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Save the Date:
Town hall meetings
with President Bill
Jenkins on
December 11th in
Shreveport. For
more information
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### **Quick Links**

## Colleges and Governing Boards

Bossier Parish Community College

Centenary College

LSUHSC Shreveport

LSU Shreveport

### Dear Johnette,

It is official! The U.L. Board of Supervisors voted today to name Louisiana Tech EVP Les Guice as the university's next president. Congratulations to Dr. Guice! Meanwhile, it's also been a good week for Northwestern State University. After years of wanting to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, the school finally gained approval from the UL Board to move forward with their proposal.

The LSU Board of Supervisors is expected to vote again this Friday to consolidate the head of the LSU System and head of the flagship campus. Interim LSU President Dr. Bill Jenkins has been traveling the state to sell the idea. According to an article in The Advocate, Dr. Jenkins assured a Baton Rouge crowd they were "clearly the powerful campus in this constellation" and that other campuses around the state would have to conform to fit in with Baton Rouge rather than the other way around. Read the full story here.

Finally, those who are concerned about the reorganization plans for One LSU can now speak up. You can attend one of the town hall meetings scheduled in Shreveport for December 11th or go to a website launched today by our friends at Williams Creative. The website address is <a href="http://www.savelsuhealthshreveport.com">http://www.savelsuhealthshreveport.com</a>. There is an online petition and email information for both the LSU Supervisors and LSU transition team. Please join our fight to keep a Chancellor at Shreveport's Health Science Center!

## Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana Tech EVP Les Guice has been chosen as the next President of Louisiana Tech. <u>Shreveport Times</u>, 12.4.12
- Northwestern receives approval from the U.L. Board to move forward with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. <u>Shreveport Times</u>, 12.4.12

Louisiana Tech

Northwestern

Northwest LA Technical College

Southern University at Shreveport

LA Board of Regents

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Southern University System

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## SBBA Member Organizations

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Manufacturers Managers Council

Shreveport Chamber

- SBBA Chairman Patrick Harrison explains why we need more nurse practitioners in NWLA. <u>Shreveport Times</u>, 12.2.12
- The LSUHSC Shreveport Foundation takes over the search for a private partner for the hospital. <u>The</u> Advocate, 11.30.12
- The Shreveport Times Editorial Board argues for community involvement in LSUHSC search arguing "this is an instance where there is no such thing as too much information." <u>Shreveport Times</u>, 12.2.12

### Louisiana Higher Education News

 Interim LSU President Bill Jenkins holds a town hall meeting in Baton Rouge where he reassures the crowd "a loss in staffing would more likely hit the smaller campuses harder than the flagship in Baton Rouge." <u>The Advocate</u>, 11.30.12



- James Carville and Henson Moore tell Shreveport-Bossier why the community should support One LSU, urging locals to "put aside politics, personal egos and petty jealousies." <u>Shreveport Times</u>, 12.02.12
- The LSU Board of Supervisors not only failed to follow open meetings law, it seems they are also in hot water with the accrediting body for the college. <u>The</u> <u>Associated Press</u>, 12.2.12
- More higher education administrators have announced their departures. Budget cuts are named as the primary reason. <u>The Advocate</u>, <u>12.3.12</u>
- The flagship loses its chief financial officer to the University of Kentucky. *The Advocate*, 11.28.12
- LSU Hospital lease deals are coming together around the state. Some more deals could be announced this week. *The Advocate*, 12.3.12

## National Higher Education News

- Health Management Associates out of Florida was targeted on Sunday by 60 Minutes on CBS. The group expressed interest months ago in partnerships with Louisiana hospitals, but we are told they are not under consideration, at least in NWLA. NOLA.com, 12.3.12
- Federal student debt lending continues to climb, rising 4.6% in the third quarter. Wall Street Journal, 11.28.12

For more information on higher education in Northwest Louisiana, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.sbba4he.org">www.sbba4he.org</a>

Sincerely,

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