



LEF Thirteenth Annual Teacher Awards Success!

2011 LEF Teacher Awards Finalists

Elementary
**Charla Mercier
Woodvale

Martha Baden
Alice Boucher

Ashley Savoy
St. Pius

Jill LeBlanc
Ernest Gallet

Middle
**Dawn Gary
Youngsville

Rene'e D. Terro
Paul Breaux

Eric LeBlanc
Paul Breaux

Monique Walker
L.J. Alleman

High
**Lisa Ranney
Comeaux

Ginger Miller
Carencro

Betty Compagno
Comeaux

Matt Canone
Comeaux

Inspirational
**Susan Keller
Westminister Christian Academy

Liz Leach
Broadmoor Elementary

Jenny Felder
Acadiana High

John McConnell
N.P. Moss Annex

** Top Finalist

It was an "Academy Awards" evening at the Heymann Performing Arts Center for sixteen outstanding educators in Lafayette Parish this past January. In addition to the limousines and red carpet, the sixteen finalists were welcomed with trumpets, horns and cheers by family, friends, students, and faculty. The honorees consisted of sixteen finalists in four categories: Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Inspirational. Commemorative crystal obelisks were awarded to the top finalists in each category and all sixteen finalists were awarded a commemorative crystal star and various gifts from the community. LEF would like to extend a special thanks to the selection committee members who volunteered many hours to read over 1,500 nomination letters narrowing the field from 570 nominees to 16 finalists.

Prior to the awards ceremony, in the fall of 2010, the LEF Pin Patrol committee went to 60 schools in one morning surprising each of the 570 nominated teachers with commemorative pins and ribbons. The LEF Pin Patrol, sponsored by Van Eaton & Romero Realtors and NOLA Lending Group, LLC., was made up of



volunteers from the LEF Board of Directors, Teacher Award sponsors and community participants. The initiative was created as a venue to provide additional public acknowledgement for those teachers who have been recognized by their community.

Major Sponsors of the event were Acadian Companies, Capital One Bank, Conoco Philips, Cox and Giles Automotive. Presenting Sponsor was The Daily Advertiser. Media sponsors included KLFY-TV 10, 99.9 KTDY and FACE Magazine. All 570 nominated teachers were also entered into a 7-day, 6-night vacation from Travel Machine and Lafayette Schools' Federal Credit Union.

Community Grants Support LEF Reading Initiative

Ossun, Duson and S.J. Montgomery Elementary have taken another step toward improving students' reading skills through the Lafayette Education Foundation's model program, "Matching Struggling Readers with Books that Fit." These three schools have received a combined amount of \$10,000 from Chase to further expand their collection of leveled texts, necessary for the progression of improved reading skills.

The funds donated by Chase assists over 1,800 students in grades K-2. Junior League of Lafayette donated \$3,500

to Milton Elementary/Middle. 826 students from grades K-8th will be positively affected by these funds. The Rotary Club also donated \$3,000 to Alice Boucher World Language Academy's library improving students' reading scores in grades K-5th.

In the past three years LEF funded this model reading program at fourteen schools. Of those 14 schools, nine reported that 89%-94% of their 2nd grade students are reading on or above grade level. Prior to the implementation, only 3 of the 14 schools reported reading scores above 80%. ALL schools showed an improvement; some as much as 33%.

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ReProm 2011 a Huge Success for Lafayette Education Foundation!

The Retro Groove was on as Lafayette Education Foundation presented ReProm 2011 on Saturday, March 26, at River Oaks to raise funds in support of excellence in education in Lafayette Parish schools. ReProm is Lafayette Education Foundation's signature fundraising event and is celebrating its fourth year running. This year's event definitely lived up to its mission to allow guests the opportunity to relive or recreate their high school prom while raising funds to help students achieve academic goals.

The ReProm 2011 Court successfully raised over \$100,000 in voting proceeds. These proceeds will be used to help support educators in their goal to increase the percentage of students reading on level, assist educators in providing a positive school atmosphere, while helping students connect school to the "real world" through the diversity and innovation of the LEF Grants Program.

Congratulations to the ReProm 2011 King Blane Comeaux and Queen Cherie Hebert! LEF expresses gratitude to all of the LEF ReProm Court Members, sponsors and supporters for making this event another huge success! Visit www.lefoundation.org for party pics!

LEF's ReProm 2011 Court Members were: Reed Andrus, Mark Barton, Amanda Bedgood, Bart Bernard, Robbie Bush, André Comeaux, Blane Comeaux, David Foreman, Darren Guidry, Cherie Hebert, Renée H. Helmer, Janice Comeaux LeBlanc, Diana Cash Lennon, Melanie Bienvenu Martin, Dana Topham, Chuck Vincent, Madonna Warnken and Kimberly Wooten.



Our gratitude goes out to all of the members of the 2011 LEF ReProm Court



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2011 DRIVE FOR EDUCATION

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 7TH
TEE TIME: 8:30AM



Plantation Elementary School Leadership Day

PLANTATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, "The School of Leadership", is pleased to invite the Lafayette community to LEADERSHIP DAY, Friday, November 18th. This event will be showcased at their school at 1801 Kaliste Saloom Road.

"On Leadership Day we will open our doors to the community to show off the great things that are happening here. As a school implementing the Leader in Me process we have a unique environment where the principles, practices, and habits of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People are embedded into the culture. The Leader in Me process defines school operations, permeates instructional practice and curriculum, and is the basis of the vibrant Leadership development approach for both students and staff." states Anne Herrmann, principal at Plantation Elementary.

Plantation Elementary is in their second year of a three year process, to obtain status of a Lighthouse School of Leadership. This initiative was funded by a grant from Lafayette Education Foundation with additional funding from Stuller Family Foundation. Currently, there are only 15 out of 450 Leader in Me schools in the United States with this status!

Please RSVP to LEF if you would like to experience this ground-breaking leadership culture embedded at Plantation Elementary. Call 234-3229 or email becky@lefoundation.org if you would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

9/6/11-10/28/11
Nomination for
Teacher Awards

9/14/11
LEF Charitabull
Event – All Day
At Bullritos
2201 Kaliste Saloom
Mention LEF to ca-
shier and
20% of your pur-
chase will benefit
LEF!

10/5/11
LEF day at
Walk-On's
2336 Kaliste Saloom
Get coupon from
server and LEF will
receive 10% of pro-
ceeds that day.

11/7/11
Drive For Education
Golf Tournament

11/18/2011
Plantation
Elementary
Leadership Day

1/26/12
14th Annual
Teacher Awards

5/5/12
ReProm

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Together, we are making a difference...ONE classroom, ONE teacher, ONE child at a time!

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___\$5000 (Helps to fund 1 school impact grant)

Academic Partner Friends

___\$500 (Helps provide educational services for 10 children per year)

Community Friends

___\$250 (Helps provide educational services for 5 children per year)

___\$100 (Helps provide educational services for 2 children per year)

Mastery Level Friends

___\$1000 (Helps to fund 1 of many classroom grants)

Business Friends

___\$365 (One dollar a day for education helps provide services for 7 children per year) (visit www.lefoundation.org for details)

Knowledge Friends

___\$50 (Helps provide educational services for 1 child for a year)

___\$ Other amount

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Do you know of a teacher who has made a difference in a child's life?

We encourage you and/or your child to submit letters and nomination forms for outstanding educators in Lafayette Parish for grades K-12.

They will be honored January 26, 2012. During our 14th Annual Teacher Awards.

Go to lefoundation.org to download nomination form.

DEADLINE: 10/28/11



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