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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Until there is a grass root effort to get back to basics of what a trustee is empowered to do, our beloved LC will continue to suffer. It is my hope and prayer that in the future the self-proclaimed prophecies and selfish motives

Dear Johnette,

Congratulations Dr. Jim Henderson! Earlier today Henderson was selected by the U.L. Board of Supervisors to be the next President of Northwestern State University. Dr. Lisa Abney, the current Provost at Northwestern, was the other finalist for the position. **[For more on the announcement click here.](#)**

The LSU Board of Supervisors has named new leadership, and Bossier City appointee Ray Lasseigne was selected to serve as chair-elect for 2014-2015. Lasseigne will take over for Board Chairman Ann Duplessis at the end of her term next July. **[For more on the appointment click here.](#)**

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana Tech not only has a freshman class with a higher average ACT than the year before, it also has a much larger freshman class with enrollment up almost 20 percent. "The growth in our enrollment, especially those of our first-time freshmen, is vital to the future success and competitiveness of our university," said Tech President Les Guice. **[Shreveport Times, 09.17.24](#)**
- The five campuses of the Northwest Louisiana Technical College have seen explosive growth this fall, averaging

can be pushed aside so the focus can be on improving our college." - *Ryan Gregory, LC Trustee, on why he joined four colleagues in resigning from the LC Board.*



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34% more students than last year. The Mansfield campus has lead the growth with 87% more students this year. NWLTC Interim Director Rick Bateman says, "Workforce development is not a hobby for us...it's what we do every day. Our nine-parish service area understands that we provide the training that leads directly to high-skill, high-wage, high-demand careers." [***NWLTC Website***](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The Louisiana Board of Regents has narrowed the field of candidates for Commissioner of Higher Education. After interviews last week, the Regents announced the names of the top three. All are from out of state. [***The Advocate, 09.19.14***](#)
- A consulting firm hired to analyze operations at LSU has come up with a handful of ideas to save money and improve effectiveness for the Baton Rouge campus. [***The Advocate, 09.21.14***](#)
- The interim President of Louisiana College, Dr. Argile Smith, apologized to college trustees last week for the delay in giving them a copy of the SACS report outlining why the University is on probation for accreditation. [***Alexandria Town-Talk, 09.21.14***](#)

National Higher Education News

- A report from the Brookings Institute argues that student loan debt would not be as big a problem for recent graduates if repayment were structured differently. The study's author writes, "There is a mismatch in the arrival of the benefits of college and its costs, with payments due when earnings are lowest and most variable." [***Brookings Institute, 09.14***](#)

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