

## 2021–2022 Teacher Leader Advisors

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana educators who have been selected as 2021–2022 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 [classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov](mailto:classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov).

Margaret Acree, Ouachita  
Mandi Adams, Lafourche  
Tiffani Asbill, Jefferson  
Lacey Bass, Rapides  
Donna Baudoin, Ascension  
Amber Bellard, Calcasieu  
Maggie Boos, Jefferson  
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Dana Bourgeois, Ascension  
Phobe Boutte, Vermilion  
Nakia Breaux, Iberia  
Natasha Briscoe, West Baton Rouge  
Barbara Brown, Ouachita  
Jaquita Brown, Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy  
Kristen Burke, Jefferson  
Kenisha Callahan, Tangipahoa  
Belinda Cambre, Louisiana State University  
Jennifer Campbell, Orleans

Jacquelyne Carter, Orleans  
Kesha Carter, St. John  
Keisha Ceasar, East Baton Rouge  
Beth Clause, Lafourche  
Iyana Connors, Jefferson  
Erin Davis Barker, Natchitoches  
Tyler Dean, Richland  
Bianca Deliberto, Central Community  
Brittany Dement, Orleans  
Cynthia DiCarlo, Louisiana State University  
Tiffany Doerr, Zachary Community  
Jammie Dowden, Baton Rouge  
Diocese/Tangipahoa  
Julie DuBois, Iberia  
April Durand, Rapides  
Lorita Eichelberger, East Baton Rouge  
M. Faradj, East Baton Rouge  
Carmen Faul, Evangeline  
LaDazha Ford, Ascension

Marcie Frazier, Ascension  
 Elise Frederic, Ascension  
 Jennifer Frederick, Beauregard  
 Michelle Grantham-Caston, East Baton Rouge  
 Jennifer Green, St. Charles  
 Meggan Guillory, St. Landry  
 Steven Guillory, Calcasieu  
 Analiezel Hall, St. Tammany  
 Iris Harris, Lafayette  
 Lauren Hatley, Lafayette  
 Lindsay Hebert, Ascension  
 Lainey Hodge, Ouachita  
 Christina Holland, University View Academy  
 Kim "Lovie" Howell, Bossier  
 Michelle Hudson, Orleans  
 Rebecca Huff, Franklin  
 Samantha Hughes, Tangipahoa  
 Jessica Hunter, Ouachita\*  
 Stacie Hutchens, St. Charles  
 Amanda Ingargiola, Jefferson  
 Karen Jackson, West Feliciana  
 Tiffany James, St. Martin  
 Tammy Johnson, Lincoln  
 Tiffany Johnson, Orleans  
 Sara Johnston, Lincoln  
 Lateasha Joiner, Tangipahoa  
 Amanda Jones, University View Academy  
 Aaron Jura, Orleans  
 Stephanie Kaltenbacher, Ascension  
 Angela Kimbrough, Desoto  
 Felisha King, East Baton Rouge  
 Erin Kizziar, Lafayette  
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 Liza Kostreva, Orleans  
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 Emelie Martin, East Baton Rouge  
 Kylie Martin, Lafourche  
 Melinda "Mindy" McCleskey, Ascension  
 Jaimie McQuarn, Ascension  
 Stacey Meehan, Jefferson  
 Gretchen Michel, St. Tammany  
 Kelly Miller, St. Tammany  
 Farrar Modisette, Bossier  
 Anita Morgel, St. Mary  
 Marva Muhammad, City of Monroe  
 Whitney Myers, Vermilion  
 Lisa Nance, Caddo  
 John Neal, Rapides  
 Priya Norris, Rapides  
 Justin Overacker, City of Monroe  
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 Carla Powell, West Baton Rouge  
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 Jennifer Rabalais, Regina Coeli Child  
 Development Center  
 Skye Reynolds, Richland  
 Laurie Richard, Ascension  
 Andrea Richardson, East Baton Rouge  
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 Kathryn Robinson, Rapides  
 Erica Rosher, Jefferson  
 Emily Schaumburg-Smith, Desoto  
 Alyce (Ann) Sehon, Special School District  
 Jennifer Sibley, Livingston  
 Sylvia Simmons Cloessner, Calcasieu  
 Brian Simpson, LSU Lab School  
 Terri Simpson, Calcasieu  
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 Dorian Stewart, East Baton Rouge  
 Simone Stutes, Acadia  
 Macy Terrebonne, St. Charles  
 Kelly Vollmer, Tangipahoa

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Shauna Walters, East Feliciana  
Arionne Washington, Orleans  
DeEtte Wick, Louisiana Tech University  
Katie Wilcox, Lafourche  
Jill Williams, Tangipahoa

Ronda Williams, Central Community  
Sha'Myra Williams, Ascension  
Crystal Wood, Bossier  
Lee Ann Young, University View Academy

### **Margaret Acree**

Margaret Acree holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in gifted education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. For the past fourteen years, she has taught Algebra II, precalculus, and calculus at Sterlington High School in Ouachita Parish. A mathematics teacher for twenty years, Ms. Acree has also taught sixth- through eighth-grade mathematics. She serves as department head in her school and in a number of capacities at the district level that include leading in-services, textbook adoption and alignment committees, and new initiatives. She presents at conferences sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Association for Teachers of Mathematics, and the Southern Region Education Board. Ms. Acree is the 2019 Louisiana Awardee for the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). She has previously served as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Mandi Adams**

Mandi Adams holds a Bachelor of General Studies and has completed the Alternative Teacher Education Program with a concentration in math and science from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Adams has been the sixth-grade science teacher at Lockport Middle School in Lafourche Parish for eleven years. Prior to that, she taught sixth- and seventh-grade math and social studies. While working as a science teacher at Lockport Middle School, Mrs. Adams was on the team that created district assessments aligned with the Louisiana State Science Standards. Mrs. Adams is currently a district Teacher Leader where she creates district assessments for sixth-grade science, pilots the Open Sci Ed curriculum, and helps lead professional development meetings for Lafourche Parish.

### **Tiffani Asbill**

Tiffani Asbill holds a Master of Education with a focus in early childhood from the University of New Orleans. Mrs. Asbill has taught pre-kindergarten at Hazel Park-Hilda Knoff School in Jefferson Parish Schools for six years. She previously taught third grade in Arkansas for two years as well as second and fifth grade in Jefferson Parish for three years prior to that. For the past two years, Mrs. Asbill served as a district pre-kindergarten Content Leader Fellow in Jefferson Parish Schools where she presented professional development on curriculum instruction to her assigned cohort of teachers

### **Lacey Bass**

Lacey Bass holds a Masters of Education in curriculum and instruction with a post master's certificate in educational leadership from Northwestern State University. For the past year, Mrs. Bass has taught fifth- and sixth-grade science for the Rapides Parish School Board. Prior to this year, Mrs. Bass taught fourth-grade math and science for three years; sixth-grade math, science, and social studies for one year; and physical education for three years. She is currently serving on the Rapides Parish School

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Board's science assessment team. In 2019 Mrs. Bass attended the state's intervention content leader program in Shreveport. She has also served as School Building Level Committee and Title I chairperson.

### **Donna Baudoin**

Donna Baudoin holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a technology leadership certification from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Mrs. Baudoin has been an elementary teacher for eight years and has spent the past three years teaching fifth-grade science. She is also a TAP mentor teacher at Duplessis Primary in Ascension Parish. Prior to teaching fifth-grade science she taught second through fourth grade, as well as developed a kindergarten through fifth-grade STEAM lab based on Louisiana Student Standards for Science. Mrs. Baudoin is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators and presented at the 2018 and 2019 conventions. This is her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Amber Bellard**

Amber Bellard holds a Master of Arts in Teaching plus 30 from Northwestern State University. Mrs. Bellard also has a Master of Arts in organizational management and has successfully taught on nearly every elementary grade level. She currently works as a master teacher and ELA Content Leader and has been an elementary math content specialist. Mrs. Bellard was previously a curriculum coordinator at her school. She has previously worked as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Maggie Boos**

Maggie Boos holds a post-master's certificate in educational leadership from Northwestern State University and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida. In Jefferson Parish, she serves as assistant principal at Hearst Elementary. Before that, she served two years as an elementary math support coordinator. Previously, she served two years as an upper elementary teaching and learning facilitator in St. Charles Parish, where she worked to support teachers in grades 3 through 5. Ms. Boos also spent 6 years in the classroom at Luling Elementary teaching upper elementary math, science, and social studies. In both Jefferson and St. Charles parishes, she has served on and led math curriculum and assessment development and review committees. This will be her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kellie Boquet**

Kellie Boquet holds a Bachelor of Education with a health and physical education and biology certification from Nicholls State University. She has also recently acquired her Louisiana Mentor Teacher

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ancillary certification. Ms. Boquet has been the middle and high school science coach in Lafayette Parish for the past two years and will be teaching biology at Southside High School next year. Prior to that, she taught biology eighteen years in Terrebonne Parish and six years in Lafayette Parish. Ms. Boquet is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has presented professional development at three conventions and at the district level. Ms. Boquet was a member of the Biology Item Bias Review and Rangefinding Committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program, served on state and parish textbook adoption committees, and participated in curriculum alignment committees. She also served as science department chair for eight years.

### **Dana Bourgeois**

Dana Bourgeois holds a Master of Education in teacher leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University. She teaches English III and ACT prep at Dutchtown High School. Mrs. Bourgeois has been a supervisor of student teachers for both Southeastern Louisiana University and LSU for the last twelve years while serving as the facilitator of the English professional learning community at her school for most of those years. During this time, she taught English II, English III, English III Allied Health, English III Honors, English III Dual Enrollment, and world geography. Prior to this, Mrs. Bourgeois taught English I, career readiness, seventh-grade social studies, seventh-grade math, special education resource, civics, American History, and physical science. For the last three years, Ms. Bourgeois helped write English district assessments for grades nine through twelve for Ascension Parish. Earlier in her career, she was on the secondary English curriculum writing team in Ascension Parish from 2004 to 2008. This is her twenty-sixth year of teaching and the first year that Mrs. Bourgeois has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Phobe Boutte**

Phobe Wills Boutte holds a Bachelor of Arts in education from the University of Louisiana Lafayette as well as six hours in elementary science education with Louisiana State University and forty-two graduate course hours in geosciences from Mississippi State University. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in instruction from the College of Education at the University of Louisiana Lafayette. Mrs. Boutte is beginning her twenty-second year teaching middle school science, transferring from Lafayette to Vermilion Parish where she will also teach the STEM curriculum. She is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has presented at two conventions. She is also a member of the National Science Teachers Association. She has served as a new teacher mentor for 2 years. Previously, Ms. Boutte was a member of the science item review committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program and was selected to serve on the standards setting for science grades 6-8 committee. Mrs. Boutte was a science Teacher Leader for Lafayette Parish for four years and has conducted numerous professional development sessions for curriculum implementation. She has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for two years.

