



2019 LOUISIANA TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2019 Teacher and Principal of the Year winners. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, pushing them to achieve at the highest levels in the state. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

The Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semi-finalists, along with Louisiana's Milken Educator Award winners, will be celebrated at the [12th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#) on Friday, July 27, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

2019 OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Spencer Kiper
Bossier Parish

Spencer Kiper is a native to Northwest Louisiana and serves as a STEM educator and advocate at Elm Grove Middle School in Bossier City, Louisiana. Mr. Kiper teaches middle school STEM enrichment to over 100 students and serves as an adjunct professor of education for Louisiana State University in Shreveport in the fields of Educational Technology and STEM Education. His passion for STEM education permeates the Shreveport/Bossier City area, and much of his free time is spent volunteering locally to build a stronger STEM and Cyber presence in his region. Mr. Kiper is an active volunteer and mentor in Civil Air Patrol, and was awarded the CAP National Aerospace Educator of the Year Award in 2016. Believing that leadership and advocacy in STEM education must begin at the grassroots level in education, Mr. Kiper is heading into his fourth full summer as a professional development specialist for the Space Academy for Educators program at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. As State Teacher of the Year, Spencer plans to model STEM instructional practices and inspire educators to engage industry and higher education at the classroom level to build a better future for our children.

2019 OVERALL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR



Dr. Eric Davis
City of Monroe School District

Dr. Eric Davis is a 20-year educator in the Monroe City School District who currently serves as the Principal at Wossman High School. As principal, Dr. Davis strives to provide avenues and opportunities for students to perform academically, as well as envision themselves as candidates for post-secondary schooling. In his first year administration, Wossman's overall school performance score was a 68.1. Immediately, Eric determined a plan to grow students while also changing the mindsets of everyone who had a stake in the school. In one short year, Wossman grew 17.3 points, resulting in a school performance score of 85.4. In 2017-2018, Wossman was named as a becoming a Top Gains School and rated the #1 public high school in the state for growth. In addition to dispelling the stigma that kids who live in a poverty stricken area could not perform at high levels, Dr. Davis also works hard to influence the lives of young people so each can have agency over their own future. As State Principal of the Year, Dr. Davis plans to share a wealth of ideas on how to increase opportunities for students on the career or university track so that all kids fulfill their God given purpose.

2019 TEACHER DIVISION WINNERS



TASHA JOLIVETTE-JONES
Elementary School - Iberia Parish



KATHRYN M. FERGUSON
Middle School - Caddo Parish



STEPHEN GOODLY
High School - Orleans Parish

2019 PRINCIPAL DIVISION WINNERS



KIM CANEZARO
Elementary School - Pointe Coupee Parish



DR. HOLLY CASTILE
Middle School - Cameron Parish



MRS. VICTORIA MCMULLEN-DUNN
High School - East Feliciana Parish

2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



SUSAN MINGEE
Concordia Parish



CAITLIN MEEHAN-DRAPER
FirstLine Schools



KEYRE' BRADFORD
Lafayette Parish



ELIZABETH R. GREGORIE
Richland Parish



KRISTEN D. BRUCE
Vernon Parish

2019 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



AMANDA MORRISON
Grant Parish



CHRISTINA FONTENOT
Jefferson Davis Parish



PAM PRUDEN
Lincoln Parish



RAMICA ROBINSON
St. Landry Parish



RHONDA VACCARO
Tangipahoa Parish

2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

DARLA C. GIROIR
Assumption Parish

JOSHUA BEARD
Beauregard Parish

REGINA MANNING
Claiborne Parish

CHERYL WHITE
DeSoto Parish

EMILY DEFOE
East Baton Rouge Parish

HEATHER DEMORUELLE
Evangeline Parish

JESSICA SCHWALB
Jefferson Parish

JESSICA BONURA
Livingston Parish

JULIA CAMPBELL
Sabine Parish

JENNIFER MALDONADO
St. Bernard Parish

MICHEL DELATTE
St. John the Baptist
Parish

HOLLIS WILSON-DAVIS
St. Mary Parish

SONYA GEORGE
Union Parish

JESSICA WALKER
West Feliciana Parish

**SHINITA
HONORA-BETHELY**
Zachary Community
School District

2019 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

MELANIE CHAPMAN
Allen Parish

LORI CHARLET
Ascension Parish

DONNIE LOVE JR.
Beauregard Parish

JESSE SCOTT
Caddo Parish

AVA LEE
FirstLine Schools

ADELINE Y. LOUPE
Iberville Parish

DARLENE TURNBULL
Jefferson Parish

KARA MASLING
LaSalle Parish

LISA VIGE
Ouachita Parish

JEMI L. CARLONE
Plaquemines Parish

MICHAEL KENNEDY
St. James Parish

**DR. WANDA
JONES PHILLIPS**
St. Martin Parish

JEANINE H. BARNES
St. Tammany Parish

CASANNAH MOSES
Terrebonne Parish

JOHNNY BOSLEY
Vernon Parish

2017 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD WINNERS



ANGELA BOXIE
Lafayette Parish



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