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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"I am disturbed by the extent and nature of the problem reflected in the survey results. Sexual assault violates our core MIT values. It has no place here." - *Rafael Reif, MIT's President, on an MIT survey showing 17% of undergraduate*

Dear Johnette,

If you have ever wondered just how good the LSUS debate team really is, you got your answer this week. Debate Coach Trey Gibson, along with three LSUS students, have been asked to join the U.S Debate Team that will take on Great Britain in the Montgomery Cup next year. Gibson will join the coaching staff, and the students will be competitors. The invitation was issued by Dr. Jack Rogers, who is the executive director of the Global Institute for Forensic training and head coach of the U.S. team.

Over the last seven years, LSUS has won nearly three dozen national championship titles in competitions sponsored by the International Public Debate Association. This past April, the team placed second in the IPDA National Tournament. ***For the full story click here.***

Congratulations Coach Gibson and LSUS!

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- LSUS now has more than 1000 graduate students, which is a milestone for the University. The surge in enrollment is largely due to two programs offered for the first time this year: an Ed.D. and online MBA. LSUS

females were sexually assaulted.



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received Regents' approval just over one year ago to offer a Doctorate of Education in Leadership Studies, the school's first doctorate ever offered. [LSUS Website, 10.27.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- JP Morgan Chase has pledged \$1 million to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for spending on workforce development. The gift will also be used to secure a \$4 million match from the state. JP Morgan Chase employs 3400 workers throughout the state. [Monroe News-Star, 10.22.14](#)
- The Southern University System has submitted a plan to the Regents to improve in key areas that lead to Grad Act failures. Three of the four campuses in the Southern system did not meet targets for Grad Act, and as a result, they saw a cut in state funding and could not raise tuition. Larry Tremblay, the Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, does not believe the plan will do enough to improve prospects for Southern's Baton Rouge campus. "In my estimation, it is so far behind the targets it is still not gonna make it," he said. [The Advocate, 10.27.14](#)

National Higher Education News

- Seventeen percent of female respondents to a survey of students at MIT reported they had been a victim of sexual assault or rape while attending the school. Of that group, 44% said the assault had occurred while they were "drunk, high, asleep or otherwise out of it." [Wall Street Journal, 10.28.14](#)
- Student loan defaults may be a growing national concern, but the group causing the concern is not college graduates with bachelor's degrees. This group makes up only 1% of defaults, whereas students with no degree make up 60% of the defaults. [EdCentral, 10.27.14](#)

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