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Northwestern State University's College of Nursing is located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

isiana University, Southern University and A&M College, and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, which all offer DNP programs.

Northwestern's proposal is consistent with recommendations that have focused on the importance of increasing the number of nurses with higher levels of education. In 2010, the Institute of Medicine, in the *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, recommended doubling the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020.

According to Northwestern's proposal, information provided by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing indicates that APRNs in north and central Louisiana tend to leave Louisiana to enroll in DNP programs out of state.

"We are grateful to members of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for their support of the DNP, following an extensive review by their staff," said Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Because of our leadership role in the state in online education, the Supervisors' action includes collaboration with public universities in south Louisiana in offering core courses for the degree electronically. Considering Northwestern's prominent role in nursing education for over 60 years and the emphasis on quality health care in our region, we feel offering the DNP is a logical progression for our program."

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UL System Approves Northwestern State's Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved a request for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program at Northwestern State University.

The program, which will be the only doctoral degree program offered at Northwestern, next goes to the Board of Regents for final consideration. The proposed DNP program is a practice-, rather than research-focused doctorate that is designed to prepare nurses for careers as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).

"There is a demonstrated need for nurses with this higher level of education in North Louisi-

ana and throughout the nation. Northwestern is the largest single university producer of nurse practitioners in Louisiana. It makes sense that these students would come here to further their education," said UL System Interim Provost Richard Hansen.

Northwestern's graduate nursing program has been the only graduate nursing program in Louisiana to be ranked among the top 100 programs in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* (2011).

The university will be the latest partner in an Inter-Institutional Collaboration with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Southeastern Loui-

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Robin Roberts and French Ambassador Among Six to Receive Honorary Doctorates

The University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors approved requests to grant honorary doctorates to six individuals for their contributions to UL System universities, their regions and the state of Louisiana.

According to Board Rules, honorary degrees may be awarded to "persons who have made substantial achievements in literary, artistic, scientific, or technical fields of endeavor."

The following honorees will receive their degrees at fall commencement exercises: French Ambassador Francois Delattres, New Orleans developer Pres Kabacoff, Monroe businessman Tex Kilpatrick, former college coach George Luffey, geology pioneer John McCarter, and "Good Morning America" co-anchor Robin Roberts.

Photos and biographical information about each honoree follow:

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Nine Universities Strong

- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- McNeese State University
- Nicholls State University
- Northwestern State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Louisiana at Monroe
- University of New Orleans

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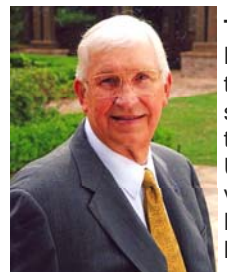
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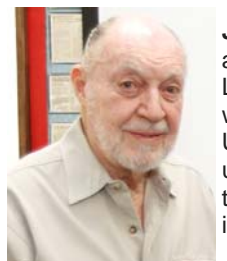
Francois Delattre, the Ambassador of France to the United States, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Francophone Studies degree from University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Delattre has held a long list of diplomatic posts, in which he has served as a crucial link between France and the United States and representative of French Speakers and Francophone culture in the Americas. His posts include Deputy Director of the French Foreign Minister's Office and member of French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe's cabinet. He has also been a member of French President Jacques Chirac's foreign policy team. He has served as Ambassador of France to the United States since 2011. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Institut d'études politiques de Paris and a J.D. in International Law from École nationale d'administration de Paris.

Pres Kabacoff, a developer, who has been honored for his work in preservation and urban revitalization, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from University of New Orleans. He has played a major role in the development of the New Orleans riverfront, developing and managing the New Orleans Hilton Riverside and Towers, the Riverwalk and the International Cruise Ship Terminal on New Orleans' Riverfront. He co-founded a real-estate development firm, which had a \$2.105 Billion impact on the New Orleans economy since its founding. Mr. Kabacoff was active in bringing the 1984 World's Fair to New Orleans. Since hurricane Katrina, he has been a key leader in visioning, planning and rebuilding New Orleans, including his work to redevelop public housing, which has become a national model. Kabacoff began his professional career after receiving his Juris Doctor degree from Louisiana State University School of Law.



Tex Kilpatrick, a businessman, higher education supporter and policymaker, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from University of Louisiana at Monroe. Kilpatrick is the CEO of Kilpatrick Enterprises where he manages multiple businesses throughout North Louisiana. Tex has served as a member of Louisiana State University's Alumni Board—his alma mater—and shown unwavering support to his wife's alma mater, ULM. Tex was appointed to the ULS Board where he served from 1997-2002, has aided ULM in many capacities including service as the Vice President of the ULM Foundation, and has shown continued support for ULM's Lyceum Series. He has served as a member of the West Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, West Monroe's Lion's Club, and the United Way.

George Luffey, a former college coach, higher education supporter and policymaker, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from University of Louisiana at Monroe. Luffey served as a member of the Board of Regents for 18 years and served ULM as a member of its faculty and coach for its football and baseball teams. In 1971, Luffey established and continues to maintain the George L. "Chip" Luffey Jr. students scholarship in memory of his son, "Chip." Luffey also established the George L. "Chip" Luffey Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology. Luffey is a constant presence on the ULM campus, attending and supporting ULM at various events. Luffey led the ULM baseball team to its first championship in 1964 during his tenure as Head Coach, was president of ULM's Booster Club, was voted into the ULM Hall of Fame, and received the George T. Walker Lifetime Achievement Award. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science from UL Lafayette and a Master of Education from University of Mississippi.



