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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Working with the Legislature, to me, is in some sick way, fun." - *Newly-selected University of Louisiana System President Jim Henderson during his interview with the UL Board of Supervisors.*

Two prominent Northwest Louisiana educators received good news this week when they were chosen to assume top jobs in higher education.

Northwestern State University President Jim Henderson was tapped to head up the entire University of Louisiana System, which includes nine universities around the state. Henderson was the unanimous choice of the Board of Supervisors, and he will replace Interim UL System President Dan Reneau. Northwestern, Louisiana Tech, and Grambling State University are all part of the UL System. ***[For more on Henderson's selection click here.](#)***

LSUHSC-Shreveport Interim Chancellor Dr. G.E. Ghali was also named as the permanent Chancellor and Dean of the LSU School of Medicine on Friday by LSU President F. King Alexander. In a news release, Alexander said, "Dr. Ghali is a world-renowned physician, has demonstrated strong leadership as the Interim Chancellor during a tumultuous time, has a proven long-term commitment to the community, and is an alumnus of the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine, making him an ideal candidate for Chancellor." ***[For more on Ghali's appointment click here.](#)***

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- LSU and the BRF signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last week that will reframe their partnership moving forward. Under the new terms, the medical school should receive an additional \$37 million this year for physician services, which BRF will pay for with state dollars, in addition to \$6.9 million from BRF for past due invoices. An additional \$5 million in disputed invoices will go to arbitration. ***[Shreveport Times, 10.08.16](#)***



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Louisiana Higher Education News

- The Louisiana Board of Regents has signed on in support of an initiative by State Superintendent John White to overhaul teacher training programs in Louisiana colleges. Under the plan, aspiring teachers would spend their entire senior year in a residency program instead of a single semester. ***[The Advocate, 10.09.16](#)***
- The Advocate Editorial Board is encouraging LSU to push

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for academic improvements in addition to improvements among the football coaching staff. "Despite the disappointments in Death Valley these days, we're confident that LSU's fabled football program will rebound. But LSU's future as a flagship is far less certain." ***The Advocate, 10.04.16***

- Former President of Louisiana College Joe Aguillard, who was ousted as President in 2014 following a rocky tenure, is suing LC and its current President, Rick Brewer, claiming he was physically attacked by a private investigator hired by Brewer. Aguillard further states that as a result of the attack he had to seek treatment from a cardiologist, primary care physician, psychiatrist and therapist before being admitted to a psychiatric trauma hospital for PTSD where he spent three weeks. Louisiana College has made no comment regarding the lawsuit or allegations. ***Alexandria Town-Talk, 09.29.16***

National Higher Education News

- Former US Labor Secretary Robert Reich recently told a group of conference attendees that he believes public higher education is dying. "Higher education is becoming less affordable to many in the bottom 60% just at a time when higher education is more necessary than ever before to succeed in the modern economy, and just as inequality is widening more than it has ever widened in the US since the 1880s and 1890s. Those three things together spell out, it seems to me, a national tragedy in the making." ***Times Higher Education, 10.04.16***
- Close to one-third of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) saw an increase in enrollment this fall, following eight years of declining enrollment figures. Observers believe the uptick is due to more aggressive recruiting and the Black Lives Matter movement. ***Hechinger Report, 09.28.16***

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