



# Louisiana Students of the Year

2024 Honorees

## Overview

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) recognizes that many outstanding students are enrolled in public, nonpublic or charter schools throughout Louisiana. To acknowledge these accomplishments, the Department, in conjunction with the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), annually honors one incredible fifth-, eighth-, and twelfth-grade student based on their leadership, academic performance, achievements, citizenship and service to the school and community.

This year, school systems across the state submitted Students of the Year candidates for the zone-level process. From this impressive group, the Department is proud to announce the 2024 Louisiana Students of the Year.

In addition to announcing the state-level honorees, all Students of the Year Finalists were celebrated and honored at the 2024 Students of the Year Award Ceremony, held virtually on May 8. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

## 2024 Overall Students of the Year

- Elementary School Student of the Year
  - Bhavik Reddy Kondala, Caddo Parish
- Middle School Student of the Year
  - Madilyn Nichole Whitmore, East Baton Rouge Parish
- High School Student of the Year
  - Zachary Evans Cryer, Bossier Parish

## 2024 Students of the Year Finalists

- 2024 Students of the Year Grade 5 Finalists
  - Adeline Reddit, Beauregard Parish
  - Cecilia Anne Hollier, Jefferson Davis Parish
  - Qiaoya "Georgia" Wang, Lafourche Parish
  - Kendall Vaughn, Livingston Parish
  - Ansley Elder, Rapides Parish
  - Dylan Graffeo, St. John the Baptist Parish
  - Elise Federico, St. Tammany Parish
  - Dean Cicero, West Baton Rouge Parish

- 2024 Students of the Year Grade 8 Finalists
  - Luka Mikaberidze, Caddo Parish
  - Alvin Su, Hynes Charter School
  - Hyacinth Williamson, Jefferson Davis Parish
  - Lillianna Rose, Ouachita Parish
  - Tyren Austin, St. Mary Parish
  - Sasha Mardon, The Willow School
  - Helen Lavassuer, West Feliciana Parish
- 2024 Students of the Year Grade 12 Finalists
  - Ali Habib, Lafayette Parish
  - Evan Louviere, Lafourche Parish
  - Hannah Buckley, Ouachita Parish
  - Sean Baltazar, St. Charles Parish
  - Josi Lemelle, St. Landry Parish
  - Jaelyn Graham, St. Tammany Parish
  - Lauryn Smith, Washington Parish