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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"It's time for us to get people to wake up. If they really want affordable higher education, the best thing they can do is use some of that (billions in federal financial aid) to force the states to put some money into higher education." - *LSU President King Alexander*



Quick Links

Dear Johnette,

It is a day for celebration at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) voted yesterday to re-accredit the medical, allied health and graduate schools for a period of 10 years. Accreditation is required if students attending a school are to be eligible for federal financial aid.

Earlier this year, the School of Medicine was also re-accredited for 8 years by the other major accrediting body for medical schools, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). LSUHSC was accredited by both institutions for the longest period allowed by each. [For more on the SACS accreditation click here.](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Bob Barish and his team!

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana Tech's I-20 Corridor Regional Accelerator Initiative will begin visiting with aspiring entrepreneurs twice a month on the campus beginning in January. The program will provide training, coaching and networking for those wanting to open a new business. [Monroe News-Star, 12.08.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- UNO President Peter J. Fos is recommending the school close 7 degree programs as part of a restructuring effort. The plan, which would save a projected \$1 million this fiscal year, would also result in the loss of 25 faculty and staff. [NOLA.com, 12.05.14](#)
- A recent audit at Grambling State University revealed the college has been running a deficit for the last five years. Interim President Dr. Cynthia Warrick says she will introduce her plan to deal with this year's deficit at

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a meeting of the UL Supervisors later this week. ***Monroe News-Star, 12.03.14***

- Dr. Warrick's plans to address Grambling's \$3.7 million deficit is continuing to ruffle faculty feathers. Physics professor Matthew Ware told the Town-Talk, "When I looked at how she came up with the deficit, it was quite frankly nonsense. That's not to say we're not in trouble, but not to that extent." ***Alexandria Town-Talk, 12.07.14***

National Higher Education News

- LSU President F. King Alexander said he would like to see the federal government force states to increase spending on higher education by threatening to otherwise withhold billions in federal financial aid. "We are just trying to get the federal government to realize that this great diversity is going to be over," he said at a recent conference in New Orleans. ***The Hechinger Report, 12.03.14***
- There are 36 presidents of private colleges around the country who now make more than \$1 million a year. Topping the list in 2012 was Shirley Ann Jackson of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who earned more than \$7 million. ***The Chronicle of Higher Education, 12.07.14***

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Sincerely,

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