### **Nakia Breaux**

Ms. Nakia Breaux holds a Bachelor of Science in early childhood education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She has since returned to earn a Master of Education in educational leadership. Most recently, Ms. Breaux has accepted a position as an instructional coach at Caneview Elementary School. She has twelve years of teaching experience in Iberia Parish and two years experience as a member of the leadership team at Park Elementary. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Natasha Briscoe**

Natasha Briscoe holds an Education Specialist from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She is currently a 6th-grade math teacher for the West Baton Rouge Parish School System. Prior to that, she taught middle school math for twelve years and elementary math and science for five years in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. During her eighteen years of teaching, Ms. Briscoe has worked with academically gifted students as well as traditional students. In addition, she has served teachers across the State of Louisiana as a curriculum trainer and with the Louisiana State University Math and Science Partnership, Core Advancement, and Teach 4 Life. Also, Ms. Briscoe has served the state by participating in item analysis, alignment review, range finding, and content bias review for grades 3-5 and grades 6-8.

### **Barbara Brown**

Barbara Brown holds a master's degree in leadership and administration plus 30, and a reading specialist certification from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is also currently working toward a librarian certification. Mrs. Brown has taught in first, fifth, and second grades; she has fourteen years of classroom experience in Ouachita Parish. She is currently a member of Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana. Mrs. Brown has created math benchmark tests for second grade and has also created and co-created reading tests used weekly within her district for first grade. She has worked on district-level committees for reading, math, science, and social studies while collaborating on the creation of scope and sequence documents and curriculum alignment. She has presented at several back-to-school in-service sessions related to the use and implementation of new curriculum, curriculum updates, and revisions to curriculum scope and sequence. This is Mrs. Brown's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jaquita Brown**

Jaquita Brown holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is currently a math instructional coach. Ms. Brown has been a 3rd- through 5th-grade math teacher for twelve years. She has served as math content leader, on district benchmark writing teams, and on professional development teams for the state. This is her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Kristen Burke**

Kristen Burke holds a Master of Education in leadership and administration from the University of Holy Cross New Orleans. She is pursuing her doctorate in educational administration at Southeastern Louisiana University. For the past years Ms. Burke has served as master teacher at Laplace Elementary but is returning to Jefferson Parish at Boudreaux Elementary for 2021-2022. Prior to moving into the master teacher position, Ms. Burke taught in Jefferson Parish for 9.5 years. She has taught 2nd grade through 6th grade self-contained, social studies, and ELA. She was a district level ELA Content Leader, delivering instructional support in ELA to 4th grade teachers across Jefferson Parish. Ms. Burke is a Louisiana state certified Mentor Teacher. She is a Google Certified Level One Educator, currently pursuing her Level Two. This is Ms. Burke's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kenisha Callahan**

Kenisha Callahan holds a Master of Science from the University of Phoenix. This is Ms. Callahan's third year as a fourth-grade English language arts and social studies teacher at D.C. Reeves Elementary School in Tangipahoa Parish where she was selected 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year. Prior to D.C. Reeves, she taught fourth and fifth grade for five years in St. Helena Parish. She successfully completed the ELA Content Leader training and was also selected Elementary Teacher of the Year for St. Helena Parish. This will be her second year as a Teacher Leader and Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Belinda Cambre**

Belinda Cambre holds a doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis in policy from Louisiana State University. Dr. Cambre has been an instructor of secondary social studies at the LSU Laboratory School for the past six years, where she teaches Advanced Placement US Government and Politics and History of the Americas in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Prior to that, she had ten years' experience teaching in elementary, middle, and high schools in California and Louisiana, and an additional five years teaching in higher education. Dr. Cambre is the Region VII Director of the Louisiana State Social Studies Fair and serves as a Reader for the Advanced Placement Exam. She has participated in various national and international professional development institutes for teachers, and has presented at several annual meetings of the National Council for the Social Studies. Last year, she was a member of the steering committee and secondary content workgroups responsible for revising Louisiana's K-12 social studies standards.



### **Jennifer Campbell**

Jennifer Campbell holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of New Orleans along with an Education Leader Level I add-on from the University of Holy Cross. Currently, she is the Director of the Teacher Advancement Program for Algiers Charter Schools Association located in New Orleans. Prior to that, Mrs. Campbell worked for the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching as a Senior Program Specialist providing implementation support to district and school level leaders across Louisiana. Mrs. Campbell has been an educator for twenty-four years and has taught English, math, and social studies in 2nd through 6th grades. While working in Jefferson Parish as elementary coordinator of mathematics, Mrs. Campbell coached and supported teachers with implementation of Louisiana Student Standards, facilitated various district-level professional development opportunities for K – 5 teachers, and designed rigorous benchmark assessments all focusing on increased student achievement. This is her second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jacquelyne Carter**

Jacquelyne Carter holds a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in secondary education from Xavier University of New Orleans. She is currently in her second year as an English I teacher at Edna Karr Senior High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Carter began her career in education at a non-traditional public charter high school in New Orleans as an English and social studies paraprofessional for two school years. She later taught both English I and English III for two school years. Mrs. Carter also served on the college and career readiness team.

### **Kesha Carter**

Kesha Carter holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University of Hammond. Ms. Carter has been an elementary reading specialist for eight years. Prior to that, she taught kindergarten through fourth grade as a literacy writing coach for three years. Additionally, Ms. Carter was a K-8 Title I master teacher for seven years. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers and has presented at two conventions. She is also a member of the Louisiana Mentor Teachers Task Force. In 2006, Ms. Carter became a Dyslexia screening specialist. For seven years, Ms. Carter has helped with coordination of DIBELS Reading Assessment and district assessments for first through eighth grades. She has been on the Elementary ELA curriculum assessment team in St. John Parish since 2009. Ms. Carter has attended state ELA state standards trainings and redelivered at the district and school level. Ms. Carter has been her school's Teacher Leader for the last twelve years.

### **Keisha Ceasar**

Keisha Dandridge Ceasar holds a Master of Arts in early childhood education from Xavier University of New Orleans. She is Director of the Southern University Child Development Laboratory as well as a child

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development and family studies professor. For the past 22 years, she has served as a pre-kindergarten teacher, kindergarten teacher, Head Start /Early Head Start director, early childhood specialist, Office of Head Start training and technical assistant specialist, educational trainer and consultant, and mentor coach. Ms. Ceasar was part of the team that successfully opened the Southern University Child Development Laboratory in August 2019. This will be Ms. Ceasar's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Beth Clause**

Elizabeth Clause holds a Master of Education from Nicholls State University and is certified as an educational technology leader. She is National Board Certified as a Generalist in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Clause is a first-grade math and science teacher in Lafourche Parish/Bayou Community Academy and has been in this position for ten years. Prior to this, she spent eleven years teaching self-contained first and second grade as well as special education.

### **Iyana Connors**

Iyana Connors holds a Master of Education plus 30 with an educational diagnostician certification from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Connors has been the master teacher at Airline Park Academy in Jefferson Parish for two years. Prior to that, she taught inclusion for six years at Airline Park Academy. Ms. Connors is part of the leadership team and leads trainings for the staff. This is Ms. Connors' first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Erin Davis Barker**

Erin Barker (nee Erin Davis) holds a Bachelor of Arts in biology (ecology) from Chatham University. She is currently the science department chair, the technology coordinator, and teaches biology and environmental science to students in grades nine through twelve at Lakeview Junior Senior High School in Natchitoches Parish. She has worked continuously for the district since 2015. Ms. Barker was selected as the district high school teacher of the year for 2021. She serves on a variety of committees at the school and district level including the school improvement team and the curriculum team. This is Ms. Barker's third year as a teacher leader content advisor.

### **Tyler Dean**

Tyler Dean holds a Master of Arts in teaching from Louisiana College and a Master of Arts in apologetics and Master of Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy. Mr. Dean has twelve years of teaching experience in Biology I, Biology II, physical science, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. In 2010, Mr. Dean served on

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the Louisiana Life Science Textbook Adoption Committee. He is currently a science Content Leader for Richland Parish. This is Mr. Dean's second year as Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Bianca Deliberto**

Bianca Deliberto holds a Doctor of Philosophy in science education from Louisiana State University. Dr. Deliberto is currently the science instructional coach in the Central Community School System. Prior to this, she was a science and social studies curriculum specialist in the Zachary Community School District for four years. She has a mix of classroom teaching experiences throughout her twelve years in second, third, fourth, seventh, and eighth grades. Most recently, she achieved National Board Re-Certification and is a part of the LSU Cain Center Quality Math and Science Grant Revision Task Force. For three years, Dr. Deliberto has served on the Next Gen Science Peer Review Panel and for four years she has served as the Region 2 Representative for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. She has served on several local, state, and national committees as well as presented at numerous workshops and conferences. Dr. Deliberto was a member of the Louisiana State Standards for Science Workgroup and Committee that developed the new science standards and has participated as a content/bias reviewer for both the Social Studies and Science Louisiana Educational Assessment Programs. This will be Dr. Deliberto's seventh year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Brittany Dement**

Brittany Dement earned a master's degree in physical anthropology from Tulane University with a specialty in the scientific investigation of our collective past. She has served as the middle school science teacher at Renew Dolores T. Aaron for the past four years and as science content lead for the school over the past year. Throughout her career she has also taught human osteology at Tulane University and served as a middle school science teacher in Jefferson Parish for one year. In her capacity as science content lead, she was able to inventory, organize, and manage the collection of science resources, as well as facilitate the investment of grant money for the purchase of 3D printers and virtual reality headsets for the school. For Renew, at the network level, she has taken the responsibility of 7th and 8th grade lead planner for the past three years. In this capacity she has adapted curriculum, evaluated assessments, and written 7th and 8th grade LEAP review plans that best align with state standards.

