

## 2022–2023 Teacher Leader Advisors

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana educators who have been selected as 2022–2023 Teacher Leader Advisors!

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

Teacher Leader Advisors:

Evaluate the quality of publisher-submitted curricular materials

- Create instructional tasks and resources in math, science, and STEM,
- Update the ELA Guidebooks,
- Adapt ELA Guidebooks for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities, and
- Develop and facilitate professional development sessions at statewide events like the Teacher Leader Collaboration Events and the annual Teacher Leader Summit.

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Margaret Acree, Ouachita  
 Mandi Adams, Lafourche  
 Valerie Adams, Tangipahoa  
 Brittney Anslum, Iberia  
 Delky Arbuckle, Iberville  
 Shentell Arsenaux, Jefferson  
 Elise Barkemeyer, LSU Laboratory School  
 Brandi Bastian Kea, Tangipahoa  
 Donna Baudoin, Ascension  
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 Amber Bellard, Calcasieu  
 Amanda Bonney, Orleans  
 Maggie Boos, St. Charles  
 Kellie Boquet, Lafayette  
 Jared Boscarenno, Jefferson  
 Cammie Bourgeois, Jefferson  
 Phobe Boutte, Vermillion  
 Pennie Brown, Caddo  
 Amber Brown, West Baton Rouge  
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 Kristen Burke, Jefferson  
 Belinda Cambre, LSU Laboratory School  
 Jennifer Campbell, Algiers Charter (NOPS)  
 Sara Chaddock, Jefferson  
 Dawn Collins, East Baton Rouge  
 Kathleen Collins, Jefferson

Iyana Connors, Jefferson  
 Sally-Rose Cragin, St. Charles  
 Tyler Dean, Richland  
 Ashley DeBose, GEO Academies  
 Bianca Deliberto, Central Community Schools  
 Racquel DeVille, Calcasieu  
 Elizabeth DeWitt, Lafayette  
 Edwin Dorvin, Jefferson  
 Julie DuBois, Iberia  
 Lindsay Duet, University View Academy\*  
 April Durand, Rapides  
 Keilah Ebanks, Iberville  
 Mabrouck Faradj, East Baton Rouge  
 Alden Ferrell, Bossier  
 Jodie Fontenot, Calcasieu  
 Jennifer Frederick, Calcasieu  
 Erin Friedlander, Lafourche  
 Becky Fritchie, Ascension  
 Bernadette Fruge, Iberia  
 Dina Garb, Monroe City Schools  
 Doug Gryder, Claiborne  
 Steven Guillory, Calcasieu  
 Stacey Guillory, Jefferson  
 Meggan Guillory, St. Landry  
 Hunter Harris, Morehouse  
 Lauren Hatley, Lafayette

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Lindsay Hebert, Ascension  
 Rachel Hendricks, Orleans  
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 Karlitha Holmes, Iberville  
 Kim Howell, Bossier  
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 LaTonya Johnson, Catholic Diocese of BR  
 Tammy Johnson, Lincoln  
 Kayla Jones, Evangeline  
 Amanda Jones, University View Academy  
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 Kylie Martin, Lafourche  
 Amy Martin, Monroe City Schools  
 Sabre Masters, Orleans  
 Nancy McClendon, Jefferson  
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 Justin McDearmont, Bossier  
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 Gretchen Michel, St. Tammany  
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 Haley Montz, St. Charles  
 Dana Moore, St. Martin  
 Anita Morgel, St. Mary

Alexandra Mossing, Hynes Charter School  
 Julie Msangi, Webster  
 Marva Muhammad, Monroe City Schools  
 Ashley Mumphrey, Zachary Community Schools  
 Whitney Myers, Vermillion  
 Lisa Nance, Caddo  
 Andrew Naramore, Jefferson  
 John Neal, Rapides  
 Laura Nelson, Iberville  
 Karlreyiona Oatis, Jefferson  
 Heather Ortego, Vermillion  
 Bryan Perissutti, St. Charles  
 Melinda Perrodin, Lafayette  
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 Danielle Pisani, LA Virtual Charter Academy  
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 Carla Powell, Iberville  
 Diana Price, LaSalle  
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 Marquise Reine, Orleans  
 Christina Riley, St Martin  
 Kathryn Robinson, Rapides  
 Erica Rosher, Jefferson  
 Ashley Salinas, Caddo  
 Gwen Savario, Zachary Community Schools  
 Nichole Sidlovsky, St. Tammany  
 Hailey Simon, Vermillion  
 Brian Simpson, LSU Laboratory School  
 Rebecca Snead, Calcasieu  
 Keli Snelson, Iberville  
 Lacie Soileau, Lafayette  
 Crystal Stone, Jefferson  
 Jennifer Stork-Peloquin, East Baton Rouge  
 Meghan Tabor, Rapides  
 Hope Thibodeaux, Lafayette  
 Mevlida Turkes-Habibovic, Jefferson  
 Kelly Vollmer, Tangipahoa  
 Lauren Waguespack, St. Charles  
 Rachel Waniewski, Bossier  
 Arionne Washington, Orleans  
 Jordan Washington-Smart, Bossier  
 DeEtte Wick, A.E. Phillips  
 Sunny Wiggers, Rapides  
 Donecia Wilson, LA Virtual Charter Academy

### **Margaret Acree**

Margaret earned 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. Margaret Acree has been a mathematics teacher for twenty years, with the last fourteen years at Sterlington High School in the Ouachita Parish School District. She currently teaches Algebra II, precalculus, and calculus to tenth through twelfth grade students. Margaret has also taught sixth through eighth grade mathematics, including geometry and various levels of algebra. Margaret promotes excellence in mathematics education, working with colleagues throughout the school, district, state, and nation. 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. She is a member of the Louisiana Association for Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics. Margaret has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the Louisiana Department of Education for five years and has reviewed ninth through twelfth mathematics curriculum. Margaret is the 2019 Louisiana Awardee for the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching.

### **Mandi Adams**

Mandi Adams earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree in 2008 and then completed the Alternative Teacher Education Program, with a concentration in math and science, from Nicholls State University in 2010. Mrs. Adams has been the sixth grade science teacher at Lockport Middle School in Lafourche Parish for twelve years. Prior to that, she taught sixth and seventh grade math and sixth and seventh grade social studies at Lockport Middle School. 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 Teacher Leader for the District where she creates district assessments for sixth grade science, pilots the state Open SciEd curriculum, and helps lead professional development meetings for the District of Lafourche.

### **Valerie Adams**

Valerie Adams earned a Master of Business from Troy University in 2008 and then completed her alternative teaching certification in 2017. Ms. Adams has been a science teacher in Tangipahoa Parish for four years. Prior to that, she ran statistics for a college for eight years. Ms. Adams has helped plan the parish scope and sequence for sixth grade science for the last three years. She is a Content Leader trained in Open SciEd and helps new teachers entering the field. Last year she was one of thirty-three educators to complete the Louisiana Coastal Fellowship Program.

### **Brittney Anslum**

Mrs. Anslum received a Bachelor of Science in early childhood education in May 2017 from Southeastern

Louisiana University. Mrs. Anslum also received her Master of Education in educational administration from Grand Canyon University in 2021. Mrs. Anslum went on to teach third grade English language arts in St. Mary Parish for two years. Mrs. Anslum then moved to Iberia Parish to teach second grade for two years before moving back to teaching third grade English language arts as well as social studies. While working in St. Mary Parish, Mrs. Anslum served on the leadership team at her school as well as the Whole Brain Teaching Team. Mrs. Anslum is currently a Champion Teacher for her school to assist with creating assessments through computer programs. Mrs. Anslum currently teaches third grade English language arts and social studies at Caneview Elementary School in Iberia Parish.

### **Delky Arbuckle**

Delky Arbuckle has a Bachelor of Science in education with a concentration in middle school mathematics, science, and special education with a concentration in mild/moderate from Southern University and A&M College. Ms. Arbuckle has been a math teacher for eight years serving both West Baton Rouge and Iberville Parish Schools. She has taught mathematics to students in second through seventh grade. Ms. Arbuckle has also supported all subjects as the Resource Instructor for students in grades fourth through tenth. Ms. Arbuckle is currently a virtual elementary math teacher in Iberville parish, where she teaches math to students in grades third through sixth. She has attended numerous state math standards trainings. Last year, Ms. Arbuckle served as an Accelerate Math Team member for the Louisiana Department of Education.

### **Shentell Arsenaux**

Mrs. Arsenaux holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Holy Cross and a master's degree in School Counseling from the University of New Orleans. She completed her teacher certification program at the University of Holy Cross in May 2022. She has three years of teaching experience, ranging from kindergarten to fourth grade. Most recently, she has taught social studies and English language arts to fourth grade students. In the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Arsenaux will teach fourth and fifth grade social studies. She has served as a Teacher Leader Fellow with Jefferson Parish and will continue in that role this coming school year. In this role, she is a member of the school's instructional leadership team. In addition, Mrs. Arsenaux will serve as part of the Social Studies Curriculum Team for her district for 2022-2023.

### **Elise Barkemeyer**

Elise Barkemeyer holds an Education Specialist degree in gifted education as well as a Master of Arts in teaching in secondary social studies from Louisiana State University. She is in her second year teaching US History Dual Enrollment and History of the Americas in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at the LSU Laboratory School. Previously she taught eight years in Iberville Parish. There she taught seventh grade and eighth grade social studies, civics, African American History, and speech. She was selected as Plaquemine High School's Teacher of the Year in 2017. While working in Iberville Parish, Ms. Barkemeyer helped write district-level benchmarks and assisted in writing parish curriculum for

Louisiana History. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Brandi Bastian Kea**

Brandi Bastian Kea earned her Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in elementary education from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Kea has been teaching fourth grade reading and social studies for the past four years at D.C. Reeves Elementary in Tangipahoa Parish. She also serves on her school's leadership team representing and supporting the fourth grade reading and social studies teachers. In 2019, she served on the Teacher Advisory Committee for Tangipahoa Parish when she was awarded Elementary Tangipahoa District Teacher of the Year. She is currently on the planning committee for her district, focusing on the reading curriculum. Mrs. Kea will complete her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor this year.

