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Meet Dr. Fieldon King Alexander

He is the LSU Search Committee's choice to lead both the LSU Flagship and LSU System.

Dear Johnette,

The LSU system may have a new leader as early as March 27 when the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on the recommendation of the search committee. Yesterday, the search committee announced it was advancing only one name for consideration: the President of California State University Long Beach, Dr. F. King Alexander. The committee reportedly interviewed half a dozen candidates and then met for less than an hour before coming up with Alexander as their lone choice.

Under Alexander's tenure, CSU Long Beach has improved graduation rates to their highest level in history and doubled the university's endowment. If chosen on the 27th, he will lead all institutions in the LSU system.

And there's a lot to celebrate at LSUHSC-Shreveport. Aside from finding a possible private partner for the hospitals in Shreveport and Monroe, Chancellor Robert Barish says the medical school had the "best match in recent history."



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Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- The LSU Hospitals in Shreveport and Monroe are one step closer to having a private sector partner. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LSU and the Biomedical Research Foundation of NWLA is now up for approval before the LSU Board of Supervisors. [***The Shreveport Times, 03.15.13***](#)
- Match Day was last week for 115 students at LSU Health Shreveport. The good news: 45 will remain in Louisiana with 27 staying right here in Shreveport. With physicians most likely to remain in the area where they train, this bodes well for the community. [***The Shreveport Times, 03.15.13***](#)
- A survey of Louisiana Tech students showed 9 out of 10 students would still pick Tech if they had it to do all over again. The results are from the 2012 National

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Survey of Student Engagement. "It has often been said that Louisiana Tech has a private school feel at a public school price," said the school's Dean of Enrollment, Pam Ford. ***The Monroe News-Star, 03.16.13***

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The search committee for the next LSU President named their top choice yesterday. F. King Alexander is currently the President of Cal State University in Long Beach. Committee member Stephen Perry said of the vote, "I expected this to be more of a knock-down, drag out process. I'm amazed, surprised, gratified, and excited." ***The Advocate, 03.18.13***
- Governor Jindal's plan for funding higher education has college leaders concerned with both the amount and the sources of the funds. Higher Education Commissioner Jim Purcell reportedly told the Advocate that the "great job" done attracting industries to the state may be undermined by a shaky financial outlook for the institutions that are supposed to produce the workers to fill the jobs. ***The Advocate, 03.18.13***
- Members of the Board of Regents are predicting more cuts to higher education as a result of the sequester. ***The Advocate, 03.17.13***



National Higher Education News

- The number of federally-funded residencies for medical school graduates hasn't increased since 1997 although the U.S. population has grown by 50 million people. Members of Congress are asking the government to fund an additional 15,000 slots. ***The Wall Street Journal, 03.14.13***

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Sincerely,

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