

2018-2019 Teacher Leader Advisors

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana educators who have been selected as 2018-2019 Teacher Leader Advisors!

Teacher Leader Advisors play a critical role in creating tools and facilitating professional development for fellow Louisiana educators.

Teacher Leader Advisors:

- Create instructional and assessment resources, such as the ELA Guidebooks and EAGLE items,
- Participate in the Department’s Instructional Materials Review process, and
- Lead sessions at the Teacher Leader Collaboration Events and the annual Teacher Leader Summit.

For more information about Teacher Leader Advisors, please visit our [website](#) or contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov.

First Name	Last Name	District
Courtney	Andrews	St. Mary
Karen	Bean	Bossier
Otylia	Benson	Orleans
Shelly	Bihm	Bossier
Leslie	Birdon	Ouachita
Sydney	Bryant	East Baton Rouge
Judith	Cain	Lafayette
Jessica	Carman	Rapides
Sara	Chaddock	Jefferson
Clayton	Chauvin	Vermilion
Ivory	Clark	RSD - NOCP
Laurie	Condon	Zachary
Heather	Day	East Baton Rouge
Bianca	Deliberto	Zachary
Megan	Dessauer	St. Charles
Kristy	DeTiege	RSD - Choice Foundation
Sean	Dimond	InspireNOLA
Marissa	Doherty	West Feliciana
Julie'	DuBois	Iberia
Mabrouck	Faradj	East Baton Rouge
Liliel	Fraley	Ouachita
Christolyn	French	Caddo
Sherise	Gassery	Recovery School District
Ashley	Holliday	Bossier
Kimberly	Howell	Bossier
Amy	Huber	Central
Katherine	Jensen	KDHS (Jefferson Parish Charter)

Alissa	Kilpatrick	Desoto
Loren	Klein	Lafayette
Shauna	LeBlanc	Lafayette
Angela	Lee	West Baton Rouge
Shylia	Lewis	Orleans
Tana	Luther	Ascension
Erin	May	Bossier
Meredith	McGovern	Bossier
Meredith	McMullen	Bossier
Patrice	Mire	Vermilion
Jamie	Mixon	Tangipahoa
Diann	Moran	Ascension
Kathryn	Murray	Recovery School District
Lisa	Nance	Caddo
Rod	Naquin	St. Charles
Tosha	Neill	Bossier
Karen	Parrino	Livingston
Megan	Pavageau	Einstein Charter Schools
Chandra	Phillips	Caddo
Allison	Post	RSD - FirstLine
K. Renae	Pullen	Caddo
Meredith	Rhoads	Rapides
Keith	Rhodes	Bossier
Vickie	Santostefano	St. Tammany
Michelle	South	St. Mary
Meredith	Starks	Bossier
Bridgette	Sullivan	Rapides
Molly	Talbot	Pointe Coupee
Lauren	Trahan	Vermilion
Leslie	Vedros	Jefferson
Tara	West	West Baton Rouge
Missy	Wooley	Lincoln

Courtney Andrews

Courtney Andrews earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University. Ms. Andrews has been a high school social studies and English teacher in St. Mary Parish for eleven years. Currently, she teaches World History and Dual Enrollment in U.S. History. Additionally, she teaches World History and U.S. History for the St. Mary Parish Virtual Learning Program. Ms. Andrews is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and has helped develop instructional calendars for district use in World Geography. As a Teacher Leader Advisor, she has developed World Geography instructional tasks for teachers, and for the past three years, served on the Instruction Materials Review team evaluating textbook and supplemental resources. Ms. Andrews has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Karen Bean

Karen Bean earned a Master of Arts in Teaching with a school librarian certification from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Bean has been a school librarian in Bossier Parish for two years. Prior to that, she served in Caddo Parish as a school librarian for three years and as a fifth-grade teacher for six years. Mrs. Bean is currently a member of the Louisiana Library Association and the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, where she serves on the James O. Modisette Review committee. She has presented multiple times at conventions and workshops around the state. This is Mrs. Bean's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Otylia Benson

Otylia Benson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Benson is serving in her first year as the English Program Coordinator for Choice Foundation Charter Schools in Orleans Parish. Prior to that, she was a Division Head and taught seventh and eighth grade English language arts at Lafayette Academy Charter School for six years. For two years, she has been a Cadre facilitator at Choice Foundation, responsible for the planning and delivery of eight professional development sessions per academic year aimed to support teachers in curriculum development and integration of digital literacy in their classrooms. Mrs. Benson has worked as a mentor teacher for Xavier University students through the Believe & Prepare Educator Grant Program. She has also participated in the ELA Teaching Fellow Cohort through The New Teacher Project. Her path in education began as a teachNOLA Fellow during the summer of 2012. In 2017, she was a member of an assessment development educator review committee for the state focused on item content and bias for English language arts grades 6-8. She served on another assessment review committee in 2018 focused on item alignment for grade 3. Mrs. Benson was selected as a Content Leader for English language arts in 2017 and she has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past three years.

Shelly Bihm

Mrs. Bihm holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Louisiana Tech University. She is currently serving as an Instructional Coach at Bellaire Elementary in Bossier Parish. She has ten years of instructional experience in all upper elementary level content areas as well as five years of experience teaching middle school science. She has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for elementary science for two years as well as on multiple other state and district level committees such as the Data Recognition Corporation's Item-Bias Committee and Range Finding Committee and the Bossier Parish Schools' Science Common Assessment & Pacing Guide Committee. Mrs. Bihm was selected as Region VII Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2012.