### **Donna Baudoin**

Donna Baudoin is a fifth grade teacher as well as a TAP Mentor Teacher at Duplessis Primary in Ascension Parish. In 2019 she earned 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 nine years. This is her fourth year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Josh Beavers**

Josh Beavers earned a Master of Arts in teaching and a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. Mr. Beavers has taught secondary English language arts at Lakeside Junior/Senior High School in Webster Parish for nine years. He has also taught Dual Enrollment English classes for Louisiana Tech University. Prior to teaching, he spent more than a decade as an award-winning journalist at several daily newspapers across Louisiana. He is a Content Leader, Teacher Leader, and is Google Certified. Mr. Beavers has redelivered numerous ELA trainings for his school and district over the years. Mr. Beavers was a Louisiana State Teacher of the Year Semifinalist for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Amber Bellard**

Amber Bellard earned 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 at almost every elementary grade level. Mrs. Bellard was an Elementary Math Content Specialist for her district and is currently an ELA Content Leader. Mrs. Bellard was previously a curriculum coordinator at her school and is currently a Master Teacher. She has helped build out several Guidebook Unit additional supports and materials in her previous work as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Amanda Bonney**

Amanda Bonney holds a Master of Science with a concentration in mathematics and a Bachelor of Science in secondary mathematics education, grades six to twelve, from McNeese State University. For the past six years, she has taught Algebra I, Algebra II, Math Essentials, Advanced Math, and Statistics at West Ouachita High School in Ouachita Parish. Mrs. Bonney has taught mathematics in Louisiana for fifteen years, served as a Math and Science Instructional Coach, and served as department head. At the district level, she has helped lead in-services, served on the textbook adoption committee, and helped write district high school math assessments and curriculum guides. This is Mrs. Bonney's first year 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. She is returning to St. Charles Parish as an Instruction and Technology Coach. Previously in Jefferson Parish, she served two years as an Elementary Math Support Coordinator before entering the role of assistant principal at Hearst Elementary for one and a half years. 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 three through five. Ms. Boos also spent six 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 third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kellie Boquet**

Kellie Boquet earned a Bachelor of Education with a health, physical education, and biology certification from Nicholls State University. She has recently acquired her Louisiana Mentor Teacher ancillary certification. Ms. Boquet has been the middle and high school science coach in Lafayette Parish for the past two years and is now teaching biology at Southside High School. Prior to that, she taught biology eighteen years in Terrebonne Parish, biology seven years in Lafayette Parish, and coached several varsity high school sports. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has presented professional development at both the district and state levels. Ms. Boquet has served on several committees at the state, district, and school levels. She was a member of the Biology Item Bias Review and Rangefinding Committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program, state and parish textbook adoption committees, and curriculum alignment committees. She has served as Science Department Chair for eight years. She completed the Louisiana Teachers Assessor Training and served as an internal and outside assessor for new teachers. She completed the Louisiana Department of Education's first mentor program in 2003, along with the present mentor teacher ancillary certification program, and has served as a mentor teacher for many teachers over the past seventeen years.

### **Jared Boscareno**

Jared Boscareno earned a Master of Arts in history from the University of New Orleans. Mr. Boscareno has been a Social Studies School Support Coordinator for Jefferson Parish Schools for the past four years. He has assisted school leadership and teachers in varying capacities with the implementation of course content for all grade levels of social studies, but he primarily works as part of a team to support a network of elementary schools. Prior to his present position, he worked for thirteen years within Jefferson Parish Schools as a classroom teacher at the high school level. During the last five years in the classroom, he also served as his school's Social Studies Department Head. Mr. Boscareno taught various social studies courses in ninth through twelfth grades, but the most recent courses taught were eleventh grade United States History and Advanced Placement United States History.

### **Cammie Bourgeois**

Cammie Bourgeois earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of Phoenix. She also earned her Certification for Mentor Teacher in 2021. Mrs. Bourgeois will serve as the Master Teacher at her school for the 2022-2023 school year. Prior to that, Mrs. Bourgeois was the English as a Second Language teacher serving kindergarten through eighth grade students. She has also taught first grade for five years. Mrs. Bourgeois has been the Teacher Leader Fellow at her school for the last three years. She has also served as the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports committee chairperson for two years.

### **Phobe Boutte**

Phobe Wills Boutte has earned a Bachelor of Arts in education from UL Lafayette, six hours in elementary science education with LSU, and forty-two graduate course hours in geosciences from Mississippi State University. She is currently pursuing a master's degree from the College of Education in curriculum and instruction from UL Lafayette for Instructional Specialist. Mrs. Boutte is beginning her twenty-third year teaching middle school science and STEM in Vermilion Parish. She is currently 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 served as a new teacher mentor for two years. For approximately fourteen years, Mrs. Boutte has been instrumental in science curriculum revisions for Lafayette Parish. Previously, she 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 sixth through eighth committee previously. Mrs. Boutte was a science Teacher Leader for Lafayette Parish for four years and a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state of Louisiana for the past three years. She has conducted numerous professional development sessions for curriculum implementation for Lafayette Parish.

### **Pennie Brown**

Pennie Brown earned a Master of Education plus 30 in educational leadership from Louisiana Tech



University. Ms. Brown has been an upper elementary special education teacher in Caddo Parish for three years. Prior to that, she taught in a third grade English language arts classroom for four years and second grade for seven years. Ms. Brown has also served as an assessment reader for several states, including Texas, California, and Washington. She has served on the school-level team for reading intervention and the diagnostic team. Additionally, she has served on the district level to develop appropriate pacing guides and reviewing assessments for second grade. This will be her first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Amber Brown**

Amber Brown holds a Master of Education from Louisiana State University. Currently, Mrs. Brown teaches sixth, seventh, and eighth grade social studies at Caneview K-8 in the West Baton Rouge Parish School System, a position she has held for the past six years. Prior to that, Mrs. Brown taught seventh grade social studies for eight years and fourth grade for one year. Mrs. Brown is currently the Vice President of the Louisiana Council for the Social Studies and was the Secretary from 2019-2021. She has also served as a Louisiana Representative in the National Council for the Social Studies House of Delegates in 2020 and 2021. Mrs. Brown has presented at the Louisiana Computer Using Educators, Louisiana Council for the Social Studies, and International Society for Technology in Education annual conferences. In late 2022, she will present at the National Council for the Social Studies conference. She served on the LEAP 2025 Social Studies Content and Bias Item Review Committee in 2020. This is Mrs. Brown's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Amanda Bundrick**

Amanda Bundrick earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Centenary College of Louisiana. Ms. Bundrick has served in education for seventeen years in Caddo Parish Public Schools as an elementary teacher, a new teacher coach, and the K-5 Math Specialist for thirty-eight elementary schools. Ms. Bundrick served on the Executive Board for the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics for six years, leading presentations around the state. She was also a member of the Louisiana Department of Education's Educator Leader Cadre, which built the Teacher Toolbox from the ground up, presenting material on the new standards at the first Teacher Leader Conference in Lafayette. Ms. Bundrick also participated in the inaugural Elementary Math Content Leader group and earned her Mentor Teacher certification with the Louisiana Department of Education. Over the past twelve years, Ms. Bundrick has served in various capacities with the Louisiana Department of Education, ranging from Teacher Leader to Teacher Leader Advisor and a member of the Accelerate team, creating materials for teachers in grades third through fifth.

### **Kristen Burke**

Kristen Burke earned her Master of Education in leadership and administration from the University of Holy Cross New Orleans. Currently, she is pursuing her doctorate in educational administration at Southeastern Louisiana University with a focus on the amount of support teachers need to effectively



implement the Science of Reading. Ms. Burke is currently in her third year as a Master Teacher. She is returning as her second year as Master Teacher at Boudreaux Elementary in Jefferson Parish. Prior to moving into the Master Teacher position, Ms. Burke taught in Jefferson Parish for nine and a half years. Within her time in the classroom, she taught a range from second grade self-contained to sixth grade social studies, spending the majority of her time working in ELA. She is a district-level ELA Content Leader. Ms. Burke is a Louisiana State Certified Mentor Teacher. She is also a member of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis, which is a non-profit volunteer club that supports an incentive reading initiative for all the schools in Jefferson Parish. She is a Google Certified Educator. This is her second year participating as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Belinda Cambre**

Belinda Cambre earned 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 seven 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 of 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 and was a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jennifer Campbell**

Jennifer Campbell earned 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. Mrs. Campbell has been an educator for twenty-four years and has taught English, math, and social studies in grades second through sixth. 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. While working in Jefferson Parish as Elementary Coordinator of Mathematics, Mrs. Campbell coached and supported teachers with the implementation of Louisiana State 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 third year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Sara Chaddock**

Dr. Sara Chaddock earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in special education from the University of New Orleans. She has been a Special Education School Support Coordinator for Jefferson Parish Schools for

the last four years. Previously, Dr. Chaddock taught as a teacher of students who are deaf and hard of hearing in first through fifth grade for ten years, a special education chairperson, the Academic/Behavior Intervention Team chairperson, and a mentor for new special education teachers. Dr. Chaddock taught all subject areas but specialized in English language arts due to the unique language needs of her students. Dr. Chaddock has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the last four years.

### **Dawn Collins**

Dawn Collins earned a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in early childhood education and the natural sciences from the University of South Carolina. Ms. Collins is currently a first grade math teacher in Baton Rouge at University View Academy. She also assists with various roles within University View Academy, such as LEAP Testing Site Coordinator, Dibels Testing Assessor, TeachWorks nightly tutor in grades K-4, and sponsors the K-2 Workout Club. She has taught kindergarten and first grade virtually for eight years and in the public school system for seventeen years. Most recently, Ms. Collins worked for the Louisiana Department of Education as an Accelerate Math Content Developer for second grade.

### **Kathleen Collins**

Kathleen Collins holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood and elementary education from Holy Cross University. Ms. Collins is a second-year Literacy Coach for Jefferson Parish Schools. In this role, she supports and leads teachers in grades kindergarten through fifth, as well as members of her school's instruction leadership team in implementing Science of Reading principles in daily classroom instruction. Prior to being a Literacy Coach, she taught in a self-contained second grade classroom for eight and a half years. Ms. Collins has been an English Language Arts and Literacy Content Leader Fellow and Teacher Leader Fellow for Jefferson Parish Schools for three years. She earned her Louisiana Mentor Teacher Certification in 2021 and Louisiana Literacy Content Leader Certification in 2022. With these roles, Ms. Collins leads professional development related to English language arts and literacy, mentors new and veteran teachers, and helps create and vet district-level assessments.

### **Iyana Connors**

Iyana Connors earned 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 three 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' second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Sally-Rose Cragin**

Sally-Rose Cragin holds a Master of Arts in teaching elementary and special education from

Northwestern State University. She is currently a doctoral candidate in Xavier University of Louisiana's Educational Leadership Program. Mrs. Cragin is beginning her first year co-teaching fourth grade English language arts at Lakewood Elementary School in St. Charles Parish Public Schools. Prior to that, she taught in co-taught, resource, and self-contained settings with eighth grade students with significant and mild and moderate disabilities for two years and elementary students who are deaf and hard of hearing for four years. Mrs. Cragin currently serves on St. Charles Parish's Special Education Advisory Council and previously served on The Superintendent's Teacher Council in Jefferson Parish. Mrs. Cragin is currently implementing research to explore best practices for co-teaching and inclusion and has presented professional development at the school level to aid in the implementation of co-teaching.

### **Tyler Dean**

Tyler Dean has earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Louisiana College, a Master of Arts in Apologetics, and a Master of Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently working on his Ph.D. Mr. Dean has thirteen years of teaching experience in which he has taught Biology I, Biology II, physical science, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. In 2010, Mr. Dean served on the Louisiana Life Science Textbook Adoption Committee. Mr. Dean has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the Department of Education since 2019. He is currently a science content leader for Richland Parish.

