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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Students are too afraid to join us. We were threatened and bullied by the administration so they just didn't want to risk it but I know many students were in prayer behind safe doors." - Student at Louisiana College who was participating in a student protest against LC President Joe Aguillard.



Dear Johnette,

Good news for BPCC! Governor Bobby Jindal announced today that he has added \$6.1 million to his budget for community and technical colleges. Since the money will be going to those "whose rapid growth has outpaced the amount of money they are getting from the state," BPCC is expected to receive at least half of the pot. BPCC is the most poorly funded school in the state by a considerable margin. For example, Baton Rouge Community College receives \$1741 from the state for each full-time equivalent student compared to \$1289 at BPCC. **[For the complete story click here.](#)**

Some students at Louisiana College want President Joe Aguillard to either resign or be fired, and they held a strike on Monday to make their point. The strike was not well-attended, however, thanks in part to a notice from the school telling the students that if they participated "severe sanctions such as suspension, denial of a degree, or expulsion from the College may be imposed." **[Read more in the Alexandria Town-Talk](#)**

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Friday was "Match Day" for students at LSU Medical School in Shreveport, and all students received a residency match despite a national shortage of slots. Thirty-five of the 101 students will remain in Louisiana. **[Shreveport Times, 03.22.14](#)**
- The Michael H. Woods family has donated \$60,000 to establish a first-generation scholarship at LSUS. It is their second scholarship endowment at the school. **[Shreveport Times, 03.22.14](#)**
- In an opinion piece in the Shreveport Times, LSUS Provost John Vassar highlighted the economic value of the LSU System to both the state and the region. **[Shreveport Times, 03.22.14](#)**
- Louisiana Tech and the Cyber Innovation Center have partnered to create the Louisiana Cyber and Data Consortium. This consortium will focus on issues

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affecting the growth of data and software industries in Louisiana. [Monroe News-Star, 03.25.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The LSU Board of Supervisors voted in Shreveport last Friday to merge the LSU Law School with the main campus. Just one year ago, the move was proposed and blocked after law students and graduates around the state objected to the plan. According to The Advocate, LSU Law School Chancellor Jack Weiss is expected to lose his Chancellor title, but Weiss would only say this: "The first priority is to get the two institutions lined up for the betterment of both. We'll figure out the other issues like titles later." [The Advocate, 03.23.14](#)

National Higher Education News

- President Obama has launched a new effort to enforce the gainful employment rules that require Career Colleges to meet certain metrics related to employment and debt default to continue to have their students eligible for federal student loans. The program is expected to primarily impact for-profit institutions. [www.ed.gov](#)
- Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal criticized President Obama's gainful employment initiative. Jindal wrote in The Washington Times, "My advice to the president is simple: Put down the regulatory pen, scrap the gainful employment rules, and use the phone to give me a call." [NOLA.com, 03.25.14](#)

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Sincerely,

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