### **Cynthia DiCarlo**

Cynthia Fontcuberta DiCarlo, PhD, holds the W.H. "Bill" LeBlanc LSU Alumni Association Departmental Endowed Professorship of Early Childhood Education and is the Executive Director of the Early Childhood Education Laboratory Preschool at LSU. Dr. DiCarlo also serves as the Coordinator of the Early Childhood Education Teacher Education Program and her research focuses on interventions to improve outcomes for young children and clarification and innovations in recommended practices in early childhood. Prior to joining LSU in 2004, she was a clinical assistant professor at LSU Health Sciences

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Center (New Orleans). Dr. DiCarlo has been recognized for her research, teaching and service; her research on children's attention during whole group instruction received the 2012 Research Paper of the Year from the Journal of Research in Childhood Education. She was recognized for excellence in teaching, receiving the Tiger Athletic Foundation Teaching Award (2010). Additionally, she has received recognition for her service, receiving the College of Human Sciences and Education Faculty Service Award (2016) and the Louisiana Champions of Service Volunteer of the Year: Plantation Region (2013). Dr. DiCarlo has incorporated her passion for research into the courses she teaches and her work in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. Since its inception in 2014, Dr. DiCarlo has mentored 67 undergraduate students who have subsequently presented at LSU Discover Day. She currently serves on the editorial boards for Infants & Young Children and for the Journal of Teacher Action Research.

### **Tiffany Doerr**

Tiffany Doerr holds a Master of Arts in educational leadership from Mississippi College and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in curriculum and instruction at Louisiana State University. She recently moved to the Zachary Community School District to teach seventh-grade reading at Northwestern Middle School. She recently taught English I at University View Academy. While at University View Academy she worked with a curriculum team to rework and incorporate Tier 1 curriculum into the online learning environment. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English and presented at the 2020 national convention along with two state level conventions. She serves on the Curriculum Theory Project Graduate Program executive board in the Louisiana State University College of Human Sciences and Education.

### **Jammie Dowden**

Jammie Dowden holds a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies with a concentration in mathematics from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana. In August 2021 she joined Saint Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School as an Algebra I and geometry teacher. Prior to that, she taught fifth- and sixth-grade math for five years in Tangipahoa Parish, where she was also a district Teacher Leader.

### **Julie DuBois**

Julie' DuBois holds a Master of Education and a master's degree in biology from Louisiana Tech University. Ms. DuBois has been a high school science teacher for nineteen years with fourteen of those years in Iberia Parish at Delcambre High School. Ms. DuBois is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and National Science Teachers Association. For eight years, Ms. DuBois has helped write science district assessments for biology, physics and chemistry as well as present district level science curriculum trainings. For the past four years, she has been on the district level biology

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curriculum writing team. Ms. DuBois has been her school's Teacher Leader for ten years and a Teacher Leader Advisor for four years.

### **April Durand**

April Durand holds a Master of Education in educational administration from Grand Canyon University. Mrs. Durand has served as the elementary assistant principal at Oak Hill High School, a public school in Rapides Parish, since July of 2016 and is currently teaching eighth-grade math. Prior to that, she taught middle school math for four years, fourth grade for six years and second grade for six years. As a middle school teacher, she served on her district's Eureka rollout team. Ms. Durand previously served on her district's adoption committee to select a new math curriculum. She also served as the Rapides Parish representative on the Education K-12 Transition Team for Governor John Bel Edwards. Mrs. Durand has served as a Teacher Leader and Teacher Leader Advisor for four years.

### **Lorita Eichelberger**

Lorita Ann Eichelberger earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Louisiana State University A&M. Dr. Eichelberger has taught Algebra I at Belaire High School for 6 years. She has also taught math essentials for 2 years. She has been a mentor teacher in the Mentoring Matters new teacher induction program. Dr. Eichelberger has provided professional development for teachers in East Baton Rouge Parish. This is Dr. Eichelberger's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Mabrouck Faradj**

Mabrouck Faradj holds a Doctor of Education from Northcentral University with a specialization in curriculum and teaching. He currently teaches mathematics at Belaire High School in East Baton Rouge Parish and has previously taught a variety of mathematics courses at the collegiate, high school, and middle school levels. Faradj is a National Board Certified Teacher in Mathematics Education, and he has served as a mentor for preservice teachers. He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council of Mathematics Teachers and has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the past 3 years.

### **Carmen Faul**

Carmen Faul earned a master's degree in teaching from Louisiana College. She is a college and career readiness specialist in Evangeline Parish. Ms. Faul has previously served as a high school English teacher for two years, and prior to that, she taught in a third grade self-contained classroom for five years and fifth grade for one year. For three years, Ms. Faul has helped teachers across her school and district in

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planning and preparing ELA instruction and taught them how to incorporate technology into their classrooms. Last year, she attended the English Language Arts Content Leader training.

### **LaDazha Ford**

LaDazha Ford holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Capella University. She currently serves as a master teacher in Ascension Parish where she supports grades K-5. Prior to that she was a mentor teacher for two years and taught third through fifth grade ELA and social studies for a combination of 7 years. In 2019, she was named her school's teacher of the year. Ms. Ford is currently working as a consultant with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching. She has helped write ELA district assessments for fourth and fifth grades and is currently attending state math standards district level redelivery training. Ms. Ford has been a Teacher Leader for three years.

### **Marcie Frazier**

Marcie Frazier holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis on trauma informed practices and resilience in schools from Concordia University. She has been a master teacher in Ascension Parish Public Schools for the last two years. Ms. Frazier has also participated in benchmark writing committees for Ascension Parish since 2019 and she supports K-5 ELA and social studies instruction. Ms. Frazier is currently training to be an English Language Arts Content Leader and has attended state content redelivery training. Prior to joining Ascension Parish, Ms. Frazier was a Manager of Teacher Leadership Development and coached first and second year corps member teachers through Teach for America. Ms. Frazier was a content lead teacher for Children's Charter School and coached third- through fifth-grade teachers at Children's Charter School from 2012 until 2016. This is Ms. Frazier's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Elise Frederic**

Elise Tureau Frederic holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Master of Education with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana State University. She is currently pursuing an Educational Doctorate in curriculum and instruction at the University of Monroe. Ms. Frederic has taught in Ascension Parish Schools for twelve years in pre-kindergarten through third grade and is currently a kindergarten teacher. She has served as a TAP Mentor Teacher, student resident mentor teacher, and was a member of Ascension Leadership Academy. Ms. Frederic has served on the district benchmark analysis committee for several years for both reading and math. This is her first year to serve as Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Jennifer Frederick**

Jennifer Frederick holds a Master of Education in educational administration from Lamar State University in Beaumont, Texas. She currently serves as a 4th-grade ELA teacher for South Beauregard Upper Elementary in Beauregard Parish. A fourteen-year veteran, she has elementary experience in both regular and special education in Calcasieu Parish and Beauregard Parish. She has presented professional developments for her school and district and is presently working toward her ELA Content Leader Certification. Mrs. Frederick serves as a Mentor Teacher and is part of the school leadership team and PBIS committee. She is a member of Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and serves as building representative for her school. She has been a Teacher Leader for five years and a Teacher Leader Advisor for two years.

### **Michelle Grantham-Caston**

Michelle Grantham-Caston holds a Doctor of Philosophy in curriculum and instruction, early childhood education from Louisiana State University. Dr. Grantham-Caston is the Associate Director of Preschool Programs at Louisiana State University Early Childhood Education Laboratory Preschool and teaches at LSU in the early childhood academic program. Dr. Grantham-Caston has served as a public school preschool teacher, CLASS assessor, and coach working with teachers of children from birth-preschool in a variety of settings including Head Start, childcare, and public and private schools. She has worked in the field of early childhood since 2007 and holds a teaching certificate in PK-3. She is a certified Pathways trainer and CLASS observer of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

### **Jennifer Green**

Jennifer Fair Green holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a STEM concentration from Louisiana State University, Shreveport. Mrs. Green is currently a sixth-grade science teacher at Raymond K. Smith Middle School. She has been a member of the school improvement team at Raymond K. Smith Middle School for the past three years, and serves as the sixth-grade team leader and science department chair, where she facilitates weekly professional learning community meetings. Mrs. Green is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. In 2019, she served on the science range-finding committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program and in 2020 she served on the bias review committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program.

### **Meggan Guillory**

Meggan Guillory holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a focus on science education from the University of Texas at Arlington. Mrs. Guillory is starting her first year as a high

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school resource teacher at Northwest High in St. Landry Parish. She has worked with 7th and 8th grades for the past 7 years. Prior to that, she worked as a high school biology and physical science teacher for one year. Mrs. Guillory has been a member of the science curriculum review team for St. Landry Parish and has worked with teachers in surrounding parishes reviewing middle school curriculum. She participated in the state test item bias review committee in 2018 for 7th grade. This is her 3rd year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Steven Guillory**

Steven Guillory holds a Bachelor of Education from McNeese State University. He has taught English III and English IV at Sulphur High School since 2014. Prior to that, he taught seventh-grade English for one year. Mr. Guillory was a member of the pilot cohort for Louisiana’s Believe and Prepare program for Calcasieu Parish, and he continues to serve as a Believe and Prepare mentor—a position which he has held consecutively since 2017. Mr. Guillory is an active member of his content-level professional learning community and has attended and redelivered numerous trainings on English curriculum as well as technology use in the classroom. Mr. Guillory has been a Teacher Leader Advisor since 2019.

### **Analiezel Hall**

Analiezel Hall has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of New Orleans and is pursuing a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University. Ms. Hall has been an early childhood specialist for St. Tammany, Washington, and Orleans parishes for over a decade. Preceding that, she taught preschool, kindergarten, and first grade for fourteen years. Ms. Hall currently assists with the improvement of early care and education by providing on-site coaching, mentoring, technical assistance, and training to early childhood programs. Recently, she also assisted St. Tammany’s early childhood education network with curriculum assessments, trainings, and implementation.

### **Iris Harris**

Iris Harris holds a Master of Science in public administration from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. She has seven years of licensed teaching experience and is currently employed with the Lafayette Parish School System as a special education teacher where she provides inclusion math and ELA services to students in third through fifth grades at Live Oak Elementary. Her previous teaching experiences include St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes, Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy, and Roots Elementary in Denver, Colorado. She has served as a 5th Grade Math Content Leader for Breaux Bridge Elementary and has actively participated in Lafayette Parish’s elementary math module redelivery training for special education teachers. Although the majority of Iris’ experience has been as a math and science teacher, she has taught both self-contained regular education and special education classes.