### **Ashley DeBose**

Ms. DeBose earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Louisiana State University. She has ten years of experience teaching math and science at the elementary level. Currently, Ms. DeBose serves as a math interventionist and Mentor Teacher for GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge. For the past nine years, she has taught third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade math and science. She has been a dedicated Teacher Leader and a Mentor Teacher at her school for three years. She is certified in Teacher Evaluation by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

### **Bianca Deliberto**

Bianca Deliberto earned primary and secondary education degrees, including a Ph.D. in science education, from Louisiana State University. Dr. Deliberto is currently the science instructional coach in the Central Community School System. She has a mix of classroom teaching experiences throughout her twelve years in grades second, third, fourth, seventh, and eighth. Most recently, she achieved National Board Recertification and was a part of the LSU Cain Center Quality Math and Science Grant Revision Taskforce. Dr. Deliberto is the Vice President for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has served on several local, state, and national committees. This will be Dr. Deliberto's eighth year as a Teacher Leader Advisor with the Louisiana Department of Education.

### **Racquel DeVille**

Racquel DeVille earned a Master of Arts in teaching from McNeese State University in 2008 and holds a teaching certificate in special education for grades 1-12. Ms. DeVille successfully completed the Louisiana Department of Education's approved training programs for ELA Content Leader and Intervention Content Leader and holds ancillary certifications in both areas. She started her current position as a 504 Specialist in the Calcasieu Parish School System in March 2022. From 2018-2022, in her role as the elementary special education district intervention content leader, Ms. DeVille collaborated with district-level staff, administrators, and teachers to ensure that instruction delivered to students with different abilities was data-based and aligned with the most current mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. She was the district coordinator for the Louisiana State Personnel Grant from May 2017 to May 2021. For the 2019-2020 school year, Ms. DeVille served as the district coordinator for appointed school-based intervention content leaders. In response to school closures that impacted learning for students with diverse abilities, from June 2020 to August 2020, Ms. DeVille served as the coordinator and provided guidance to teams of designers who developed virtual lessons. In 2021 she was appointed as the site facilitator and coordinator for a summer enrichment program that focused on increasing instructional outcomes for students with diverse abilities through the utilization of accommodations. Ms. DeVille was a presenter at the 2022 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit. Ms. DeVille is currently serving a second term as the chairperson for the Calcasieu Parish School System Special Education Advisory Council.

### **Elizabeth DeWitt**

Elizabeth DeWitt earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in French education 1-12 from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. She did a summer study program at the Université de Liège and received a scholarship for a summer study program at the Université de Franche-Comté, Centre de Linguistique Appliquée. Later she completed coursework to become certified as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. After teaching French for ten years in fifth through twelfth grades, she moved to Lafayette High School in Lafayette Parish to start a Newcomers Program for non-English speaking students. Over the years, she has taught all proficiency levels of English Learners but concentrates on teaching those who have newly arrived in the country. In the summer, she teaches sixth grade in ESL Summer Enrichment. In addition to teaching, Elizabeth has participated in writing a Curriculum Guide for French Grades 1-12 and also served on a state workgroup creating deliverables to explore, define, and describe ways to generate Student Learning Targets. She has also been on both state and private industry workgroups to review testing materials for bias and sensitivity in high-stakes tests. She is currently the head of the ESL Department at Lafayette High School.

### **Edwin Dorvin**

Edwin Dorvin earned his Master of Arts in teaching and holds a post-master's certificate in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans. Mr. Dorvin currently works as a special education teacher for first-third graders at Rudolph Matas School in Jefferson Parish. He has been in that role for four years. Prior to that, he taught Physical Education to preK-eighth graders, and math and science to upper

elementary students. Mr. Dorvin has been a Teacher Leader Fellow for Jefferson Parish Schools for five years and a Content Leader Fellow in Mathematics for one year. He earned his Louisiana Mentor Teacher Certification in 2021. This will be his first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Julie DuBois**

Julie DuBois earned a Master of Education and a Master of Biology from Louisiana Tech University. Ms. DuBois has been the high school science teacher 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 nine 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 five years, she has been on the district-level biology curriculum writing team. Ms. DuBois has been her school's Teacher Leader for eleven years and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past five years.

### **Lindsay Duet\***

Lindsay Duet earned a Master of Education in special education with a concentration in gifted education. Mrs. Duet is Science Curriculum Lead at University View Academy in Baton Rouge, LA. She previously served as a Science Content Trainer for East Baton Rouge Parish. She taught seventh grade science at Westdale Middle School for seven years, where she coached the Science Olympiad team, sponsored the school media and BETA clubs, and organized international student trips. Mrs. Duet served as a district teacher leader and has led professional development for science teachers across East Baton Rouge Parish since 2018. She also wrote district science assessments and served on the committee to review science curricula for East Baton Rouge Parish.

### **April Durand**

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

### **Keilah Ebanks**

Keilah Ebanks is a mathematics educator who is passionate about impacting the lives of her students. She began her career at Xavier University of Louisiana in the Math Resource Center. She desired to

impact the lives of students at an earlier age. Thus, she began her teaching experience in the classroom in 2017. Shortly after teaching ninth and eleventh graders, Keilah became eager to assist students with their fundamental math skills at an earlier grade level. As a result, Keilah began teaching middle school in 2018. Currently, Keilah holds certification in mathematics for grades fourth through eighth and teaches seventh and eighth grades in Iberville Parish. Keilah earned a Doctorate of Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and a Bachelor and a Master of Science in mathematics, where she was a NASA Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology (MUST) Scholar and graduated with honors.

### **Mabrouck Faradj**

Mabrouck Faradj earned a Doctor of Education degree from Northcentral University with a concentration in curriculum and teaching. He earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in mathematics. He also has a Master of Public Administration in leadership and supervision and completed the Certificate of Mathematics Education Specialist programs at Louisiana State University. Faradj is also a National Board Certified Teacher in Mathematics Education (adolescence-young adults). He is an East Baton Rouge Public School System STEM Fellow. He also holds Louisiana State certification in gifted and mathematics education and teaching certification from Sylvan University in mathematics, English language arts, and study skills. Faradj has broad experience as a mathematics educator. He taught a variety of mathematics courses at the collegiate, high school, and middle school levels, including Advanced Placement Calculus and Statistics, Business Calculus, college algebra/trigonometry, college remedial math, high school algebra/geometry, and geometry for preservice elementary teachers. He also served as a mentor for preservice teachers, and he currently teaches mathematics at Belaire High School, Baton Rouge. He was selected to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four consecutive years.

### **Alden Ferrell**

Alden Ferrell earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Louisiana- Monroe. She then received her alternative certification. Ms. Ferrell has been a fourth grade English language arts and social studies teacher in Bossier Parish for four years. She also served as a reading interventionist for one year. She focused on students with traits of dyslexia. Ms. Ferrell has been a member of the Social Studies Bias Review Committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jodie Fontenot**

Jodie Fontenot holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in sixth through eighth grade English language arts. Ms. Fontenot is currently the middle school ELA curriculum consultant for Calcasieu Parish. Previously she taught ELA at Oak Park Middle School for fifteen years, followed by three years serving as a TAP Master Teacher. She has served on and led multiple curriculum and assessment development committees in Calcasieu Parish.

### **Jennifer Frederick**

Jennifer Frederick earned a Master of Education in educational administration from Lamar State University in Beaumont, Texas. She boasts a mix of teaching experiences throughout her fifteen years from kindergarten, first, and second grades in Calcasieu Parish, special education teacher, fourth grade ELA and fifth grade mathematics teacher for ten years in Beauregard Parish. Currently, Mrs. Frederick serves as an assistant principal for DeQuincy Elementary. Mrs. Frederick has presented professional developments for her school and district. She was able to assist in many math initiatives, including writing assessments and selecting curriculum for the district. Mrs. Frederick is a certified Mentor Teacher and ELA Content Leader. Mrs. Frederick has written and received many grants and awards during her career. She is a member of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and serves as building representative for her school. This is her fourth year serving as Teacher Leader Advisor for the state.

### **Erin Friedlander**

Erin Friedlander holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Nicholls State University. She has been the secondary social studies curriculum facilitator for grades sixth through twelfth in Lafourche Parish for one year. Prior to that, Ms. Friedlander was a secondary social studies and English teacher for seventeen years, as well as a Mentor Teacher. She has also served on the Lafourche Parish U.S. History curriculum team, assisting in writing district curriculum, instructional materials, and assessments. Mrs. Friedlander has participated in numerous Louisiana Department of Education social studies committees, including United States History Range Finding Committees, United States History Standard Setting Committee, and United States History Content Bias and Item Review Committee. She was also the teacher representative for the Premiere School video at the 2019 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit. This is Ms. Friedlander's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Becky Fritchie**

Becky Fritchie earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Louisiana State University and will graduate in 2023 from Louisiana State University: Shreveport with her Master of Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on STEM Education. Ms. Fritchie has enjoyed her position as a STEAM Lab Facilitator in Ascension Parish since 2020. Over her years as an educator, she has taught fourth and fifth grade students English, math, science, and social studies. She is currently a member of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and has presented at one of their professional development conferences. She is also an educator member and Assistant Aerospace Educator External Wing Officer of the Louisiana Civil Air Patrol. Ms. Fritchie continues her education, professional development, and networking reach by being active in ambassadorship programs through Space Center Houston, Infinity Science Center, and the Texas Space Grant Consortium. These partnerships have allowed Ms. Fritchie to educate students internationally and support educators on a national level. Last year, Ms. Fritchie was honored to serve as an educational leader for the Louisiana Coastal Fellowship and presented new learning from this experience at the Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit. In previous years, Ms. Fritchie was selected to review the LEAP 2025 Science Content and Bias Items for the Louisiana Department of



Education and has participated in a number of other assessment item and data review committees. In Ascension Parish, Ms. Fritchie has helped write science district assessments for grade five. Being this is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor, she is excited to collaborate with and support the phenomenal educators and students of Louisiana.

### **Bernadette Fruge**

Bernadette Fruge earned a bachelor's degree in government with a minor in history from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where she later received her certification in teaching secondary social studies. Ms. Fruge has been an eighth grade social studies teacher at Belle Place Middle School in New Iberia, Louisiana, for seven years. Prior to that, she taught eighth grade social studies at Jennings High School in Jennings, Louisiana, for eleven years. Ms. Fruge was named the Middle School Teacher of the Year for Jennings High School. She has been nominated as a Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year. Ms. Fruge is currently a member of the Iberia Parish Social Studies Curriculum Committee and is also the head of Belle Place Middle School's Social Studies Department, where she has assisted with creating common middle school assessments and updated and enhanced the curriculum for Louisiana and American History.

### **Dina Garb**

Dina Garb earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies education from Northwestern State University in 1994. She also received a minor in mathematics and is certified to teach high school math. Dr. Garb continued her education to include a Master of Education in educational technology in 2002 and completed her Doctorate of Education in educational leadership from Grand Canyon University in 2014. Dr. Garb earned National Board Certification in Young Adult Social Studies in 2005. She started teaching in Sabine Parish where she taught math and social studies at Zwolle high school from 1994-1998. After pursuing other endeavors, Dr. Garb returned to the classroom in 2002 at Mansfield Middle School and now teaches at Carroll High School in Monroe City. Dr. Garb has participated in The Writing Revolution training and has led redelivery to local educators. She has helped write district assessments in Sabine, DeSoto, and Monroe City districts. Dr. Garb has participated in developing the social studies curriculum for the state of Louisiana.

