

LOUISIANA TEACHER & PRINCIPAL of the Year

2026 Louisiana Teacher & Principal of the Year Semifinalists

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2026 Teacher and Principal of the Year semifinalists. 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 semifinalists will be honored at the *19th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala*, which will be held at the World War II Museum on the evening of July 26, 2025. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!



2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALISTS

Allen Parish	Heather Cross
Ascension Parish	Tante Poche'
Beauregard Parish	Rebecca Snead
Bienville Parish	Leslie Mauthe
Central Community School District	Jahnice Johnson
City of Bogalusa School District	Chad Harry
City of Monroe School District	Katherine Willrich
East Baton Rouge Parish	Christopher Frazier
Evangeline Parish	Melanie Soileau
Hynes Charter School Corporation	Carla Bringier-Mason
Iberville Parish	Donna Michelet
Jefferson Davis Parish	Aaron Beaubouef
Lafayette Charter Foundation	Pamela Breaux
Lafayette Parish	Brittany Hebert

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Assumption Parish	Dr. Corey Crochet
Bossier Parish	Jennifer Burris
Caddo Parish	Nicolas Cunningham
Calcasieu Parish	Denise Whitley
Claiborne Parish	Dr. Alexandria Feaster
DeSoto Parish	Anesha Ross
East Baton Rouge Parish	Kyle Fontenette
East Feliciana Parish	Kimberly Glascock
Franklin Parish	Michael Young
Iberia Parish	Jodi Romero
Lafourche Parish	Lisa Boudreaux
Lincoln Parish	Christopher Jones
Livingston Parish	Justin Wax
Natchitoches Parish	Armetrice Williams

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Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation	Bianca King
Plaquemines Parish	Erin Cosse
Red River Parish	Toni Rodgers
Richland Parish	Kelli White
Sabine Parish	Lois Carnline
St. Bernard Parish	Caroline Miller
St. Martin Parish	Ali Angelle
Vermilion Parish	Whitney Myers
West Feliciana Parish	Delanea Buffalo
Zachary Community School District	Regena Beard

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Ouachita Parish	Rusty Farrar
Rapides Parish	Pamela Walker
St. Charles Parish	Rebecca Matherne
St. James Parish	Hollie Folse
St. Landry Parish	Brandon Singleton
St. Tammany Parish	Christian Monson
Tangipahoa Parish	Dr. Anna Faye Caminita
Terrebonne Parish	Tonia Cook
Vernon Parish	Lisa Haymon
West Baton Rouge Parish	Walt Lemoine

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