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### **Lauren Hatley**

Lauren Hatley holds a Master of Education in special education: gifted education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is currently a kindergarten educator at Ridge Elementary School in the Lafayette Parish School System. This will be her second year in this position. Prior to this, Ms. Hatley taught kindergarten for five years in parochial, independent, and public school settings. She has also taught second grade for three years in the same capacity. Ms. Hatley is a current member of the National Educational Association. She is also grade level chair at her school. This is Ms. Hatley's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lindsay Hebert**

Lindsay Hebert holds a Master of Arts in teaching with a concentration in special education- early intervention from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Hebert has been an early interventionist in Ascension Parish for seven years. She currently teaches a reverse inclusion pre-kindergarten class at Lakeside Primary. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lainey Hodge**

Lainey Hodge holds a Bachelor of Science in biology education with an additional certification in 6-12 mathematics from Louisiana Tech University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in STEM education from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Mrs. Hodge is in her third year of teaching mathematics at Ouachita Parish High School in Ouachita Parish. Prior to her current position, she taught mathematics at Haughton High School in Bossier Parish for six years and at Minden High School in Webster Parish for three years. Mrs. Hodge has worked with curriculum coordinators to develop the scope and sequence for multiple math courses as well as common assessments for the district's math teachers. Mrs. Hodge is a 2021 Louisiana State Finalist in Mathematics for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Christina Holland**

Christina Holland holds a master's degree in literacy from the University of Florida. Since then, she has enjoyed serving families and helping students learn in her teaching career for the last 16 years. She currently teaches third grade ELA at University View Academy and has for the last seven years. She also taught in inclusion classrooms for six years in first grade and three years in second grade. Throughout her career, Mrs. Holland has actively participated in district level training and has supported her school

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level professional learning community to help ensure that her classroom and her school's instruction aligns to the Louisiana state standards and assessments. Additionally Mrs. Holland has led and participated in many school and community learning experiences and partnership programs throughout the years.

### **Kim "Lovie" Howell**

Kim "Lovie" Howell holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education as well as certifications in kindergarten and library science from Louisiana State University Shreveport and Louisiana Tech University. She is the Librarian at Benton Middle School in Benton, Louisiana. Ms. Howell taught preschool, kindergarten, third grade, and fourth grade for sixteen years. In her ten years as a librarian, the library program earned the Louisiana Library Association James O. Modisette Award for 2017 and Louisiana Association of School Libraries Librarian of the Year 2019. Mrs. Howell serves as President of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, LLA Chair of the Modisette Committee, and Social Media Moderator of the Bossier Parish Association of School Librarians.

### **Michelle Hudson**

Michelle Hudson holds a Bachelor of Arts in print journalism with a minor in secondary education from Loyola University New Orleans and completed alternative teacher certification at Our Lady of Holy Cross College. Currently, she teaches English II at Warren Easton Charter High School in Orleans Parish and has been a teacher for twenty-two years. Last year, she was a content lead teacher but has served as both department chairperson and lead teacher at various times throughout her career in the public and Catholic school systems. Ms. Hudson is a member of the United Teachers of New Orleans and the American Federation of Teachers.

### **Rebecca Huff**

Rebecca Huff holds a Master of Education plus 30 in special education with a concentration in mild/moderate disabilities from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is returning to Franklin Parish this school year to teach special education. Prior to that, she taught one year in special education at Delhi Charter School and special education at Crowville School for three years. She has eleven years of experience as an educator in the general education classroom and special education classroom combined. Mrs. Huff was selected as Franklin Parish's Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2014. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Samantha Hughes**

Samantha Hughes holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a teacher leader endorsement from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and she is pursuing a plus 30 in education leadership. She is a member of the University of Louisiana at Monroe chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Recently, she completed her Content Leader endorsement. Mrs. Hughes has taught special education and general education, from elementary to high school, for ten years. This will be her fifth year at Chesbrough Elementary School in Tangipahoa Parish where she now serves as an ELA curriculum coach and interventionist. She is also a member of the school-level instructional leadership team. For several years, she has served as a Teacher Leader for Tangipahoa Parish, serving as a liaison between the school and the school system. She is also a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. This is Ms. Hughes' second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jessica Hunter\***

Jessica Hunter holds a Doctor of Education with a specialization in K-12 educational leadership from Louisiana Tech University. She has been the curriculum coordinator at East Ouachita Middle School in Ouachita Parish for three years. Prior to that, Dr. Hunter taught high school geometry for seven years and algebra for two years at Sterlington High School in Ouachita Parish. She is currently the Region VIII representative for the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Educators. Dr. Hunter has presented at the local, state, and national levels at math conferences. She has been a Teacher Leader for five years and Teacher Leader Advisor for four years.

### **Stacie Hutchens**

Stacie Hutchens holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Louisiana State University. She has been a sixth grade ELA teacher at R. K. Smith Middle School in St. Charles Parish for seven years. Prior to that, Ms. Hutchens taught fourth grade for twelve years in both Louisiana and Texas. She served as a member of the district curriculum planning team, participating in the development of district curriculum calendars and creation of district assessments. Mrs. Hutchens has been a member of the school leadership team, serving as chair of the student achievement cadre, and currently heads the sixth-grade English department, facilitating the weekly professional learning community meetings. This is Mrs. Hutchens's third year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Amanda Ingargiola**

Amanda Ingargiola holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education and English from The College of New Jersey in Ewing, New Jersey. Mrs. Ingargiola has taught gifted sixth- and seventh-grade ELA and gifted English I for five years at Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy for Advanced Studies in Jefferson Parish. She currently serves as the school's master teacher and works with teachers through professional learning communities and individual coaching sessions to build educator capacity and increase student achievement. Mrs. Ingargiola also served as a Teacher Leader Fellow for two years at Patrick Taylor and completed her state certification for Mentor Teacher. Prior, Mrs. Ingargiola taught gifted sixth- and seventh-grade ELA for fifteen years at Hammar skjold Middle School in East Brunswick, New Jersey. This is Mrs. Ingargiola's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Karen Jackson**

Karen Turner Jackson holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Jackson has been a fourth-grade teacher at Bains Elementary in West Feliciana Parish for 26 years. She has been a member of her school's Leader in Me Lighthouse Team for seven years. She is the chairperson of the mental health action team and is also the chairperson of the ELA committee at her school. Last year, Ms. Jackson served on both the Grade 4 LEAP 2025 Social Studies Source Review Committee and the ELA Content and Bias Item Review Team. This year Mrs. Jackson served on the LEAP Connect Standards Validation Committee. She has also been Bains Elementary's Teacher of the Year.

### **Tiffany James**

Tiffany James holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from the University of Louisiana at Shreveport. Mrs. James has been a fourth-grade math and science teacher in St. Martin Parish for seven years. In the past, she has also served as the school's summer program STEM teacher. Mrs. James serves as the fourth-grade leader representative. Mrs. James has attended math curriculum training and re-delivery on the school and district level.

### **Tammy Johnson**

Tammy Johnson holds a Master of Education in reading and educational leadership. She has 15 years of instructional experience and will be returning to the classroom as a first-grade teacher. Prior to that, she was a reading interventionist for five years and taught third-grade ELA, math, science, and social studies for nine years. Mrs. Johnson has led several professional developments throughout her instructional career for both teachers and parents. She is a member of the Reading Recovery National Council and the International Literacy Association. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader and her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Tiffany Johnson**

Tiffany Johnson holds a Master of Education with a focus in middle school mathematics from Walder University. She has taught both general and Advanced Placement math courses at Lafayette Middle Academy Middle School since 2018, and has been an educator for 15 years. Ms. Johnson has received training in Eureka Math and LEAP 2025 curriculum, and she served as the seventh-grade team leader at Lafayette Academy Middle School during the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Sara Johnston**

Sara Johnston holds a Bachelor of Science in wildlife habitat management from Louisiana Tech University. She is in her second year teaching seventh-grade science for Ruston Junior High School in Lincoln Parish. Prior to teaching 7th-grade science, Mrs. Johnston taught Biology I and II, environmental science for grades 9-12, and 6-8 science at Simsboro High School. This will be Mrs. Johnston's third year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lateasha Joiner**

Lateasha Joiner holds a Bachelor of Science in business economics from the University of New Orleans and an alternative teacher certification from the Region 4 Educator Certification Program of Texas. She is entering her fourteenth year as an educator and will be teaching Algebra 1 in Tangipahoa Parish. Ms. Joiner began her teaching career in Texas where she taught for six years and has since been teaching in Louisiana. She has taught sixth grade through high school geometry. This is Ms. Joiner's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Amanda Jones**

Amanda Jones holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction in mathematics from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. She also holds 30 graduate hours in mathematics from University of Louisiana Lafayette. Ms. Jones currently teaches for University View Academy where she has been teaching high school math for 6 years. She served on the curriculum team at her school that restructured Tier 1 curriculum to be appropriate for online learning. Ms. Jones also spent three years teaching in brick-and-mortar schools.