John McCarter, a decorated war veteran and pioneer of geological study, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. McCarter, a Louisiana State University graduate and decorated World War II veteran, is a renowned geologist who taught at both Louisiana Tech University and ULM. McCarter was the founder and head of ULM's geology department and holds Emeritus status with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. McCarter currently serves as an independent geologist and consultant, studying the Northeast Louisiana gas and oil fields. McCarter is renowned as a pioneer of geological study in Northeast Louisiana and at ULM.

Robin Roberts, a former college basketball player, award-winning sportscaster, and co-anchor of "Good Morning America," will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Southeastern Louisiana University. Roberts played basketball at Southeastern and graduated cum laude in 1983 with a degree in communications. She joined ESPN as a sportscaster in 1993, earning three Emmy Awards for her work. In 2005, she was promoted to co-anchor of ABC's "Good Morning America." Throughout her career, she has remained committed in her support to the university through an ongoing focus on her appreciation for her career and personal development she received at Southeastern.



Other Board Action

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the following requests:

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **McNeese**: request to eliminate the Associate of Science degree program in Nursing (ASN) effective Fall 2014.
- **Northwestern**: request for approval to reorganize the College of Nursing and Allied Health and change the name to College of Nursing and School of Allied Health.
- **Northwestern**: request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Applied Science and Technology degree program.
- **Northwestern**: request for approval of a Proposal for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program.
- **Southeastern**: request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Ms. Robin Roberts at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- **UL Lafayette**: request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Francophone Studies degree to Mr. François Delattre at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- **UL Lafayette**: request for approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Systems Technology.
- **UL Lafayette**: request for approval to establish an Institute for Materials Research and Innovation.
- **ULM**: request for approval of the 2013-18 Strategic Plan.
- **ULM**: request for approval of the Agreement on Dual Degree Program between Hanbat National University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.
- **ULM**: request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Tex Kilpatrick at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- **ULM**: request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. George Luffey at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- **ULM**: request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. John McCarter at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- **UNO**: request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Pres Kabacoff at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- **UNO**: request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Transportation.

- **UL System**: proposed revision to *Board Rules, Chapter II. Students, Section VIII. Baccalaureate Degrees Requirements, A. Categories of Requirements, 1. General Education.*

FINANCE

- **Grambling**: request for approval of a resolution amending a resolution adopted on August 20, 2013, for bond issuance.
- **Louisiana Tech**: request for approval of an Affiliation Agreement between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech Alumni Association, Inc.
- **Louisiana Tech**: request for approval of an Affiliation Agreement between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc., as well as the related Funds Management Agreement between Louisiana Tech University and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc.
- **Nicholls**: request for approval to combine (1) Contractors Educational Trust Fund Endowed Professorship in Manufacturing Technology; (2) Contractors Licensing Board Endowed Professorship in Manufacturing Technology; and (3) The Contractors Educational Trust Fund Endowed Professorship in Geomatics/Surveying into The Contractors Educational Trust Fund Super Endowed Professorship in Geomatics/Surveying.
- **UNO**: request for approval of a new policy, AP-RE-04.1, relating to authorizing contracts between the university and a member of the faculty, research staff, or coaching staff, or a company in which the employee has an interest under specified circumstances.
- **UL System**: in compliance with Act 426, request for approval to authorize additional tuition and attendance fees of \$30 per credit hour for undergraduate programs and \$50 per credit hour for graduate programs for students enrolled in an academic degree program offered entirely through distance education.

ATHLETIC

- **LA Tech**: request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tommy H. McClelland II, Director of Athletics, effective August 1, 2013.
- **LA Tech**: request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeff Parks, Men's Golf Head Coach, effective July 1, 2013.

- **Northwestern**: request for approval of a contract with Ms. Stephanie Hernesman, Co-Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2013.
- **Northwestern**: request for approval of a contract with Mr. Scott Stoehr, Co-Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2013.
- **ULM**: request for approval of a contract with Mr. Walt Williams, Men's Head Golf Coach, effective August 25, 2013.
- **UNO**: request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ronald Maestri, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 8, 2013.

AUDIT

- **UL System**: Fiscal Year 2012-13 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters.

FACILITIES PLANNING

- **Nicholls**: request for approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation, Inc. to enclose the baseball batting practice facility at Didier Field.
- **Nicholls**: request for approval to accept donation of 1.199 acres of land from Acadia Agricultural Holdings, L.L.C.
- **UL Lafayette**: request for approval to demolish four buildings to allow for expansion of campus parking.
- **UNO**: request for approval of a lease with The Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy.
- **UNO**: request for approval to rename the south area of the University Center Dining Hall from "The Deck" to the "Louise Arnolie Deck."

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- **Northwestern**: request for approval to appoint Dr. Dana Clawson as Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health effective September 3, 2013.
- **Southeastern**: request for approval to appoint Mr. Christopher "Jay" Artigues as Director of Athletics effective October 14, 2013.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- **UL System**: Personnel Actions.