### **Doug Gryder**

Doug Gryder earned his Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Louisiana Tech University. He continued his education to earn his master's degree in information systems and his elementary education certification. Mr. Gryder has taught elementary math at Homer Elementary School in Claiborne Parish in first grade for five years and third grade for one year. He serves as his school's campus tech support contact. Mr. Gryder is a member of his school's instructional leadership team and a Mentor Teacher.

### **Steven Guillory**

Steven Guillory holds a Bachelor of Education degree from McNeese State University and is certified and highly qualified to teach kindergarten through twelfth grade for Vocal Music and seventh through twelfth grade for English. He is currently employed at Sulphur High School teaching English III and English IV and has been at this position since 2014. Prior to that, he taught seventh grade English language arts for one year. Mr. Guillory was a member of the pilot cohort for Louisiana’s Believe and Prepare program for Calcasieu Parish and continues to serve as a Believe and Prepare mentor, a position 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.

### **Stacey Guillory**

Stacey Guillory earned a Master of Education in special education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She was a Mentor Teacher and English teacher at InspireNOLA Schools for two years. Prior to that, she taught in Monroe City Schools as an ELA teacher for twenty years. During the 2019–2020 school year, Ms. Guillory began as a Master Teacher at West Jefferson High School in the Jefferson Parish Public School System. She is currently a National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) TAP certified evaluator. Ms. Guillory served on the Monroe City School Board curriculum committee and assisted in the development of the seventh and eighth grade English language arts curriculum. Additionally, she assisted in developing instructional calendars for the district. As a part of the school leadership team, she attended the Annual Conference for the Association for Middle Level Education. She has also presented many professional developments, including Writing Across the Curriculum and redelivery of The Writing Revolution. Mrs. Guillory was a Teacher Leader for Monroe City Schools, and this will be her second year to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Meggan Guillory**

Meggan Guillory earned 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 second year as a high school science teacher at Northwest High in St. Landry Parish. She has worked with seventh and eighth graders for the last seven 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 seventh grade. This is her third year being a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Hunter Harris**

Mr. Harris received a Bachelor of Arts from Mississippi University for Women. He also received a Master of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in teaching from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. He is a teacher and coach from Morehouse Magnet School in Morehouse Parish, where he has taught for the last seven years. He is a two-time Teacher of the Year in the district, and he is a 2021 Louisiana Teacher of the Year finalist. He has taught ELA his entire tenure and serves as a Content Leader for his district.

### **Lauren Hatley**

Lauren Hatley has earned a Master of Education in special education: gifted education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Ms. Hatley also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education. She is a Level II Louisiana licensed educator and has an add-on certification in academically gifted. Ms. Hatley holds a teaching license for the State of Wyoming in early childhood education, birth through eight years old. Ms. Hatley is currently a first grade Gifted and Talented educator at Middlebrook Elementary School in the Lafayette Parish School System. This will be her first year in this position but her fourth year teaching within the parish. Prior to this, Ms. Hatley has taught kindergarten 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. This is Ms. Hatley's third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lindsay Hebert**

Lindsay Hebert earned 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 eight years. She currently teaches a reverse inclusion pre-kindergarten class at Lakeside Primary. This will be her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Rachel Hendricks**

Rachel Hendricks holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in elementary education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Mrs. Hendricks is working towards an educational leadership certificate. She has taught third and fourth grade social studies at Drew Elementary in Ouachita Parish for the past six years. She has developed district lessons for third and fourth grade social studies instruction, presented school and district-wide professional development, created the third grade district master social studies google classroom, serves as the master teacher of third and fourth grade social studies google classroom, and created the third grade social studies unit assessments, benchmark assessment, and student resource book. She has also served as a committee member of the Ouachita Parish Virtual Instructional Program. Mrs. Hendricks is a current Teacher Leader and the social studies content leader at Drew Elementary.

### **Lainey Hodge**

Lainey Hodge earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology education with an additional certification in sixth through twelfth mathematics from Louisiana Tech University. She has also earned her 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 fourth year of teaching mathematics in Ouachita Parish. She taught at Ouachita Parish High for three years and is currently teaching mathematics and is the 504 coordinator at Sterlington High School. Prior to her current district, 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 scopes and sequences 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. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Christina Holland**

Christina Holland earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her 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 seventeen years. She currently teaches third grade English language arts at University View Academy and has for the last eight years. She also taught in an inclusion classroom 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-level professional learning community to help ensure that her classroom and 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. Last, Mrs. Holland served as a Teacher Leader Advisor last year and was the Team Leader for her workgroup.

### **Rebecca Holloway**

Rebecca Holloway holds an Education Specialist Certification in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in science from Louisiana State University and earned a Master of Education plus 30 from Southern University. Ms. Holloway currently serves as an Introduction to STEM Pathways and Careers, sixth and seventh Science and Engineering Design teacher at Park Forest Middle Magnet School. She currently serves in multiple leadership roles, including Grade Level Coordinator, Positive Behavioral Interventions Support Coordinator, East Baton Rouge Parish Mentor Teacher, and Teacher Leader. Ms. Holloway cherished her pilotage roles as a Louisiana Coastal Fellow in 2021-2022, East Baton Rouge STEM Fellow, Environmental Education Advisor, and Teacher of the Year. In the Core and Supplemental Instructional Review committee, she assisted in developing the district science curriculum and writing assessments for middle school for two years. Ms. Holloway was a member of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program Content and Bias Review Committee for science and is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. She has presented workshops on the national, state, and local level.

### **Karlitha Holmes**

Karlitha Holmes earned a Master of Education plus 30 from Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ms. Holmes is currently working on her certification in Special Education from the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators (LRCE). Ms. Holmes is the seventh grade middle school special education Inclusion Teacher at Plaquemine Senior High School in Iberville Parish. Prior to that, she taught between grades fourth through eighth general education for twenty-seven years. She is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. For seven years, she helped write the math district curriculum and assessments for grades one-six. Throughout Ms. Holmes' twenty-seven years of experience, she has been a Student Assistant Team Chairperson, Instructional Coach/Facilitator, Cluster Facilitator, Teacher Leader, Mentor Teacher, District-wide Curriculum Developer, School and District wide Professional Development Presenter, and participated and collaborated in numerous district/regional math and science strategy and curriculum development projects.

### **Kim Howell**

Kim "Lovie" Howell is the librarian at Benton Middle School in Benton, Louisiana. Having earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, she is certified in kindergarten and library science from LSUS and LA Tech Universities. Passionate about children and books, teaching preschool, kindergarten, third, and fourth grades for sixteen years made moving into the library in 2011 a smooth transition and a dream come true. In her eleven 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 Past President of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, LLA Chair of the Modisette Committee, Social Media Moderator of the Bossier Parish Association of School Librarians, and a Louisiana State Teacher Leader.

### **Amanda Ingargiola**

Amanda Ingargiola earned 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 English language arts 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 English language arts for fifteen years at Hammarskjold Middle School in East Brunswick, New Jersey. This is Mrs. Ingargiola's second 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 twenty-seven years. She is a member of her school's Leader in Me Lighthouse Team for eight years. She is the chairperson of the Mental Health Action Team. She is also the chairperson of the English Language Arts Committee at her school. Last year she served on both the Louisiana Department of Education's Grade 4 LEAP 2025 Social Studies Source Review Committee and the ELA Content and Bias Item Review Committee. Mrs. Jackson has served on the Louisiana Department of Education's LEAP Connect Standards Validation Committee. She has been Bains Elementary's Teacher of the Year. She has also completed the 2021-2022 year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **LaTonya Johnson**

LaTonya Johnson earned a Master of Arts in education teaching and learning technology from Ashford University in 2011 and a Bachelor of Science in management from the University of Phoenix in 2009. Ms. Johnson has sixteen years of educational experience educating general and exceptional scholars in the states of Louisiana and Michigan. She served on the School Improvement Team for both the Detroit Public Schools, as well as the Ascension Public Schools. During the 2012-2013 academic school year with the Detroit Public Schools, Ms. Johnson and the SIT team wrote and won the Skillman Good School Grant. In addition, she was a regional team member for South Louisiana Coalition for Education, advocating, planning, and organizing community engagements with local/state representatives in order to improve educational equity. In Louisiana, she taught special education grades K-8 for eight years within the charter, private, and public school sectors for the resource, inclusion, and self-contained learning environments. Currently, Ms. Johnson is employed by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge Blessed Margaret of Castello REACH Department which is located on the campus of St. Thomas More School, and is serving in the capacity of a self-contained teacher educating scholars who inherited various disabilities including but not limited to autism, physical, cognitive, social/emotional learning impairments. She works collaboratively alongside the school personnel team and external stakeholders. Furthermore, Ms. Johnson is an essential component in integrating Exceptional Student Services with compliances, instruction, individualized educational plans, behavior interventions, evaluations, testing, data, and parental support. This is her first year participating as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Tammy Johnson**

Tammy Johnson holds a Master of Education in reading and educational leadership. Mrs. Johnson has sixteen years of instructional experience and will be returning to the classroom as a first grade teacher for the third year. 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 will be a Mentor Teacher this year for her school. 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 where she completed proposal reviews for the October 2019 conference. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader for her current district and her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kayla Jones**

Kayla Joseph Jones is a curriculum specialist for the Evangeline Parish School District. She consecutively earned an associate's degree in general studies and a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in social sciences from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. She then went on to earn her teaching credentials through the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In addition, she completed her alternative certification in educational leadership with Advance Innovative Education. She is currently working on a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with an instructional specialist concentration and has ten years of experience in the content areas of secondary social studies and ELA. In 2021, she served on the steering committee and elementary content workgroup responsible for the revision of the Louisiana student standards for social studies. She authored "Unwind, Recharge, Transform, and Amplify," a publication in the Louisiana First Foundation Educators Monthly Blog. Additionally, she facilitated a professional development for Louisiana educators entitled "Building Literacy in Your Social Studies Classroom" at the 2022 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit. Apart from this, her professional accomplishments are as follows: Northwest High School Teacher of the Year (2018-2019), Chataignier Elementary Middle School Teacher (2020-2021), Evangeline Parish Middle School Teacher of the Year (2020-2021), and 2022 Louisiana Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist.

### **Amanda Jones**

Ms. 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 the University of Louisiana Lafayette. Ms. Jones currently teaches for University View Academy, where she has been teaching virtually for seven years. She currently teaches high school math. Ms. Jones worked on the curriculum team at her school that restructured Tier 1 curriculum to be appropriate for online learning. She also taught in brick and mortar for three years before switching to online learning.

### **Ariane Jones-Pierre**

Ariane Jones-Pierre earned a Master of Educational Leadership from the University of Holy Cross. Ms. Jones-Pierre has been a Master Teacher at Algiers Charter Association for two years. Prior to that, Ms. Jones-Pierre served as a third through eighth grade Math Mentor teacher for three years. Ms. Jones-Pierre has also taught math and supported K-12 math teachers through different programs in the city of New Orleans.

