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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"The LA Grad Act serves no academic purpose and it intentionally ignores and undermines the historic mission of Grambling State University." -
*Grambling
President Frank
Pogue at GSU's fall
convocation last
Thursday.*



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Dear Johnette,

The Louisiana Board of Regents, in cooperation with a number of state agencies, has begun a new program aimed at enticing Louisiana college graduates, living in other states, to return to Louisiana. The program is named "Operation Recall", and it will target approximately 40,000 Louisiana graduates with degrees in engineering and computer science.

The job market in Louisiana is expected to grow at a much faster rate than the national job market for the next several years. These jobs will largely be related to an anticipated expansion in the manufacturing industry resulting from the cheap price of natural gas.

Operation Recall is designed to address this expected shortfall in the number of skilled workers available statewide to fill these jobs.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- LSUS Chancellor Paul Sisson provided an overview of the education landscape at LSUS this semester in Sunday's edition of *The Times*. Although overall enrollment is down, there is double-digit growth in the school's graduate programs compared to fall 2012. *The Times*, **08.31.13**
- Since state budget cuts began in 2008, Grambling State University has lost 57% of its state funding and reduced the number of degrees offered from 67 to 47. Now, for a second year in a row, Grambling will also be laying off employees. "We are forced here now to operate in a financial emergency," said GSU President Frank Pogue. *Monroe News-Star*, **08.29.13**

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- The Louisiana Board of Regents has launched a program called "Operation Recall" to try to lure back home Louisiana college graduates living in other other states.



[Diverseeducation.com, 08.29.13](#)

- The Advocate Editorial Board touts the fact LSU students graduate on average with less debt than their peers in other states, thanks to TOPS and LSU's low tuition. **[The Advocate, 09.01.13](#)**
- LSU President F. King Alexander has proposed merging the LSU Ag Center with university's College of Agriculture. The two have been separated since 1972. **[The Advocate, 08.30.13](#)**
- The Louisiana Supreme Court has sided with the media in the case against the LSU Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors, who still refuse to turn over the names of finalists for the LSU President's job, have close to \$50,000 in fines due as a result of Judge Janice Clark's ruling the Supervisors are in "contempt of court." **[The Advocate, 08.31.13](#)**

National Higher Education News

- Of the 25,000 Liberian high school students who took the entrance exam for the University of Liberia, not a single one passed, leaving the University without one freshman this fall. School officials blame the mass failure on a lack of even a basic grasp of English along with a "lack of enthusiasm." **[BBC, 08.26.13](#)**

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Sincerely,

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