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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"It is time that the administration values the universities as much as a chicken plant and puts together plans to change the situation that results in cuts every six months."

- *Monroe News-Star Editorial Board*



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Dear Johnette,

Louisiana's Higher Education Commissioner Jim Purcell is a finalist for the top higher education job in Florida. Purcell will reportedly be interviewing on the campus today. On Friday, Purcell notified his staff saying that he is not actively looking for another job. Rather, he was approached about applying for this opportunity.

While highly regarded by the Louisiana Board of Regents and many members of the legislature, he has not been popular with the Jindal administration, largely because of his public criticism of continued cuts to higher education funding.

If selected, Purcell will be running a system that has ended years of state cuts to higher education. Last fiscal year, Florida restored \$300 million in state funding to higher ed.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Former LSUS Chancellor Grady Bogue has died as a result of complications from cancer. Bogue served as Chancellor of LSUS from 1980 to 1991. [WTVC, 11.01.13](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell is one of four finalists for the position of Chancellor of the State University System of Florida. The Florida system is the second largest higher ed system in the country. [The Advocate, 11.10.13](#)
- Another Dean at LSU in Baton Rouge has decided to move on. Honors College Dean Nancy Clark is the 7th LSU Dean to step down in the last two years. [Daily Reveille, 11.10.13](#)
- LSU is seeking permission to begin purchasing in bulk, a



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move that would potentially save the system \$30 million over 5 years. Bulk purchasing was a recommendation of the LSU Transition Team. ***The Advocate, 11.07.13***

- Months ago it was revealed that Southern University in Baton Rouge collected yearbook fees for the last five years but never published a yearbook - until now. Last month a mega-volume was published that includes students from the last five years. "Maybe it was a good thing because this is the nicest yearbook I've seen as of yet. It's really nicely done," said Jerry Jones, Jr., a 2010 graduate. ***The Advocate, 11.6.13***

National Higher Education News

- According to a report on trends in college pricing published by The College Board, tuition for out-of-state students attending a 4-year school in Louisiana saw their tuition go up on average 69% over the last five years. That increase was the highest percentage increase in the nation during that period. ***The College Board, 2013.***
- More than 800,000 international students elected to attend college in the U.S. this year, an increase of 7.2% over last year. ***The Chronicle of Higher Education, 11.11.13***

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Sincerely,

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