

2023–2024 Teacher Leader Advisors

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana educators who have been selected as 2023–2024 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 publisher-submitted curricular materials for quality;
- update the ELA Guidebooks content and analyze texts;
- score and annotate student work samples;
- develop and facilitate professional development sessions for fellow Louisiana educators;
- participate in focus groups related to LDOE’s academic strategy;
- review new course framework documents for updated social studies standards;
- develop high-quality instructional tasks and resources for math, science, social studies, and literacy; and
- raise awareness among Louisiana educators of the tools and resources available in the Louisiana Teacher Toolbox.

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

Kristie Acosta, Ascension Christian School
 Mandi Adams, Lafourche
 Ruth Adams, Calcasieu
 Valerie Adams, Tangipahoa
 Telisha Allen-Stark, St. James
 Elise Barkemeyer, LSU Laboratory School
 Amber Bellard, Calcasieu
 Michelle Blanchard, LSU Laboratory School
 Amanda Bonney, Ouachita
 Kellie Boquet, Lafayette
 Melissa Bordelon, Avoyelles
 Cammie Bourgeois, Jefferson
 Phobe Boutte, Vermilion
 Mia Bowles, E.K. Key Elementary
 Amber Brown, West Baton Rouge
 Amanda Bundrick, Caddo
 Kristen Burke, Jefferson
 Amy Cady, Ouachita
 Charlotte Campbell, Calcasieu
 Jennifer Campbell, Algiers Charter (NOPS)
 Kathleen Collins, Jefferson
 Iyana Connors, Jefferson
 Tyler Dean, Richland

Ashley DeBose, GEO Academies
 Brianna Deason Jones, Allen
 Bianca Deliberto, Central Community Schools
 Edwin Dorvin, Jefferson
 Julie DuBois, Iberia
 Lindsay Duet, University View Academy*
 Kaci Duhon, Calcasieu
 April Durand, Rapides
 Keilah Ebanks, Iberville
 Mabrouck Faradj, East Baton Rouge
 Brooke Floris, Iberia
 Jodie Fontenot, Calcasieu
 Kaci Fontenot, Caldwell
 Erin Friedlander, Lafourche
 Maree Funk, Zachary Community Schools
 Sally-Rose Gaglione, Catholic Diocese of NO
 Cecelia Gillam, Hahnville High School
 Doug Gryder, Claiborne
 Lanie Gueho, Ascension
 Meggan Guillory, St. Landry
 Steven Guillory, Calcasieu
 Peyton Hannan, St. Tammany
 Lauren Hatley, Lafayette

*Does not participate in Instructional Material Reviews

Lindsay Hebert, Ascension
 Rachel Hendricks, Ouachita
 Casey Hendricks, St. Tammany
 Victoria Hippler, Natchitoches
 Benjamin Hobson, Ouachita
 Laine Hodge, Ouachita
 Christina Holland, University View Academy
 Rebecca Holloway, East Baton Rouge
 Karlitha Holmes, Iberville
 Kim Howell, Bossier
 Amanda Ingargiola, Jefferson
 Karen Jackson, West Feliciana
 JaVonn Nicholas, Madison
 Sarah Jimenez, Terrebonne
 Tammy Johnson, Lincoln
 Amanda Jones, University View Academy
 Ariane Jones-Pierre, Algiers Charter (NOPS)
 Brandi Kea, St. Tammany
 Christopher Kellison, KIPP Believe Primary
 Amber Kemmerly-Louviere, Lafayette
 Melinda Kernahan, Ascension
 Anna King, Richland
 Loren Klein, Lafayette
 Regena Landry, Zachary Community Schools
 Roxanne Lasseigne, Catholic Diocese of BR
 Breann Lavergne, Calcasieu
 Mayria Ledet, St. Landry
 Katie Leopard, Claiborne
 T'Era Lewis, Zachary Community Schools
 Emily Lincecum, Ouachita
 Jillian List, Vermilion
 Cortney Logan, Monroe City
 Heather Lynch, East Baton Rouge
 Danette Manuel, Calcasieu
 Amy Martin, Monroe City
 Kylie Martin, Lafourche
 Sabre Masters, Ouachita
 Nancy McClendon, Jefferson
 Jaimie McQuarn, Ascension
 Claire Meche, Acadia
 Stacey Meehan, Jefferson
 Samantha Mendenhall, West Baton Rouge
 Dedria Mercadal, St. Tammany
 Gretchen Michel, St. Tammany
 Kelly Miller, St. Tammany
 Dana Moore, St. Martin