### **Aaron Jura**

Aaron Jura holds a Juris Doctor from the Charlotte School of Law. He is the Operations Manager for Educators for Quality Alternatives in Orleans Parish where he works between campuses, and he has been a high school teacher in both Jefferson and Orleans parishes since 2014. Mr. Jura has also represented Louisiana at many national seminars including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and the Medal of Honor Society. He also sits on the steering committee and elementary education workgroup for the Louisiana state social studies standards revision groups. This is Mr. Jura's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Stephanie Kaltenbacher**

Stephanie Kaltenbacher holds a Master of Education in educational technology leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University. She is currently pursuing a reading specialist certification through Southeastern Louisiana University. Ms. Kaltenbacher currently serves as a fifth-grade ELA teacher at St. Amant Primary School in Ascension Parish, where she also serves on the leadership team. She has taught 5th-grade ELA for fifteen years. Before teaching fifth grade, Mrs. Kaltenbacher taught special education, middle school physical education/health, and third-grade math, science, and social studies. Mrs. Kaltenbacher has also served on the benchmark writing team for her school district, and she was Teacher of the Year for St. Amant Primary School in 2019. This is Mrs. Kaltenbacher's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Angela Kimbrough**

Angela Kimbrough holds a Master of Arts in English from Northwestern State University and is a National Board Certified Teacher in Adolescence and Young Adulthood English Language Arts (2009, 2019). She teaches pre-Advanced Placement English and Advanced Placement English Language and Composition. Mrs. Kimbrough began her 20-year English teaching career in Caddo Parish Schools and later moved to DeSoto Parish Schools where she helped North DeSoto High School earn distinction as a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School in 2016. She also served six years as the English department mentor teacher through the Teacher Advancement Program in which she helped to lead weekly professional development and conducted teacher observations. Mrs. Kimbrough has also worked five years as an Advanced Placement Reader. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Felisha King**

Felisha King holds a Master of Science in education from Walden University as well as a Master of Arts in reading with an emphasis in elementary education from Grand Canyon University. Ms. King has been an elementary teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish for fourteen years. She has taught third, fourth, and fifth

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grades. She has also participated in Math Science Partnership Project where she participated in math and science training to further her understanding of best practices in teaching math and science. Her leadership roles include serving as grade-level chair. Ms. King presented at Teacher Leader Summit 2021, and this will be her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Erin Kizziar**

Dr. Erin Kizziar holds a Doctor of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Dr. Kizziar has been the pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school librarian and technology coach at Milton Elementary Middle School in Lafayette Parish for six years. Dr. Kizziar led her district's school librarians in their cross-curricular implementation of social studies standards, ELA standards, and the American Association of School Librarians standards. She directed a small group of school librarians as they developed a social studies and library crosswalk document for the Lafayette Parish School System. Dr. Kizziar worked in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Humanities Department while she completed her master's degree in public history. Dr. Kizziar has provided professional development to the Lafayette Parish School System's middle school and high school social studies teachers and she has also presented her research on inquiry-based learning models to Lafayette Parish School System's school librarians. This is Dr. Kizziar's first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Loren Klein**

Loren Klein holds 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. In the past he has worked on science and social studies committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. He has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for five years.

### **Kristen Knock**

Kristen Knock holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. She is currently a sixth-grade math teacher at Belle Chasse Middle School in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. She is also a Teacher Leader and Mentor Teacher at the school and has fourteen years teaching experience. Ms. Knock was awarded Teacher of the Year for Belle Chasse Middle School in the 2017-2018 school year. Prior to teaching sixth grade, she taught fourth, fifth, and eighth grades. Ms.

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Knock has served on the LEAP 360 Focus Group and also participated in Item Review and Data Review with the Louisiana Department of Education and Data Recognition Corporation.

### **Liza Kostreva**

Liza Kostreva holds a master's degree in early childhood education from Johns Hopkins University. She has worked at Phillis Wheatley Community School for the past nine years where she has taught special education, second grade, and kindergarten. Most recently she was the PK-2 literacy coach as a part of the kindergarten through second-grade literacy pilot program. For three years, Ms. Kostreva was the kindergarten grade level chair and instructional coach. She also served as the kindergarten through second grade department chair for two years. Ms. Kostreva was a finalist for the New Orleans Public Schools Excellence in Teaching award. Currently, Ms. Kostreva is a Regional Literacy Specialist with the Center for Development and Learning.

### **Samantha LaFleur**

Samantha LaFleur holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an instructional specialist concentration from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This is Ms. LaFleur's second year as a social studies master teacher in Lafayette Parish where she supports teachers at three local elementary schools. Before becoming a master teacher, she taught fourth-grade ELA and social studies for two years and third-grade ELA and social studies for four years. For the past six years, she has facilitated district and school wide professional development sessions for implementing data-driven instruction in social studies classrooms. Ms. LaFleur has collaborated with the district-level social studies team to create instructional social studies resources, assessments, and pacing guides. Ms. LaFleur is currently serving on the Louisiana Social Studies Standards Review Steering Committee and is also a member of the elementary workgroup. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Mayria Ledet**

Ms. Ledet holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University of Shreveport. She has six years experience teaching fourth-grade mathematics in St. Landry Parish. Ms. Ledet serves as a Teacher Leader and a mathematics Content Leader in St. Landry Parish and leads content specific professional developments for her school. She is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and was a nominee for the 2020 LATM Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Emily Lincecum**

Emily Lincecum holds a master's degree in English from Louisiana Tech University as well as a graduate certification in technical writing. She is serving in a new position this year as the curriculum and instructional coordinator for ELA grades 6-12 with the Ouachita Parish School System. She has taught ELA in sixth through ninth grades for the past eleven years. Ms. Lincecum has also completed ELA Content Leader training. In May of 2020, she was awarded a Teachers and Technology grant from the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation for her Digital Classroom Initiative project which focuses on the importance of teaching digital literacy through ELA content for student success. She was also previously awarded Ouachita Parish Middle School Teacher of the year for 2016–2017. This will be Ms. Lincecum's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Julienne Louis**

Julienne Louis holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Xavier University. Over the past 6 years Julienne has worked in various charter schools in New Orleans as a fourth- and fifth-grade humanities teacher. During this time, Ms. Louis has written social studies curriculum, founded a parent teacher association, and led diversity, equity, and inclusion professional development experiences. This past summer she coached six incoming teachers using restorative justice principles and culturally competent strategies for their first year in the classroom. During this time, Ms. Louis collaborated with educational stakeholders across the state to draft the newest K–5 social studies inquiry standard. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Heather Lynch**

Heather Lynch holds a Master of Arts in teaching from Relay Graduate School of Education. She is entering her third year as the instructional technology specialist at Villa del Rey Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet School in East Baton Rouge Parish where she also teaches kindergarten through fifth-grade robotics, engineering, animation, software engineering, and more in the school's Smart Lab. Prior to that, she taught kindergarten for three years. Ms. Lynch is also the grade-level support person for kindergarten and currently serves on her school's instructional leadership team. She is a Mentor Teacher and last year, she was a member of the team that created virtual lessons and instructional materials for teachers across East Baton Rouge Parish. She worked with her district this summer to revise and create benchmark assessments for kindergarten through second grade in ELA and math. Ms. Lynch is a first-year Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Cynthia Marino**

Cynthia Marino holds a Master of Education in administration and supervision from the University of Holy Cross. She has been an early intervention pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher for the last three years and has twenty-five years of experience as an early childhood teacher. Prior to teaching early intervention, Ms. Marino taught pre-kindergarten in a general education classroom. She has served as a Content Leader Fellow in Jefferson Parish for the past two years. She has led district professional developments for Jefferson Parish for the past five years as well as presenting at Teacher Leader Summit in 2018. Ms. Marino attended the University of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning in 2019 and is a certified early learning coach.

### **Amy Martin**

Amy Martin holds a Master of Arts in educational leadership. She teaches fourth-grade math at JS Clark Magnet School in City of Monroe and has ten years of experience teaching in elementary school. Ms. Martin has served on the math content task committee in the City of Monroe School district as well as served as a Teacher Leader within the district. This is Ms. Martin's third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Emelie Martin**

Emelie Martin holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a concentration in secondary education from Louisiana State University. She currently teaches sixth- and seventh-grade math at BASIS Baton Rouge Materra, where she has been teaching for three years. She also serves as a mentor teacher at BASIS. Prior to this, Mrs. Martin served as the Assistant Center Director of Mathnasium, taught fifth- and sixth-grade math for two years at Baton Rouge College Prep, and taught financial math as well as statistics and probability for a semester at St. Amant High School. Mrs. Martin has volunteered with the Baton Rouge Youth Coalition as a college mentor for high school seniors for two years.

### **Kylie Martin**

Kylie Martin holds a Bachelor of Arts in education from Nicholls State University. She has been the seventh grade science teacher at Bayou Blue Middle School in Lafourche Parish for ten years. Prior to that, she taught fifth-grade math, science, and social studies at Bayou Blue Elementary School. For the past five years, she has served as a Teacher Leader for the district where she creates district assessments and curriculum guidance for seventh-grade science, pilots new science curriculum, and helps lead professional development. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and in 2018 and 2019 she was a member of the science item and data review committees for the Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program.

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### **Melinda "Mindy" McCleskey**

Melinda McCleskey holds a Master of Education in special education with a focus on gifted curriculum and instruction from Southeastern Louisiana University. Ms. McCleskey is currently in her second year as a talented and gifted teacher for primary and middle school students at Galvez Primary School in Ascension Parish. With eight years' experience as a classroom teacher, Ms. McCleskey taught elementary gifted in both Saint Tammany Parish and El Paso, Texas. During Ms. McCleskey's time in Saint Tammany Parish, she served in multiple leadership roles to develop curriculum aligned to gifted learners' needs in multiple subject areas as well as participated as a member of multiple schools' leadership teams. Additionally, Ms. McCleskey implemented a service learning project with fourth-grade gifted students in science through the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation in collaboration with Lake Pontchartrain Conservancy and Mandeville Public Water Works. Most recently, Ms. McCleskey is an Environmental Education Advisor and is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association.

### **Jaimie McQuarn**

Jaimie McQuarn holds a Master of Education with a concentration in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Mrs. McQuarn has been a science teacher in Ascension Parish for thirteen years. She has taught high school biology, environmental science, physical science, chemistry, and Advanced Placement Chemistry, as well as sixth- and eighth-grade science. Mrs. McQuarn is currently a Master Teacher supporting both science and social studies in third- through eighth-grade. Mrs. McQuarn has helped write district level benchmarks for biology, chemistry, sixth-grade, and eighth-grade science. As a science Content Leader, she worked on a team to revise the middle school pacing and curriculum for Ascension Parish. Mrs. McQuarn presented at the 2021 Teacher Leader Summit and has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for three years.

### **Stacey Meehan**

Stacey Meehan holds a Master of Arts in teaching from the University of New Orleans. She is entering her third year as an ELA school support coordinator in Jefferson Parish. Prior to that, she taught first grade for five years at JC Ellis Elementary. Ms. Meehan was also a member of her school's instructional leadership team. She is currently writing and reviewing lessons for LDOE's Accelerate. This will be Ms. Meehan's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Gretchen Michel**

Gretchen Michel holds a Master of Education. She has twenty-two years experience in education and recently transferred to Lee Road School in Covington, Louisiana, where she will teach ELA. Ms. Michel

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previously taught sixth-grade ELA and social studies at Joseph B. Lancaster Elementary School in Madisonville, Louisiana. Prior to that, she was a Teacher Advancement Program master teacher/curriculum and instruction support teacher at Greenville Park Leadership Academy in Tangipahoa Parish where she led professional development for teachers at both the school site and at the district level. In 2012, she co-presented a school-wide writing strategy during the “Middle School Strategy Showcase” during the 12th Annual National TAP Conference in Los Angeles, California. Before becoming a curriculum coach and providing support for first year teachers and new hires to the Tangipahoa Parish School System, she was an ELA teacher for seventh and eighth grade at Hammond Junior High School in Hammond, LA.