Leslie A. Birdon

Ms. Leslie A. Birdon is an award-winning National Board certified educator with over 25 years of experience which includes both rural and urban settings. Ms. Birdon currently is a TAP Master Teacher in Ouachita Parish. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Microbiology with a minor in Chemistry as well as a Master of Arts with an emphasis in Science Education from the

University of Texas. Ms. Birdon advocates at the school, district, and state level to help write and implement standards and curriculum as a District Lead Science Teacher for 3 years and State Science Teacher Leader Advisor for 2 years. She has presented over 20 times throughout the United States on various topics related to scientific inquiry, literacy, Response to Intervention, effective data analysis, professional learning communities, instructional coaching/mentoring, and school improvement for such organizations as the National Science Teachers Association. She is a published author that has recently written a national blog for the Achieve the Core website called Welding Literacy into Scientific Instruction.

Sydney Bryant

Sydney Bryant earned a Master of Education from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Bryant currently teaches 7th and 8th grade gifted English language arts. She also taught 2nd grade for ten years where she helped plan English language arts supplemental activities according to grade level and the Louisiana Student Standards. Mrs. Bryant serves as the head of the Eighth Grade English Department where she conducts the weekly Professional Learning Community meetings. She is on the Eighth Grade Planning Committee and helps decide the activities for graduating eighth graders. Mrs. Bryant has been a Teacher Leader for the past year.

Judith S. Cain

Judith S. Cain earned a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, with a specialty area of professional development, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is National Board Certified in Early Adolescent Math. Dr. Cain taught middle school math for 35 years and is currently the Resource math teacher at Edgar Martin Middle School in Lafayette for grades 5-7. She was the Lead Math Teacher for Lafayette Parish for 14 years and has served on textbook committees for the state and the parish. She was on the state GLE committee for middle school math and has been on many state testing committees. Dr. Cain is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Math and the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Math, as well as being a member of the Association for Supervision of Curriculum and Development. She has presented at the local, state, and national levels at math conferences, and has been the professional development facilitator for the math teachers in several parishes in Louisiana. Dr. Cain is state certified as a Teacher Leader and was a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the 2018-2019 year.

Jessica Carman

Jessica Carman earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Carman is the Assistant Principal at Northwood (a PreK-12 school) in Rapides Parish. In her 11 years at Northwood, she has taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade and spent one year as a Lead Teacher while earning her master's degree. She has been the Assistant Principal for the past three years. As a teacher, Mrs. Carman taught all subjects at each grade level but her main area has been math. She served on the district's math team providing professional development for the implementation of the Eureka math curriculum and led the rollout for all 6th-grade teachers in the parish. Mrs. Carman has attended several Student Achievement Partners conferences with a focus on the math standards and even collaborated and presented at the math portion of the 2017 Louisiana Catalyst Convening in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Carman has served on both the Item Alignment and Data Review Committees for the Leap Educational Assessment Program for the past three years. Mrs. Carman has been a Teacher Leader Advisor since 2013, spending most of this time as an Eagle Math Assessment Writer but has also led professional development of differentiated instruction in the math classroom. Currently, as an advisor, Mrs. Carman is writing math Eagle items and working with the math Instructional Materials Review team.

Sara Chaddock

Sara Chaddock earned her Master of Education degree from the University of New Orleans. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in Special Education with a focus on Early Intervention from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Chaddock has been a Special Education School Support Coordinator for Jefferson Parish Schools for the last year. Prior to that, she taught

students who are deaf and hard of hearing in first through fifth grade for ten years, was a special education chairperson, the Academic/Behavior Intervention Team chairperson, and a mentor for new special education teachers. Ms. Chaddock taught in all subject areas but has specialized in English language arts. She is currently a member of the Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children and has had a student poster presentation at their convention. Ms. Chaddock has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the last two years.

Clayton Lane Chauvin

Clayton Lane Chauvin earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mr. Chauvin has been the eleventh grade American History teacher at Kaplan High School in Vermilion Parish for the past three years. Mr. Chauvin has worked as a motivational speaker for teachers throughout both Vermilion and Lafayette Parish. He served on 2018-2019 range finding committee and is currently a teacher leader advisor for the state of Louisiana. Mr. Chauvin was selected as his school's Teacher of the Year in 2018.

Ivory Clark

Ivory Clark holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Spelman College and Master of Arts in Teaching (General Education & Special Education) from Xavier University of New Orleans. She is the Assistant Principal at Crocker College Prep in New Orleans. She has taught Science and Social Studies at the elementary and middle school level and served as a 504 Coordinator, Instructional Manager, and Assistant Principal in New Orleans for the past eight years. Ms. Clark has created assessments for grades 3-8 at her charter network and supported staff through mentor teaching and work as a grade level chair. She was a fellow in the Leading Educators program and has reviewed Social Studies Instructional Materials for the past four years with the Louisiana Department of Education. In addition, she has created Item and Task Sets for staff across the state.

Laurie Condon

Ms. Condon holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland where she also earned her Reading Specialist Certification. Ms. Condon has been a National Board Certified teacher as an Early Childhood Generalist since 2006. She is currently the Teacher of Instructional Support for Northwestern Elementary but has taught a variety of grades from Kindergarten through Fifth for 16 years. A two-time Teacher of the Year winner, Ms. Condon serves on numerous committees and curriculum development teams both for her school and her district. She was instrumental in developing summer STEAM camps that supported hundreds of learners investigating science, technology, engineering, and math while integrating art. Ms. Condon is a LEGO Master Educator and fully believes in the power of playing well in all classrooms. She is also a National Geographic Certified Educator, which unites her with a global community of educators that she uses to impact her students as she seeks to develop the next generation of explorers, conservationists, and global citizens.