Anita Morgel, St. Mary
 Alexandra Mossier, Hynes Charter
 Julie Msangi, Webster
 Marva Muhammad, Madison
 Emily Mull, St. Tammany
 Ashley Mumphrey, Zachary Community Schools
 Whitney Myers, Vermilion
 Lisa Nance, Caddo
 Kira Neal, St. Tammany
 Phuong Normand, St. Tammany
 Penny Pate, Caddo
 Anthony Peek, East Baton Rouge
 Jennifer Peloquin, CSAL
 Bryan Perissutti, St. Charles
 Danielle Pisani, CSAL
 Diana Price, LaSalle
 K. Renae Pullen, Caddo
 Angelle Ransonet, St. Mary
 Marquise Reine, Orleans
 Amanda Reulet, West Baton Rouge
 Katelyn Reulet, Calcasieu
 Christina Riley, St. Martin
 Tomyka Rivera-Ayala, Tangipahoa
 Erika Rivera-Castillo, Natchitoches
 Ashley Salinas, Caddo
 Kasey Salvaterra, Bienville
 Ashley Samuel, Caddo
 Gwen Savario, Zachary Community Schools
 Jennifer Scallan, D'Arbonne Woods Charter
 Hailey Simon, Vermilion
 Keli Snelson, Iberville
 Jill Sutton, Lincoln
 Meghan Tabor, Rapides
 Hope Thibodeaux, Lafayette
 Bridget Torres, Livingston
 Danielle Troullier, St. Tammany
 Shondolyn Truman, Caddo
 Mevlida Turkes-Habibovic, Jefferson
 Melanie Vernon, St. Paul's Episcopal School
 Kelly Vollmer, Tangipahoa
 Lauren Waguespack, St. Charles
 Rachel Waniewski, Bossier
 Karrie Ward, Jefferson
 DeEtte Wick, Lincoln
 Jennifer Williams, Isadore Newman
 April Winstead, Lincoln

Kristie Acosta

Kristie Acosta earned a Master of Education in curriculum and design for science education. Mrs. Acosta will be teaching Biology II Dual Enrollment and chemistry at Ascension Christian School. Prior to this, Mrs. Acosta taught physical science and biology in Livingston Parish. In 2022, Mrs. Acosta worked for East Baton Rouge School System in the English as a Second Language Department with testing and curriculum. Mrs. Acosta also taught biology for the Central Community School System for four years. She served as a board member in 2021 for the Louisiana ACT alignment study through Louisiana State University, partnered with the Louisiana Department of Education. In 2019, Mrs. Acosta served on the Data Rangefinding Committee with Data Recognition Corporation.

Ruth Adams

Ruth Adams earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction (STEM) from Louisiana State University at Shreveport. Mrs. Adams has taught third grade for four years, STEM enrichment for one year, and has been a fourth grade STEM teacher for the past two years at Northside STEM Academy in Calcasieu Parish. She is currently one of her school's mentor teachers. She has also implemented the Engineering is Elementary curriculum during her third year of 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 thirteen 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 OpenSciEd curriculum, and helps lead professional development meetings for the District of Lafourche.

Valerie Adams

Valerie Adams holds a Master of Science in management degree with an emphasis on leadership and organizational development from Troy University in Alabama. Ms. Adams has been the sixth grade science teacher at Hammond Westside Montessori for the last five years, serving as a Content Leader for four years. She has worked with the Tangipahoa Parish Title I program to implement a mobile summer school STEAM program called the Brain Food Truck. This will be her second year working as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Telisha Allen-Stark

Telisha Allen-Stark earned a Bachelor of Science from Grambling State University and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Grand Canyon University. Mrs. Stark is currently a Media Specialist in St. James Parish School District. Prior to that, she taught kindergarten, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade for the last seventeen years. Mrs. Stark is currently an Apple Certified Teacher, Apple Learning Coach, and Google Educator Level 1 and has presented at two conferences and a variety of professional developments. Over the last twelve years, Mrs. Stark has helped with the math curriculum and implemented technology into the classroom across the curriculum in several districts. Mrs. Stark has served as a Louisiana Teacher Leader, Louisiana Mentor Teacher and is excited to serve as Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 for 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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 currently is a Master Teacher. She has helped build out several Guidebook Unit additional supports and materials in her previous work as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Michelle Blanchard

Michelle Blanchard earned a Master of Education plus 30 with curriculum and instruction certification from Nicholls State University and Louisiana State University. Mrs. Blanchard has taught in a first grade self-contained classroom for twenty-nine years, serving Ascension Parish for twelve years and presently serving Louisiana State University Laboratory School for the past seventeen years. Mrs. Blanchard is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and has presented at yearly conventions since 2001. She was the Region VI Teacher of the Year in 2002. Mrs. Blanchard was the recipient of the Louisiana Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year in 2018, the Phi Delta Kappa International Emerging Leader Award in 2010, and the Presidential Award for Excellence in

Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2002. She served on the Louisiana State Department of Education Curriculum Writing Team in 2004, 2006, and 2008. In addition, she was a member of standards review teams for math and science in 2010 and 2014. Mrs. Blanchard has served on the reviewing committee for the Quality Science and Math Grant Program for the past ten years. She is currently a Teacher Leader for her school's Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics initiative.

