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## Chapter 26

Former EDCI Faculty Member - Dr. Juanita Cox - What Changes Have You Seen At The University?

## Transcript

**Title Card:** What changes have you seen at USL?

**Dr. Juanita Cox – EDCI Faculty:** When I first started teaching at USL, it seemed most of the students in my classes were young. They were uninvolved with families. Not that many of them were working. Now I have a lot of mature students in my classes. I have a lot of second-degree students. Students who are changing careers and coming back to become certified as a teacher.

Well, when I graduated back in about, I guess, it was about 1960, I was very much a generalist. I didn't have much specific information and I'd had very little practical application of my subject matter. I think now the students when they graduate, they're much more specialized. They have a lot more information. They've had a good bit of practical experience out in the classroom. I think they're better prepared than I was.

The biggest change I see is in writing, the quality of writing that not only the faculty can do with the word processing part of computers, but the amazing thing that children are doing in writing with computers.

I think the other change I've seen is probably the access to information that we have that we didn't used to have. Now our students feel really connected to students all over the state and all over the country. I feel connected to my profession because I can, on the Internet, visit people who are in my same job area. Talk with them. It's really increased our access to what's going on in the rest of the country. We're not isolated like sometimes we used to be and I think the kids are having that same experience. So, it's really exciting.