### **Kelly Miller**

Kelly Miller holds a master’s degree in history from Southeastern Louisiana University. She has been teaching U.S. History for thirteen years and currently teaches dual enrollment U.S. History at Northshore High School in St. Tammany Parish. She has served on the St. Tammany Parish U.S. History curriculum team, assisting in writing parish curriculum and instructional materials, and has presented professional development sessions at the parish summer institute and new teacher induction. Ms. Miller has participated in numerous LDOE social studies committees, including the Social Studies Advisory Board, the Rangefinding Assessment Committee for U.S. History, and the Social Studies Standards Review Committee. She has been an educator for twenty-three years and is a Mentor Teacher. This is Ms. Miller’s first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Farrar Modisette**

Farrar Modisette holds a Master of Education plus 30 in educational leadership from Louisiana Tech University. She has been working in Bossier Parish for the past four years teaching fourth grade and, most recently, third-grade ELA and social studies. Prior to Bossier Parish, Mrs. Modisette taught in Ouachita Parish and Morehouse Parish second through fourth grades for six years. She has served on the Bossier Parish social studies committee and has presented social studies professional development to teachers in the parish. During those years at Ouachita Parish, Mrs. Modisette served as an ELA Teacher Leader. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Anita Morgel**

Anita Morgel holds a bachelor’s degree in general studies from Nicholls State University. She currently teaches eighth-grade ELA at B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School in St. Mary Parish. Prior to that, Ms. Morgel taught sixth- and seventh-grade English at Morgan City Junior High and seventh- and eighth-grade special education in Terrebonne Parish. While at B. Edward Boudreaux, she has been a team

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leader and Content Leader. Ms. Morgel is currently finishing up training for Intervention ELA Content Leader.

### **Marva Muhammad**

Marva Muhammad holds a Master of Arts in Teaching in special education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe as well as Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from California State University at Dominguez Hills. Currently, she teaches ELA at Cypress Point University Elementary. She has a combined 18 years of teaching experience in pre-kindergarten, first-, second-, and third-grade special education at Berg Jones Elementary School as well as first- and fifth-grade ELA and social studies at Cypress Point University Elementary.

### **Whitney Myers**

Whitney Myers holds a Master of Education with an academically gifted certification from Northwestern State University. She currently works with middle and high school academically gifted students in Vermilion Parish. Prior to that, Ms. Myers taught middle school ELA for six years, upper elementary for eight years, and middle school science and reading for eight years. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and the Association for the Gifted. Over the course of the last eight years, Ms. Myers has served as a Teacher Leader at both the elementary and middle school levels and as a Content Leader for middle school ELA. She is a member of the Teacher Education Advisory Council at Northwestern State University and holds National Board Certification as Middle Childhood Generalist.

### **Lisa Nance**

Lisa Nance holds a master's degree in educational leadership plus 30. She serves as the sixth- through twelfth-grade science curriculum instructional specialist for Caddo Parish Schools. Ms. Nance has taught science for the past fifteen years in chemistry, biology, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, physical science, and earth science, and she was the biotechnology magnet coordinator at Southwood High School for five years. She also served on the workgroup to develop new science standards for Louisiana and since the adoption of the new standards, 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 to create scope and sequence documents for high school biology and wrote several assessment items to support the standards for EAGLE. In 2019-2020, she was on the Caddo STEM Summit Team that was chosen 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.

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### **John Neal**

John Neal holds a master's degree in education from Northwestern State University. He is an assistant principal at Pineville High School in Rapides Parish supporting and evaluating teachers, coordinating curriculum and instruction, and managing school discipline. Before moving into leadership, Mr. Neal taught English for fifteen years and was a Teacher Leader. He contributed to Eagle item test creation and participated in LEAP item reviews.

### **Priya Norris**

Priya Norris holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from Louisiana College. She has taught at Pineville Junior High School in Rapides Parish since 2008. Ms. Norris currently teaches eighth-grade science. She has previously taught seventh- and eighth-grade ELA and science, Journey to Careers, and keyboarding. She also taught an exploratory robotics course and for the past two years has sponsored the robotics team. Ms. Norris is a member of Louisiana Computer Using Educators and has represented her school at the Louisiana Science Teachers Association's annual conferences for three years. Mrs. Norris collaborated with fellow teachers in the curation of Next Generation Science Standards aligned content and the development of assessments for eighth-grade science teachers in her district. She has re-delivered content to her peers from Next Generation Science Standards, including a professional development funded by the Math and Science Partnership. In 2021, Mrs. Norris participated in the virtual Teacher Leader Summit as well as a variety of conferences focused on three-dimensional lesson planning. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Justin Overacker**

Justin Overacker holds a Master of Arts in Teacher. An eleven-year educator, he teaches high school English and Educators Rising at Wossman High School in the City of Monroe School District. He also aids his district as a Content Leader, a Mentor Teacher, and a Teacher Leader. Mr. Overacker serves on the state's assessment development educator review committee and the International Literacy Association's Adolescent Literacy committee. A nominee for the 2020 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year honor, his sophomores generated the highest progress growth in the entire state of Louisiana in 2018. Mr. Overacker presents at district, state, and national professional developments. He also served on the state's English Language Arts Collaborative and Family Literacy Engagement workgroup in 2020. Subsequently, his collaborative work on The Writing Revolution's Revolutionary Team enacted long-term student literacy growth. Mr. Overacker acts as a Louisiana Educators Rising Teacher Leader, an American Federation of Teachers Teacher Leader, a National Council of Teachers of English LGBTQ Advisory Committee advocate, and a National Network of State Teachers of the Year Equity Committee comrade.

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## **Chandra Phillips**

Chandra Phillips holds a Master of Business Administration plus 30 with a post-master's educational leadership certification from Northwestern State University. She has been the secondary social studies, sixth-through-twelfth grades, teaching and learning specialist for Caddo Parish Public Schools. This work includes planning and facilitating professional development, supporting school administrators and classroom teachers, and analyzing district-wide data as a basis for developing district plans. Mrs. Phillips previously served as a social studies Master Teacher at Booker T. Washington and Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy. Prior to that, she was a social studies classroom teacher for eleven years. Mrs. Phillips has also served on several local and state committees as well as presented at numerous workshops and conferences. 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. Additionally, Mrs. Phillips has served on the committee to write new social studies standards and the steering committee. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

## **Carla Powell**

Carla Powell holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Southern University and A&M College. She currently teaches high school social studies in West Baton Rouge Parish. Ms. Powell has taught social studies in the Baton Rouge area for sixteen years. She is currently a member of the board of directors for the Louisiana Council for Social Studies and is also a member of the board of directors for the National Council for Social Studies. Ms. Powell has served on numerous social studies curriculum and assessment item review committees for East Baton Rouge Parish, the City of Baker School System, and the state of Louisiana. She has served as a Learn West Fellow for the past two years and has recently been selected as a Lead West Fellow in West Baton Rouge Parish.

## **Natalie Price**

Natalie Price holds a bachelor's degree from Nicholls State University. She presently teaches third-grade ELA at Broadmoor Elementary School in Houma. Mrs. Price has been a classroom teacher for twenty-three years and began her career at Elysian Fields Middle School teaching fifth-grade math, social studies, and science, as well as sixth-grade ELA. She also taught fifth- and sixth-grade math, social studies, and science as well as third- and fourth-grade ELA at Oakshire Elementary School. For several years, she was a mentor to new teachers and supervised student teachers. This is Ms. Price's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.



### **K. Renae Pullen**

K. Renae Pullen holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. She has been the elementary science specialist for Caddo Parish Public Schools for six years. Prior to that, she was an elementary classroom teacher for sixteen years. She is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees. Besides being a science teacher, 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 is a STEM Ambassador for NSTA and NCTM and a member of the National Science Foundation's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Advisory Panel. In 2008, she was honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Ms. Pullen has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for three years.

### **Jennifer Rabalais**

Jennifer Rabalais holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Louisiana State University and a post-baccalaureate early childhood certification from the University of New Orleans. She has been a lead pre-school teacher at Lacombe-Mandeville Head Start for ten years. Prior to teaching at Head Start, she filled various temporary positions in St. Tammany Parish schools, including second-grade teacher, preschool early interventionist, and substitute teacher. This is Ms. Rabalais' first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Skye Reynolds**

Skye Reynolds holds a Master of Arts in Teaching and master's degree in English from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She currently serves as literacy coach for sixth- through eighth grade in Richland Parish. Previously, Ms. Reynolds has taught at multiple grade levels ranging from elementary to high school and worked as a graduate assistant at ULM in the English department. With almost eleven years of teaching experience, primarily in English, she has assisted with grade recovery, homework hotline and summer school. Additionally, she is the middle school Teacher of the Year in Richland Parish.

### **Laurie Richard**

Laurie Richard holds a Master of Education in administration with a specialization in principalship from Louisiana State University and a Master of Education in elementary teaching with a minor in reading along with a reading specialist certification from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in curriculum and instruction math education at Louisiana State

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University. For the past nine years, she has taught fifth-grade math at Prairieville Primary in Ascension Parish. Over the course of seventeen years, Mrs. Richard has taught fourth-, fifth- and seventh-grade ELA, fifth-grade math and science, and first-grade self-contained, all in Ascension Parish. She has presented at three conferences and received funding for three separate grants. Mrs. Richard serves on her school's leadership team and served on the Department of Education's LEAP Connect Standards Validation and Vertical Articulation Committees this summer.

