Dear Johnnette,

As we prepare for one of the toughest fiscal years in higher education history in Louisiana, it's important we know what's ahead and how we can help our local institutions. You can learn just that by attending the **SBBA launch on Tuesday, December 18th, at 11:00 at the Shreveport Convention Center.**

Newly-elected Chairman of the Board of Regents Bubba Rasberry, LSU Supervisors Board Member Dr. John George, and UL System Board Member Ed Crawford will each give a "higher education forecast for 2013." Please try to attend!

And please keep up the good work letting Dr. Jenkins know how you feel about the LSU Supervisors' plan for LSUHSC. Just visit [http://www.savelsuhealthshreveport.com](http://www.savelsuhealthshreveport.com). There is an online petition and email information for Jenkins, the LSU Supervisors, and LSU transition team.

**Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News**

- Interim LSU President Bill Jenkins greeted a skeptical, packed house when he held a town hall meeting at LSUHSC last week. Senator Greg Tarver received an overwhelming applause when he said,"'Ya'll talk about one LSU. That sounds good.You mean one LSU - Baton Rouge. If our chancellor has to report to an executive vice president we are going to be looked at as stepchildren." [Shreveport Times, 12.12.12](http://www.shreveporttimes.com)
- Following the meeting at LSUHSC, Jenkins spoke to a smaller, calmer crowd at LSUS. [Shreveport Times, 12.12.12](http://www.shreveporttimes.com)
- The Shreveport Times Editorial Board encouraged locals to speak out now and share their concerns about One LSU. [Shreveport Times, 12.13.12](http://www.shreveporttimes.com)
- SBBA member Dr. Philip Rozeman voiced his concerns about one LSU with Shreveport Times readers. [Shreveport Times, 12.10.12](http://www.shreveporttimes.com)
• SBBA member Mike Woods criticized the LSU Supervisors for not following the guidelines in their own AGB report. *Shreveport Times, 12.11.12*
• Shreveport's Aaron Selber shared the history with local readers behind the community's fight to make LSUHSC autonomous. *Shreveport Times, 12.14.12*

**Louisiana Higher Education News**

• Higher Education institutions in Louisiana are preparing for a $22 million mid-year cut. *WWLTV, 12.15.12*
• The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has lifted its accreditation warning for Grambling State University after just six months. *Monroe News-Start, 12.11.12*
• Louisiana College remains on academic warning from SACS for a second year in a row due to issues with "institutional effectiveness." *Alexandria Town Talk, 12.13.12*
• Tough economic times in higher education don't appear to impact football coaches. Les Miles is expected to receive a 9% pay raise next year. *NOLA.com, 12.12.12*

**National Higher Education News**

• Tuition at LSU has risen more than 57% since 2006, but it's still more affordable than flagships in surrounding states according to a special report in the WSJ. *The Wall Street Journal, 12.15.12*

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Sincerely,

*Johnnette Magner, Ph.D., Executive Director*

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*You are welcome to forward this newsletter to others in your network who are interested in higher education.*

*For more information on becoming a member of the SBBA, or providing direct support for our work, please contact Dr. Johnnette Magner at jmagner@sbba4he.org*