



2021 LOUISIANA TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2021 Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists. 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 will be honored at the 14th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration, which will be held virtually this year. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!



2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Kate Youngblood	Benjamin Franklin High School
Nathalie Roy	East Baton Rouge Parish
Pamela Sorenson	Lafayette Parish
Trinette Wallace	Lafourche Parish
Babylyn Abogado	Madison Parish
William (Hunter) Harris	Morehouse Parish
Bridget Berry	Pointe Coupee Parish
Angelle Bourgeois	St. Charles Parish
Carrie Varino	Vermilion Parish

2021 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Bossier Parish	Kimmie Smith
Caldwell Parish	James Wells
Collegiate Academies	Jerel Bryant
Jefferson Parish	Jason Beber
Rapides Parish	Dennis Stewart
Sabine Parish	Jarrad Rivers
St. Tammany Parish	Sheri Jones
Vermilion Parish	Rachelle Brown
Vernon Parish	Alnata Bradford

For questions on the Teacher and Principal of the Year program, please contact ExcellentEducators@la.gov.