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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Frankly, I would like to see the program eliminated." *State Senator Dan Claitor (R-Baton Rouge) on the legislative scholarships to Tulane.*



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Dear Johnette,

The fall of 2014 will be a good time to be a freshman at Centenary College. In a surprise announcement last week, Centenary President David Rowe shared that the entire freshman class will have the opportunity to study in Paris next August for up to 10 days and receive college credit. There will be no additional cost; the expense of the trip has been factored into tuition. Approximately 160 students will be making the trip.

Statewide, the announced departure of Community and Technical College President Joe May is continuing to make news. May will likely best be remembered for pushing through a \$250 million construction bill despite strong opposition from the Board of Regents. May will be returning home to Texas to head up the Dallas County Community College District, which has almost as many community college students as the entire state of Louisiana.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- There are 160 lucky college freshmen who will be headed to Paris next fall, compliments of Centenary College. "We continue to see the benefits for our students when they get to experience more of the world around them, and that is something we take pride in offering," said Centenary President David Rowe. *Shreveport Times, 10.07.13*
- Several Shreveport-Bossier organizations have thrown their support behind Common Core. These groups include the SBBA, Greater Shreveport Chamber, and Bossier Chamber of Commerce. *CABL Wire, 10.09.13*

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Community and Technical College President Joe May has landed a new job in Texas as head of the Dallas

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County Community College System. The LCTCS Board has announced they plan to begin looking for his replacement immediately. [NOLA.com, 10.09.13](#)



- The Louisiana Board of Regents is not happy that more than \$100 million given by private donors and the state to fund endowed chairs and professorships has gone unused for more than two years. Schools with 20 percent or more of their chairs or professorships vacant are now at risk of being banned from qualifying for new chairs and professorships. This is bad news for many schools, including LSU in Baton Rouge which has 26 of its 65 endowed chairs sitting empty. [Shreveport Times, 10.07.13](#)
- An accreditation team is at Louisiana College this week, and the stakes are high for this school which has spent the last two years on warning status. If not re-accredited this fall, the school will either be put on probation or have accreditation denied. [Alexandria Town-Talk, 10.08.13](#)
- The Advocate Editorial Board thinks it is time for additional reforms to the century-old tradition of giving each state legislator a free full scholarship to hand out to a student attending Tulane. The Board argues too many officials are giving them out to children of friends and donors. [The Advocate, 10.09.13](#)

National Higher Education News

- The Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation has reported that even though U.S. adults have higher than average levels of education attainment, they are below average on basic literacy and numeracy skills. [Inside HigherEd, 10.08.13](#)
- The student loan default rate continues to climb for the sixth straight year. The two-year default rate is now at 10 percent, the highest it has been in two decades. [The Chronicle of Higher Education, 10.01.13](#)

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Sincerely,

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