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Dr. Daniel D. Reneau

dR. DANIEL D. RENEAU, president since 1987 of Louisiana Tech University, is a 1963 chemical engineering graduate of the university and is the dean of university presidents in the state of Louisiana. Throughout his life as student, engineer, professor, and administrator, he has demonstrated visionary leadership while exhibiting concern and respect for students, colleagues, faculty, and the institution he serves.

As an engineer who was interested in applying engineering principles to living systems and in how technology could be used to help people with disabilities overcome barriers, he performed research that contributed significantly to the understanding of cerebral palsy and its causes.

Through his contributions to both basic research and the application of technology, Dr. Reneau has brought recognition to Louisiana Tech nationally and internationally. He has published approximately 80 technical papers in both books and journals, edited five books, and attended more than 100 international meetings and conferences. During the 1980s, while he served as vice president for academic affairs, every major campus program with an accrediting agency was accredited, and the center for biomedical engineering and rehabilitation science was established. He was named a fellow of the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America in 1989, a fellow of the



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American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers in 2001, and winner of the Newl Perry award from the National Federation of the Blind in 2002.

Dr. Reneau is a leader at Louisiana Tech, and during his tenure the university has expanded its scope with: the addition of doctoral programs in biomedical engineering and computational analysis and modeling; the implementation of selective admissions; the successful completion of a \$50-million-plus fund-raising campaign; and the achievement of I-A status for football. An institute for micromanufacturing and a technology transfer center were also founded. Since October 1990, Louisiana Tech has been cited as one of the top 200 national universities by *U.S. News and World Report*.

His nominator stated that "Because very few engineers serve as university presidents, Dr. Reneau has helped to elevate the stature of engineers as effective leaders of educational institutions. Dr. Reneau is quite possibly the most highly respected engineer in the State of Louisiana. His vision for engineering education and research has helped political, government, and industry leaders to realize the imperative for strong and sustained support. That vision has further been a driving force in elevating this institution to a continuous focus on quality and excellence."