Heather Day

Heather Day graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and the President's Medal Award of Excellence from Southeastern Louisiana University. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in the East Baton Rouge Parish school system. Mrs. Day has been teaching Louisiana History for eight years and is a Content Leader and Teacher Leader at Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet School and enjoys mentoring student teachers every semester. She has written assessments for the district for the past three years. Previously, Heather has taught middle school English language arts and various content for third, fourth, and fifth grades over her fifteen years in education. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader for the state and her district and she is looking forward to many more!

Bianca Deliberto

Bianca Deliberto earned primary and secondary degrees, including a Ph.D. in Science Education, from Louisiana State University. Dr. Deliberto has been a science and social studies curriculum specialist in the Zachary Community School District for two years. Prior to that, she completed eleven years in the classroom, focused on science and social studies, teaching grades two, three and four. Dr. Deliberto currently serves on the Achieve Science Peer Review Panel, most recently facilitated the Nintendo Labo Classroom with the Institute of Play Program and has participated in the Engineering is Elementary STEM Professional Development training. She has National Board Certification and has presented at many national and state science conferences. She currently serves as the Region 2 Representative for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. Dr. Deliberto was a member of the Louisiana State Standards for Science Workgroup and Committee and has also worked with the Department of Education since 2015 as a Teacher Leader Advisor for social studies and science. She has served as a member of the Instructional Materials Resource team and is currently a part of the Eagle item team for science. In addition to this, Dr. Deliberto has participated in the content/bias review meetings for the Department of Education for the Social Studies LEAP 2025 assessment and has been a content reviewer for the Louisiana Department of Education for the Science LEAP 2025 Field Test.

Megan Dessauer

Megan Dessauer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and an alternative certification at the secondary education level in Biology from the University of New Orleans. Mrs. Dessauer is currently the teacher facilitator of technology for science grades 6-8 in St. Charles Parish. She taught Biology I and II in a high school classroom for eight years. Mrs. Dessauer has worked closely with professional learning community members to create and implement differentiated common formative assessments which were used to guide instruction. She has facilitated professional development sessions for implementing data-driven instruction in science classrooms. She has been a member of the instructional materials review team for the Louisiana Department of Education for the past two years. In addition, last year she co-presented for the high school Biology session at the Teacher Leader Summit. Mrs. Dessauer has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years.

Kristy DeTiege

Kristy DeTiege earned a Master of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in Elementary and Special Education from the University of New Orleans. Ms. DeTiege has been a special education resource teacher in New Orleans for six years. She specializes in providing special education instruction in math to students who have mild/moderate disabilities in grades 5-8. In 2014, she assisted with the development of her district's 8th-grade math curriculum. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. DeTiege was named a Louisiana Teacher Leader Advisor in 2018.

Sean Dimond

Mr. Dimond earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Secondary Education and History from Northeastern Illinois University. He is currently the English and Social Studies Instructional Coach at Alice M. Harte Charter School, and for the past five years has taught 7th and 8th grade. Mr. Dimond taught English and Social Studies in both Chicago Public Schools and Chungnam-do, South Korea for a combined six years. Last year, Mr. Dimond was responsible for curating and creating a social studies curriculum for InspireNOLA charter schools. Mr. Dimond became a Teacher Leader in 2018 and has assisted in creating social studies assessment items for EAGLE.

Marissa Doherty

Marissa Doherty earned a Bachelor of Arts in English for Secondary Education and has been the English I and English II instructor at West Feliciana High School for the past year. She was previously the 7th grade English language arts teacher at West Feliciana Middle School and has presented on Diverse Learner Support at the annual Teacher Leader Summit. She also piloted Diverse Learner Support in her 7th-grade classroom. Ms. Doherty has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for three years. As an advisor, Ms. Doherty evaluates curriculum materials, updates the English language arts Guidebooks, develops scope and sequence for English language arts Guidebooks, and develops and facilitates professional development sessions.

Julie' DuBois

Julie' DuBois earned a Master of Education and a Master of Biology from Louisiana Tech University. Ms. DuBois has been the high school science teacher in Iberia Parish for 11 years. She is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association, the National Science Teachers Association and is helping restart the Louisiana Association of Science Leaders. Ms. DuBois has helped write science district assessments for biology, physics, and chemistry as well as present district level science curriculum training for six years. This year she has been on the district level biology curriculum writing team. Ms. DuBois has been her school's Teacher Leader for eight years and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years.

Mabrouck Faradj

Mabrouck Faradj earned a Doctor of Education degree from Northcentral University with a Specialization in Curriculum and Teaching. He also earned a Certificate of Mathematics Education Specialist, a Master of Science degree, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He earned a Master of Public Administration, certification from the National Board Professional Teaching Standards in Mathematics/Adolescence-Young Adults, and certification in Gifted Education/Mathematics. He also earned a teaching certificate from Sylvan University in Mathematics, English language arts, and Study Skills. For the past 17 years, Mr. Faradj taught a variety of mathematics courses at the collegiate and high school levels such as Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, College Algebra/Trigonometry, High school Algebra I/II, High School Geometry and Geometry for Elementary Teachers. His teaching experience includes middle school and elementary mathematics and he currently teaches mathematics at McKinley High School. He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council of Mathematics Teachers and has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past year.