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 seven 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 sixteen 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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Kellie Boquet

Kellie Boquet earned a Bachelor of Education with health, physical education, and biology certification from Nicholls State University. She has recently acquired her Louisiana Mentor Teacher ancillary certification. Ms. Boquet was the middle and high school science coach in Lafayette Parish for two years and is now teaching biology at Southside High School. Prior to that, she taught biology eighteen years in Terrebonne Parish, biology eight years in Lafayette Parish, and coached several varsity high school sports. Ms. Boquet is currently the Region Four representative for 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, curriculum alignment committees, and 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. Ms. Boquet 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 eighteen years.

Melissa Bordelon

Melissa Bordelon earned a Bachelor of Psychology degree in 2017 and then completed the alternative Teacher Practitioner Program, with a concentration in elementary education, from Louisiana State University at Alexandria in 2020. Mrs. Bordelon is currently pursuing a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in literacy and reading and will graduate in September of 2023. She is a first grade teacher at Marksville Elementary School in Avoyelles Parish. This school year is her fifth year in education. Mrs. Bordelon was selected as Marksville Elementary School's 2024 Teacher of the

Year, and she also serves on the Instructional Leadership Team at her school. Mrs. Bordelon is soon to be a certified Mentor Teacher and hopes to help current and future teachers with their time in education. She was also one of the first in the state to complete the pilot K-2 Literacy Content Leader certification. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor, and she is looking forward to learning and growing through this experience.

Cammie Bourgeois

Cammie Bourgeois earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of Phoenix. She is currently in school at Louisiana State University to earn her Master of Education Leadership. She also earned her certification as Mentor Teacher in 2021. Mrs. Bourgeois will serve as the Master Teacher at her school for the 2023-2024 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 Louisiana State University, and forty-two graduate course hours in geosciences from Mississippi State University. She has recently graduated with a master's degree from the College of Education in curriculum and instruction at UL Lafayette for instructional specialist. Mrs. Boutte has taught all grade levels of middle school, beginning in Lafayette Parish, and is currently teaching grade eight middle school science/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. 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 four years. She has conducted numerous professional development sessions for curriculum implementation for Lafayette Parish.

Mia Bowles

Mia Bowles earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education with a minor in psychology from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Currently, Mrs. Bowles is enjoying her sixth year as a fifth grade English language arts teacher at E.K. Key Elementary in the Calcasieu Parish school system. In addition to teaching, she has also been serving as a certified Mentor Teacher to new teachers in Calcasieu Parish Public Schools for three years. Prior to that, she taught for three years at Barbe Elementary as a third grade teacher of all subject areas. She had the joyous opportunity to teach entirely

online for the Connected Classrooms virtual program in Calcasieu Parish for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Bowles has been serving on the E.K. Key Elementary Digital Citizenship Ambassador team since the 2021-2022 school year.

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 seven 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. She has also presented 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 second 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 eighteen 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 Department 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 degree 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 was 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 third year participating as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Amy Cady

Ms. Amy Cady has earned her Master of Arts and Teaching plus 30, focusing on curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Ms. Cady currently serves as an Intro to STEM and Biology I teacher at West Monroe High School. In addition to her teaching duties, she is currently serving as a faculty mentor with MagnaTech Robotics, First Robotics competition team 3468. Additionally, she developed, improved, and implemented a STEAM-enriched Cyber Summers course for West Carroll Parish from 2018-2023. Prior to this year, Ms. Cady has taught multiple sciences ranging from fourth grade science through Biology II; she holds a certification in both biology and chemistry. She is an advocate for STEAM in her area; some of her outreach includes presenting at the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit. She considers herself a lifelong learner and is grateful to be a part of furthering STEAM across the state, particularly in rural areas.

Charlotte Campbell

Charlotte Campbell earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Lamar University and a Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University Shreveport. Mrs. Campbell is currently a STEM Master Teacher at CITGO Innovation Academy at E. K. Key Elementary in Calcasieu Parish. Prior to that, she was the Technology Director and STEM instructor for grades pre-kindergarten through eighth grade at Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School for three years. Mrs. Campbell taught high school science and STEM for eight years at Glen Oaks High School in East Baton Rouge Parish and Ville Platte High School in Evangeline Parish. She is certified to teach Project Lead the Way Biomedical and Launch pathways. Mrs. Campbell is a member of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association and the Louisiana Association of Principals.

