

# Continuing Education

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## Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"We know that every situation will be different. We need to know who you are, where you are, and what you need. We are here to help you."

- *Northwestern Dean of Students Frances Conine to NSU students impacted by South Louisiana floods.*



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## Greetings!

Historic flooding this month in the Baton Rouge region has presented a myriad of problems for LSU. Last week, the floods delayed student move in day to Wednesday because parts of the campus were still under water on the Monday and Tuesday when move in was planned.

LSU has also been busy working to help struggling faculty and staff. "About 20% of our employees have been impacted and have lost homes, everything. So we're being as flexible as possible, but we also want a degree of normalcy to occur, because we're ready for our students," said LSU President King Alexander.

Despite the many ongoing challenges, classes on the LSU campus began today as planned. ***For more on LSU click here.***

## Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana Tech's stadium is about to get another upgrade. Just one year after completing a \$22 million end zone facility, the school has announced plans to spend an additional \$18 million on new suites and a new press box. ***Shreveport Times, 08.19.16***
- New GSU President Rick Gallot has announced the search is back on for a new Grambling athletic director, and the deadline to apply is September 30. "This is one of the most important jobs on campus at any university, and that's especially true at Grambling State University where we have such a rich and well-recognized legacy in several sports." ***KNOE-TV, 08.22.16***
- By the end of this month, Northwest Louisiana Technical College will be opening the doors to its new 6800-square foot Workforce Development Center. Located on the Minden campus, the Center will serve as a multi-purpose training facility. ***Aklatex Home Page, 08.22.16***

## Louisiana Higher Education News

- Since arriving at LSU three years ago, President F. King Alexander is receiving praise for his performance. According to the Baton Rouge Business Report, "He

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consistently gets high marks for being even handed and even tempered." The LSU Alumni Association President Cliff Vannoy also calls Alexander a great uniter. "He has brought all the parties together for the betterment of LSU." ***Baton Rouge Business Report, 08.19.16***

- New LSU Foundation President Stephen Moret is embarking on a highly ambitious fundraising plan for LSU with a goal of raising \$1.2 billion. The campaign includes the full LSU system and will focus on both new construction and renovations of buildings on all of the campuses. "For LSU, this campaign is going to be transformational," Moret said. ***The Advocate, 08.15.16***
- According to LendEdu, when it comes to student loan debt, Louisiana ranks 39th in the nation with the average debt per borrowing student at just over \$25,000. LendEdu also looked at individual schools in Louisiana and reported that 99% of Grambling graduates have debt and the average debt per student is almost \$51,887. ***Lafayette Advertiser, 08.19.16***

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## National Higher Education News

- LSU President King Alexander recently laid out his vision of the role the federal government should play in funding higher education. In an opinion piece published by the Washington Post, Alexander argues that federal dollars should be used to incentivize states to provide a base level of funding. ***The Washington Post, 08.15.16***

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Sincerely,

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