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## Continuing Education

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### Executive Budget 2013-2014

Governor Jindal's Executive Budget includes a \$200 million cut in state funds for higher education in the next fiscal year.

### Dear Johnette,

LSUHSC-Shreveport is the only public hospital that will still be funded by the State of Louisiana for the entire upcoming fiscal year. This development appears to give LSUHSC-S more time to iron out details with a private partner. All other public hospitals lose funding in June except for EA Conway in Monroe, which has funding through September.

Higher education, however, has been hit again. The Executive Budget cuts funding another \$200 million for next fiscal year, but the Governor is saying overall spending should remain the same since colleges can make up the difference with tuition increases of up to 10 percent. Jindal's plan appears to work on paper for schools whose students are not price sensitive and who meet their Grad Act goals. By law, schools not meeting goals cannot raise tuition, and according to the Board of Regents, there are 4 to 5 schools around the state at risk of not meeting them.

Higher Education Commission Jim Purcell visited NWLA last week as a guest of the SBBA. If you did not see Purcell's higher ed analysis for our region, you can find it on the SBBA website at [www.sbba4he.org](http://www.sbba4he.org).



### Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

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- LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport is the only state hospital to receive state funding for the entire upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner of Administration Kristy Nichol said the delay is because negotiations for a partner in Shreveport are "complicated." [\*Shreveport Times\*, 02.23.13](#)
- During a recent visit to Shreveport-Bossier, Higher Education Commissioner Jim Purcell told the crowd that a bright future for higher education in NWLA would depend on a regional approach led by locals. [\*The Shreveport\*](#)

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### Times, 02.19.13

- In an effort to better match the skills of the unemployed with the skill set needs of employers, the NLEP and CERT are running an initiative called Workforce Innovations in NWLA thanks to a grant from the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. Shreveport Times, 02.20.13
- Dr. Sandra Woodley, the new President of the U.L. System, toured the Northwestern State University campus last week. This was her last stop on a statewide tour of all the U.L. campuses. Alexandria Town Talk, 02.20.13
- Higher Education was the topic of discussion at the final session of the Aspen Ideas Mini-Fest sponsored by the Community Foundation. Shreveport Times, 02.22.13

## Louisiana Higher Education News

- Governor Bobby Jindal has cut \$200 million in state funds to higher education for the upcoming fiscal year. Conversations regarding specific cuts for universities will begin next month. The Daily Reveille, 02.24.13
- The Baton Rouge Advocate Editorial Board criticized the Board of Supervisors for insisting on keeping candidates for LSU's top job a secret. Baton Rouge Advocate, 02.24.13
- LSU President Bill Jenkins says LSU is precariously close to dropping out of its Tier 1 ranking by U.S. News & World Report. Jenkins says budget cuts, a downward turn in research productivity, and a sinking opinion among peer institutions are the cause. "We're already not very high in the rankings but we may take a turn for the worse either this year or next year," said Jenkins. None of the other Tier 1 institutions in the state have expressed similar concern. The Advocate, 02.21.13
- To help offset state budget cuts, the flagship's foundation is looking to double its fund-raising and endowment over the next several years. Foundation CEO Lee Griffin said, "A university like LSU makes a huge difference in economic development." Daily Reveille, 02.24.13
- LSU's Foundation is refusing to release information on how much money they are paying three different consulting firms assisting with reorganization planning, including the Association of Governing Boards, which released the initial report recommending One LSU. The Advocate, 02.21.13



## National Higher Education News

- Stanford University is the envy of all other colleges this week, at least in one category. Stanford is the first

university in American history to raise over \$1 billion in just one year. *Chicago Daily Herald, 02.24.13*

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Sincerely,

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