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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"When given the choice between the status quo and making changes suggested by SACS, the board chose the status quo, and I am disgusted by it." -
*Jay Adkins,
Louisiana College
Board Member
who is one of
three members
who resigned*

Dear Johnette,

We are down to two candidates for President of Northwestern State University and both are familiar faces in NWLA.

Dr. Lisa Abney, the current Provost at NSU, joined the faculty in 1997 as an assistant professor of English. She has served as Provost since 2009. Dr. Jim Henderson, the current President of Bossier Parish Community College, earned his bachelor's degree at Northwestern in 1994 and has worked closely with the campus since taking the top job at BPCC in 2009.

The University of Louisiana Board is set to make a final decision next week. To view the on-campus interviews with Abney and Henderson [click here](#).

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- The Shreveport Times Editorial Board congratulated Louisiana Tech, Northwestern State and Centenary College for receiving a Tier 1 ranking by U.S. News & World Report in their respective categories. Centenary moved up an impressive 19 spots to #148 in the National Liberal Arts Category. [Shreveport Times, 09.14.14](#)

today during an LC
Board meeting.



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- Northwestern has more than 9000 students this semester - up 58 from fall 2013. The StepUp Program was the driver behind the numbers, with 247 new students. StepUp provides college credit for students currently in high school. [***Shreveport Times, 09.15.14***](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- LSU President F. King Alexander is creating a position for a Vice President of Institutional Advancement who will oversee the LSU Foundation and serve as a liaison to the Tiger Athletic Foundation and LSU Alumni Association, all independent 501C3 organizations. [***The Advocate, 09.15.14***](#)
- A group of North Louisiana lawmakers were publicly critical last week of how the \$40 million in WISE funds were allocated. State Representative Jim Fannin, who earmarked some of the funds specifically for two area colleges, believes the local schools may get less than he intended. [***Monroe News-Star, 09.11.14***](#)
- The Louisiana Board of Regents released a sexual assault study today showing low rates of reported sexual assaults at Louisiana colleges. State Senator J.P. Morrell, who requested the study, believes the numbers do not reflect the scale of problem. "At the very least, there is an under-reporting problem," he said. [***NOLA.com; 09.16.14***](#)
- Three Louisiana College Board members quit today and others are expected to follow after another argument among Board members regarding leadership of the campus. This argument followed the release of a letter from SACS, the school's accrediting agency, citing problems with "institutional integrity." [***Alexandria Town-Talk, 09.16.14***](#)

National Higher Education News

- A study examining the college drop out rate revealed

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that many colleges are not focusing their retention dollars on the right students. "We have a mystery here because students between 2.0 and 3.0 are dropping out. But they're not dropping out after their first year," said Ed Venit, the lead researcher in the study. ***InsiderHigherEd, 09.12.14***

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Sincerely,

***Johnette Magner, Ph.D., Executive Director
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