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Chapter 15

College of Education Recent Changes - Dr. Robert Alciatore, Dean; College of Education Future - Dr. Mary Jane Ford - Interim Dean

Transcript

Title Card: What changes did you contribute to the College of Education as dean?

Dr. Robert Alciatore – Former USL Dean of College of Education: So, we immediately changed the curriculum. Added four hours in mathematics, and we added, we made sure that every elementary teacher had to take all four sciences. They had to take a course in chemistry, physics, biology, and Earth science and a lab in all four of them.

Well, we discovered within a short spans of about four years that our scores went up dramatically from an 83% passing rate to 95-96% passing rate. In fact, there were three years in the mid-90s, three straight years where we had 100%.

But I'm saying our graduates principally go to the parishes in the... but they go all over the state, and they go outside the state. We have Teacher Recruitment Day where we'll have people from Florida, people from California, people from Texas, people from New Jersey, who come down here trying to recruit our teachers.

I've been told by the recruiters that they find two things very attractive in our students. Number one, they like the fact that our secondary students are trained in two areas. That they can't just teach one subject, but if they go to a smaller school, they're proficient in two different teaching area. And they like the fact that our elementary teachers do so well on the NTE. And lately they've been telling me they like the fact that all of them are technology literate.