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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"They hate each other." - State Representative Alan Seabaugh on the bitter relationship between LSU Medical School and University Health hospital personnel.



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The LSU Board of Supervisors voted earlier today to approve five Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that would form new hospital partnerships with the LSU Medical School in Shreveport. Currently, LSUHSC-S is partnering with a single partner: University Health.

The approved MOUs are with the following hospitals: DeSoto Regional Health System, North Caddo Medical System, Springhill Medical Services, Rapides Health Care System, and Willis-Knighton Medical System. These partnerships will include an expansion of clinical services and support graduate medical education.

These MOU's follow a week of news stories regarding concern about the future of the medical school, which is in dire financial health. Some stories even raised questions about whether the medical school was certain to remain in Shreveport. LSU officials along with Baton Rouge leaders stated publicly on Wednesday that the rumors of a possible move to Baton Rouge are all false.

"We've never thought at all about doing any harm to that institution. There's no factual basis to that at all," said John Spain of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. He further said any additional medical school training in Baton Rouge would come through an expansion of the medical school in New Orleans. [***For more on this story click here.***](#)

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana Tech Athletic Director Tommy McClelland is expected to receive a \$23,000 pay raise this year, with the extra money coming from the Louisiana Tech Foundation. Currently, Louisiana Tech University contributes \$140,000 to his salary, while the foundation covers the rest. If the increase is approved, his total salary will be \$248,000 a year. [***KNOE-TV, 09.08.16***](#)
- The Times Higher Education World University Rankings has listed Louisiana Tech among 20 universities they call "Rising Stars." The schools listed in this category are considered those poised to be among the nation's most elite colleges in coming years. [***Times Higher Education, 09.07.16***](#)

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Louisiana Higher Education News

- When ITT Technical Institute closed its doors this week at all 130 campuses, more than 1000 Louisiana students were impacted. One campus was located in Bossier City. LCTCS System President Monty Sullivan said they are ready to take those students and help them in any way possible. "ITT Tech is an institution that holds accreditation from a regional accrediting body, so we try to work with the programs. In this circumstance we'll try to do at least that much and give students as much credit as possible." ***The Advocate, 09.07.16***
- For the first time in five years, Louisiana College is reporting an increase in its number of first-time students enrolling this fall. The school is also reporting that their retention rate improved four percent this year LC College President Rick Brewer told the Alexandria Town Talk, "One of the biggest things has to be the fact we're not concerned about the issues we had last year in terms of SACS accreditation." ***Alexandria Town-Talk, 09.09.16***

National Higher Education News

- A study just released by Parthenon-EY Education reports that there are not enough students for the number of colleges operating in the US today, and we may be entering an era of increased consolidations and closures. "If the current rich diversity of the American Higher Education system has any hope of existing another few centuries, campuses need to rethink their long-held position that the best way to survive is to operate on their own," wrote Jeff Selingo, former editor of the Chronicle of Higher Education. ***Washington Post, 09.09.16***
- The National Center for Education Statistics is projecting that by 2020, men will represent only 41% of college students. Already, fewer men are enrolling and more men are dropping out. This imbalance, which is especially pronounced at liberal arts colleges, has schools developing initiatives to attract more men. ***University Business, 09.09.16***
- Universities with endowments topping \$1 billion will be closely watching the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee next week. The committee is holding a hearing examining the endowments' tax exempt status. "The Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee members are deeply concerned that college tuition is spiraling out of control, making higher education out of reach for American families, even when most colleges and universities enjoy significant tax benefits," said Congressman Peter Roskam. ***The Hill, 09.08.16***

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