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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"We just don't learn our lesson. It started at \$35 million and now it's at \$235 million, and everybody says it's not out of control. I just don't believe that."
- *State Senator Blade Morrish, R-Jennings, on TOPS.*

Dear Johnette,

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board has selected Delgado Community College Chancellor Monty Sullivan as the new President of the LCTCS System. Delgado Community College is located in New Orleans and serves more than 13,000 students. Sullivan will replace departing system President Joe May, who leaves this month to take a position in Dallas.

BPCC Chancellor Jim Henderson was also a finalist for the job, and both were hailed as highly qualified for the position. Under Henderson's leadership, BPCC has been the fastest growing community college in the nation.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- The finalists are in town this week interviewing for the Chancellor's job at LSU. To learn more about their backgrounds and how they would improve graduation rates, read this piece by Melody Brumble in the Shreveport Times. [*Shreveport Times, 02.10.14*](#)



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Louisiana Higher Education News

- There is expected to be \$140 million more in funding for higher education next year with most of it coming from increased tuition dollars the universities will get to keep. Still, the college system Presidents are thankful. "To get on the positive side of the governor's budget is always a good first step," said F. King Alexander, LSU Chancellor. [NOLA.com, 02.07.14](#)
- Governor Jindal may oppose changes to TOPS, but it hasn't kept legislators from proposing legislation to limit the growth of the program. [Associated Press, 02.09.14](#)
- The firing of James Llorens, the Chancellor of Southern University in Baton Rouge, is not sitting well with some students, faculty and lawmakers. The Southern Board of Supervisors voted 9 to 6 last week to not renew his contract when it expires June 30th, but it now appears they are willing to revisit that decision. [The Advocate, 02.11.4](#)



National Higher Education News

- The Chancellor of the University of Texas system has announced he is resigning and returning to his medical practice after five difficult years at the helm. Texas State Senator Judith Zaffirini said in a statement, "Undeniably, however, he has endured unmitigated stress from the rogue regents who want UT President Bill Powers fired." [The Chronicle of Higher Education, 02.11.14](#)
- In an article entitled, "The Greatest Line I Never Said," several college admissions counselors around the country anonymously contributed stories about experiences with students that were recently printed in The Washington Post. [The Washington Post, 02.10.14](#)
- While the number of tenure track faculty positions around the nation has declined, the number of

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administrative positions has increased. According to the American Association of University Professors, 76% of faculty are now teaching without tenure. ***The Wire***, ***02.07.14***

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Sincerely,

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