



# Continuing Education

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## Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"We're committed to find the solution. My daughter is scheduled to enroll in the medical school next year."

- LSUHSC

Chancellor Robert Barish's response to a Senate Committee hearing addressing the \$42 million funding shortfall for the medical school in the upcoming fiscal year.

## Dear Johnette,

Funding for the LSU Medical School in Shreveport is \$42 million short for the next fiscal year beginning July 1st. Yesterday, members of the Senate Finance Committee heard from administrators who say they aren't capable of filling the gap on their own. Local administrators need comparable state dollars to what is appropriated to LSU Medical School in New Orleans.

Thomas Carmody's House Bill 87, which would transfer tuition authority from the legislature to the higher ed management boards, will go to the House floor today. While the bill has growing support in the legislature, the Governor is opposed to the measure.

In a memo sent to House members yesterday, the Jindal administration asked members to "Please oppose HB 87 by Representative Carmody" because it "would allow any public college or university to raise tuition without any check or vote by the legislature."

Supporters of the bill counter that tuition at Louisiana colleges is less than tuition in neighboring states, and state general fund support for Louisiana's public colleges and universities has been cut more than 80% since Jindal assumed office in 2008.

The bill has broad support among higher education institutions and boards as well as business organizations, including the SBBA.



## Quick Links

## Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- LSUHSC Chancellor Robert Barish and Vice Chancellor Hugh Mighty testified before the Senate Finance Committee on Monday. They said they are working with the delegation and administration to find necessary funding to ensure the future of the medical school. ***Shreveport Times, 05.13.13***

## Colleges and Governing Boards

Bossier Parish  
Community College

Centenary College

LSUHSC Shreveport

LSU Shreveport

Louisiana Tech

Northwestern

Northwest LA  
Technical College

Southern University at  
Shreveport

LA Board of Regents

LCTCS System

LSU System

Southern University  
System

University of LA  
System

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Committee of One  
Hundred

Manufacturers  
Managers Council

Shreveport Chamber

North Louisiana  
Economic Partnership

## Louisiana Higher Education News



- Governor Bobby Jindal is opposing an alternative budget that would reduce tax breaks for some Louisiana industries. Jindal referred to the proposal as a "job killer" and "giant step backward" while supporters of the legislation, such as John Bel Edwards (D-Amite), fired back. "The budgets the governor has proposed have asked us to cut 80 percent from higher education over 5 years. He's busy killing higher ed, but he gets people behind him to protest 15 percent." ***The Advocate, 05.12.13***
- Barry Erwin with The Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) explains why his organization supports giving the higher education management boards the authority for setting tuition at Louisiana colleges. ***The Monroe News-Star, 05.09.13***
- Two Louisiana newspapers returned to court last week to ask a judge to find the LSU Board of Supervisors in contempt of court. Judge Janice Clark ordered the system to reveal the names of the finalists for the top job at LSU, but the system has yet to comply. ***The Advocate, 05.11.13***
- The Advocate Editorial Board expressed their disapproval of Senator Robert Adley's (R-Benton) attempt to circumvent the capital outlay process. His effort is designed to secure funds for construction on the community and technical college campuses. The Editorial Board wrote, "It does not help when veterans of the political process express contempt for the rules." ***The Advocate, 05.13.13***
- Retiring Louisiana Tech President Dan Reneau continues to receive praise for all he accomplished during his 26 years as President. ***The Monroe News-Star, 05.12.13***

## National Higher Education News

- The founder of Linked In has written a book highlighting what makes college graduates successful in life. Here are three things he focuses on most. ***Linked In, 05.13.13***

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Sincerely,

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