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## Chapter 14

College of Education Update - Dr. Gary Marotta - Academic Vice-President

## Transcript

**Title Card:** What is the present status of the College of Education?

**Dr. Gary Marotta – Academic Vice-President:** College of Education is among the prominent colleges of the University. I consider the College of Education in a leadership class. Why do I say that?

First of all, the results of its students. In the National Teacher Examination, for instance, the pass rate, the level of the scores, they led the state of Louisiana, and those students are scoring over some 17% above the national average. So here is a college that is educating teachers. It's hard to imagine a more important calling in life than the preparation of teachers who pass on the knowledge of civilization and the future to our children.

They are working with kids that are most precious parts of our lives. They're our very future. So, the preparation of teachers who are finally acculturating students, socializing students, but more important, most important of all, educating students, which means that the civilization will endure.

So, it's a profound calling and we know we're doing it well. Not alone by the test scores, but by what they're learning, the rigor of instruction, the challenging curricula, the exciting faculty. The faculty in the College of Education are simultaneously committed to teaching and they're committed to scholarship. They're pushing the envelope of knowledge in their fields and when they get into the classroom, it's electric. The students are genuinely turned on.

There's another big item that the college is doing, and it was a first in the state of Louisiana to do it, and it's recognized throughout the state for this. It was a first in this state to really introduce educational technologies into its curricula. Sometimes in specialized courses, but more frequently mainstreamed into traditional courses.

It also developed the Educational Technology Review Center, which is having a profound effect of transforming education throughout Louisiana. Not just locally in Acadiana or Lafayette, but throughout the state and this College of Education took the leadership in that.

Louisiana is notorious for poor grades in education when measured against national competition. But we know this, USL teachers are outscoring the national average. The work being done is gifted and talented.

The preparation of these students in the cognate areas, in the methods areas, and instructional technology is going to change the face of Louisiana. So, I consider the College of Education paramount in the profound work of the University.