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### Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Sadly, Senator Vitter's remarks sound more like the rhetoric we'd expect from a D.C. elitist who doesn't believe we average citizens are capable of making our own decisions, running our own lives, and raising our own children." - *News release from the Tea Party of Louisiana regarding Vitter's support for Common Core.*

### Dear Johnette,

The U.L. System has just released the names of nine semi-finalists for the job of President of Northwestern, and BPCChancellor Dr. Jim Henderson is on the list. Henderson has served as Chancellor of BPCCh since 2009 and was a finalist last fall for the job of President of the Community and Technical College System. ***For more on the finalists click [here](#).***

The timetable for the search for a new President of Grambling State University has been extended to the spring. UL System head Dr. Sandra Woodley moved the target date from October to April because she wants to find a search firm with experience finding leaders for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). ***For more on the plan click [here](#).***

### Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Retired U.S. Representative Jim McCrery has been appointed to serve as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors. McCrery, a Shreveport resident, will fill the seat formerly held by Dr. John George. ***The Advocate, 08.15.14***
- The officers of the Shreveport Medical Society voiced their support for the faculty of LSUHSC-Shreveport over the weekend in The Times. They wrote, "These professionals not only contribute to our community through their work, but also in hundreds of ways outside their profession." ***Shreveport Times, 08.15.14***

### Louisiana Higher Education News

- LSU President King Alexander announced today that the flagship plans to create a technology and cyber



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research center that will pursue some \$30 million in federal and commercial research grants. The state of Louisiana is expected to invest \$3 million in the venture. ***LED News Release, 08.18.14***

- The Lafayette Advertiser Editorial Board is encouraging the community to move forward with plans to open a medical school. Contrary to what was said a week ago about funding all coming from local sources, the editorial argued that Lafayette "cannot be expected to sustain a medical school that serves the whole state." ***The Advertiser, 08.13.14***

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## National Higher Education News

- The National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research says graduates with degrees from for profit institution have no advantage in the job market over graduates from community colleges. The authors further said, "If anything, the opposite may be true." ***The Wall Street Journal, 08.18.14***

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Sincerely,

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