Liliel Fraley

Liliel Fraley earned a Bachelor's of Science in Education with a double major in Special Education K-12 and Elementary Education K-8 with endorsements in Bilingual Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, Mathematics K-8 and English language arts K-8 from New Mexico State University. For the last two years, Mrs. Fraley has been a Special Education Teacher in a resource classroom at East Ouachita Middle School, where she has taught 6th through 8th grade. Prior to this, Mrs. Fraley completed her Student Teaching Block in a bilingual K-4 Academic Skills Classroom in New Mexico as the lead teacher. Additionally, she taught English as a Second Language to the community and educators of San Jose, Costa Rica. Mrs. Fraley has attended state and regional conferences and training for Core Subjects and Special Education. She has presented in the Don and Sarah Kidd Literacy Conference in New Mexico and has been part of the National Education Association and The Council for Exceptional Children since 2016. Mrs. Fraley is a 2018-2019 Teacher Leader Advisor.

Christolyn French

Christolyn French earned an Educational Specialist degree with concentrations in Instruction, Curriculum, and Leadership from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. Ms. French is currently completing her first year as Assistant Principal of Instruction at Caddo Middle Career and Technology School in Caddo Parish. She began her teaching career in 2010 as a high school Biology teacher in Caddo Parish. Ms. French then completed a five-year tenure in DeSoto Parish serving as a middle school science teacher, physical education teacher, and track and basketball coach before returning to Caddo Parish in 2017 as a high school science Master Teacher. She assisted with curriculum and instruction and provided cluster learning based on the needs of both students and teachers in order to enhance student achievement and teacher efficiency. Ms. French has worked with the assessment division of Teacher Leader Advisor with a focus on science assessment items for upper elementary and middle school grades.

Ashley Holliday

Ashley Holliday is a certified secondary mathematics teacher and earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Louisiana Tech University. Miss Holliday has been teaching math at Benton Middle School in Bossier Parish for the past six years and has been the math department chair for four years. In addition to her school leadership, Miss Holliday has been a pivotal part of the planning and delivery of various content training to middle school math teachers throughout Bossier Parish. She has completed training through the Louisiana Department of Education to become a Content Leader for secondary mathematics. Miss Holliday is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and was named Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teacher for 2017 by the association. For the past three years, she has been a Teacher Leader Advisor and has worked as a member of the instructional materials review committee. Miss Holliday was named Benton Middle School's Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020 and advanced to become Bossier Parish Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020.

Kim "Lovie" Howell

Kim "Lovie" Howell earned a Bachelor of Arts plus a Kindergarten and Library Science certification from LSU Shreveport and LA Tech in Ruston, LA. Mrs. Howell has been the Librarian at Stockwell Place Elementary in Bossier Parish for eight years. Prior to that, she taught fourth grade in a self-contained classroom for nine years, kindergarten for five years, preschool for one year, and third grade for one year. Mrs. Howell is currently a member of the Louisiana Library Association and has presented at multiple conferences. She has been named the 2nd Vice President-elect of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians where she serves on the Standards Committee and is a liaison for the Louisiana Department of Education. Mrs. Howell also serves on the James O. Modisette for Elementary Libraries and was named Louisiana Association of School Librarians Librarian of the Year for 2018. Mrs. Howell is the President of the Bossier Parish Association of School Librarians and is on the committee to rewrite the Bossier Parish Guidelines for School Librarians. For the past three years, Mrs. Howell helped rewrite the Louisiana Library Guidelines and works with the Louisiana Department of Education to update them yearly. This year, she was a Teacher Leader Advisor helping with guidebooks and has previously presented at several Teacher Leader conventions.

Amy Huber

Amy Huber holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Huber is currently the Science Lab instructor for first and second-grade students at Tanglewood Elementary School in the Central Community School System, where she serves as the Science Coordinator for the school. Prior to that, she served in Central Schools as a teacher for ten years following a year as a Pre-K teacher. Before the Central School System was established, Mrs. Huber added Early Childhood Certification to her existing K-8 teaching certificate and worked as a Pre-K teacher in the diocese of Baton Rouge, serving as lead teacher for the Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) Program at St. Isidore Catholic School. This position followed three years of teaching fourth grade at Sharon Hills and eight years of teaching third and fourth grade at Greenville Elementary, both in East Baton Rouge Parish School System. She is a member of the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) and has attended conferences in New Orleans and San Francisco, bringing back

information to present to her school system. She has been on the science curriculum team for her school for five years, and on her district science team for one year. Mrs. Huber began as a state Teacher Leader Advisor in January of 2019.

Kate Jensen

Kate Jensen earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the American College of Education. Ms. Jensen has been teaching at Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy, a Jefferson Parish charter school, for the past five years. She also serves as the math department head for the high school division and one of the grade-level 504 coordinators. She has taught mathematics for ten years in Louisiana. In addition to her teaching credentials, Ms. Jensen has also worked in the publishing field as a writer, editor, and product developer for math products K-university including major curriculum texts and assessments. She has served on state committees for standards development and recently served on committees for range-finding and data analysis for the LEAP 2025 Algebra 1 and Geometry End-of-Course exams. She has served on curriculum-selection teams for East Feliciana and Orleans parishes and as a Teacher Leader for KDHSA and Lake Area New Tech Early College High School. Ms. Jensen currently is serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor writing additional items for Algebra 1 content in Eagle 2.0.

