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### **Commissioner Rallo's Stakeholder Engagement Tour a Success *Hundreds of stakeholders participate***

Baton Rouge, LA- Higher education Commissioner Joseph C. Rallo has brought his stakeholder engagement tour to a close, but says that this is just the beginning of continued conversations. "This was a great way for me to really connect with the communities and not only to meet constituents, but to really listen to their feedback on the current and future state of higher education," said Rallo. The tour made stops in all regions across the state, spanning from as far north as Shreveport to the bayou region of Houma/Thibodaux.

The primary focus of this statewide tour was to introduce the new commissioner, who began serving in this capacity on January 5, 2015, and allow him the opportunity to engage with leaders who share the common goal of creating a stronger economy through higher education.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of all of our stops on the tour," said Commissioner Rallo. "All events have been well attended, I had the opportunity to meet many constituents and supporters that are committed to the advancement of higher education, and I also made time to tour the beautiful campuses and even connect with a few students."

Commissioner Rallo also visited with many legislators and business and industry leaders that pledged their full support to higher education. In conjunction with the stakeholder engagement tour, Rallo incorporated a media component with interviews with local television, radio, and editorial boards.

As a follow-up from the overwhelming support conveyed during the tour, the Commissioner invited many of the regional leaders to Baton Rouge on June 25<sup>th</sup> for the inaugural meeting of the Commissioner's Roundtable where he provided comments on this past legislative session and conveyed his vision for higher education.

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