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## Continuing Education

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### Featured Article



The Advocate Editorial Board criticizes LSU System for blocking release of emails and other information about hospital cuts

### Dear Johnette,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *Continuing Education*, the weekly newsletter of the SBBA. Each week we will feature a round-up of local, state and national stories that are of interest or import to our mission and region. I look forward to your feedback and ideas.

Topping this week's higher education news is an onslaught of criticism throughout the state regarding efforts to block the release of information related to budget cuts in the LSU Hospital system. A number of news outlets big and small weighed in. [See below for a few samples.](#)

A disturbing report out of the Boston Consulting Group places Baton Rouge on a list of major cities with a workforce pipeline unprepared for the high skilled manufacturing jobs of the future. [See the story below.](#)

On a positive note, locally, BPCC make news thanks to a \$150,000 gift from Storer Equipment Services. [See the full story.](#)

Finally, on the national level, a recent LSU grad's case before the Supreme Court could have ramifications for higher education admissions policies nationally. [See an analysis from the New York Times.](#)



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### Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Storer Equipment Services donates \$150,000 to BPCC for proposed Center for Integrated Technologies (CIET) building. [KTBS-TV 10.12.12](#)



### Louisiana Higher Education News

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| LSU Shreveport                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Advocate Editorial Board criticizes the LSU System for blocking the release of emails and other information about hospital cuts. <i>The Advocate 10.13.12</i></li> </ul>  |  |
| Louisiana Tech                    |  |   |
| Northwestern                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOLA columnist James Gill denounces LSU System secrecy. "There is no reason to deny the public an insight into the deliberations...We are left wondering what LSU is so keen to hide." <i>NOLA 10.14.12</i></li> </ul>  |   |
| Southern University at Shreveport |  |   |
| LA Board of Regents               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter supports claim that Jindal Administration lawyer is counseling the LSU System on how to block public records requests by media. <i>Associated Press, 10.14.12</i></li> </ul>   |   |
| LCTCS System                      |  |   |
| LSU System                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opelka: Hospitals will stay open through various partnerships. <i>News-Star 10.14.12</i></li> </ul>   |   |
| Southern University System        |  |   |
| University of LA System           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Princeton Review names Southern University Law School faculty as most diverse in the nation and second on the "Most Chosen By Older Students" list and third in the "Best Environment for Minority Students" ranking. <i>The Advocate 10.12.12</i></li> <li>• Baton Rouge makes list of top 5 cities with major shortage of skilled laborers; city not ready for expected growth in industrial and manufacturing jobs. <i>Baton Rouge Business Report 10.15.12</i></li> </ul> |   |
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## National Higher Education News

- LSU graduate takes affirmative action case to the U.S. Supreme Court after being denied admission to the University of Texas. *NYT 10.10.12*



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