School of Nursing at Northwestern State University, is also working on developing the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, the first of its kind at a public university in the State of Louisiana.

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The Gramblinite won 32 awards in four contests (one statewide, two regional, and one national) for student newspapers during the 2009-10 school year. These included the contests sponsored by the Southeast Journalism Conference (SEJC), the Black College Communication Association (BCCA), the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), and the Louisiana Press Association (LPA).

The Gramblinite editor-in-chief Imani Jackson was the recipient of a \$6,000 AT&T scholarship, an award presented by the Dallas Ad League in December. She was also chosen, in a nation-wide competition, to participate in the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute Multimedia Training Program in Nashville, TN.

Student-sponsored KGRM radio station, among its many public service activities, continued its annual Season of Giving campaign last Christmas time, and distributed toys and bicycles to more than 100 children in the community. Several broadcasting students, specializing in television, contributed their skills to nearly 45 ESPN regional and national telecasts during the 2009-10 school year.

Criminal Justice students, in addition to being active with professional and academic organizations in the discipline, undertook a