### **Andrea Richardson**

Andrea Richardson holds a Bachelor of Science in political science from Southern University and A&M College. She currently serves as the instructional specialist for the language department at Mentorship STEAM Academy where she supports teachers in effectively implementing the Guidebooks 3.0 curriculum. Mrs. Richardson has eight years' experience as an ELA teacher. This is Mrs. Richardson's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Tina Rigaud**

Tina Rigaud holds a Master of Education plus 30 with a specialization in reading and literacy from Capella University. She has been a second-grade ELA teacher leader for four years. Prior to that, Ms. Rigaud taught in a first-grade self-contained classroom for five years. She is on a committee with the district curriculum specialist to write district assessments and create ELA curriculum and resources based on the Louisiana State Guidebooks. This is Mrs. Rigaud's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kathryn Robinson**

Kathryn Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Louisiana State University Alexandria. She has taught English at Alexandria Senior High for seven years. In that time, she has taught English I, English I Pre-AP, English II, English IV, Business English, and technical reading. Additionally, Mrs. Robinson has taught summer remediation to incoming, at-risk ninth graders. She has also been a part of Alexandria Senior High's freshman academy program since it was introduced in 2018. Mrs. Robinson has attended three Pre-AP English Advanced Placement Summer Institutes, and she has attended Kagan training as well as Capturing Kids Hearts. In July 2020, she attended a trauma-informed discipline training and in 2019 she collaborated with other English teachers in her parish to build pacing guides for English I.

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### **Erica Rosher**

Erica Rosher holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of New Orleans, where she also completed post- baccalaureate coursework in secondary English. She is an Ignite TAP Master Teacher at L.W. Higgins High School. Ms. Rosher has seventeen years experience teaching grades six through twelve in private, charter and traditional public schools. She is a Teacher Leader and has completed training through the Literacy Design Collaborative. Ms. Rosher was also the founding member of the high school team for a new charter school, where she built a department making independent curriculum choices and training and evaluating her team. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Emily Schaumburg-Smith**

Emily Schaumburg-Smith holds a Juris Doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis. She teaches United States History, AP U.S. History, and AP Human Geography in Desoto Parish. In the past, she has taught civics, world history, world geography, and law studies. In addition to her role as a classroom teacher, she will continue to serve as DeSoto Parish’s district lead teacher for U.S. History. In her role as lead teacher, U.S. History teachers in the parish have worked to develop aligned testing following the LEAP 2025 format and lessons that build in inquiry as well as assessments that use historical thinking skills. She had the opportunity to present this work at the 2021Teacher Leader Summit. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Alyce (Ann) Sehon**

Alyce Ann Sehon holds a Master of Education plus 30 in administration and special education from Northwestern State University. She is currently a teacher in the Special School District at Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center where she has spent the past eight years teaching students with significant disabilities. Ms. Sehon is also a special instructor for Early Steps. She has been in education for twenty-eight years and has served as a special education teacher, an educational strategist for the early childhood special education program and the autism program, a supervisor of special education for Rapides Parish, and an interim principal for Louisiana Special Education Center. Ms. Sehon has also been a lead teacher at Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jennifer Sibley**

Jennifer Sibley holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University. She has been an ELA teacher in Livingston Parish for fifteen years where she has taught seventh- and eighth-grade ELA as well as art and STEM classes. Ms. Sibley is currently a member of the National

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Council of Teachers of English, the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators, and Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana. She also served on the EdCamp Livingston board for two years and presented at EdCamp Livingston. She is currently serving as her school representative in the Livingston Parish Teachers' Association and has represented her school in the Livingston Parish Learning Spaces Initiative and has redelivered information from both at the school level. In prior years, Ms. Sibley served on a district wide common assessment writing committee.

### **Sylvia Simmons Cloessner**

Sylvia Simmons Cloessner holds a Master of Science in curriculum and instruction. She has taught kindergarten at DeQuincy Primary School in Calcasieu Parish for six years. She is also an ELA content specialist for kindergarten at DeQuincy Primary School. Mrs. Cloessner also represents kindergarten on the school leadership team. She served as director for the virtual reading class for Calcasieu Parish during the summer of 2020 and she is currently the technology contact for her school and has presented to teachers on several topics related to the use of technology in the classroom. This is Mrs. Cloessner's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Brian Simpson**

Brian Simpson holds a Master of Arts in Teaching with a specialization in secondary science from Louisiana State University. He has taught at Louisiana State University Laboratory School for seven years and currently teaches physics and computer science. He is an active member of American Association of Physics Teachers, National Science Teachers Association, Computer Science Teachers Association, and American Modelling Teachers Association. He serves on his school's Google Gurus team which leads professional development. He is currently pursuing National Board Certification; this will be his first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Terri Simpson**

Terri Simpson holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. is currently employed by McNeese State University as an Assistant Professor and the Director of the Ann Rosteet Hurley Center for the Advancement of Quality Education, where her primary responsibilities are professional development for teachers and teacher candidates in a five-parish area, curriculum design, and teaching in the undergraduate and masters programs. Dr. Simpson has been a middle school teacher in Calcasieu Parish for the past twenty-one years and is currently a member of the National Science Teaching Association, the Louisiana Computer Using Educators, and an ISTE Certified Educator. In 2010, Dr. Simpson was selected by the National School Board Association as a "20 to Watch" educator. She has presented at many local, state, national and international conferences. Last

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year, she served as a mentor for science teachers in Calcasieu Parish in the Open Sci Ed initiative after she attended state science standards district level redelivery trainings.

### **Carla Simpson-Mitchell**

Carla Simpson-Mitchell holds a Master of Arts in education from Northwestern State University of Natchitoches. She teaches seventh-grade ELA at Greenacres Middle School in Bossier Parish. Prior to that, Mrs. Simpson-Mitchell taught honors and advanced ELA and Louisiana History in Desoto Parish and ELA and civics for one year in Bienville Parish. In 2017-2018, she was named Teacher of the Year at Mansfield Middle School in Desoto Parish. Mrs. Simpson-Mitchell has completed the ELA Content Leader and mentor training programs in Bossier Parish, and has served on the Pre-AP ELA criteria selection committee in Bossier Parish. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Dorian Stewart**

Dorian Stewart holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Southern University and A&M College. She is a literacy coach in East Baton Rouge Parish, where she has been an elementary teacher for the past eight years. Prior to that, she taught for two years with Cumberland County Schools in Fayetteville, North Carolina, taught fifth- and sixth-grade ELA, and served as exceptional student services resource teacher. Mrs. Stewart was selected as her school's Teacher of the Year in 2015. She has been a master teacher for seven years and has presented at multiple professional development workshops within her district and around the state. Mrs. Stewart is an ELA Content Leader as well as a Mentor Teacher. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Simone Stutes**

Simone Stutes holds a bachelor's degree in general studies from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is pursuing a Master of Education in educational leadership from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Entering her twelfth year of teaching, she has been a middle school math teacher in Acadia Parish for the past nine years. Prior to that, she taught sixth- through eighth-grade math and Algebra I for two years in Texas. Ms. Stutes is currently a member of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and is a math Content Leader. This is Ms. Stutes' third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Macy Terrebonne**

Macy Terrebonne holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Louisiana State University. She currently teaches geometry and honors geometry Destrehan High School in St. Charles Parish. She

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previously taught Algebra I and geometry at Central Lafourche High School in Lafourche Parish. During her seven years of teaching, Ms. Terrebonne has been a mentor to math teachers new to the district, leader of the geometry professional learning team, and leader of the geometry data team. She currently serves as the Destrehan High School math department chair and has completed the Louisiana Department of Education Mentor Teacher and Content Leader trainings. Ms. Terrebonne also serves as a planner for her district's teacher leader cohort, Lead SCP. This is her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kelly Vollmer**

Kelly Vollmer holds a Master of Arts in English from Tulane University. She is beginning her second year teaching English III at Hammond High Magnet School in Tangipahoa Parish. Prior to that, Ms. Vollmer spent five years in Jefferson Parish teaching a variety of courses including English I, English III, English IV, AP Literature, AP Psychology, and ACT prep. She also held several leadership and sponsorship roles. She has five years of experience teaching Composition I and Composition II at colleges and universities in both Louisiana and Florida. Ms. Vollmer is a Mentor Teacher, and this is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lauren Waguespack**

Lauren Waguespack holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University. She has been a sixth-grade science teacher at Harry Hurst Middle School in St. Charles Parish for the past ten years. Ms. Waguespack is currently a member of the National Science Teachers Association and has attended training on phenomena-based science instruction as well as designing and implementing three-dimensional science lessons. Over the last four years, she has been a part of helping create and implement science lessons that are aligned to the Louisiana Student Standards for Science at her school. This is Ms. Waguespack's third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Shauna Walters**

Shauna Walters holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction: early childhood education from Louisiana State University. She is a first-grade ELA teacher at Jackson Elementary School, but previously she has taught third-grade ELA for three years, and second-, fourth-, and fifth-grade ELA for a year each. In addition to teaching, Ms. Walters has been the early childhood ELA TAP mentor teacher and on the leadership team at Jackson Elementary for three years. She was a Content Leader for East Feliciana Parish and redelivered content with teachers at her school, and she assisted her leadership team in creating common reading assessments and data tracking. This will be Ms. Walters' first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Arionne Washington**

Arionne Washington holds a Bachelor of Science from William Carey University. She currently serves as the math and science director of curriculum and instruction for grades five through eight. Over the course of nine years, Ms. Washington has served in the roles of a middle school science teacher and high school biology teacher. During her time as a classroom teacher, she was twice the recipient of the science teacher of the year award. Ms. Washington has had multiple opportunities to serve as a teaching mentor and leader, and she has also been a teacher learning specialist and science content lead. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **DeEtte Wick**

DeEtte Wick holds a Master of Education with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. She has been a sixth- through eighth-grade English teacher at A.E. Phillips Laboratory School for eleven years. Before teaching in Louisiana she taught grades four and five in Roseville, Minnesota, for four years. During her time in Minnesota she worked for the district to embed standards based assessments into classroom curriculum. She also provided professional development for fifth-grade teachers on standards alignment in classroom assessments for fifth-grade math and social studies. During her time at A.E. Phillips, Mrs. Wick has been a Teacher Leader for five years. As a Teacher Leader she has redelivered material to teachers at her school as well as provided professional development for other parish schools. As a Content Leader Ms. Wick has led professional development on how to use the Louisiana Guidebooks effectively. As a member of the Louisiana Reading Association she became a presenter and delivered a session on engaging middle school students using the Louisiana Guidebooks. She was also a member of the English item review committee analyzing state testing questions and data for standard alignment.

