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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Our building and our majors even are considered less important. We're not STEM majors ... so we're less important and somehow deserve these conditions."

- *LSU Student commenting on the Studio Arts Building on the Baton Rouge campus. The building reportedly has lead paint, asbestos, and a caved in ceiling.*



Quick Links

Colleges and

Dear Johnette,

It has long been rumored in higher education circles that there are colleges around the country that are insufficiently responsive to student allegations of rape and sexual assault, primarily to avoid negative publicity. As of May 1st, those colleges are likely rethinking that PR strategy.

In an effort to force all college campuses to take allegations of sexual violence seriously, the Obama Administration has taken the bold move of publishing the names of schools under investigation for violation of Title IX requirements regarding handling of sexual assaults. The list of college is on the Department of Education website and is regularly updated.

Among the more than 50 schools currently listed are some highly prestigious and expensive schools such as Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Chicago. On a positive note, ***there is not a single Arkansas or Louisiana school on that list.*** [Click here to view the full list.](#)

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana Tech President Les Guice says he is committed to growing the school's offerings in Shreveport, but with massive state funding cuts to higher education in recent years, they are taking their time to make sure they offer what the community really wants and needs. [Shreveport Times, 05.04.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Yet another study was released last week showing Louisiana leads the nation in cuts to higher education. Since 2008, state funding of higher education has declined 43%, which comes to more than \$5000 per student. [NOLA.com, 05.02.14](#)
- Over the last several years, when Louisiana colleges raised tuition, an equal amount of money was taken out of their state appropriation. This week, a bill passed through the Louisiana House that would potentially

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prohibit that from happening in the future. **[The Advocate, 05.05.14](#)**

- The Louisiana Board of Regents has launched a new website that provides a complete listing of all online and hybrid courses offered by Louisiana schools. You can visit the site at Louisianaonline.org **[Monroe News-Star, 05.05.14](#)**
- The Louisiana Senate has passed legislation that will make the Tulane legislative scholarships, valued at \$46,000, no longer available to certain elected officials and their families. **[The Advocate, 05.05.14](#)**

National Higher Education News

- There was a surprising finding in a recent Gallup-Purdue Index Report regarding student happiness. The study found that students were three times more likely to be happy and thriving after graduation if they connected with a professor who "stimulated them, cared about them, and encouraged their hopes and dreams." **[The Chronicle of Higher Education, 05.06.14](#)**

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Sincerely,

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