Alissa Kilpatrick

Alissa Kilpatrick earned a Master of Education degree with certification in Special Education from Northwestern State University. Mrs. Kilpatrick has been the special education master teacher for Desoto Parish schools for the last two years. She was an ELA master teacher at North Desoto Upper Elementary for two years. Prior to her master teacher position, Mrs. Kilpatrick was an ELA teacher in Desoto Parish for three years. Mrs. Kilpatrick is a 2018-2019 state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Loren C. Klein

Loren C. Klein earned a master's degree in Gifted Education from Arkansas State University. He is the eighth grade academically gifted science teacher at Paul Breaux Middle School in Lafayette Parish and has taught middle school science and social studies for over a decade. Mr. Klein is currently a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the National Association of Gifted Children. Mr. Klein helped write district assessments and presented professional development for middle school science and social studies, and in 2017 was a member of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science middle school workgroup. Last year Mr. Klein was a member of the middle school science item bias review and rangefinding committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. He has been on the middle school review team as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Shauna LeBlanc

Dr. Shauna LeBlanc earned a Doctorate in Leadership and Administration from Capella University and is currently the itinerant Assistant Principal for Duson and L. Leo Judice Elementary. She was the science specialist for Lafayette Parish for two and a half years and a classroom teacher for nine and a half years with experience in teaching 8th grade Earth Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, and Biology. Dr. LeBlanc also serves as the Secretary for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has presented at the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Louisiana Teacher Leader Conference. She was a member of the Louisiana Science Standards Scope and Sequence Committee for Biology and participated as a biology state test item bias review committee member in 2018. Dr. LeBlanc has been a Louisiana Teacher Leader for the past 2 years, serving as a science Instructional Materials Review Committee member.

Angela Lee

Angela Lee earned her Master of Education with a concentration in middle school, special education from Northwestern State University in May 2017. Mrs. Lee has been a special education teacher at Devall Middle School in West Baton Rouge

Parish for five years. Previously, Mrs. Lee was a special education paraprofessional for eight years at Devall Middle School before taking time off to earn a bachelor of science in elementary education and special education at Louisiana State University. At her school, Mrs. Lee serves as the cheerleading coach and head of the special education department. Mrs. Lee has presented at Louisiana Computer Using Educators' (LaCUE) annual conference, as well as smaller LaCUE conferences, for the past five years. She has also presented at the Louisiana Council for the Social Studies conference in 2018. Over the past two years, she has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor creating Diverse Learner Guides and scopes for English language arts Guidebooks. In her free time, she volunteers as the Family Readiness Group Leader for the 1021st Engineer Company, a company within the Louisiana Army National Guard, and has earned the title of Armed Forces Insurance, Military Spouse of the Year for the Louisiana National Guard in both 2018 and 2019.

Shylia Lewis

Shylia Lewis earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Lewis has been a fifth grade English language arts teacher for five years. Prior to that, she was an English language arts teacher Interventionist for one year as well as a Paraprofessional for seven years with Choice Foundation, and a guest educator for five years with Orleans Parish School Board. Ms. Lewis is currently an English language arts teacher, Lead Teacher, and a Fifth Grade Chairperson for Choice Foundation Kerlerec Site. She is currently in the Louisiana Department of Education Mentor Training Program and has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for one year.

Tana Luther

Tana Luther holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership. She has been a 6th-grade science teacher at Galvez Middle School for one year. Mrs. Luther has a total of ten years of experience in education with nine of those at Galvez Middle School and one year in leadership training at Lowery Middle School. Mrs. Luther has taught 7th grade Math and Science as well as Algebra 1 and was an instructional coach for two years, but spent most of her time as an 8th-grade science teacher. Tana has served on district benchmark writing team for the past six years including two years as a facilitator. Mrs. Luther has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for two years during which time she presented at the state Teacher Leader Conference.

Erin May

Erin May earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Louisiana State University in Shreveport and her library certification from Northwestern State University. Mrs. May has been the librarian at Elm Grove Middle School for two years. Prior to that, she taught second grade for seventeen years at Sun City Elementary. Mrs. May is currently a member of the American Library Association and the Louisiana Association of Educators. For many years, Mrs. May has served on several academic and leadership committees. This is her first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Meredith McGovern

Meredith McGovern holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history and will finish her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Louisiana Tech University in May 2019. Mrs. McGovern has been teaching Social Studies at Parkway High School, in Bossier Parish for ten years. Prior to teaching in Louisiana, Mrs. McGovern taught in Oklahoma for three years and one year in Houston, Texas. Mrs. McGovern is a member of the Louisiana Council for Social Studies and regularly presents at conferences on topics such as; The Globalization of Classrooms and Teacher Fellowships. Mrs. McGovern is a 2015-2016 Teachers for Global Classrooms Fellow with the United States Department of State, a 2018 Transatlantic Outreach Program Fellow with the German Goethe Institute, and was named a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar by the German-American Kommission in 2017. Through her work with the U.S. Department of State, Mrs. McGovern is the author of a global education guide for the state of Louisiana. For the past four years, Mrs. McGovern has served Bossier Parish by writing common formative assessments and curriculum materials for AP Government and Politics, US History and AP

European History. Mrs. McGovern has served on the Instructional Materials Review committee for the Louisiana Department of Education since 2018 and has been a Teacher Leader at her school for the past four years.

