Louisiana Tech faculty to enable them as resources for the community
- Start a conversation in the community to continue learning about ways to improve health
- Introduce expert scientists and clinicians to Lincoln Parish to develop relationships and collaborations

Event #1: Dr. Miele spoke about current progress in breast cancer research and reviewed causes of various types of cancer, changes that can be made in lifestyle to diminish the chances of cancer, and the role of clinical trials in progressing cancer treatment options.

Event #2: Dr. Guillette spoke on the role that environmental factors and toxins have on human health to disease. His presentations stressed the need for continuing research efforts to help better understand the role of environment in human health and the need to maintain a healthy lifestyle that diminishes risks of hazardous exposures.