



# ***What They're Saying*** **About Accelerating Meauxmentum**

"Louisiana's economy is only as strong as the talent that powers it. Closing the gap between the skills our industries demand and the credentials our people hold is one of the most important steps we can take to position Louisiana to win. The progress made with the Louisiana Prospers goal shows what is possible when higher education, workforce and economic development move in alignment."

► **Susan Bourgeois, Secretary**  
Louisiana Economic Development



"Louisiana is entering a period of historic growth, and our workforce is the key to turning that opportunity into lasting prosperity. As more people earn credentials and take advantage of early college opportunities, we are building a future where every Louisianian has the chance to pursue a rewarding career and be part of this success story."

► **Susie Schowen, Secretary**  
Louisiana Workforce Commission



"Investment in Louisiana is accelerating, but to truly capitalize on this momentum we need strong partners in higher education to deliver the skilled workforce our industries require. By strategically aligning programs with employer needs and expanding work-based learning, our state's colleges and universities are helping to build an education-to-employment pipeline that benefits every community and ensures Louisiana prospers for generations to come."

► **Will Green, President & CEO**  
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"When our higher education leaders set this goal in 2019 it was a bold move. This is one of the most critically important goals we have set as a state in recent years. If we don't have the talent, we don't have a strong workforce, and Louisiana can't compete for the jobs that will define our future. The fact that we continue to make steady progress is proof that if we are persistent and maintain our focus on positive outcomes, we can make a difference. We are both helping our citizens and setting the stage for a more prosperous Louisiana. That is a win for everyone."

► **Barry Erwin, Chief Policy Officer**  
Leaders for a Better Louisiana



*“Louisiana Prospers demonstrates how investing in talent secures the state’s future. This forward-thinking plan is delivering measurable gains in educational attainment, workforce readiness, and opportunity for all citizens. Its success proves that Louisiana is not only preparing more graduates, but also building a stronger, more prosperous state for generations to come.”*



▶ **Dr. Rob Anderson, President**  
State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)

*“Louisiana’s Master Plan is a masterclass in systemness – the idea that when institutions, policymakers, and communities work together as one, the impact on students, the workforce, and the economy is greater than we could ever achieve on our own. Through statewide efforts like the Meauxmentum initiative, Louisiana has aligned its public higher education institutions to lift attainment and meet critical workforce needs. They are proving that higher education can be both a driver of individual opportunity and a catalyst for national prosperity. This is more than a win for Louisiana; it is a clear and scalable blueprint for how systems across the country can meet the urgent talent demands of our time.”*



▶ **Dr. Nancy Zimpher, President**  
National Association of Higher Education Systems (NASH)

*“Louisiana’s progress shows what’s possible when higher education is aligned with workforce needs. From reimagining academic planning to expanding programs in high-demand fields and making the tough decisions to sunset those that no longer serve students, the Regents are helping ensure student success while fueling the state’s economic growth.”*



▶ **Jessica Taketa, Higher Education Manager**  
Arnold Ventures

*“Louisiana continues to demonstrate that strategic investment in its colleges and universities translates to meaningful opportunities for thousands of learners and strengthens the state’s economy. We’re honored to support this transformative work, which reflects the dedication of college leaders, faculty, staff, and their community and workforce partners who are building stronger career pathways for every learner.”*



▶ **Sue Cui, Senior Program Officer — Education Philanthropy**  
Ascendium Education Group