

## 2018 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

The Department is proud to announce the 2018 Teacher and Principal of the Year semi-finalists. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, pushing them to achieve at the highest levels in the state.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semi-finalists will be honored at the [11th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration](#) on Friday, July 28, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

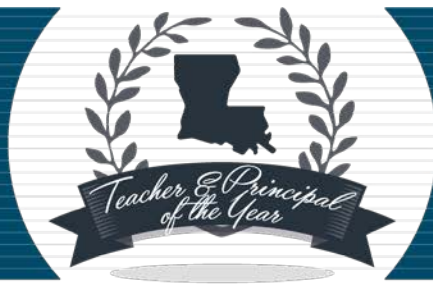


### 2018 Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists



### 2018 Principal of the Year Semi-Finalists

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| Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education, Inc. | Grant Gussman           | Ascension Parish              | Mia Edwards         |
| Allen Parish   | Chasity Hatsfelt        | Assumption Parish             | Angela Gregoire     |
| Assumption Parish                                    | Melissa Blanchard       | Calcasieu Parish              | Shannon Foolkes     |
| Belle Chasse Academy                                 | Jennifer Heard          | Cameron Parish                | Bobbye Delaney      |
| Bossier Parish                                       | Rosemary Grimm          | City of Baker School District | Lakesha Reese-Penn  |
| Cameron Parish                                       | Donna Granger           | East Baton Rouge Parish       | Cleo Perry Jr.      |
| Central Community School District                    | Shanda Besson           | Evangeline Parish             | Elizabeth Chatelain |
| Collegiate Academies                                 | Alex Bell               | Iberville Parish              | Allison Junot       |
| East Baton Rouge Parish                              | John Underwood          | Jackson Parish                | Michael Beck        |
| Edward Hynes Charter School                          | Brittany Smith          | Jefferson Parish              | Tamara Warner       |
| FirstLine Schools, Inc.                              | Lorraine Fedison-Winder | Lafayette Parish              | John Mouton         |
| Iberia Parish  | Mandi Keigley           | Livingston Parish             | Shanna Steed        |
| Jackson Parish                                       | Brenda Simmons          | Ouachita Parish               | Twainna Calhoun     |
| Jefferson Davis Parish                               | Lana Myers              | Rapides Parish                | Dewayne Vines       |



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| Lafayette Parish            | Sarah Gros       | Richland Parish                   | Sandra Jones     |
| Lafourche Parish            | Marcy Mahler     | St. James Parish                  | Julie Waguespack |
| Natchitoches Parish         | Tameka Star      | St. Martin Parish                 | Sarah Allen      |
| Orleans Parish              | Ingrid Rachal    | St. Mary Parish                   | Dawn Chaisson    |
| Rapides Parish              | Sarah Butler     | Terrebonne Parish                 | Mark Torbert     |
| St. Helena Parish           | Joshua John-Paul | Union Parish                      | David Gray       |
| St. John the Baptist Parish | Jennifer Brock   | Vermilion Parish                  | Thomas Byler     |
| Tangipahoa Parish           | Angelina Drago   | Vernon Parish                     | Rhonda Roberts   |
| Webster Parish              | Rachel White     | West Baton Rouge Parish           | Laree Taylor     |
| West Baton Rouge Parish     | Kimberly Eckert  | Zachary Community School District | Deborah Brian    |

For questions about the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs, please contact [ExcellentEducators@la.gov](mailto:ExcellentEducators@la.gov).