



2026 Students of the Year Regional Honorees

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the **2026 Students of the Year Regional Honorees**. In conjunction with the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the Department recognizes outstanding fifth, eighth, and twelfth-grade students who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, academic performance, achievements, citizenship, and service to the school and community through the Students of the Year program. Regional honorees were selected through public, charter, and nonpublic zone reviews per each BESE region. From this outstanding group of students, one honoree per BESE region will be named a finalist. Finalists will be announced later in the school year and celebrated at an awards ceremony where the overall honorees, one per grade level, will be named.

GRADE 5 REGIONAL HONOREES

Acadia Parish	Rylie Allyn Fontenot
Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	Ava Victoria Alleman
Ascension Parish	Ryan Michael Sweeney
Bayou Community Academy Charter School	Piper Grace Callais
Beauregard Parish	Carlin Leann Clanton
Bienville Parish	Jaylee Erin Hough
Bowling Green School	Lucy Elizabeth Thompson
Caddo Parish	Sanil Savita Thorat
Calcasieu Parish	Catherine Jane Harrison
Calvary Baptist Academy	Lainey Grace Beaty
Cameron Parish	Journey Elizabeth Fontenot
Cedar Creek School	Vaida Luvie Carroll
Central Community School System	Joyce Emmanuel M. Nkabyo
Claiborne Parish	Emery Claire Edwards
Delhi Charter School	Peyton Evangeline Pruitt
Delta Charter Group	Grace Marie Marling

GRADE 8 REGIONAL HONOREES

Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	Luciano Marin
Algiers Charter School Association	Tra'neisha Leaza Tennessee
Allen Parish	Josie Sinclair Williams
Ascension Parish	Scarlett Itzel Morales
Assumption Parish	Emma Grace Evans
Bayou Community Academy Charter School	Owen John Breaux
Beauregard Parish	Niyati Dokwal
Beekman Charter School	Paul Liam Hurst
Bossier Parish	Hadleigh Anne Fulghum
Bowling Green School	Madison Lea Voth
Calcasieu Parish	Caroline Jolie Harrison
Cedar Creek School	Ainsley Grace Bridges
Central Community School System	Benjamin Patrick Wall
Delta Charter Group	Kayden Levi Freeman
East Baton Rouge Parish	Olivia Yuyang Peng
Evangel Christian Academy	Kyper Lane Stewart

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East Baton Rouge Parish	Bryan Gosa
East Carroll Parish	Zalayah Kellis Green
Ecole Saint-Landry	Jaxon Joseph Robin
Elan Academy Charter School	Lilyann Marie-Grace Roller
Hamilton Christian Academy	Arrington Leslie Kibodeaux
Hosanna Christian Academy	Byron Dewayne Jenkins
Houma Christian School	Olivia Lynn Blum
Hynes Charter School Corporation	Reese Angelina Poree
Lafourche Parish	Luke Joseph Bourgeois
Morris Jeff Community School	Louisa Mabel Segraves
Old Bethel Christian Academy	Emma Quinn Merchant
Ouachita Parish	Jake Elliott Creel
Plaquemines Parish	Zaria Shanel Bartholomew
Pointe Coupee Parish	Ellie Frances Dabadie
Pointe Coupee Private School System	Davin James Hartman
Rapides Parish	Evangeline Marie Hilton
Riverside Academy	Blaze Michael Falgoust
Sabine Parish	Audrey Marie Faust
St. Charles Parish	Akshay Elangovan Parasuraman
St. James Parish	Harrison Clifford Copponex
St. John the Baptist Parish	Carmen Grace Roussel
St. Mark's Cathedral School	Charlotte Lourdes White
St. Martin Parish	Landon John Fenroy
St. Mary Parish	Maximus Alexander Moffett
St. Tammany Parish	Brix Peyton LaFontaine
Tangipahoa Parish	Lani Danielle Traylor
Terrebonne Parish	Harper Grace Giroir
The Willow School	Ruth Simons Graves
University View Academy	Kaiyah Elise Magee
Vermilion Charter Academy	Emarie LaRue Greer
Vernon Parish	MaryClaire Dupree Ratliff

