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Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges Named Fastest Growing in Nation

A record seventeen Louisiana Community & Technical College System (LCTCS) schools made the ranks in the "Fastest growing two-year public institution" polls conducted by Community College Week, a publication that calls itself "the independent voice covering community, technical and junior colleges."

The results were reported in the article "Squeezed; As Enrollment Surges, Funding Shrinks" in the December 1, 2008 issue. The article named the top 50 fastest growing schools in four categories ranging from "fewer than 2,500 students" to "10,000 or more students." The results were based on data collected between fall 2006 and fall 2007.

"I am so proud of our colleges and the hard work they are doing to serve our citizens by providing a quality higher education," said LCTCS President Dr. Joe D. May. "The growth of our system is critical to providing access to a competitive workforce for our state and to strengthening our overall economy."

Louisiana Technical Colleges held the top four spots in the "less than 2,500 students" category, with Louisiana Technical College, West Jefferson campus named the fastest growing two-year public college in the nation. Enrollment at the campus grew by an amazing 213.3% from 180 students enrolled in fall 2006 to 564 students in fall 2007. Overall, 15 LCTCS schools made the list in the "under 2500" category.

In the "5,000 to 9,999 enrollment" category, Baton Rouge Community College was named the 38th fastest growing public two-year college with a 7.8% increase from 6,525 students enrolled in fall 2006 to 7031 students in fall 2007. Delgado Community College was named the sixth fastest growing two-year public college in the 10,000 plus enrollment category with a 10.9% increase from 11,916 students in fall 2006 to 13,210 students in fall 2007.

Three campuses once devastated by Hurricane Katrina made the list and are continuing to make an impressive comeback. In addition to Delgado and Louisiana Technical College West Jefferson campus, Nunez Community College was named the eighth fastest growing two-year public college in the "under 2500" category with a 35.5% increase from 1,064 students in fall 2006 to 1,442 students in fall 2007.

Enrollment continues to grow within the community and technical college system. This year the system enrolled 59,506 students, a 13 percent increase from fall 2007.

Listed below are the remaining LCTCS schools that made the list:

Less than 2,500 students category:

- Louisiana Technical College, Florida Parishes campus - Rank: 2; Fall 2006 enrollment: 347; Fall 2007 enrollment: 618; Growth: 271 students; Percent Growth: 78.1%
- Louisiana Technical College, Jumonville Memorial campus - Rank: 3; Fall 2006 enrollment: 140; Fall 2007 enrollment: 203; Growth: 63 students; Percent Growth: 45%
- Louisiana Technical College, Hammond area campus - Rank: 4; Fall 2006 enrollment: 249; Fall 2007 enrollment: 344; Growth: 95 students; Percent Growth: 38.2%
- Louisiana Technical College, Bastrop campus - Rank: 6; Fall 2006 enrollment: 162; Fall 2007 enrollment: 220; Growth: 58 students; Percent Growth: 35.8%
- Louisiana Technical College, Ascension campus - Rank: 17; Fall 2006 enrollment: 259; Fall 2007 enrollment: 336; Growth: 77 students; Percent Growth: 29.7%
- Louisiana Technical College, Delta-Ouachita campus - Rank: 20; Fall 2006 enrollment: 589; Fall 2007 enrollment: 758 Growth: 169 students; Percent Growth: 28.7%
- Louisiana Technical College, Sullivan campus - Rank: 21; Fall 2006 enrollment: 854; Fall 2007 enrollment: 1080; Growth: 226 students; Percent Growth: 26.5%
- Louisiana Technical College, Tallulah campus - Rank: 26; Fall 2006 enrollment: 338; Fall 2007 enrollment: 420; Growth: 82 students; Percent Growth: 24.3%
- Louisiana Technical College, River Parishes campus - Rank: 31; Fall 2006 enrollment: 599; Fall 2007 enrollment: 735; Growth: 136 students; Percent Growth: 22.7%
- Louisiana Technical College, Oakdale campus - Rank: 33; Fall 2006 enrollment: 253; Fall 2007 enrollment: 310; Growth: 57 students; Percent Growth: 22.5%
- Louisiana Technical College, Huey P. Long campus - Rank: 34; Fall 2006 enrollment: 170; Fall 2007 enrollment: 208; Growth: 38 students; Percent Growth: 22.4%
- Louisiana Technical College, Northwest Louisiana campus - Rank: 37; Fall 2006 enrollment: 610; Fall 2007 enrollment: 741; Growth: 131 students; Percent Growth: 21.5%
- South Louisiana Community College - Rank: 37; Fall 2006 enrollment: 2424; Fall

2007 enrollment: 2944; Growth: 520 students; Percent Growth: 21.5%

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The mission of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System is to improve the quality of life of our citizens through educational programs offered through our colleges. We strive to increase the opportunity of Louisiana's workforce to succeed through skills training programs. And we work to provide our citizens with the opportunity to learn continuously. We are committed to teaching what is needed, when it is needed, and where it is needed within available resources.

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