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Looking Toward 2017: Perspectives and Predictions

Happy New Year! In celebration of the start of 2017, I thought that I would share with you the highlights of a recent blog post that has some perspectives and a few of my personal (and perhaps bold) predictions for what is in store for Louisiana Tech in the coming year. For the most part, these are some of our university's goals, hopes and dreams for the new year, but they are certainly things we will be striving to achieve throughout 2017. Above all, as a university community, we are guided by our desire for Louisiana Tech to have an impact – a national-scale impact – on those we serve across the region, state, and nation.

We are focused on creating positive and productive impacts that deliver growth, education, and economic opportunities that are as good as anywhere in the country, and that will enable our people and our region to compete for even greater opportunities in 2017 and beyond.

So, here we go! The complete blog post can be viewed at guiceblog.latech.edu. I hope you are as encouraged as I am about the new year, and the new impacts we will all make together.

Growth... We will sustain growth in our student body, surpassing 13,000 students, while producing 2,000 graduates this year for the first time in Louisiana Tech's history, and topping 100,000 total graduates over the history of our university. We know that the growth of our student body is essential for Tech to be consistently competitive as a top national public research university, and to be a magnet for talent and economic opportunity. And we will grow with increased quality and diversity.

Value... Our faculty will continue to increase the value of a Louisiana Tech degree by providing unparalleled educational experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. We will see them create more exciting interdisciplinary learning opportunities and we will continue to measure Tech's success by the success of our students and through increased graduation rates, retention rates, career placement, educational value, ROI, and national recognitions.

FLASHBACK: A FEW OF OUR 2016 IMPACTS

[Architecture faculty win national film prize for 'Rebuilding MedCamps'](#)

[TTC researchers use underground radar to locate post-Katrina damage](#)

[Louisiana Tech creates scholarship to honor first African-American students](#)

[Dogs with a Cause inspires students to read](#)

[Engineering students use 3D printing, sustainable materials to create UAV](#)

[AROS helping New Orleans PD find 'best fit' in new officers](#)

O' Tech, thy Halls so beautiful. Thy pleasant walks, thy noble trees... We will complete construction of the addition to the College of Business building and begin construction on the Engineering and Science Education building (right) to support the growth of our student body and expansion of experiential learning impacts. We will build new walkways with special attention to human-scale lighting and we will continue to plant trees and enhance landscaping throughout our campus. Ten new residential facilities nestled in the vicinity of Adams, Aswell and Graham Halls will be completed along with new parking and social spaces for student development.



Education Impacts... We will begin expanding A.E. Phillips Laboratory School to support two classes per grade while creating new learning spaces for enhancing the educational experiences for AEP students while also supporting innovative clinical residency research and learning opportunities. We will also expand our partnership with Lincoln Parish Schools and other school districts to create greater impacts on education throughout the region.

Partnerships.... We will expand our partnerships with companies in our Enterprise Campus and along the I-20 corridor. We plan to attract a couple more companies to the Enterprise Campus, possibly requiring the addition of new tenant facilities since Tech Pointe is near capacity. We will also continue to grow our partnerships with companies like CenturyLink, IBM, CSRA and others who have made the decision to grow their companies along the I-20 corridor.

Athletics Impacts... We will complete construction of the new press box and guest suites at Joe Aillet Stadium, will have the largest ever total season attendance, and will attract new corporate sponsors and partners to our campus. Our basketball teams will make noise at tournament time, softball and baseball teams will make regionals, and other spring sports teams will be winners, bringing even greater national visibility to Tech.



Ever Loyal Be... We will have more alumni and friends contribute to Louisiana Tech than ever before, while achieving the largest ever annual funds raised to support Tech's academic, scholarship, research and athletics programs. We will receive the first 8-figure gift in Louisiana Tech's history.

I hope that all of my predictions come true, and we will not lose site of our goals. We have a lot of challenges facing us, but I have never been more confident in our administration, faculty and staff, and their ability to make things happen. There is a tremendous spirit of collaboration and a common sense of purpose – a purpose that focuses on the success of our students and the future of our State.

On behalf of my administrative team, I thank you all for your support and wish you a wonderful 2017!



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