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Dear Johnette,

The UL System is wasting no time searching for a replacement for Tech President Dan Reneau, who plans to retire in May 2013. Word is they hope to name his successor in December. Meanwhile, the LSU Supervisors have barely commenced a search to replace John Lombardi, the system President fired last April, or Mike Martin, the LSU A&M Chancellor who announced his resignation in June. Why? Because Jindal and some of his appointees are advocating for a single hire to do both jobs. More here.

LSU Health layoffs have begun in North Louisiana with the system's Monroe hospital passing out 38 pink slips last week. See the full story.

Tulane squeaks past LSU for the first time since 2004 to land the top spot in the bar exam passage rate in Louisiana with less than a one percent difference at 75.7% compared to 74.9%. Here's the story.

The federal pell grant program is looking at its own fiscal cliff if Congress and the President don't shore up funding. The Washington Post Editorial Board outlines why Americans should be concerned. More here.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- LA Tech President search yields 3 applicants so far. New President expected to be named in December. The Associated Press 10.20.12

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Momentum increases for a single head of the LSU System and Flagship University Baton Rouge Business Report 10.15.12
• EA Conway Medical Center in Monroe lays off 38 employees as a result of healthcare cuts in the LSU System *Monroe News-Star 10.19.12*

• Purcell pushes for governing boards to decide on college tuition increases rather than the legislature. Louisiana is the only state where the legislature has control over tuition. *The Advocate 10.19.12*

• Tulane beats LSU in percentage of law students passing bar exam. Less than half of Southern University law students make the grade. *The Advocate 10.16.12*

• Louisiana Progress holds forum in Monroe to discuss local higher education needs. *Monroe News-Star 10.17.12*

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**National Higher Education News**

• Washington Post Editorial Board comments on shaky future of federal pell grant program. *Washington Post 10.20.12*

• Two-thirds of college students graduate with debt averaging more than $26,000, a figure up 5% from last spring. *Associated Press 10.18.12*

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Sincerely,

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