Dear Johnette,

After 18 months of "grueling" preparation, the LSU Medical School in Shreveport received the best possible news last week from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education: they have been fully accredited for the next 8 years. LCME accreditation for the full time period is difficult to obtain in that a school must clearly meet "national standards of quality." Baylor College of Medicine, which is widely viewed as one of the Top 10 Medical Schools in the country, did not make the cut and was instead put on probation. For the full story click here.

A long-time friend of the medical school has announced his plans to return to the school in August. Joe Miciotto will return to LSU Medical School after a brief stint working for University Health. He will assume the position of executive director of campus operations. Click here for the rest of the story.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- LSU Shreveport unveiled its new logo and colors recently, and the new look closely resembles the look of the flagship. NOLA.com reports the change is part of an effort to create a "oneLSU" brand. NOLA.com, 07.08.14

Louisiana Higher Education News

- During her first day on the job as Interim President of Grambling State University, Dr. Cynthia Warrick fired both the school's athletic director and men's basketball coach. The men's basketball team had a disappointing 2013 season, losing all 28 games played. USA Today, 07.01.14

- Frequent LSU critic Bob Mann is admitting he was too quick to dismiss F. King Alexander as the right man to head up LSU, and the President of the Faculty Senate, Kevin Cope, is singing the same tune as Alexander marks

Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"I was wrong about him. I argued that the rotten job search could only produce rotten results. That was incorrect..." - NOLA columnist Bob Mann reassessing his earlier comments regarding the hiring of LSU President F. King Alexander.
his first year on the job. "King Alexander for the most part has been a pleasant surprise," said Cope. "Many of the policies that he's proposed and the postures he's struck have been the correct ones, in my judgment." *NOLA.com, 07.07.14*

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### National Higher Education News

- Each year, colleges submit a list of their perceived peers to the U.S. Department of Education to see how they are stacking up. The Chronicle of Higher Education recently obtained those lists and created an interactive graphic which shows those colleges considered peers by our local universities. *The Chronicle of Higher Education, 07.08.14*

- The UT System Chancellor has asked the highly controversial President of the University of Texas to pack his bags and leave by October 31. In a statement, the Chancellor said,"I have supported Bill Powers consistently for the last five years, but this latest decision originates with the UT System's Office of Academic Affairs and my office and is based on the breakdown of communication, collegiality, trust, and a willingness to work together for the good of the university." *The Chronicle of Higher Education, 07.08.14*

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