



Dillard University's Community Development Corporation will host its seventh annual Family Health and Sports Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Admission is free and open to the public and includes lunch.

Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Rickey Jackson, who played for the Saints from 1981-1993, and former NBA player Jonathan Bender, a native of nearby Picayune, Miss. who spent seven seasons with the Indiana Pacers, will give a lecture targeted at young people called "Choices" at 10 a.m. in Dent Hall Gymnasium.

Attendees will have access to free health care resources, including blood pressure screenings, diabetes tests, eye exams, rapid HIV tests, and dental screenings. Healthy cooking demonstrations and financial fitness workshops will also be held. The event will also consist of food booths, and live entertainment.

Athletics are another key component of the day. Students of all ages can participate in volleyball games, a tennis clinic, and a series of basketball games that begins at 11 a.m. in Dent Hall Gymnasium. The AARP Soul Steppers will lead a community walk at 10 a.m.

Over 40 health care exhibitors will be in attendance. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, Dillard University's School of Nursing, Daughters of Charity, Tulane Medical Center, Tulane School of Medicine, EXCELth, Inc., LSU School of Dentistry, and Iberia Bank are among the festival's sponsors.

