

# Continuing Education

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## Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"The results demonstrate once again that our state's plan to raise expectations is working." -  
*Louisiana State Superintendent John White's response to news that the state's average ACT score rose again this year.*



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## Greetings!

The University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors selected former State Senator Rick Gallot today to serve as the next President of Grambling State University. Gallot is an attorney and Ruston resident who graduated from Grambling in 1987.

Shortly after his selection, Gallot presented the Grambling Foundation with a person check for \$20,000 saying, "I wouldn't ask anyone to do what I wouldn't do myself, and I ask all of you to join me in supporting our university as well."

For more on Gallot's selection [click here.](#)

## Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Centenary College welcomed its new President last week. Dr. Christopher Holoman had been serving as the Provost at Hilbert College in Hamburg, New York, since 2007 before his selection this spring. Holoman is Centenary's 31st President. [Shreveport Times, 07.19.16](#)
- The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors along with the Contractors Educational Trust Fund have donated over \$360,000 to Louisiana Tech. The money was given to support the construction engineering technology program in the College of Engineering and Science. [news.latech.edu, 07.20.16](#)
- Affordable Colleges Online has ranked the LSUS online MBA program 4th in the nation. The ranking was based on affordability, guidance, accommodation, and academic quality. Currently, there are more than 1000 students across the world enrolled in the program. [Shreveport Times, 07.19.16](#)
- Three programs at Northwestern now rank nationally among the most affordable online programs. NSU's psychology and accounting programs were ranked by affordableschools.net, and NSU's master's degree in English was ranked by Best Masters Degrees. [ArklatexHomepage, 07.21.16](#)

## Louisiana Higher Education News

- According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, LSU

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President F. King Alexander is the 22nd highest paid chief executive at a large public college. Alexander's base pay is \$600,000 compared to a median salary of \$431,000. LSU Board of Supervisors member Ray Lasseigne said Alexander's salary is justified because he is doing two jobs. "Where other systems would pay for salaries of both a chancellor and a president, LSU is doing the same job but paying only one salary." ***The Advocate, 07.21.16***

- Louisiana's average ACT score bumped up slightly this year, rising from an average of 19.4 last year to 19.5 in 2015. The increase also means 462 additional students achieved a score that qualifies them for admission to college. ***The Advocate, 07.26.16***

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## National Higher Education News

- Amazon recently announced they are getting into the private student loan business. Through a partnership with Wells Fargo, they will offer reduced interest rates to those who sign up for Amazon Prime Student and enroll in an automatic monthly loan repayment plan. Alexander Holt, an analyst at New America's Education Program, said he was surprised by the arrangement. "What's baffling to me is that Amazon cares a lot about brand reputation, loyalty, and customer service, and those are three things that are not synonymous with the private student loan industry in any type of way." ***U.S. News and World Report, 07.21.16***

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Sincerely,

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