### **Katie Wilcox**

Katie Wilcox holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from Nicholls State University. She has been a sixth-grade science teacher in Lafourche Parish for eight years. Prior to teaching, Mrs. Wilcox served as a Lafourche Parish extension agent focusing on youth development. For the past three years, she has helped write the sixth-grade science district assessments. She also has been a field test teacher for the OpenSciEd program for the past three years. This is Mrs. Wilcox's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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### **Jill Williams**

Jill Williams holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She teaches third-grade math and science at D.C. Reeves Elementary School in Tangipahoa Parish. Prior to that, she taught first grade at Loranger Elementary School. She also has more than ten years teaching experience in Virginia, including private and public schools. In Virginia, Mrs. Williams helped to create and implement standards-aligned math curriculum materials. Over the years, she has attended numerous workshops and trainings in mathematics and has also served as a team leader at Conner Elementary in the Manassas Park School District in Virginia. This is Ms. Williams' first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Ronda Williams**

Ronda Williams holds a Master of Arts in curriculum and instruction with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana State University. She currently teaches kindergarten at Bellingrath Hills Elementary School in Central Community Schools. Mrs. Williams is currently in her twenty-fifth year of teaching, and she has taught first through third grades at both public and private schools in Louisiana and North Carolina. She holds both the Mentor Teacher and Content Intervention Leader certificates, and she is EL certified. Mrs. Williams has served on various school and district-level committees pertaining to report cards, RTI, curriculum implementation, and school leadership. This is Mrs. Williams' first year as Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Sha'Myra Williams**

Sha'Myra Williams holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University, where is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction. She is a humanities and social sciences master teacher for Donaldsonville High School in Ascension Parish as well as an administrative intern. Prior to that, she served as a mentor teacher and secondary English and history teacher for the past six years between Central Middle School in Gonzales and Donaldsonville High School. In 2018-2019, Ms. Williams was named Teacher of the Year for Donaldsonville High School. In addition to teaching, she has served in numerous teacher leader capacities including department chair, facilitating district-wide benchmark writing, developing and leading weekly professional development opportunities, and serving on various committees geared toward school improvement. This is Ms. Williams' first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Crystal Wood**

Crystal Wood holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary education K-8 from Western Governors University in Utah. She has taught fourth-grade ELA, math, social studies, and science in Bossier Parish Schools for the last five years. Prior to that, Ms. Wood worked as a tier III response to intervention advocate in Bossier Parish Schools. She has been a member of her school's Response to Intervention

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Team, the school's webmaster, and Destination Imagination sponsor for several years. Last year, Ms. Wood worked within a collaborative team to provide virtual curriculum for the Bossier Parish Virtual Academy. This is Ms. Wood's third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lee Ann Young**

Lee Ann Young holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Louisiana College. For the past three years, she has taught seventh-grade ELA at University View Academy. Before that, Mrs. Young taught secondary English in multiple parishes for public, private, and charter schools. She has also been a dual enrollment instructor for Louisiana Tech University. In 2020, she completed the National Institute of School Leadership principal's cohort in north Louisiana.



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### **Otylia Benson**

Otylia Benson holds a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Kentucky and she is pursuing a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in literacy and reading at Louisiana State University Shreveport. Ms. Benson is entering her fourth year as the Curriculum Director for ELA and Social Studies at Community Academies of New Orleans in Orleans Parish. Prior to working for Community Academies, she was a curriculum director for Choice Foundation which entered a new partnership to form Community Academies in July of 2020. While working for Choice Foundation, Ms. Benson was a division head and seventh- and eighth-grade ELA teacher at Lafayette Academy Charter School for six years. She has served as a mentor Teacher for Xavier University students through the Believe & Prepare Educator Grant Program and has participated in the ELA Teaching Fellow Cohort through The New Teacher Project. In 2017, she was a member of the Louisiana Department of Education assessment development educator review committee which focused on item content and bias for ELA in sixth- through eighth-grades. Then, in 2018 she served on assessment review committees that focused on item and standard alignment for third-grade. Ms. Benson was selected as a Content Leader for ELA in 2017, an Intervention Content Leader in 2019,

and as a Great Minds Content Leader in 2021. She has been a Teacher Leader Advisor and contracted employee working alongside the ELA Content Team to develop curriculum resources for the past seven years.

### **Jasmine Blanson**

Jasmine Blanson holds a Master of Education in reading and a Bachelor of Science in elementary and special education. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in organizational leadership. Ms. Blanson recently transitioned into the role of elementary literacy associate for RePublic Charter Schools, after having taught for the City of Monroe School System for seven years. She has served on Louisiana Department of Education Assessment Program committees and has helped create curriculum materials for The Writing Revolution. Ms. Blanson has also served as an ELA Teacher Leader.

### **Cassidy Burns**

Cassidy Burns holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a focus in reading and a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in elementary education from the University of Louisiana Monroe. She has been teaching third-grade ELA in the City of Monroe school district for ten years. Ms. Burns has also served as an ELA Teacher Leader for five years and a Mentor Teacher for three years. In 2018, she became a member of the Revolutionary Team, a partnership with The Writing Revolution (TWR) and City of Monroe Schools. Currently, Mrs. Burns is working with the Louisiana Department of Education to update the ELA Guidebooks for third- through fifth-grades which aligns units with TWR strategies.

### **Kim Perry Cummings**

Kim Perry Cummings holds a degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of North Carolina. She currently works as an independent literacy consultant and curriculum writer, serving school districts across the country with their literacy needs. Ms. Perry Cummings has taught ELA and reading remediation for fifth- through eight-grades, and she has also served as a teacher coach and designer, leading the organization's efforts to create content-specific training and support for secondary English teachers. She has worked with the Louisiana Department of Education since 2015.

### **Lartorre M. Davis**

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Lartorre M. Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in general studies with a concentration in social sciences from the University of Louisiana Monroe. She is currently pursuing a Master of Education with a concentration in elementary and special education (mild/moderate) at Louisiana Tech University. Ms. Davis has been an educator in the City of Monroe School District for 11 years where she has taught math, science, and social studies for five years and ELA for six years. She has also served as an ELA Content Teacher and Teacher Leader for several years. As a member of the Minnie Ruffin Elementary faculty, Ms. Davis is currently serving as a Mentor Teacher. Ms. Davis also collaborates with The Writing Revolution to enhance the writing curriculum that correlates with the ELA Guidebooks units for her district.

### **Erin Hughes**

Erin Hughes holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from Louisiana State University. For the past four years, Ms. Hughes has served as the Secondary ELA Curriculum Specialist for St. Tammany Parish Public Schools. In this role, she supports teachers at twenty-one schools by developing curriculum resources and conducting professional development for teachers and instructional coaches. Ms. Hughes is an ELA Content Leader and serves as a district facilitator for ELA Content Leader training. Prior to this, she taught English III and English III AP for four years at Slidell High School where she also served English department chair. Ms. Hughes has also taught seventh-grade ELA, English II, English III, and English IV in St. Tammany Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, and Zachary Community Schools. Additionally, she participated in the Louisiana Department of Education ELA Collaborative during the 2020-2021 school year, working to develop an ELA methods course outline aligned to current instructional expectations for teacher candidates. Ms. Hughes presented at the 2021 Teacher Leader Summit on pedagogical practices as well as on the work of the ELA Collaborative.

### **Laci Lemoine**

Laci Lemoine holds a Bachelor of Arts in English, secondary education from Louisiana State University. The first 11 years of her career were spent teaching English II at Central High School where she also developed and led the school-wide Response to Intervention program as a grade level coordinator. During that time she served on a number of curriculum exploration committees and completed range-finding for the English II End of Course Assessments. Beginning in August 2021, she began work at Denham Springs Junior High School as an eighth-grade ELA teacher. Recently, she had the opportunity to use her passion for weaving social emotional learning into rigorous and standards-based coursework by working as a curriculum writer for ELA Guidebooks in a unit spotlighting Bioethics: Mental Health.

### **Victoria Lester**

Victoria Lester holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and special education from Louisiana Tech University. She has taught fourth-grade ELA for three years and has helped develop a district wide writing curriculum. She is also selected an ELA Content Leader and presented at the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit.

### **Katherine Majeste**

Katherine Majeste holds a Bachelor of Science in secondary English education from the University of New Orleans. She has taught eighth-grade English at Harry Hurst Middle School in St. Charles Parish for two years. Prior to that Ms. Majeste taught seventh- and eighth-grade English for three years in Jefferson Parish. She served as a middle school teacher leader in Jefferson Parish and continues to serve as a Teacher Leader on the School Improvement Team in St. Charles Parish. Ms. Majeste has participated in many ELA Guidebooks trainings that have allowed her to evaluate and modify specific lessons, as well as create additional materials for the classroom. She has also participated in conferences for the Association of Middle Level Educators. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader.

### **Tammy Prejean Schales**

Tammy Prejean Schales holds a master's degree in education from Louisiana Tech University. She is a fourth-grade ELA teacher in Lincoln Parish and has worked in Lincoln Parish for twenty-seven years. Ms. Schales has served as a Teacher Leader, a Teacher Leader Advisor, and a writer for the ELA Guidebooks

### **Meredith Starks**

Meredith Starks holds a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education from Arizona State University. A National Board Certified Teacher in Bossier Parish, she has taught third-grade at Bellaire Elementary School for the past thirteen years. For the past eight years, Ms. Starks has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor working exclusively with elementary ELA Guidebooks and has facilitated ELA Guidebooks trainings. She was also featured in Education Week for her involvement in writing and teaching ELA Guidebooks for third-grade. In 2015, Ms. Starks was on the state standards review team which wrote the Louisiana Student Standards for math. Additionally, she is a Mentor Teacher and currently partners with Teaching Lab to help facilitate Content Leader training.

**Laquinda Thomas-Zeigler**

Laquinda Thomas-Zeigler holds a Master of Education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has been an elementary ELA teacher in Monroe for six years. Prior to that, she taught ELA for four years in Franklin Parish. For two years, Ms. Zeigler helped create The Writing Revolution (TWR) activities that were utilized for the enhancement of 4th grade writing skills. She has been a part of the positive behavior intervention team at her school for four years and has been her school's grade level Teacher Leader for 3 years.

**Brandi Townsend**

Brandi Townsend holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has been teaching fifth-grade for the past five years in Ouachita Parish, and in her fourteen years as an educator, she has taught third-, fourth- and sixth-grades. Last year, Ms. Townsend was chosen by her district's leaders to help write curriculum for ELA and social studies. She has developed the science instructional calendar for her district, has been her school's science Content Leader for four years. Ms. Townsend has twice been a Teacher Leader Summit co-presenter.