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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"We at NSU know the nursing program is an area of excellence. We are the absolute best. We are always looking for third party validation. U.S. News and World Report ranked our graduate nursing program in the top 100 in the country. That's third party validation." - *Northwestern President Randy Webb on the 65th anniversary of the Northwestern School of Nursing.*

Dear Johnette,

Fall graduation set another record for Bossier Parish Community College. The college graduated 390 students, up from 377 in 2013, which was also a record at the time for the rapidly growing school.

The graduation ceremony was a special one for departing Chancellor Jim Henderson, who assumes his new position as President of Northwestern in January. Henderson said goodbye to faculty and staff.

"Working alongside such world class educators has truly been an incredible honor," he said.

Since Henderson arrived at BPCC in 2008, the school's enrollment has doubled. When he takes the helm at Northwestern, he will be the 18th President to lead the Natchitoches-based school.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Citizens National Bank has committed \$250,000 to Bossier Parish Community College to become the lead investor in the Citizens National Bank Center for Business Studies. The money will fund building projects along with a scholarship to a full-time student. [**BPCC Website**](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The UL System Board voted last week to eliminate seven degree programs and one academic department at UNO as part of a restructuring effort aimed at saving millions. The plan also calls for eliminating 22 faculty positions. E.G. Hebert, the UL Board President, said, "This is very painful, but it has to be done for UNO to survive." [**New Orleans Advocate, 12.14.14**](#)



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- The founder of Stirling Properties is giving \$12 million to the LSU Honors College in Baton Rouge. Roger Ogden's gift is the largest unrestricted endowment gift in the history of LSU. [***The Advocate, 12.15.14***](#)
- The Kappa Sigma Fraternity is getting a new \$6 million frat house on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge. Fraternity members and alumni are covering 100% of the costs. The bottom floor of the house will have a rec room that will reportedly have a slab floor and concrete walls so "it will take a hose out well." [***The Advocate, 12.14.14***](#)

National Higher Education News

- Colleges around the country are beginning to use years of data to help them identify and intervene with students at risk of dropping out, before it actually happens. The result for schools using the data, such as SMU in Dallas, has been improved retention. [***The Hechinger Report, 12.10.14***](#)

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Sincerely,

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