

# Continuing Education

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## Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"As part of the athletic program at Grambling State University, the football team, took a stance on what we thought was right. We did not quit our university. There are many problems that exist and if no one says anything, nothing will come of our institution."  
- *Naquan Smith, Grambling Football Team*



## Dear Johnette,

Despite the Grambling troubles which have dominated the news for the last week, it has been a good week for our schools in NWLA. Louisiana Tech was named among the top five schools in the country for math whizzes while Centenary landed an even higher spot this year on the Kiplinger Personal Finance list of best values among private colleges.

The University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors has also just approved Northwestern State University's proposal to begin offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree. The Board of Regents will review the proposal in December, and if passed by the Regents, Northwestern will have all state approvals to begin offering the degree.

The SBBA has been working with Northwestern over the past several months to help them demonstrate the need and demand for more highly trained nurse practitioners in Northwest Louisiana.

Congratulations to our friends at Tech, Centenary, and Northwestern!

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## Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- If you are a "math whiz", then Louisiana Tech is an ideal school for you. That's according to Business Insider website which recently ranked Tech among the top five schools in the nation for math whizzes. [www.tech.edu](http://www.tech.edu), **10.21.13**
- Centenary College made the list again of Kiplinger Personal Finance's "Best Values in Private Colleges." Centenary also moved up 14 slots this year and is now ranked #74. [Centenary.edu](http://Centenary.edu), **10.21.13**
- Two-thirds of Baptist clergy and college trustees who responded to a recent online survey said they are either "concerned or extremely concerned" about Louisiana College in Pineville. The Baptist Standard is reporting that 70% cited their chief concern was the leadership of

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the school. [\*\*\*The Baptist Standard, 10.21.13\*\*\*](#)

- An in-depth report in the Monroe New Star highlighted the struggles area colleges have retaining faculty since average salaries at north Louisiana schools typically fall below their SREB peers. "Other states are coming in and recruiting our faculty - because they are very good - it's quite a challenge to retain them. We have been losing some faculty every year," said Louisiana Tech President Les Guice. [\*\*\*Monroe News Star, 10.21.13\*\*\*](#)

## Louisiana Higher Education News

- It's back to practice for the Grambling football team after a highly public dispute last week between the team and school administration that resulted in the school forfeiting last Friday's football game. Former Shaw Group CEO Jim Bernhard saved the day when he agreed to update the team's weight room and practice facilities in exchange for the boys returning to the field. [\*\*\*USA Today, 10.21.13\*\*\*](#)
- The Grambling State University weight room is far from the only Louisiana college facility in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. Years of budget cuts have led to a backlog of deferred maintenance estimated by the Board of Regents to be worth \$1.7 billion. [\*\*\*The Advocate, 10.21.13\*\*\*](#)



## National Higher Education News

- The Common App, an undergraduate college admission application used jointly by more than 500 colleges around the country, has had serious technical problems over the last few weeks. This snafu has created much distress among high school seniors rushing to meet November deadlines for college applications. [\*\*\*Inside Higher Ed, 10.21.13\*\*\*](#)

For more information on higher education in Northwest Louisiana, please visit our website at [www.sbba4he.org](http://www.sbba4he.org)

Sincerely,

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