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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"It's a fact. We either have to find a means of financing or close some of the universities and hospitals in our state. I don't know where else you get that kind of money." - *Senator Ben Nevers, D-Bogalusa, on why he is promoting an oil and gas processing tax for Louisiana.*



Quick Links

Dear Johnette,

Last week, Governor Bobby Jindal announced some new appointments to the Board of Regents and higher education management boards from our region.

Claudia Adley, wife of State Senator Robert Adley*, R-Benton, was appointed to the Louisiana Board of Regents, and Edward J. Crawford III of Shreveport was reappointed to the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors. Crawford will also serve another year on the UL System Executive Committee. **[For more on these appointments click here.](#)**

Shreveporter Richard Hilliard, a senior mechanical engineer with Manitowoc Company, was appointed to an at-large position on the Southern Board of Supervisors. He is one of five new appointees. **[For more on the Southern Board click here.](#)**

Congratulations to our new and returning board members!

(*Senator Adley was misidentified in the earlier version)

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Residents of Jackson Parish are welcoming the news they will soon have their own branch of Delta Community College. State Representative Jim Fannin, R - Jonesboro, handled the bill providing for the sale of bonds for the project. "This is something I've been trying to get since I was on the Jackson Parish School Board in the 1970s," said Fannin. **[Monroe News-Star, 01.07.15](#)**

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The continuing drop in the price of oil is creating a bleak outlook for the budget in the upcoming fiscal

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year. Reports indicate the Jindal Administration is considering a cut between \$200 and \$300 million for higher education, which could cut funding for some colleges by as much as a third. According to Kristy Nichols, the Commissioner of Administration, everyone is going to have to see reductions. "There is simply no way around it," she said. ***The Advocate, 01.09.15***

- Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy has an innovative proposal to steer more money to Louisiana's colleges. He wants to direct contracts for social services to colleges and away from NGOs. "I think this will work. Quite frankly, the universities will need the money," said Kennedy. ***The Advocate, 01.12.15***

National Higher Education News

- President Obama's proposal to provide free community college tuition is encountering opposition and criticism. One chief complaint is that the proposed government aid would only cover an average of 21% of the budget to attend college. ***Washington Post, 01.12.15***
- Members of the Southern Board have also expressed concern about Obama's community college proposal and its potential to lure students away from the already struggling historically black colleges in Louisiana. "I think that kills HBCUs," said Tony Clayton, member of the Southern Board. "We have to send a message to Obama that he's wrong on this." ***The Advocate, 01.12.15***

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Sincerely,

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