

“Unless your
righteousness
surpasses that of
the scribes and
Pharisees.”

— Matthew 5:20
(NASB)

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LOUISIANA COLLEGE'S 158th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Brewer to grads: 'Do hard work ... and then some'

BY AL QUARTEMONT

Special to the Message

PINEVILLE — The message Dr. Rick Brewer gave at the 158th commencement of the college he only recently became president of could not have been clearer.

“Rebel against society’s low expectations,” Brewer told the 147 graduates of Louisiana College on Saturday, May 16. “Do hard work.”

In that commencement address, Brewer not only gave the 123 undergraduates and 24 masters students a life-long charge, he may have set a tone for the future of LC, itself.

“The prevalent philosophy of our culture today is, ‘I am going to do what is the least that is expected of me and try to get the most payment for it,’” Brewer said. “In other words, minimum effort for maximum return. Shoddiness and lack of extra effort should never take place in the mind of a Christ follower.”

Brewer called on the students to live their lives under what he termed “The Rebekah Principle.” He used the example of Isaac’s future wife (Genesis 24), who not only served water for Abraham’s servants, but put in the extra effort to water the group’s



Submitted photo

Jessica Taylor of Deville was one of 123 undergraduates and 24 masters students to receive a degree May 16 during spring commencement at Louisiana College from new LC President Rick Brewer. Taylor is an elementary education major.

camels, too.

“After you’ve done what’s asked of you, you do a bit extra, you do even more,” Brewer said. “I’m here to tell you, we not only would see excellence in the market place, but the people doing the hiring would come to our churches to hire Christians. They would know we would do the job...

and then some.”

Those three words: And. Then. Some. Brewer said it will make a difference in the graduates’ lives when they go the extra mile instead of falling prey to the current culture’s mindset of only doing what is required. He

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Gov. Jindal signs executive order for religious liberty

BY PHILIP TIMOTHY
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BATON ROUGE — Hours after a religious freedom bill was struck down in committee May 20, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal moved quickly to sign an executive order that afternoon which captured both the intent and much of the language of the Louisiana Marriage and Conscience Act.



Bobby Jindal

“In Louisiana, the state should not be able to take adverse action against a person for their belief in traditional marriage,” read a statement issued from the governor’s office.

“That’s why I’m issuing an Executive Order this evening to prevent the state from discriminating against people, charities and family-owned businesses with deeply held religious beliefs that



Michael Johnson

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Father and son earn their U.S. citizenship

BY BRIAN BLACKWELL

Message Staff Writer

FLORIEN — Arturo Us Sr. is proud to be an American.

He’s reminded of that every day as he ministers to Hispanics throughout a three-parish area, preaching from the pulpit on Sundays at his church and, also, when he thinks about the United States citizenship he earned on Nov. 6.

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Arturo Us and his son, Arturo Jr., proudly display their US citizenship certificates in front of the courthouse in Alexandria. The two are pastors of Louisiana Baptist Hispanic congregations and received their citizenship during a naturalization ceremony on May 13.

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