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Hamilton Christian Academy	Claire Catherine Snider
Hosanna Christian Academy	Zyon A. Dillard
Houma Christian School	Kayson Brielle Besharatpour
Hynes Charter School Corporation	Siya Amit Patel
Jackson Parish	Amelia Fae Staggs
Jefferson Davis Parish	Kadence Alycee Lilley
Jefferson Parish	Arivan Subramanian
Lafayette Parish	Shya Angelle Hebert
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	Nicholas Adam Lafrenierre
Lafourche Parish	Jaxon Christopher Arnold
Lincoln Parish	Kaejha Mary-Anne Christine Stewart
Morris Jeff Community School	Elizabeth Sharon Rose
Natchitoches Parish	Khloe Morgan Kaufman
Old Bethel Christian Academy	Kyleigh Jean Jeffery
Ouachita Parish	Andrew 'Andy' Christopher Powell
Pointe Coupee Private School System	Emma Grace Thibodeaux
Riverside Academy	Elijah Mitchell Wilson
Sabine Parish	Vivian Leigh Campbell
Southern University Lab School	Bryleigh Reese Seals
St. Bernard Parish	Grace Eleanor Dewey
St. Charles Parish	Kenidee Anaia Miranda
St. James Parish	Aubrey Louque
St. John the Baptist Parish	Derron Christopher Cook, II
St. Mark's Cathedral School	Gabrielle Elise Thomas
St. Mary Parish	Hank Oliver Percle
St. Tammany Parish	Robert Elton Ryals IV
The Willow School	Emaliya Hannah-Ziva Finger
University View Academy	Payge Alyce Celestin
Vermilion Charter Academy	Liam Joshua Pool
Washington Parish	Tanner James Prats
West Baton Rouge Parish	Kendall Kylan Wishom

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West Baton Rouge Parish	Erin Leeann Johnson
Zachary Community School District	Lorynn Lynette Jackson



GRADE 12 REGIONAL HONOREES

Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	Kylee Elizabeth Broussard
Ascension Parish	Alex Cale Guillot
Beauregard Parish	Briley Ashlyn Green
Benjamin Franklin High School	Nicolas Aldana Huelga
Bossier Parish	Kang-Sahn Joshua Noh
Caddo Parish	Brexton Reece Lopez
Calcasieu Parish	Kathryn Elizabeth Armentor
Calvary Baptist Academy	Samuel Matthew Ponder
Cedar Creek School	Catherine Grace Calvert
Delhi Charter School	Julia Kate Pylant
Delta Charter Group	Luke Andrew Hargis
East Carroll Parish	Ja'Nya K'Lyce Powell
Evangel Christian Academy	Ava Kate Reeme
Evangeline Parish	Charlee Clare Smith
Franklin Parish	Eli Spence Rogers
Hamilton Christian Academy	Jayden Ciera LaVergne
Houma Christian School	William Henry Vyas
Jefferson Davis Parish	Isabel Kate Carbalan
Jefferson Parish	Christine Tseng
Lafayette Parish	Lincoln Trumps
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	Olivia Claire Vanicor
Lafourche Parish	Madelyn Mari Kaurin Fossum
Lake Charles College Prep High School	Amiah Renee Dugas
Lincoln Parish	Melissa An Le

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West Carroll Parish	Callie Elizabeth Kovac
West Feliciana Parish	Betsi Kate David
Zachary Community School District	Easton Peter Olivier

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Livingston Parish	Rachel Lena Henry
LSU Laboratory School	Bradley O'Neal Goodson
Morris Jeff Community School	Kasha Inayu Moran
Old Bethel Christian Academy	Dustee Jo Tucker
Plaquemines Parish	Cormille Aljah Jones
Pointe Coupee Private School System	Preston Harold Guillory
Richland Parish	Olivia May Malmay
Riverside Academy	Sophie Ann Milioto
Sabine Parish	Allie LaRae Tarver
St. Charles Parish	Cecilia Jean Cody
St. James Parish	Erron Javon Hickerson Jr.
St. John the Baptist Parish	Basjia Jihari Baxter
St. Martin Parish	Benjamin Mark Ellender
St. Mary Parish	Lily Caitlyn-Jean Viator
St. Tammany Parish	Beija Flor Lopes-Morgan
Tangipahoa Parish	Carly Madison Montz
The Willow School	Sally Gertrude Marshall
University View Academy	Charles Andrew Fountain
Vernon Parish	Tyler Noble Wood
Washington Parish	Zion Donell Jenkins
West Baton Rouge Parish	Jordien Prince Green
West Feliciana Parish	Jared Lashaun Lane, Jr.
Zachary Community School District	Amara Cindy Nwabueze