Meredith McMullen

Meredith McMullen earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Louisiana Tech University and is currently working on her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Miss McMullen is currently a Highly Effective 2nd-grade math and science teacher at W.T. Lewis Elementary in Bossier City, Louisiana. She is certified in Pre-K – 5th grade and has taught for nearly six years with experience in both 1st and 2nd grade. She is the leader of her school's Math Leadership team, a member of her school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team, holds her Educational Leader Level 1 certification, is a Level 2 Google Certified Educator, and was selected from her school faculty to serve as a Mentor Teacher. Miss McMullen has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for one year where she created math Eagle assessment items for Kindergarten – 2nd-grade students across the state of Louisiana.

Patrice Mire

Patrice Mire earned a Master of Education plus 30 in Administration and Supervision from McNeese State University. Ms. Mire has been a curriculum facilitator and the district test coordinator in Vermilion Parish for ten years. Prior to that, she taught middle school science for three years and high school chemistry, physics, physical science, and Biology II for twenty years. Ms. Mire is currently serving as president of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. She is also a member of the Louisiana Association for Science Leaders. Ms. Mire served as a member of the workgroup and a committee member for the Louisiana Student Standards for Science. Ms. Mire has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years.

Jamie Mixon

Jamie Mixon earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Mixon is also National Board Certified in Literacy: Reading-language arts/Early and Middle Childhood. Mrs. Mixon has been the Lead Teacher at Woodland Park Magnet School in Tangipahoa Parish for the past year. She taught fourth-grade math and served in various leadership roles at her previous school of twelve years in Tangipahoa Parish. Mrs. Mixon has presented at the district and state level at various conferences including the annual Louisiana Science Teachers Association Conference and the Louisiana Conference for Computer Using Educators. Over the past five years, Mrs. Mixon has helped write math assessment items and align curriculum in both math and science at the school and district level. Mrs. Mixon served at her previous school as a Teacher Leader for three years and has served as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years.

Diann Moran

Diann Moran earned her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University and Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University. Dr. Moran currently teaches fifth grade English language arts and social studies. She taught Ascension Parish students in grades one through five for fifteen years, English language arts for nine years, social studies for twelve years, and has served as an instructional coach at the middle school level. Dr. Moran also served in the United States Air Force during the Gulf War. She has assisted with writing English language arts curricula for the National Network of Digital Schools and has attended Louisiana mentor training. She serves on her school's leadership team, district benchmark writing team, and has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor since 2018.

Kathryn Murray

Kathryn Murray earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology degree and a teaching certification from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Ms. Murray has been the Science Instructional Manager for the past two years at Crocker College

Prep in Orleans Parish. Prior to that, she taught fifth through eighth grade for six years with New Orleans College Prep Charter Schools. She successfully completed the two-year Leading Educators fellowship in 2017. This is Ms. Murray's first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor and she serves on the Instructional Materials Review team for middle school science.

Lisa Nance

Mrs. Nance holds a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology degree from Louisiana Tech University. Working as a certified medical technologist sparked her desire to be an educator in science. Mrs. Nance went on to complete her alternative certification in 2003 and followed up with her master's degree in Educational Leadership and a plus 30 certification in 2011. Mrs. Nance has taught science for the past 15 years in chemistry, biology, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, physical science, and earth science. Mrs. Nance has been the Biotechnology Magnet Coordinator at Southwood High School for the past five years. In 2014, she left the classroom to serve as the 6-12 Science Curriculum Instructional Specialist for Caddo Parish Schools. Mrs. Nance also served on the workgroup to develop new science standards for Louisiana and since the adoption of the new standards in March of 2017, she has worked with the Louisiana Department of Education to create companion documents for the new science standards to support students with exceptional disabilities. Mrs. Nance served on the committee creating scope and sequence documents for high school biology and wrote several assessment items to support the standards for EAGLE. The Caddo STEM Summit Team, of which Mrs. Nance is a member, was recently chosen as one of 22 teams from across the country to work alongside mentors at the Smithsonian Institute and Shell Oil Company to develop a plan to increase the number of STEM teachers in Caddo Parish Schools.

Rod J. Naquin

Rod J. Naquin earned a bachelor's in Communications from the University of New Orleans and an alternative teacher certification from Nicholls State University. Mr. Naquin serves as the Staff Development Coordinator at Hahnville High School in St. Charles Parish. He taught tenth and eleventh grade English language arts for seven years and is currently a member of the Louisiana Reading Association. He represents a first-cohort English language arts Content Leader with the Louisiana Department of Education and has designed, facilitated and delivered many professional learning experiences in St. Charles Parish and across the state of Louisiana since 2016. Mr. Naquin has been a Teacher Leader for the past two years and has crafted diverse learner supports and currently serves on the secondary English language arts instructional materials review team.

Tosha Neill

Tosha Neill earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Louisiana Tech University with an English as a Second Language certification from Louisiana State University at Shreveport. Mrs. Neill has been the fifth grade Math and Science teacher in Bossier Parish for the past three years. She also taught fifth-grade math and science classroom for six years in both Caddo Parish and Cypress Fairbanks ISD in Texas. Mrs. Neill serves on the NEXUS for Science Education Leadership team and is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. Last year, Mrs. Neill presented at both the Teacher Leader Summit and Louisiana Association of Mathematics Teacher/Louisiana Science Teacher conferences. She served on the Content and Bias Review committee and the Data Review for the Assessment Development Educator Review Committee for fifth-grade science. Mrs. Neill has served on the fifth grade Science Curriculum Team for Bossier Parish for the past year. This is Mrs. Neill's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Karen Kelley Parrino

Karen Kelley Parrino earned her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University in Elementary Education. She earned her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and plus 30 certification with a Teacher Leader Endorsement and a Reading Specialist certification from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches Louisiana. Ms. Parrino has taught kindergarten for 20 years in Watson, Louisiana. She taught in a first-grade self-contained classroom for seven years. Ms. Parrino is currently a member of the National Science Teachers Association's Preschool and Elementary Science Committee.

