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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"The business community has denounced Bobby Jindal. We're not turning our backs on him. That would suggest that we will forget about him. Business will never forget. I will not forget. I don't intend to give up on it because young Jindal wanted to have national ambitions and screw over our children."

- Lane Grigsby,
founder and board
chairman of Cajun
Contractors.

Dear Johnette,

In December, Louisiana College was notified by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) that after two years on "warning" status, it was fully accredited. It was a moment for celebration because SACS accreditation is necessary for a school to receive federal dollars, which it is almost impossible to survive without.

But the celebration was short-lived. After investigating rather serious recent allegations related to board governance, integrity, personnel policies, and financial control matters, SACS announced last week that they have placed the school on "probation", a status even more serious than a warning.

SACS is highly reluctant to pull accreditation because of the clearly devastating economic effects that follow that decision. But they will do it. SACS just pulled accreditation, following a year of probation, from Brewton-Parker College, a Baptist college in Georgia. The school announced the next day it intended to challenge the SACS decision in court. [Click here for more information on SACS and LC.](#)

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Grambling University has not had an intramural center since 2007, when the existing facility was condemned, but construction for a new \$7 million center is slated to begin next year. According to Grambling President Frank Pogue, the current center is also an eyesore for the campus with broken windows and wildlife running around inside. [Shreveport Times, 06.19.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The Louisiana Board of Regents has made it clear where they stand with Common Core, and it is not with the Governor. Regents sent a letter this week stating that colleges must "continue to integrate the Louisiana content standards." They further wrote that "failure to do so can result in universities losing BESE approval of graduates becoming certified to teach in Louisiana." [The Advocate, 06.24.14](#)



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- Dan Juneau, the former President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, joined the legion of business leaders criticizing Jindal's actions to derail Common Core. He wrote in The Advocate, "It is time to act on what helps students achieve higher results, not what plays to primary voters in Iowa or South Carolina." ***The Advocate, 06.24.14***
- A Swedish company has been hired to head up the renovation and expansion of Patrick Taylor Hall on the LSU Baton Rouge campus. The \$54 million construction contract includes additional classrooms, labs, and a new auditorium. ***The Advocate, 06.23.14***

National Higher Education News

- Corinthian Colleges, one of the largest for-profit colleges in the country with almost 75,000 students, has to seek a buyer for most of its schools after coming under attack by the federal government over concerns about marketing practices. Initially the government was going to cut federal funding immediately, which the company said would have quickly forced bankruptcy. ***Wall Street Journal, 06.23.14***

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Sincerely,

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