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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"The campus smells like French fries when we mow the grass." -
Southeastern's Director of Physical Plant Byron Patterson. The campus converts leftover cafeteria oil into biofuel that powers the lawn equipment.

Dear Johnette,

The UL System has released enrollment figures for fall 2014 and two of the area's three schools saw increases. Louisiana Tech's enrollment climbed 2.81% with total enrollment passing the 11,000 mark, while Northwestern State climbed .65% with their enrollment passing 9000 students.

Among the nine colleges in the UL System, Grambling fared the worst this fall with a loss of 567 students for a loss of 11.18%. The decline may be attributable to negative publicity - both statewide and nationally - about student discontent over campus conditions.

Overall, system enrollment was down less than one percent, but the system remains the largest in the state and among the top 20 largest in the country. **[For more on UL System enrollments click here.](#)**

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Good news for LSU Health Shreveport and University Health. The trauma center has regained its level one status from the American College of Surgeons. Med School Chancellor Dr. Robert Barish says recruiting Dr. John Owings to head up the unit was key to the process.



"Our faith in Dr. Owings was certainly rewarded." [***Shreveport Times, 10.06.14***](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The University of New Orleans Foundation is disputing the findings of a Homeland Security Audit of FEMA grant funds provided after Hurricane Katrina. The audit claims the foundation failed to follow federal procurement laws when spending \$9.6 million of the \$11.2 million awarded, and that the funds should be "disallowed." [***Department of Homeland Security Audit, 09.14***](#)
- The Louisiana Board of Regents is interviewing three finalists this week for the job of Louisiana's Commissioner of Higher Education. The Board is expected to make a decision this Thursday. [***The Advocate, 10.06.14***](#)
- LSU in Baton Rouge is seeking to increase its percentage of out-of-state students, which trails far behind other flagships like the University of Alabama. "There's a balance in it, because you need out-of-state students because they also help subsidize the in-state students, but if we go almost all out-of-state, like Michigan has, or Virginia has, you basically shut yourself off to in-state students." [***NOLA.com, 10.07.14***](#)

National Higher Education News

- Students attending public colleges in Texas now have the option of locking in tuition their freshman year for the next four years, but interest in the program is mixed. Participants must pay more their first year for fixed rate, but if they graduate in four years, they get a sizable rebate. University of North Texas President Neil Smastresk said, "It not only changes students' expectations about when they'll graduate, it changes our expectations about getting students graduated." [***New York Times, 10.07.14***](#)

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- Linked In analyzed data from their millions of users and determined which colleges do the best job at graduating students who are successfully working in their chosen fields. The college rankings are based on "career outcomes." [Linkedin.com, 10.03.14](#)

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Sincerely,

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