### **Amber Kemmerly**

Amber Kemmerly earned two master's degrees, the first in history from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the second after teaching for six years in educational leadership from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Ms. Kemmerly spent the last year as the high school English and Social Studies Instructional Leader at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy (DTSMA), one of the top-performing schools in Lafayette Parish. Prior to that, she taught United States History at North Forest



High School in Houston, Texas, for two years while also serving as social studies department head, classroom culture specialist, and a social studies teacher leader for the Houston Independent School District (HISD). Ms. Kemmerly previously taught United States History and English I at David Thibodaux for three years before moving to Houston. She began her career in education at Jeanerette Senior High School, teaching English III, Business English, psychology, and remedial English to seventh and eighth grade students. Ms. Kemmerly also presented at the 2021 regional social studies conference hosted by HISD, For Teachers By Teachers, and created content through a Library of Congress Grant with other Houston Independent School District teacher leaders. As Instructional Leader at DTSMA, she created targeted LEAP reviews for social studies, grades sixth through twelfth, and collaborated with district instructional coaches regarding assessments and instruction. This will be Ms. Kemmerly's first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for social studies.

### **Melissa Keown**

Melissa Keown earned a Master of Education in early intervention from Southeastern Louisiana University. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University. Ms. Keown has been an early childhood special education teacher in Livingston Parish for the past three years. Prior to that, she taught pre-kindergarten for six years and kindergarten for eleven years. Ms. Keown is currently a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certified teacher and has held that certification since 2008. She has supervised student teachers and has served on a variety of committees, including behavior intervention committee, student achievement committee, and the instructional management team. Ms. Keown has attended national conferences for the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics and the International Reading Association.

### **Felisha King**

Felisha M. King earned a Master of Education with an emphasis in reading from Grand Canyon University. She also has a Master of Education degree from Walden University. Ms. King is serving as a math coach in East Baton Rouge Parish. She has taught since 2006. As a teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish, Ms. King has reviewed and assisted with writing district assessments. Her leadership roles include serving as grade-level chair. She has also presented at the Teacher Leader Summit. This will be her third year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Anna King**

Anna W. King has a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and a master's in curriculum and instruction with an elementary education concentration from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is currently pursuing her plus 30 and her certification in educational leadership. Mrs. King has been teaching middle school science for ten years and in 2021 took the Lead Instructional Coach position at Start Elementary in Richland Parish. For three years, she has been responsible for writing the District Middle School Science Syllabi, which was used as a map for guiding educators in lesson planning. From 2020 until this past summer, she has worked part-time with The New Teacher Project to support

educators in mentor certification and the STEM Good to Great Program. Mrs. King has attended state OpenSciEd training and has worked to redeliver for district-level science training. She has been a part of the Space Exploration Educators Conference at NASA in Houston, Texas for two years where she brought back STEM instruction to implement in learning. Mrs. King has been a Teacher Leader in her previous school, as well as, this past school year. This is her first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

## **Erin Kizziar**

Dr. Erin Kizziar earned a Doctor of Education degree 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 seven years. Dr. Kizziar led her district's school librarians in their cross-curricular implementation of social studies standards, English language arts 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. Her thesis outlined plans for educators to fuse local history into the state's social studies curriculum. Dr. Kizziar provided professional development to the Lafayette Parish School System's middle school and high school social studies teachers. She also presented her research on inquiry-based learning models to Lafayette Parish School System's school librarians. This is Dr. Kizziar's second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

## **Loren Klein**

Loren Klein earned a master's degree in gifted education from Arkansas State University. He teaches eighth grade academically gifted science, physical science, and fundamentals of engineering 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 the past six years.

## **Kristen Knock**

Kristen Knock holds a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. She is currently a Master Teacher at Belle Chasse Middle School in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. She is also a Mentor Teacher at the school and has fourteen years teaching experience. Ms. Knock was awarded Teacher of the Year for Belle Chasse Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year. Prior to being a part of the leadership team, she has taught fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth grades. Mrs. Knock has served on the LEAP 360 Focus Group and also participated in item review and data review for the Louisiana Department of Education and Data Recognition Corporation.

## **Freddy Kullman**

Mr. Freddy Kullman earned a Master of Education from Lehman College after graduating from the University of Virginia. Mr. Kullman began his teaching career in New York City before returning to New Orleans in 2006. Mr. Kullman has spent the last sixteen years teaching with KIPP New Orleans as a social studies teacher in grades fifth through eighth, eleventh, and twelfth. For the past nine years, Mr. Kullman has taught the Advanced Placement United States History course at Frederick Douglass High School, and his students have achieved some of the highest passing rates for open-enrollment public schools in the city.

## **Samantha LaFleur**

Samantha LaFleur earned 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 third year as Literacy and Social Studies Master Teacher in Lafayette Parish where she supports teachers in grades second through fifth. Before becoming a master teacher, she taught fourth grade English language arts and social studies for two years and third grade English language arts and social studies for four years. For the past seven years, she has facilitated school, district, and state-wide professional development sessions for implementing data-driven instruction in social studies classrooms. Ms. LaFleur has collaborated with both state and district-level social studies teams to create instructional social studies resources, assessments, and pacing guides. Ms. LaFleur served on the Louisiana Social Studies Standards Review Steering Committee and was a member of the Elementary Workgroup. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

## **Laurie Larpenteur**

Laurie Larpenteur earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in grades first through eighth from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2001. Later she added on certification for Algebra I and Mentor Teacher. Mrs. Larpenteur has taught for fifteen years, all in the Lafayette Parish School System. She has taught fifth, sixth, and eighth grade math and Algebra I during these fifteen years. In 2020, she served on the Louisiana Leap 2025 Alignment Study Algebra I panel. Most recently, she has worked on committees to develop the Louisiana Department of Education's Accelerate programs for Algebra I and sixth grade. She has also worked on Lafayette Parish's middle and high school committees on assessment writing and curriculum pacing for many years. She currently teaches Algebra I, serves as the Lafayette High School's Math Department Head, and is a Mentor Teacher for student interns majoring in mathematics education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

## **Mayria Ledet**

Ms. Ledet received a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University of Shreveport. She has eight years of experience in St. Landry Parish. She has spent all eight years learning, growing, and teaching fourth grade mathematics. Ms. Ledet was chosen to be a Teacher Leader

in her first year of teaching (2015), attending meetings and professional developments that would provide tools to continue to enhance student learning and growth; she continues to serve her school in this role. Ms. Ledet also serves as 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 has attended conferences for the past two years. She was chosen as a nominee for the 2020 Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics Elementary Teacher of the Year. This is her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **T'Era Lewis**

T'Era Lewis earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Grand Canyon University. Ms. Lewis has been a sixth grade math teacher in Zachary Community School District for four years. Prior to that, she taught Algebra I, geometry, seventh and eighth grade, and has served as a Math Coach and Interventionist. In addition, Ms. Lewis is an ACT Facilitator for many students and schools across the East Baton Rouge Parish. Ms. Lewis is also a certified Mathematics Content Leader in the state of Louisiana. She is a Mathematics Content Developer for the Louisiana Department of Education.

### **Emily Lincecum**

Emily Lincecum is the Curriculum and Instructional Coordinator for ELA grades sixth through twelfth with the Ouachita Parish School System. Prior to this position, she taught ELA in grades sixth through ninth for eleven years and served in multiple leadership roles at the school and parish levels during that time. Ms. Lincecum earned her master's degree in English from Louisiana Tech University as well as a graduate certification in technical writing. She has also completed ELA Content Leader training. Her next goal is to receive an additional degree in curriculum and instruction with a focus in reading and literacy. In May of 2020, Ms. Lincecum was awarded a Teachers and Technology grant from the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation for her Digital Classroom Initiative project which focused 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 third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Heather Lynch**

Heather Lynch earned a Bachelor of Science in child and family studies from Louisiana State University and a Master of Arts in teaching from Relay Graduate School of Education. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Ms. Lynch is entering her fourth year as the Instructional Technology Specialist at Villa del Rey Creative Sciences and Arts Magnet School in East Baton Rouge Parish where she teaches kindergarten through fifth grade students robotics, engineering, animation, software engineering, and more in the school's Smart Lab. In addition to the Smart Lab, Ms. Lynch runs the school's eSports Lab. Prior to that, she taught kindergarten for three years and has also taught fifth grade ELA. Ms. Lynch currently serves on her school's instructional leadership team and is also a Louisiana Mentor Teacher. In the past, she has worked with her district as a member

of the team that created virtual lessons and instructional materials for teachers across East Baton Rouge Parish and has also worked with her district to create and revise benchmark assessments for kindergarten through second grade in English language arts and math. Ms. Lynch is extremely honored and excited to serve her second year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Danette Manuel**

Ms. Manuel holds a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education as well as a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She has twenty-three years of experience as an educator in Louisiana. Ms. Manuel taught social studies at the middle and high school level for seventeen years. She served as a social studies Master Teacher, and in her current role as a middle school administrator, she supports both ELA and social studies.

### **Emelie Martin**

Emelie Martin earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a concentration in secondary education from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Martin currently teaches sixth and seventh grade math at BASIS Baton Rouge Materra, where she has been teaching for three years. She is also serving 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 and 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 earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education in 2006 from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Martin has been the seventh grade science teacher at Bayou Blue Middle School in Lafourche Parish for eleven years. Prior to that, she taught fifth grade math, science, and social studies at Bayou Blue Elementary School. For the past six 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 meetings for the district of Lafourche. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. In 2018 and 2019, she was a member of the science item and data review committees for the Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program.

### **Amy Martin**

Ms. Martin holds a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership. She has eleven years of experience teaching in elementary school, where she currently teaches fourth grade math at JS Clark Magnet School in Monroe City. Ms. Martin has served on the Math Content Task committee within Monroe City School district as well as served as a Teacher Leader within the district. This is Ms. Martin's fourth year to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for Louisiana.

### **Sabre Masters**

Sabre Masters earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Ms. Masters has been a fifth grade self-contained teacher for the past five years at Claiborne Elementary in Ouachita Parish. Prior to teaching fifth grade, she received educational experience in Japan, taught second grade in Rapides Parish for one year, and taught third grade at Claiborne Elementary for two years. In 2018, Ms. Masters was awarded Claiborne Elementary Teacher of the Year and Ouachita Parish Top Five Teacher of the Year. Over the past four years, Ms. Masters has led multiple professional developments for Ouachita Parish in the content area of social studies and provided support to other classroom teachers. She was also a presenter of the release of the social studies companion document to Ouachita Parish, and participated in multiple DBQ Project trainings. Ms. Masters created a fifth grade social studies student resource book and a fifth grade social studies benchmark assessments to be used by the teachers in Ouachita Parish. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Nancy McClendon**

Nancy McClendon earned a Master of Arts in English with a concentration in adult education from Grand Canyon University. She is currently completing a second master's degree from Grand Canyon University in curriculum instruction and design. Ms. McClendon has been an ELA content leader in Jefferson Parish for two years. She has been a Master Teacher for one year. Prior to that, she taught seventh, eighth, and ninth grade ELA for ten years.

