

College of Education Academic Showcase

Chapter 18

Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education - Dr. E. Joseph Savoie - Effects Of USL On His Career

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Title Card: How has USL affected your career?

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie – Commissioner of Higher Education: The College of Education clearly has been of significance to me in my life. I have two degrees from the College of Education here at USL. My mother has an education degree in home economics education class of 1940. So, education and USL have been very important to me and my family for a long time and I really think that a lot of the work that I'm involved in now was fashioned originally from my exposures to some of the professors who were here when I was an undergraduate school.

I remember Dr. Robinette and Dr. Beasley and Dr. Jordan and the great care that they took to help me get a fuller understanding of the purposes of education. It was not only about certification. It wasn't just about getting a degree. It was about the good work that you could do for other people in this profession and so it's had a very impactful... had tremendous impact on me in my life and what I'm doing now just because of those experiences here.

And we've been working on a variety of initiatives. We created the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning to make significant investments in trying new teacher training techniques so that we can respond better to the conditions that we find Louisiana's elementary and secondary students in. So, our job is to try to improve the teacher preparation programs that we have on our campuses so that we have better results at elementary and secondary schools. So, there's a direct connection.

The new watchword and praise now is K16. There is no division between elementary and secondary and college, technical colleges or universities. We have to think of education as a seamless process. Moving from one step to another. Making it as easy as we can. Making sure that articulation occurs in an easy fashion for students regardless of how far they wish to take themselves.

We're also looking at education as a lifelong process, so it's not over once you get a particular degree. You should continue to learn and to upgrade your skills and upgrade your intellectual capabilities so that you can respond to whatever challenges you may face throughout your entire lifetime.