



2023 LOUISIANA TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2023 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 Semifinalists will be honored at the 16th Annual Excellent Educators Awards Gala that will be held at the World War II Museum in New Orleans on the evening of July 30, 2022. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!



2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Bossier Parish	Gabriel Gafford
City of Monroe School District	Matthias Drewry
Iberville Parish	Ebony C. Williams
Lake Charles Charter Academy	Sonja Renee Davis
Ouachita Parish	Jaimie L. Mosley
St. Bernard Parish	Justin Templet
St. Charles Parish	Brittany Bonnaffons
Terrebonne Parish	Emily Tuttle
Vernon Parish	Katie D. Hines



2023 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Ascension Parish	Michael V. Hilton III
Claiborne Parish	Heather Brooks
DeSoto Parish	Tamela Phillips
Jefferson Parish	Ira R. Wilson
Lincoln Parish	Jenny T. Blalock
Orleans Parish	Sharon Latten Clark
St. Charles Parish	David Schexnaydre, Jr.
St. Tammany Parish	Seu Hee Ledet
Vermilion Parish	Angela Godwin

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