### **Melinda McCleskey**

Melinda McCleskey earned 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 third year as a Talented and Gifted Teacher for primary and middle school students at multiple schools in Ascension Parish. With ten years of experience as a classroom teacher, Ms. McCleskey taught in the academically gifted setting in both St. Tammany Parish and El Paso, Texas at the elementary level. During Ms. McCleskey's time in St. 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 was a Coastal Fellow for the 2021-2022 school year and is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association.

### **Justin McDearmont**

Justin McDearmont earned a Master of Arts in history from Louisiana Tech University and a Master of Arts in teaching from Centenary College of Louisiana. Mr. McDearmont has been an eighth grade social

studies teacher at Elm Grove Middle School since 2018. Prior to that, Mr. McDearmont taught eighth grade social studies at Keithville Elementary Middle School for two years. In 2018, Mr. McDearmont was named Secondary Teacher of the Year by the College of Education at Centenary College of Louisiana.

### **Emily McLellan**

Emily McLellan holds a Bachelor of English with a concentration in secondary education and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University. She is currently serving as a Master Teacher at White Castle High School in Iberville Parish, where she supports teachers in grades seventh through twelfth. She has previously taught eighth grade ELA, English I, and speech at Plaquemine High School in Iberville Parish. She has presented research on collaborative-based writing instruction and rhetorical pedagogies at national conferences. Mrs. McLellan is also a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. This is her first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jaimie McQuarn**

Jaimie McQuarn earned 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 fourteen years. She has taught high school biology, environmental science, physical science, chemistry, and Advance Placement Chemistry, as well as sixth and eighth grade science. Mrs. McQuarn is currently a Master Teacher supporting both Science and STEM at Lowery Middle School. Mrs. McQuarn has helped write district-level benchmarks for biology, chemistry, and middle school science. As a Science Content Leader, she worked on a team to revise the middle school pacing and curriculum for Ascension Parish. Mrs. McQuarn has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

### **Claire Meche**

Claire Meche has been a Louisiana educator for over seventeen years, specializing in social studies instruction. She has a political science background and holds a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction. Claire is in her fourth year as the Acadia Parish Social Studies Lead Teacher and Content Coach where she works with students, teachers, and administrators in grades kindergarten through twelfth. In this role, she mentors new teachers in social studies instruction and lesson implementation while supporting existing social studies educators by creating and aligning high-quality curriculum materials to meet the needs of the diverse mix of schools and student populations throughout the district. Prior to her current position, Claire taught middle school social studies for fourteen years. In her years as a classroom teacher, she served as a school-level Teacher Leader holding positions such as Social Studies Department Head, Teacher Mentor, and school representative for several district advisory committees. At the district level, she led the creation of curriculum maps and conducted professional developments emphasizing the best practices for social studies instruction. Additionally, Claire provided continuous learning opportunities for district educators in the areas of writing, assessment, and resource supplementation in social studies. Claire was recently selected to serve on a Louisiana education committee where she will have the opportunity to utilize her experiences and passion for social studies



education to assist in the development of curriculum resources and assessments in alignment with the latest social studies standards.

### **Stacey Meehan**

Stacey Meehan earned her Master of Arts in teaching from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Meehan is currently an Executive Master Teacher in Jefferson Parish. She was previously an English Language Arts School Support Coordinator in Jefferson Parish. Prior to that, she taught first grade for five years at JC Ellis Elementary. She was also a member of her school's instructional leadership team. Ms. Meehan worked closely with writing and reviewing lessons for the Louisiana Department of Education's Accelerate program. This will be Ms. Meehan's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Gretchen Michel**

Mrs. Michel holds both a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She has twenty-three years experience in education. She recently transferred to Lee Road School in Covington, Louisiana, where she will teach ELA. She previously taught sixth grade English language arts 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 (previously Hammond Junior High School) in Tangipahoa Parish where she led professional development for teachers at both the school site as well as 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. As part of her leadership journey, she successfully passed the Praxis School Leadership Licensure Assessment in the fall of 2016 and holds a letter of eligibility for the EDL1 Certificate. Before becoming a Curriculum Coach and providing support for first year teachers and new hires to the Tangipahoa Parish School System, she was an English language arts teacher for seventh and eighth grades at Hammond Junior High School in Hammond, LA.

### **Kelly Mizell**

Mrs. Mizell holds a Master of Arts in teaching with eleven years of experience in the classroom. She has spent most of her career teaching kindergarten but has also taught in second and third grades. Prior to teaching, she earned a degree in and practiced Social Work. Mrs. Mizell also added on a certification as an early interventionist. Currently, Mrs. Mizell is in the role of curriculum support at Perrin Early Learning Center in the Tangipahoa Parish School System. She is on her school's instructional leadership team and serves as the school's Collaboration Facilitator. In addition to these duties, she works with the school's Title I Team and Social Emotional Learning Team. On a district level, Mrs. Mizell contributes to the kindergarten math and literacy teams by providing curriculum guidance and support.

### **Haley Montz**

Ms. Montz is an English teacher at Destrehan High School in St. Charles Parish, where she has been teaching for the last eight of her ten year long career. She has a bachelor's degree in literary studies, a teaching certificate in secondary English education, and a master's in K-12 leadership, all from Nicholls State University. Additionally, Ms. Montz holds ancillary certificates from the Louisiana Department of Education as an English Language Arts Mentor Teacher and Content Leader. Ms. Montz also holds a certification in secondary social studies and has taught several courses in social studies throughout her career. At Destrehan, she has also served as the English Department Chair, a sitting member of the leadership team, a student-teacher host, and a part of the ACT school committee. Ms. Montz was honored to be named the Destrehan High School Teacher of the Year in the 2019-2020 school year. She has dedicated much of her time in the district to improving her craft and mentoring others while taking on various leadership roles that have allowed her to work with a variety of teachers and students.

### **Dana Moore**

Dana Moore is a 2007 graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She completed her graduate studies at Walden University in 2011 and earned a master's degree in business administration. Mrs. Moore enjoyed a fifteen year career in accounting before making a career change into the teaching profession. She holds certifications in business and elementary education is currently pursuing an English Language Learner certification and is awaiting admission into a focused Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol training in the fall of 2021. Mrs. Moore is going into her second year as a business education teacher at St. Martinville Senior High School in Saint Martin Parish and had the great honor of working under the tutelage of the Louisiana State finalist for 2020-2021 Principal of the Year, Mr. Kevin Dugas. She began her teaching career seven years ago as an elementary education teacher and enjoys the best of both worlds, elementary and high school teaching, by volunteering for summer school with elementary level students.

### **Anita Morgel**

Anita Morgel has been in education since 2001. She earned a Bachelor of General Studies in 2000 from Nicholls State University. She is currently enrolled in iteach Louisiana. Her concentration is in middle school English. She started her teaching journey in Terrebonne Parish. While in Terrebonne Parish, she promoted excellence in science and math education. She was a special education teacher. She taught seventh and eighth grade reading. After thirteen years, she transferred to St. Mary Parish. She taught seventh grade English at Morgan City Junior High for three years. She has been at B. Edward Boudreaux (BEB) Middle School for the last five years. She taught sixth and seventh grade ELA her first two years. She currently promotes excellence while teaching eighth grade ELA. While at BEB, she has been a Team Leader and Content Leader. She completed her Louisiana Department of Education training for Intervention ELA Content Leader. She has been on the leadership team for the past two years with her being trained in Level 1 Louisiana Best Practices by NIET.

### **Alexandra Mossing**

Alexandra Mossing earned a Master of Education in educational leadership through the University of New Orleans and is certified in secondary education through Tulane University. She graduated from the University of Mississippi Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies and Spanish. Ms. Mossing has taught seventh and eighth grade social studies at Hynes Charter School in New Orleans for the past five years. Prior to that, she taught fifth and sixth grade social studies, as well as sixth grade English language arts, for seven years in New Orleans charter schools. Alexandra maintains a membership in the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. She has served on her school leadership team as the instructional team leader for middle school English language arts and social studies for the past three years and often leads professional development meetings. Additionally, she serves as a Mentor Teacher for all social studies teachers in the Hynes Charter School Corporation.

### **Julie Msangi**

Julie Msangi earned a Master of Arts in teaching with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Msangi has been an Instructional Content Coach for middle and high school ELA in Webster Parish for the past year. In 2009, she began her career in Webster Parish teaching English in all secondary grades at both Shongaloo School and Minden High School. Next, she taught sixth and seventh grade English language arts for four and a half years at Keithville Middle School in Caddo Parish. She later returned to Webster Parish and taught eighth grade English language arts for five years. While teaching at Lakeside Junior-Senior High School in Webster Parish, Mrs. Msangi served on the school leadership team, the data team, and served as English Department Head. Additionally, Mrs. Msangi led professional development at both the school and district level. Mrs. Msangi has earned ELA Content Leader and Mentor Teacher distinctions and has hosted a student resident. In 2021, she served on the Sensitivity and Bias Review Committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. In 2022, she served on the Innovative Assessment Program Ranging Committee. This will be her first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Marva Muhammad**

Marva Muhammad earned a Master of Arts in teaching in special education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She earned a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction from California State University at Dominguez Hills. Mrs. Muhammad has a combined nineteen years of teaching experience. She has been a pre-kindergarten, first, second, and third grade special education teacher at Berg Jones Elementary School. She has taught first grade and fifth grade English language arts, and social studies at Cypress Point University Elementary. Currently, she teaches English language arts.

### **Ashley Mumphrey**

Ashley Mumphrey holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In August 2021, she joined Zachary Community School District as a kindergarten

teacher at Northwestern Elementary School. Prior to that, she taught first grade and fourth grade ELA and social studies in Iberville Parish for seven and a half years. She was also the Technology Mentor Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. In Iberville Parish, she served on the school leadership team. This school year, she will serve on the facilitator's team at Northwestern Elementary School.

### **Whitney Myers**

Whitney Myers earned a Master of Education with an academically gifted certification from Northwestern State University. Ms. Myers currently works with middle and high school academically gifted students in Vermilion Parish. Prior to that, she taught middle school English language arts for six years, upper elementary for eight years, and middle school science and reading for eight years. Ms. Myers 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 English language arts. 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**

Mrs. Nance holds a Bachelor of Science in medical technology degree from Louisiana Tech University. Working as a certified medical technologist sparked her desire to be an educator in science. Mrs. Nance went on to complete her alternative certification in 2003 and followed up with her master's degree in educational leadership as well as a plus 30 certification in 2011. Mrs. Nance taught science for fifteen years in chemistry, biology, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, physical science, and earth science. While teaching science, Mrs. Nance was also the Biotechnology Magnet Coordinator at Southwood High School for five years. In 2014, she left the classroom to serve as the 6-12 Science Curriculum Instructional Specialist for Caddo Parish Schools. Mrs. Nance also served on the workgroup to develop new science standards for Louisiana and since the adoption of the new standards in March of 2017, she has worked with the Louisiana Department of Education to create companion documents for the new science standards to support students with exceptional disabilities. Mrs. Nance served on the committee creating scope and sequence documents for high school biology and wrote several assessment items. In 2019-2020, the Caddo STEM Summit Team, of which Mrs. Nance is a member, was chosen as one of twenty-two teams from across the country to work alongside mentors at the Smithsonian Institute and Shell Oil Company to develop a plan to increase the number of STEM teachers in Caddo Parish Schools. Recently, Mrs. Nance created NGSS/LSSS crosswalk documents for middle and high school science.