She has presented at the Teacher Leader Summit, several Louisiana Science Teachers Conferences, several Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana Conferences and several Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers Conventions, as well as three National conventions. She is an America Achieves Fellow and has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the National Council on Teacher Quality for the past two years. For six years, Ms. Parrino has served as a Teacher Leader for the State Dept. of Education. She was a member of the new science standards (LSSS) workgroup and steering committee. Prior to that, she served on the ELA standards revision committee. She was the Louisiana Science Teachers Association's Elementary Science Teacher of the Year for 2015-16 and the Ag in the Classroom Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2017. She was a finalist for the Norman Saurage Service Award in 2016. She has been on curriculum writing teams in Livingston Parish and at the state level.

Megan Pavageau

Mrs. Pavageau holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Sociology with a Minor in African American Studies. Currently, she is completing her Master's thesis in Pan-African Studies. Megan completed TeachNOLA to obtain her Middle School English certification. Megan has been working as an educator in New Orleans since 2016. She currently works for Einstein Charter Schools as the Director of Literacy. Megan looks forward to starting her second year on the Instructional Materials Review team.

Chandra Phillips

Chandra Phillips earned a Master of Business Administration plus 30 with a post master's Educational Leadership certification from the North Western State University. Mrs. Phillips currently serves as the secondary social studies curriculum administrator for Caddo Parish Schools. She served as a Master Teacher of the Social Studies department at Booker T. Washington and Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy. During those three years, she worked collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students to support student cognition through the design of challenging and innovative activities that address the diverse interests and needs of students. This included planning and facilitating professional development, evaluating teacher performance using the TAP rubric, and analyzing school-wide data as a basis for developing school plans. Mrs. Phillips was selected by the Louisiana Department of Education to be a Teacher Leader Advisor for 2018-2019. She has served on the Louisiana Department of Education Social Studies Range finding Committee, Content/Bias Committee, and Standards Setting Committee for LEAP 2025 United States History. As a US History Teacher at Booker T. Washington, she implemented an effective instructional program that fostered a learning environment that increased her students US History EOC proficiency from 14% to 60% and increased US History EOC passing scores to 88%. As a JAG Specialist at Fair Park High School, she researched and facilitated the application process for funding opportunities for college-bound students, resulting in over \$163,000 scholarship awards for Fair Park's 2017 graduating seniors who were featured on the local news.

Allison Post

Allison Post earned a bachelor's of science degree in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology from the University of Washington. She has been the Director of Science with FirstLine Schools in Orleans Parish for the past two years. Prior to that, she taught science in grades 5-7 for three years and Physical Science and Biology for three years in Orleans Parish. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

K. Renae Pullen

K. Renae Pullen earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Ms. Pullen has been the elementary science specialist for Caddo Parish Public Schools for five years. Prior to that, she was an elementary classroom teacher for 16 years. She is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees. Besides being a dedicated science educator in Caddo, Ms. Pullen has served on

several local, state, and national committees as well as presented at numerous workshops and conferences. She was a member of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science workgroup that developed the new science standards, and she currently serves as a member of the Board on Science Education for the National Academies of Sciences. Ms. Pullen has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past year.

Meredith Rhoads

Meredith Rhoads is in her 17th year in education. Mrs. Rhoads earned a master in Education Leadership. For the last 6 years, she has been an Elementary Math Curriculum Specialist in Rapides Parish. Mrs. Rhoads works with K-5 teachers from 32 different Elementary schools within Rapides. Prior to that, she has taught grades K-4 in all subject areas. Mrs. Rhoads is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and has presented at the last LATM conference. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader for the Math IRM reviewing different math curriculums.

Keith Rhodes

Keith Rhodes earned a Master of Arts in Teaching Plus 30 from Centenary College. Mr. Rhodes teaches 4th-grade math at Bossier Elementary in Bossier Parish and has been in this position for the past 4 years. Mr. Rhodes is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and is completing his work as a Louisiana Department of Education Mentor Teacher. Mr. Rhodes serves as his grade-level team leader and as a teacher leader at the district and school level. He has served as a presenter in his local school district and at his school. He also serves as the Robotics Team sponsor at Bossier Elementary. Mr. Rhodes just finished his first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Vickie Santostefano

Vickie Santostefano earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida in August of 2013. Dr. Santostefano has been a teacher for 24 years and has taught English, Math, Social Studies and Science in grades 3rd through 8th. Currently, Dr. Santostefano teaches 8th grade English/language arts at Monteleone Junior High in Mandeville, Louisiana. Prior to her current position, she worked in one of the largest school districts in the nation, Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida. While in Orlando, Dr. Santostefano worked with the lowest 25% of students. She also served on the Textbook adoption committee, as well as wrote the End of Course exam for her content area. Prior to this position, Dr. Santostefano was involved with the startup of two new schools in Central Florida, where she provided input and support curricula decisions for the school. While working in Arkansas, Dr. Santostefano worked closely with state and local districts to create Individual Academic Plans for all students using available technology. In addition, Dr. Santostefano wrote the district curriculum for K – 6 State required Arkansas History units. Over her twenty-four years in education, Dr. Santostefano has created, served on, or participated in countless committees and professional development opportunities.

