

## Continuing Education

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### Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Each record enrollment in the fall has led to an academic year of record degree and certificate completions. Last year's number of graduates surpassed 2008-2009 by 96 percent." - *BPCC Chancellor Jim Henderson*

### Dear Johnette,

U.S. News & World Report announced its annual list of top colleges and universities on Tuesday, and once again, three Louisiana colleges made the list of "Tier One Universities." Tulane topped the list at #54 with LSU coming in at #129 and Louisiana Tech showing at #201. LSU is the only Louisiana school that climbed in the rankings this year. ***For more on the rankings click here.***

BPCC announced a record enrollment this fall with 8695 students. It is their 6th consecutive year to hit a new record. Since 2009, BPCC enrollment has grown an impressive 86 percent. ***For more on BPCC click here.***

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### Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- BPCC Chancellor Dr. Jim Henderson interviews today for the top job at Northwestern State University. Northwestern Provost Dr. Lisa Abney, also one of four finalists, will interview shortly after Henderson. The U.L. Board is expected to announce their choice on September 23rd. ***Shreveport Times, 09.09.14***



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## Louisiana Higher Education News

- After weeks of often difficult negotiation, the council divvying up the \$40 million WISE fund agreed on a split among the four college systems. The WISE fund was approved by the legislature last session to address workforce needs. ***The Advocate, 09.09.14***
- A meeting is planned in Baton Rouge later this month for public input on a proposed "Health District" for the city. The district would include a four-year medical school. John Spain of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation said, "We think this is a grand opportunity to get the community on the health care map." ***The Advocate, 09.09.14***
- Xavier President Dr. Norman Francis has announced his plans to retire next summer. Francis is the longest-serving university president in the country. Francis will also be remembered as the man who integrated Loyola Law School and became its first black graduate. ***The Advocate,, 09.05.14***

## National Higher Education News

- The annual U.S. News & World Report college rankings are the most widely read rankings by prospective students and their parents. With the release of the 2015 numbers, U.S. News shares how they determine where schools fall on this list. ***U.S. News & World Report, 09.09.14***

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Sincerely,

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