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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"I think the legislative body doesn't have the appreciation of how close we are to total dismantling of the educational programs of future physicians." - *Scott Wester, CEO of Our Lady of the Lake, where 192 residents train.*



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Greetings!

The Louisiana House of Representatives will vote today on a constitutional amendment that would allow the state's four higher education management boards to set tuition and fees at the state's colleges and universities. Currently, Louisiana is one of only two states in the country that requires legislative approval for tuition adjustments. If the bill passes the House and is signed by the Governor, the amendment will go before the voters for approval this fall.

Shreveport Representative Thomas Carmody will manage the debate over SB 80 on the House floor this afternoon. The Louisiana Board of Regents, the Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education (SBBA), the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, and Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) all support this measure.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- A Louisiana Tech computer science professor says he has developed a "groundbreaking new technology" which can provide faster computer computation and speed data transfer. Dr. Ben Choi is sharing his discovery this month at an international Conference on Measurement Instrumentation and Electronics. Eurekaalert.org, **06.01.16**

Louisiana Higher Education News

- It took the Louisiana Senate just one hour yesterday to pass the state budget, which only funds 1/2 of TOPS, cuts higher education by \$178 million, and significantly cuts funds to the state's safety net hospitals. Senator Eric Lafleur believes that in the special session, which begins just 30 minutes after the close of the regular session, legislators will generate \$450 million in revenue that will fund those items in addition to the state's medical schools, which also suffer crippling cuts in the current budget. [Greater Baton Rouge Business Report](#), **06.01.16**
- Questions regarding funding of the state's medical schools and partner hospitals are leaving medical students and residents with plenty of questions of their own about

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whether they should attend schools in other states. There is also concern the state could lose federally-funded residency slots to other states if state funding is not secured for the medical schools and the students walk. DHH Secretary Rebecca Gee told the legislature that if the state loses some of its 1900 residency positions, "we permanently lose capacity to train doctors in the state." ***ABC News, 06.01.16***

- Large corporations, especially those that are multi-state, are likely targets for more revenue in the upcoming special session. Louisiana legislators may also revisit their corporate tax model. Currently, Louisiana uses a hybrid model where certain types of businesses are treated differently than others. ***Shreveport Times, 05.31.16***

National Higher Education News

- According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, approximately 1.8 million college students, which is 1 out of 8 undergrads, drink alcohol on any given day. In addition, they average about 4 drinks each. ***The Daily Comet, 05.31.16***

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Sincerely,

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