Michelle South

Michelle South earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. Ms. South is currently the Assistant Principal of Morgan City Junior High School. Prior to that, she taught AP Psychology, Honors United States History, Civics and World Geography at Morgan City High School. Ms. South has written the St. Mary Parish assessment for Civics and Free Enterprise, helped to write the parish United States History scope and sequence, and has written the Credit recovery exams for Civics and Free Enterprise. She has also helped to write the Civics instructional calendar for St. Mary Parish schools. Last year, Ms. South was a member of the United States History item review and bias for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. Ms. South is also qualified as a Teacher Mentor and has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the High School Social Studies Instructional Materials Review for the past 4 years.

Meredith Starks

Meredith Starks is a National Board Certified Teacher from Bossier Parish. She graduated in 2003 from Arizona State University with her BA in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Starks has been teaching third grade at Bellaire Elementary School in Bossier Parish for the past 10 years. Prior to that, she taught fourth grade GT in Houston, Texas. Meredith is currently a LEAD Fellow with Stand for Children and a Louisiana Core Advocate. For the past six years, she has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor working exclusively with elementary Guidebooks and has facilitated Guidebook training. She was featured in *Education Week* for her involvement in writing and teaching the Louisiana Guidebooks for third grade. In 2015, Meredith was on the state standards review team which wrote the Louisiana Student Standards for math. Last year, she completed the LDOE Mentor Teacher program, and she currently helps to facilitate Content Leader training. She also currently serves on her district's science curriculum team.

Bridgette Sullivan

Bridgette Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University at Alexandria. Mrs. Sullivan has been the third grade Science/Social Studies teacher at Ruby Wise Elementary School in Rapides Parish for three years. Prior to that, she taught third-grade Mathematics for eight years, in a fourth-grade self-contained classroom for a year and in a second-grade self-contained classroom for two years. Mrs. Sullivan is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She has redelivered several grade 3 Eureka Math Rollouts for her district and has lead two state-level sessions at the Louisiana Teacher Leader Collaborations. In 2017, Mrs. Sullivan was one of six teachers from Louisiana that teamed up with the Louisiana Department of Education and Khan Academy to take part in the Khan Academy Topics Foundation Project (Eureka Math grade 3). Last year, she was a member of the Mathematics Constructed Response Tasks, English language arts grade 3 Content and Bias Item Review, Math 3-5 Data Review, grade 3 Science Content and Bias Item Review, and grade 3 Social Studies Content and Bias Item Review Committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program 2025. Mrs. Sullivan has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years and is currently serving as a Team Leader for her team.

Molly Talbot

Molly Talbot earned an Education Specialist degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She is currently a District Professional Development Coach for the Pointe Coupee Parish School System. Mrs. Talbot has been a lead for Science professional development this year as it relates to the new Louisiana Student Standards for Science. Previously, she taught third through fifth grade Gifted in the Zachary Community School District, where she was honored as Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2015. Mrs. Talbot has published two books of standards-based lessons through Prufrock Press and the College of William and Mary's Center for Gifted Education. She has capitalized on these experiences to help her in her role as a member of the Instructional Materials Review Committee for Science this year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Lauren Trahan

Lauren E. Trahan graduated with a Liberal Arts degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and has received certification in English language arts for grades 4-12. She currently teaches English II, is an ELA State Lead for Louisiana Core Advocates, and a Fellow of STAND for Children. She is completing the final two components of her National Board Certification and will complete her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northwestern State University in the Spring of 2020. Lauren served on the LEAP 2025 review committee and currently reviews curriculum for Louisiana public schools. She has proudly served as a Teacher Leader Advisor since its inception, believing there is nothing more beneficial to the profession than quality teacher collaboration and is a founding developer of Guidebooks 1.0.

Leslie Vedros

Leslie R. Vedros holds a Master of Education in Early Childhood degree, leadership certification and a reading specialist certification from the University of New Orleans. Mrs. Vedros also received National Board Certification in the area of Early Childhood Generalist. She has been an early childhood teacher in Jefferson Parish for thirty-one years. Mrs. Vedros is currently a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for women educators. Mrs. Vedros has been a member of her school's Teacher Leader Team and has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Tara West

Tara West earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies from Louisiana State University, completed the Alternative Certification Program for Elementary Grades 1-8 at Louisiana State University, and obtained certification to teach middle school mathematics. Mrs. West has been a mathematics teacher at Devall Middle School in West Baton Rouge Parish for six years. She was a specialist for the Jobs for America's Graduates programs at Port Allen and Brusly High School for three years and Assistant Director for Mathematics for the Louisiana Systemic Initiative Program at the Louisiana Board of Regents for two years. She taught seventh and eighth-grade mathematics and English at Livonia High School for five years and is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She has been her school's Teacher Leader for the past six years and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for three years.

Missy Wooley

Missy Wooley earned a Master of Education plus 30 in Administration and Supervision from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Mrs. Wooley has been the STEM Director for Lincoln Parish for the past year. Prior to that, she was an education consultant with the Louisiana Department of Education for two years. She served as an administrator for three years, and she taught high school science for twenty years. Mrs. Wooley is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association, National Science Teachers Association, and the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association. She has presented at multiple conferences and provides professional development for science teachers across the state. She is a presenter for the OpenSciEd Middle School Pilot Program and is an adjunct faculty member for Louisiana Tech University where she teaches a science methods course for elementary teachers. Mrs. Wooley has been her district's Teacher Leader and state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past year.