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Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Seminar Series to Host Top Scientists

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SHREVEPORT, LA -- Susan Catalano, Ph.D., Founder, Cognition Therapeutics, a drug discovery company located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Mike Faldutto, Ph.D., Chief Technical Officer, GenUs Biosystems, a genomics/bioinformatics company located in Chicago, Illinois; and Steven Pelech, Ph.D., President and CEO, Xinexus, a proteomics company located in Vancouver, Canada will be speaking to LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) faculty and graduate students enrolled in the Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Ph.D. program.

Ms. Catalano will be speaking on *High Throughput and High Content Screening Systems* on Thursday, November 15; Mr. Faldutto, will be speaking on *The Use of Genomics and Bioinformatics in Biotechnology* on Tuesday, November 20; and Mr. Pelech will be speaking on *Protemic Approaches for Tracking Cell Signaling* on Thursday, December 6.

All seminars will be hosted in the Pharmacology Conference Room number 5-201 in the Virginia K. Shehee Biomedical Research Institute. The seminars are open to the public and begin at 10 a.m.

According to Tony Giordano, LSUHSC-S Assistant Dean for Research and Business Development, "Over the past three years, the Biotechnology Seminar Series has brought some of the brightest minds in biotechnology to Shreveport. We are looking forward to exposing graduate students and faculty from local and regional universities as well as the general public to this unique opportunity to hear from this semester's stellar group of speakers."

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Biotechnology is a nationally recognized high growth industry with employment expected to grow 19% by 2012. Moving research from the laboratory to commercialization requires a number of components, including inventors, entrepreneurs and customers. To promote the commercialization of biotechnology discoveries, the Biomedical Research Foundation established the Ph.D. track in biotechnology with LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport (LSUHSC-S). The Seminar Series is underwritten by the Biomedical Research Foundation.

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