### **Andrew Naramore**

Andrew Naramore earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from Boston University in 2008. Mr. Naramore has been a secondary social studies teacher in Louisiana since 2015. He is currently teaching World History and civics at West Jefferson High School in Harvey, LA. Previously, he taught

seventh and eighth grade social studies at Alice M. Harte Charter School in New Orleans, LA for five years. His first teaching position was at Union Parish High School in Farmerville, Louisiana where he taught United States History, World Geography, and civics for two years. Mr. Naramore is a current member of the United States Army Reserve, with over twelve years of active and reserve service, including a deployment to Afghanistan in 2014.

### **John Neal**

John Neal is an administrator at Pineville High School in Rapides Parish. He earned a Master of Education from NSU and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Louisiana College. He completed certification through the National Institute of School Leaders in 2020. Mr. Neal taught English for fifteen years before moving into school leadership. He was in the first few original Teacher Leader cohorts before changing roles at the school level. He contributed to test item creation and participated in LEAP item reviews. Mr. Neal continues to serve as assistant principal supporting and evaluating teachers, coordinating curriculum and instruction, and managing school discipline at Pineville High School.

### **Laura Nelson**

Laura Nelson holds a Master of Science degree in mathematics and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in math and science education from Southern University A & M College. Dr. Nelson has been the district elementary math curriculum specialist in Iberville Parish School System for eight years and has conducted numerous professional development sessions for curriculum implementation. Prior to that, she was a TAP Master Teacher, and a TAP Mentor teacher, and taught middle and high school math for eight years. She is currently a Math Content Leader and is on the Math and Science Textbook Adoption Committee in the Iberville Parish School System. Dr. Nelson is a member and has presented at the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics conferences.

### **Karlreyiona Oatis**

Karlreyiona Oatis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She later switched careers and joined an alternative certification program at the University of Holy Cross in 2016. She completed her certification in grades 1-5 with an add on in special education. Mrs. Oatis has been a part of the Special Education Leadership team for six years. While also teaching in the classroom. She has served as a Mentor Teacher in the last two years working in the Jefferson Parish Public School System. According to the TAP rubric, she has been highly effective over the last four years. Mrs. Oatis currently serves as a member of the Council of Administrators of Special Education and attends meetings regularly. She is looking to expand her expertise and contribute her wealth of knowledge as an advisor.

### **Heather Ortego**

Heather Ortego earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University at Shreveport. Mrs. Ortego is currently a seventh and eighth grade social studies teacher at North Vermilion Middle School. She also serves on the school's leadership team and is a Mentor Teacher. During her previous nine years in education, she has taught at both public and private schools and taught all grades from fourth through eleventh. Mrs. Ortego also spent six months as a social studies Master Teacher. During that time, she assisted twelve teachers on four school campuses. This year, Mrs. Ortego is also a member of the Grade 7 LEAP Social Studies Source review committee.

### **Bryan Perissutti**

Bryan Perissutti earned a Master of Arts in history from Southeastern Louisiana University and holds teacher certificates in Louisiana in secondary social studies and New Jersey (teacher of social studies). Mr. Perissutti currently serves St. Charles Parish Public Schools as the Instructional Technology Coach for secondary social studies. Prior to holding this position, he taught at J.B. Martin Middle School. In six and a half years of service, he taught both seventh and eighth grade. He was St. Charles Parish Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2019. Mr. Perissutti has worked with the Middle School Curriculum Specialist as a member of the district curriculum committee over the course of his career. This work has included standards review, source review, outlining best practices for social studies instruction, and the creation of common formative assessments.

### **Melinda Perrodin**

Melinda Perrodin holds a Master of Special Education plus 30 from Arkansas State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is currently working on her Mentor Teacher Certification. Ms. Perrodin has been a special education teacher at Broussard Middle School for eight years, and she served as the Special Education Department Chair for two years. She has written more than thirty winning grant proposals to ensure high-quality instruction that promotes a climate of inclusion and rigor to meet the learning needs of diverse learners. During her time at Broussard Middle, Ms. Perrodin has earned parish-wide recognition by Lafayette Education Foundation with the 2013 Most Inspirational Teacher Award and the opportunity to present a grant project at the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children Conference. She has also participated and collaborated on the following Louisiana Department of Education's assessment committees: LEAP Connect English Language Arts Content and Bias Review Grades 6-8 and High School, Vertical Articulation ELA 3-8, LEAP Connect Standard Setting Validation, and LEAP Connect ELA Ranging Grade 11. Before working in Lafayette Parish, Ms. Perrodin served as a special education teacher and department chair at Mamou Elementary for five years. Ms. Perrodin also served on Evangeline Parish's Autism Team, where she was responsible for planning and creating instructional tools for students with autism. This will be Ms. Perrodin's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Danielle Pisani**

Danielle Pisani earned a Bachelor of Social Studies secondary education from Nicholls State University. Miss Pisani has been the United States History teacher for the Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy since February 2022. Prior to that, she taught American History, World History, English language arts, reading, and computer literacy in her eleven years at Berwick Junior High. Striving to be active in her school community, Miss Pisani served on the school leadership committee, was the Student Council advisor, and led educational trips around the country for her students. During the 2021-2022 school year, she earned the honor of Teacher of the Year for Berwick Junior High and State Teacher of the Year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Miss Pisani served on the Standard Setting Item Bias Review and Rangefinding Committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. In 2018, she presented how to use scoring in the social studies classroom at the Teacher Leader Summit. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Denise Porter**

Denise Porter earned a Master of Arts plus 30 with a reading specialist certification from Xavier University of Louisiana. Ms. Porter has been an interventionist with Belle Chasse Academy for ten years. Prior to becoming an interventionist, she was an elementary English language arts teacher for ten years in Orleans Parish. In June 2021, Ms. Porter earned certification in Intervention Content Leader. Ms. Porter is also a Science of Reading professional development instructor. She has presented professional development training in several reading programs. Ms. Porter has received certification in dyslexia and is presently pursuing a reading therapist certification. This is Ms. Porter's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Carla Powell**

Carla Christophe Powell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social studies education, a Master of Education degree in administration and supervision, and several graduate hours in public administration, all from Southern University. She is a native and current resident of Baton Rouge and has been a social studies teacher for seventeen years. Carla is also one of the former directors of the Jewel J. Newman Community Center and former coordinator of EBR School's Youth and Law Enforcement (YALE). Aside from being named a 2018 School Teacher of the Year, she also serves on the National Council for Social Studies and the Louisiana Council for the Social Studies Executive Boards and has served the Louisiana Department of Education as a Social Studies Student Standards Steering Committee and Workgroup Committee member. Within her passion to serve her community, Carla desires to impact positive change by developing productive citizens continually. She often encourages others to persevere in reaching their fullest potential.

### **Diana Price**

Diana Price is a fifth grade English language arts teacher at Goodpine Middle School in Jena, Louisiana.



She has a master's degree in instructional design and earned the micro-credential to be a Mentor Teacher. Ms. Price has been teaching fourteen years and has seen many changes in education. She loves being a part of those changes and exploring ways to best serve the students.

### **K. Renae Pullen**

K. Renae Pullen earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Ms. Pullen has been the elementary science specialist for Caddo Parish Public Schools for 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 dedicated science educator in Caddo, Ms. Pullen has served on several local, state, and national committees as well as presented at numerous workshops and conferences. She was a member of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science workgroup that developed the new science standards, and she currently serves as a member of the Board on Science Education for the National Academies of Sciences. Ms. Pullen is a STEM Ambassador for the National Science Teaching Association and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics 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 served as a Teacher Leader Advisor from 2018 to 2021.

### **Marquise Reine**

Marquise Reine earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University Shreveport. Ms. Reine is currently teaching fourth grade mathematics at The Willow School in Orleans Parish where she has worked for nine years. She began her teaching career at ReNew Cultural Arts Academy where she taught third grade for three years. Ms. Reine designs and leads professional development sessions through her school's Culturally Relevant Pedagogy Cadre. She also serves on her school's elementary and strategic planning leadership teams. In 2017, she completed the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program's Summer Mathematics Institute at the University of New Orleans. She participated in the School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans' School Leader Collaborative for two years. She was selected as the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year at The Willow School. Ms. Reine is excited to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the first time during the 2022-2023 school year.

### **Christina Riley**

Christina Riley earned a Master of Education plus 30 from Louisiana State University Shreveport. Ms. Riley has been the district K-12 math and science instructional coach in St. Martin Parish for three years. Before that, she taught chemistry and physics for fifteen years. Ms. Riley also taught sixth, seventh, and eighth grade science for two and half years. She also taught seventh grade math for one year. For two

years, Ms. Riley served as St. Martin Parish's lead science teacher and assisted with delivering professional development sessions for K-12 science teachers.

### **Kathryn Robinson**

Mrs. Kathryn Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Louisiana State University Alexandria and a certification in secondary English from Louisiana College. Currently, she has taught English at Alexandria Senior High for eight years. In that time, she has taught English I, English I Pre-AP, English II, English IV, Business English, and Technical Reading. In addition, Mrs. Robinson has taught summer remediation to incoming, at-risk ninth graders in 2018, 2021, and 2022. 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 Advanced Placement Summer Institute trainings for Pre-AP English. She has attended Kagan training as well as Capturing Kids Hearts. In July 2020, she attended a trauma-informed discipline training for the Freshman Academy teachers at Alexandria Senior High. In 2019 she collaborated with other English teachers in her parish to build pacing guides for the English I units.

### **Erica Rosher**

Erica Rosher received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of New Orleans, where she then completed her Post- Baccalaureate coursework in secondary English. Ms. Rosher has spent her eighteen years teaching all grades 6-12 in private, charter, and traditional public schools. She became a Teacher Leader, a Certified Trainer through the Literacy Design Collaborative, and a State Teacher Leader. Switching to a local charter, she was the founding member of the high school team, building a department making independent curriculum choices and training and evaluating her team. In March of 2021, Ms. Rosher rejoined Jefferson Parish as an Ignite TAP Master Teacher and currently coaches at Stella Worley Middle School. Additionally, she will take part in Jefferson Parish's 2022-2023 Leadership Cohort. She is excited to serve again as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Ashley Salinas**

Ashley Salinas earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an English as a Second Language specialist certification from Louisiana State University Shreveport. For the past two years, Ms. Salinas has worked to write curriculum Guidebooks for Caddo Parish as well as plan professional developments. In addition to her district work, Ms. Salinas teaches seventh grade American History. Ms. Salinas is the lead seventh grade teacher for her school. Ms. Salinas has read and reviewed professional developments on state standards with Caddo Parish. She has also attended multiple professional developments on the social studies state standards. She has attended the Teacher Leader Summit. This will be Ms. Salinas's first time being a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Gwen Savario**

Ms. Gwen Savario graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of General Studies. She received her Pre-k-3 certification from Louisiana Resource Center for Educators. Ms. Savario is a first grade teacher at Rollins Place Elementary in the Zachary Community School System. This will be her fourteenth year teaching first grade. Ms. Savario completed the Math Content Leader training through the Louisiana Department of Education. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor on the first grade Accelerate Math team.

