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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"My plan is to fully fund TOPS. In speaking to members of the committee TOPS is absolutely the No. 1 Priority." - *House Appropriations Committee Chairman Cameron Henry on what he hopes to accomplish during the regular legislative session.*



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Greetings!

The Centenary College Board of Trustees has just selected a new President to lead the 191-year-old liberal arts college. Dr. Christopher L. Holoman is currently the Provost at Hilbert College in Hamburg, New York. He has a BA in political science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as well as both a Master's degree and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago. He replaces departing President Dr. David Rowe who recently accepted a position as President of Lake Highland Preparatory School in Orlando, Florida. ***[For more on the announcement click here.](#)***

The former Interim Dean of the Medical School at LSUSHC-Shreveport, Dr. John Marymont, has accepted a new job as Dean and Medical Affairs Vice President at the College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama. He was selected following a nationwide search and will begin his new post on July 1st. ***[For more information click here.](#)***

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- State Senator Barrow Peacock is fighting to keep LSU's two medical schools from having to pay legacy costs this year which are tied to hospitals and clinics the university system no longer runs. These costs would be crippling and are in the tens of millions of dollars. Peacock says his bill, which passed the Senate, ensures the schools don't eat those costs because "it could basically destroy our medical schools." ***[Shreveport Times, 04.21.16](#)***

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Rather than shrink the number of students eligible to receive TOPS, the Louisiana Senate voted overwhelmingly to continue awarding it to everyone meeting the current eligibility requirements. The kicker is unless additional money is allocated, recipients will all receive only about one-third of what they received last year. "Everyone will get something," said Senator Blade Morrish. ***[The Advocate 04.19.16](#)***
- The Louisiana Senate voted 30 to 7 on Wednesday to put a constitutional amendment before the voters that would give

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higher education management boards, not legislators, the power to increase tuition on college campuses. This legislation has more momentum than in years past because legislators assume a bill to decouple TOPS increases from tuition increases will pass as well. **[NOLA.com, 04.21.16](#)**

National Higher Education News

- Don't hold your breath for good news if your favorite college has sent a letter telling you that you are on their "wait list." Many top colleges barely admit any from the wait list, if they do at all. Last year Tulane sent out wait list offers to 3413 potential students, but did not admit a single one. **[Washington Post, 04.18.16](#)**
- Purdue University is unveiling a new college funding plan called an ISA, or income-sharing agreement. Under this plan, students will receive a loan they will ultimately repay through a fixed rate based on anticipated future earnings. Purdue is the first American University to experiment with ISAs in 40 years. **[The Washington Post, 04.18.16](#)**

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