



## 2021 LOUISIANA TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2021 Teacher and Principal of the Year winners. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, guiding them to achieve at the highest levels in the state. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semi-finalists were honored at the 14th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Gala Celebration, which was held virtually during Awards Week this year. This exciting event was co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

*Congratulations to these outstanding educators!*

### 2021 OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR



*Nathalie Roy*

East Baton Rouge Parish  
Twitter: [@MagistraRoy](#)

**Nathalie Roy** teaches Roman technology, classical mythology, and Latin at Glasgow Middle School in East Baton Rouge Parish. Her classes feature interactive lessons about the ancient Romans and Greeks infused with STEM, a unique curricular idea that has afforded her many grant opportunities. Roy is a graduate of public school in Avoyelles Parish where both her parents were teachers. Roy studied classical archaeology at the American Academy in Rome (as a Fulbright Scholar) and at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. A National Board Certified Teacher, Roy has published articles on Roman technology with Cambridge University Press and the American Classical League, with whom she has partnered during the pandemic to offer free, live-stream, hands-on lessons on Roman technology. Although most of Roy's students had never been exposed to classical mythology, under her instruction 63% of students at Approaching Basic or Basic rose to 89% at Mastery or Advanced. Additionally, her Latin students went from 60% at Approaching or Basic to 100% Mastery or Advanced. Dedicated to service and citizenship, Roy is a longtime volunteer with Girl Scouts Louisiana East where she leads two troops. As a life-long Girl Scout, she strives through teaching to be a person of courage, confidence, and character who makes the world a better place.

### 2021 OVERALL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR



*Alnata Dione Bradford*

Vernon Parish  
Twitter: [@ADBrad1](#)

**Alnata Dione Bradford** is the principal of Parkway Elementary School in Vernon District. She is the proud daughter of two Louisiana educators who share a combined total of 65+ years of teaching experience. Her parents instilled in each of their five children the importance of faith, love, and education. Bradford began as the assistant principal of Parkway in 2016, and was appointed principal in 2017. Parkway is located near an Army installation in Fort Polk, LA. The school houses 580 students in Grades 1-4, and is over 90% military affiliated. On average, Parkway tends to gain or lose five-seven students monthly due to military deployments or station reassignments. Despite the challenges of a transient population, Bradford remains resilient and ensures that notable learning impact is made for all students. Under her leadership, Parkway was recognized as an "A" school in 2017. Parkway was recognized last year as a Louisiana "Top Gains" school with 10.1 growth points and was also honored for receiving the most growth in the district with an SPS increase of 9.6 points. Previously, Bradford taught 3rd grade at West Leesville Elementary for 15 years. She received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Southern University A&M College and her masters in Educational Leadership from McNeese State University.

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## 2021 TEACHER DIVISION WINNERS



**ANGELLE BOURGEOIS**

Elementary School – St. Charles Parish



**TRINETTE WALLACE**

Middle School – Lafourche Parish



**KATE YOUNGBLOOD**

High School – Orleans Parish

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## 2021 PRINCIPAL DIVISION WINNERS



**RACHELLE BROWN**

Elementary School – Vermilion Parish



**DENNIS STEWART**

Middle School – Rapides Parish



**JEREL BRYANT**

High School – Orleans Parish

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## 2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**PAMELA SORENSONN**

Lafayette Parish



**BABYLYN ABOGADO**

Madison Parish



**WILLIAM (HUNTER)  
HARRIS**

Morehouse Parish



**BRIDGET BERRY**

Pointe Coupee Parish



**CARRIE VARINO**

Vermilion Parish

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## 2021 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**KIMMIE SMITH**

Bossier Parish



**JAMES WELLS**

Caldwell Parish



**JASON BEBER**

Jefferson Parish



**JARRAD RIVERS**

Sabine Parish



**SHERI JONES**

St. Tammany Parish

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## 2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

**TABITHA ADAMS**  
Ascension Parish

**CASSIE THOMPSON**  
Beauregard Parish

**MALLORY COOPER**  
Bossier Parish

**JENNIFER UNDERWOOD**  
Calcasieu Parish

**SHANTAE WILLIAMS**  
City of Monroe School  
District

**SAMANTHA FIELDER**  
Concordia Parish

**NAKIA GRAHAM**  
DeSoto Parish

**KAYLA SHIRLEY**  
Franklin Parish

**JEFF RICHARD**  
Grant Parish

**ERICA BONIN**  
Iberia Parish

**RACHELLE MORRIS**  
St. James Parish

**BRENDA OWENS**  
Tensas Parish

**JESSICA DEON**  
Vernon Parish

**JOSH BEAVERS**  
Webster Parish

**GEORGIA ANNE  
FREEMAN**  
Zachary Community  
School District

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## 2021 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS

**NILES RICHE**  
Assumption Parish

**TOM THOMAS**  
Caddo Parish

**RANDY YELLOTT**  
Calcasieu Parish

**MAEGAN BROWN**  
Central Community  
School District

**SHALIKA SCOTT**  
East Baton Rouge  
Parish

**RITCHIE TOLAR**  
Jackson Parish

**RORY MYERS**  
Jefferson Davis Parish

**MANDY BROWN**  
Lincoln Parish

**BRYAN WAX**  
Livingston Parish

**SANDY BATES**  
Ouachita Parish

**MARIA PROUT**  
Plaquemines Parish

**MITCHELL FONTENOT**  
St. Landry Parish

**TIFFANY FRANCIS**  
St. Martin Parish

**CHASITY COLLIER**  
Tangipahoa Parish

**SHARRI MCGUIRE**  
Terrebonne Parish

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## 2019 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD WINNERS



**JENNIFER WILLIAMS**  
Jefferson Parish



**STEVEN GAMACHE**  
Orleans Parish