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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"They are going to gavel in at 6:01 when some of these guys will be at .08" - A veteran lobbyist referencing the fact the second special session will likely start the same day as the close of the regular session, which is usually a day when lawmakers celebrate.



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Greetings!

Jeremy Alford writes tonight in LA Politics that a second special session is now highly likely and could begin only hours after the regular session ends on June 6th. Insiders are also betting the session will last just two weeks with an adjournment date of June 20th.

Alford is further reporting this evening that instead of trying to fill a \$600 million shortfall, the goal may be reduced to \$300 million if the federal government approves the state's managed care proposal which would also generate additional revenue.

Senate President John Alario told Alford in an interview that the top priorities for any extra revenue include TOPS, the Department of Health and Hospitals and LSUHSC-Shreveport.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Shreveporters Keith and Maureen Gamble have committed to a \$125,000 gift to Bossier Parish Community College. Keith is the owner of Gamble Guest Care Corporation and represents NWLA on the LCTCS Board of Supervisors. BPCC.edu, 05.25.16

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards announced three new appointments today to the LSU Board of Supervisors. They include Stephen Perry of New Orleans, James Williams of New Orleans, and Glenn Armentor of Lafayette. He has yet to announce his new selection for the 4th district seat currently held by Bossier resident Ray Lasseigne who will be retiring at the end of June. [The Advocate](#), 05.25.16
- Even if the overall deficit number for next year is smaller, the hole in the TOPS budget may actually end up bigger than the House thought when it sent the budget to the Senate last week. According to Budget Chief Jay Dardenne, the House used a funding mechanism for TOPS he believes is unconstitutional, so instead of a 25% cut to TOPS, the current budget may in fact contain a 66% cut to TOPS. NOLA.com, 05.26.16

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- Whatever amount of funding there is for TOPS, it appears the legislature wants to spread it across all who qualify instead of raising the bar for those who could receive it. The Governor also supports this plan and has said he will sign legislation to implement this funding model. **Monroe News-Star, 05.26.16**

National Higher Education News

- Baylor University President Kenneth Starr was demoted today as part of the fallout from the firestorm over the mishandling of sexual assaults on the Baptist campus. Starr will retain the title of Chancellor and continue to teach at the school's law school. Regents Chairman Richard Willis said, "We were horrified by the extent of these acts of sexual violence on our campus." **NBCNews.com, 05.25.16**
- A Russian organization called Dissernet has exposed the names of a number of high ranking Russian dignitaries who allegedly committed academic fraud by plagiarizing their dissertations. Among those recently exposed include Russia's Minister of Culture, the Governor of St. Petersburg, and the head of the nation's top investigating authority. Dissernet further alleges that almost 10% of members of the Russian Parliament have dissertations that were plagiarized and most likely written by ghostwriters. **Slate, 05.25.16**

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