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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"New Orleans has been doing this for a long time. Our medical school needs to be more independent and less reliant on special appropriations from the legislature every year."

- *State Senator Greg Tarver on why he supports having additional partners for the LSU Medical School in Shreveport.*



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Greetings!

The Shreveport Times is now reporting that LSU is working with four regional hospitals to form partnerships for its Shreveport-based medical school. These partnerships would be in addition to the partnership between LSU and University Health, a subsidiary of the Biomedical Research Foundation.

The four hospitals are Willis-Knighton, Christus Health, St. Francis and Rapides Regional.

Through the partnerships, LSU plans to establish physician service agreements, with both residents and faculty, that should generate more revenue for the cash-strapped medical school.

"University Health is susceptible to the ups and downs of state funding as well, which ultimately impacts us greatly," said Interim Chancellor G.E. Ghali. "These multiple partnerships are ways to mitigate our risks if something happened to a single institution."

For more on the planned partnerships [click here](#).

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Money Magazine has ranked Louisiana Tech as #1 in the state for best value and return on investment. Tech was also ranked #14 in the nation for lowest estimated price for a student without student aid. The rankings were part of Money Magazine's Best Colleges report. [***KNOE-TV, 07.11.16***](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- As a result of all of the confusion surrounding the funding of the popular TOPS program, LSU has launched a phone bank operation with LSU employees. They are calling all 16,000 of their TOPS recipients. "We want to clear the air and explain what is going on," said LSU President F. King Alexander. "We are also asking them to fill out their financial aid forms by July." [***Baton Rouge Business Report, 07.09.16***](#)
- The University of Louisiana System has named five finalists

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for the presidency of Grambling State University. All finalists are from outside of the region except for Rick Gallot, a local attorney and former state legislator. ***Ruston Daily Leader, 07.08.16***

- The Louisiana Board of Regents has implemented a new formula for dividing up higher education dollars among state colleges and universities. The formula looks at performance-based metrics such as number of completers in addition to costs incurred by schools. ***The Advertiser, 07.08.16***

National Higher Education News

- In a quest for more revenue, state colleges, including many flagships, are giving favorable admissions treatment to out-of-state students. That's because non-resident students are typically charged much higher tuition than what is paid by in-state students. The University of Alabama boasts that half of its students are now from outside the state. ***NOLA.com, 07.11.16***

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Sincerely,

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