### **Nichole Sidlovsky**

Nichole Sidlovsky earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in library science from Southeastern Louisiana University. Prior to that, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and secondary education from the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Ms. Sidlovsky has been a social studies teacher at Mandeville High School in St. Tammany Parish for the past nine years. She currently teaches twelfth grade World History honors/dual enrollment/on-level and an Introduction to Teaching course at Mandeville High. Ms. Sidlovsky previously taught social studies for three years in South Carolina where she taught United States History, Global Studies, Law Studies, Government/Economics, and a leadership course. She has earned the Mentor Leader Distinction and has mentored student teachers and those on the alternative certification pathway. This is her first year serving as Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Hailey Simon**

Hailey Simon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Mrs. Simon has been a lead pre-kindergarten teacher for the past five years at Eaton Park Elementary in Vermilion Parish. Prior to teaching pre-kindergarten, Mrs. Simon also taught second grade in Vermilion Parish and third grade in Acadia Parish. Mrs. Simon was selected as Eaton Park Elementary's Teacher of the Year for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Brian Simpson**

Brian Simpson earned a Master of Arts in teaching with a specialization in secondary science from Louisiana State University and previously earned a Bachelor of Science in physics from Louisiana State University. He has taught at Louisiana State University Laboratory School for nine years and currently teaches physics and computer science. He is an active member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, National Science Teachers Association, Computer Science Teachers Association, and American Modeling Teachers Association. He serves on his school's STEAM committee team, which designs and leads professional development. He is currently pursuing National Board Certification, and this will be his second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Rebecca Snead**

Rebecca Snead has earned a Master of Arts in elementary education from McNeese State University. She also has an add-on in special education from Northwestern State University. Mrs. Snead has been a special education teacher for twelve years, with ten of those years being in Calcasieu Parish and two in Allen Parish. Mrs. Snead has also been a Mentor Teacher in the Calcasieu mentoring program for four years. Mrs. Snead has helped write district common assessments and received district training on curriculum and how to adapt for special needs students. Mrs. Snead has received extensive training in adapting and integrating curriculum to meet the needs of all students.

### **Keli Snelson**

Keli Snelson earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University at Shreveport. Mrs. Snelson has been a middle school English teacher for the past five years. Last year, she took on the position of Master Teacher for the middle school at Plaquemine High School in Iberville Parish. Mrs. Snelson is currently a member of the Iberville Parish Literacy Committee. Mrs. Snelson has been on her school's leadership team for the past year, and this is her first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lacie Soileau**

Mrs. Lacie Soileau earned a bachelor's degree in communication from The University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She then went on to earn her teaching certificate through Louisiana College in Pineville along with her master's degree in teaching. She will be completing her Educational Leader Certification in September 2022. Mrs. Lacie has been in education for nearly ten years and has taught both elementary and middle school students in all subjects; as well as being highly qualified in ELA. She was also the Evangeline Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2021. She currently teaches third grade at Milton Elementary/Milton Middle School in Lafayette Parish. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor, and she is honored.

### **Crystal Stone**

Crystal Stone earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education and a Master of Arts in history from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Ms. Stone has been a Master Teacher in Jefferson Parish for four years and a Mentor Teacher for two years. Prior to that, she taught middle school social studies for fifteen years. As a Master and Mentor Teacher, Ms. Stone has designed and facilitated weekly professional development for teachers in a variety of subjects. Ms. Stone helped to develop the new Louisiana social studies standards as a member of a work group and a member of the Steering Committee. She has also served as a member of the Louisiana Council for Social Studies.

### **Jennifer Stork-Peloquin**

Mrs. Peloquin has a Master of Arts degree in curriculum and instruction from Western Governors University and a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She recently joined the Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy, teaching eighth grade math. Previously, she taught algebra and sixth grade math in Caddo Parish for two years, where she served on the district Math Advisory Council. She was a Teacher Leader for the Louisiana Department of Education. In addition, she is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Prior to moving to Louisiana, Mrs. Peloquin taught Algebra I and College Algebra in Texas.

### **Meghan Tabor**

Meghan Tabor holds a Bachelor of General Studies from the Louisiana State University of Alexandria and has completed the alternative teaching certification program at Louisiana Christian University. She has ten years of experience teaching English language arts at Brame Middle School in Rapides Parish. She served as department chair as well as a mentor for students enrolled in teacher preparation programs at Louisiana State University and Louisiana Christian University. She completed the SCALEup program where she assisted in the design of a systematic, student-centered implementation plan for Rapides Parish School District in collaboration with district leadership. Additionally, she has presented at several district professional development sessions related to engaging instructional strategies, effective writing, curriculum updates, and classroom management. This is Mrs. Tabor's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Hope Thibodeaux**

Mrs. Hope Thibodeaux has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Education in secondary education. She has been teaching high school mathematics for nineteen years and currently teaches geometry and Statistics at Acadiana High School in Lafayette Parish. Mrs. Thibodeaux is a Google Certified Level I instructor and trained as a Texas Instrument Teacher Leader. She has been on the Lafayette Parish Geometry Curriculum team since 2008 and has presented several times to her fellow educators in her parish. She served on the 2015 textbook adoption committee in Lafayette Parish. In 2019 she served on the Louisiana Department of Education Math Item Review Committee. Last year she created common unit assessments for use in Lafayette Parish geometry classrooms and was on the Louisiana Department of Education Accelerate Math development team.

### **Mevlida Turkes-Habibovic**

Mevlida Turkes-Habibovic earned a doctorate in counselor education from the University of New Orleans. She is a certified social studies teacher, Mentor Teacher, and National Institute for Excellence in Teaching certified evaluator. Dr. Turkes-Habibovic has been teaching social studies within Jefferson Parish Public Schools since 2016. She is also currently serving as a mentor teacher and Jefferson Parish Social Studies Content Leader Fellow. Dr. Turkes-Habibovic has helped develop social studies district

assessments in 2020 and has also served as a teacher leader fellow for two years. Dr. Turkes-Habibovic has been on her school's instructional leadership team since 2019. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kelly Vollmer**

Kelly Vollmer earned her Master of Arts in English from Tulane University. She is beginning her third year teaching English III at Hammond High Magnet School in Tangipahoa Parish. Prior to teaching at Hammond High Magnet School, Kelly spent five years in Jefferson Parish teaching a variety of courses, including English I, III, and IV, AP Literature, AP Psychology, and ACT Prep. She held several leadership and sponsorship roles. She also has five years of experience teaching Composition I and II at colleges and universities in Louisiana and Florida. In addition to serving her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor, Kelly will also be a Southeastern Louisiana University Mentor Teacher.

### **Lauren Waguespack**

Lauren Waguespack holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education with concentrations in ELA, science, and social studies as well as a Master of 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 eleven years. Ms. Waguespack is currently a member of the National Science Teachers Association. She 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 to create and implement science lessons that are aligned to the Louisiana Student Standards for Science at her school. This is Ms. Waguespack's fourth year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Rachel Waniewski**

Rachel Waniewski earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Waniewski is currently working on her master's degree in educational leadership at Louisiana Tech University and will graduate in May of 2023. She is a third grade English language arts teacher in Bossier Parish. This school year will be her fifth year in education. Mrs. Waniewski is a certified Mentor Teacher and hopes to help current and future teachers with their time in education. She also serves as a sponsor for several extracurricular activities at her school. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor, and she is looking forward to learning and growing through this experience.

### **Arionne Washington**

Arionne Washington earned a Bachelor of Science degree from William Carey University. Over the course of ten years, Ms. Washington has served in the roles of middle school science teacher and high school biology teacher. During her time as a classroom teacher, she was the recipient of the Science Teacher of the Year award in 2013 and received the distinction once again in 2015. Ms. Washington's strong

teaching and leadership eventually resulted in multiple opportunities to serve as a teaching mentor and leader. Ms. Washington was also presented with the opportunity to serve as a Teacher Learning Specialist and Science Content Lead. During these times, she honed her knowledge of curriculum development, scope and sequence, and various other curriculum and assessment-related proficiencies. Ms. Washington currently serves as the Math and Science Director of Curriculum and Instruction for grades fifth through eighth, where she is continuing to further the professional development of both herself and the educators she serves. This will be Ms. Washington's first year serving as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jordan Washington-Smart**

Jordan Smart earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in English as a Second Language and a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. This fall, Mrs. Smart will begin her second semester as Bossier Parish's Literacy Innovation Coordinator supporting English educators and literacy teams at eight public education facilities, including four early childcare centers, one elementary school, one middle school, and two high schools. Previously, she taught general and advanced courses in high-school level English I, English II, and English III for over eight years before serving as a district-level Middle School Literacy Facilitator for one semester. Throughout her career as a teacher, she served on School Building Level Committees, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Committees, and district-level Curriculum Criteria Committees. Last year, she served as a member of her district's Strong System Workgroup and multiple district-level Curriculum Steering Committees. As a Content and Mentor Leader, she has also presented or redelivered professional development on curriculum instruction, classroom management, collaborative team meetings, and professional learning communities. Furthermore, she has served on the Louisiana Department of Education's Innovative Assessment Program Achievement Level Alignment and Rerange-finding Committees. During this academic year, Mrs. Smart will begin her tenth year in education and her first year as a State Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **DeEtte Wick**

DeEtte Wick earned a Master of Education degree with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. Mrs. Wick has been a sixth through eighth grade middle school English teacher at A.E. Phillips Laboratory School for eleven years. Before teaching in Louisiana, she taught fourth and fifth grade 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 standard alignment in classroom assessments for fifth grade math and social studies. During her time at A.E. Phillips, Mrs. Wick has represented her school as 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. In the spring of 2020, she completed the certification process to become a Content Leader for middle school English language arts. As a Content Leader, she has led professional development days on how to use the Louisiana Guidebooks effectively. As a member of the Louisiana Reading Association, she recognized the need for more professional development for middle school teachers. In 2015 she became



a presenter and delivered a session on engaging middle school students using the Louisiana Guidebooks. She was a member of the English Item Review Committee for state testing, analyzing state testing questions and data for standard alignment.

### **Sunny Wiggers**

Sunny Wiggers earned a Master of Science in mathematics from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Wiggers has taught high school math, grades ninth to twelfth, for the last fourteen years at Mangham High School in Richland Parish. For the past five years, she has also been an Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics at Louisiana Delta Community College in Monroe, Louisiana, and Winnsboro, Louisiana. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. This past summer, Mrs. Wiggers was on the state's Accelerate Math Content development team. Mrs. Wiggers has been a Teacher Leader for her school for the last five years and a district Teacher Leader for the past two years.

### **Donecia Wilson**

Donecia Wilson earned a Master of Education in early childhood from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Grambling State University. Mrs. Wilson is currently the Math Coach at Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy and has taught math there for the past three years, with one year as a math interventionist. She also serves as a Math Content Developer for Louisiana's Department of Education Accelerate tutoring program. Prior to that, she taught grades 3-5 for Ouachita Parish Schools. Mrs. Wilson has been a teacher and lifelong learner for fourteen years.