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-six years and has taught English, math, and social studies in grades second through sixth. Currently, she is the Director of Curriculum and Instruction 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 implementation of Louisiana Student Standards, facilitated various district-level professional development opportunities for

kindergarten through fifth teachers, and designed rigorous benchmark assessments all focusing on increased student achievement. This is her fourth year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Kathleen Collins

Kathleen Collins holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood and elementary education from Holy Cross University. Ms. Collins is a Master Teacher for Jefferson Parish Schools. In this role, she focuses on continual teacher development to drive student achievement in her school. Prior to being a Master Teacher, she served as a Literacy Coach. In this role, she supported and led teachers in grades kindergarten through fifth, as well as members of her school's Instruction Leadership Team, in implementing the Science of Reading principles in daily classroom instruction. She began her education career teaching 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 training for the staff. This is Ms. Connors' third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Ashley DeBose

Ms. DeBose earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Louisiana State University. She is a certified teacher with eleven years of experience teaching math and science at the elementary level. Currently, Ms. DeBose serves as a fourth grade math and science teacher and is also a Mentor Teacher for GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge. She has been a dedicated Teacher Leader at her school for five years. She is certified in Teacher Evaluation by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching. Ms. DeBose is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for two years.

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 sixteen 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. He is currently a Science Content Leader for Richland Parish. Mr. Dean has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state of Louisiana since 2019.

Brianna Deason

Brianna Deason earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a reading specialist certification from Northwestern State University. Ms. Deason is an eighth grade English language arts teacher in Allen Parish where she has been employed since 2010. She taught sixth grade for two years, eighth grade for six years, and a combination of English III, English IV, and Advanced Placement Language and Composition for three years. Ms. Deason then worked as a master teacher for one year before returning to the eighth grade English language arts classroom. Ms. Deason served as the chairperson for her school's Action Team for Partnership for eleven years, operated as the Parent Teacher Organization teacher liaison for three years, and completed the two-year Aspiring Leaders program through the Orchard Foundation. She has served on her school's Instructional Leadership Team for two years, led her school's English language arts professional learning communities for twelve years, and filled the role of Mentor Teacher for the past year.

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. Over the past sixteen years, she has had a mix of classroom teaching experiences including 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 of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has served on several local, state, and national committees. This will be Dr. Deliberto's ninth year as a Teacher Leader Advisor with the Louisiana Department of Education.

Edwin Dorvin

Mr. 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 through 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 pre-K through 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 and Louisiana Content Leader Certification in 2023. This will be his second 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 a high school science teacher for twenty years, with fifteen 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 ten 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 six years, she has been on the district-level biology curriculum writing team. Ms. DuBois has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past six 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.

Kaci Duhon

Kaci Duhon earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and her bachelor's degree from McNeese State University. She holds a certification in elementary education, special education, and leadership endorsement. Mrs. Duhon has been a special education teacher for the past five years. Prior to that, she taught first grade. Mrs. Duhon currently serves on the Special Education Advisory Council for the Calcasieu Parish School System. She also facilitated the 2023 Special Education Community Empowerment Conference for Calcasieu Parish. She has attended the state's Observation and Feedback pathway training. Mrs. Duhon has served on her school's leadership team and is a Mentor Teacher.

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 six years and a Teacher Leader for four years.

Keilah Ebanks

Keilah Ebanks earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and a Bachelor and Master of Science in mathematics, where she was a NASA MUST (Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology) Scholar and graduated with honors. Currently, Keilah holds certification in mathematics for grades fourth through eighth and teaches seventh and eighth grade in Iberville Parish. She 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.

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 Woodlawn Middle School. He served as a State Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four consecutive years.

Brooke Floris

Brooke Floris earned a Master of Science in curriculum and instruction from Western Governors University in the spring of 2020. Ms. Floris is an educator in Iberia Parish at Park Elementary. Currently, she is a first-year sixth grade teacher and serves on the school's leadership team as a Mentor Teacher. Prior to that, she was a master teacher for one year, a fourth grade teacher for six years, and a math interventionist for one year. For the last three years, Ms. Floris has assisted educators on the district level: helping create district assessments, developing pacing guides, as well as presenting at numerous curriculum professional development sessions. 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. This is Mrs. Fontenot's second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Kaci Fontenot

Kaci Fontenot earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Southeastern Louisiana University. She is currently working on her master's in curriculum and instruction in STEM from Louisiana State University in Shreveport and will graduate this May. Ms. Fontenot is currently a sixth and seventh grade math teacher at Caldwell Parish Junior High. Prior to this, she has fifteen years of teaching experience in grades first through fifth in Ascension Parish. Ms. Fontenot is the current sponsor of her school's robotics team and coding club. For five years Ms. Fontenot served as the Director of a summer STEM camp serving students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade at Central Primary School. For four years, Ms. Fontenot served on the District Benchmark writing team for science district assessments for grades four and five in Ascension Parish. She served as a TAP Mentor Teacher at Central Primary School for four years. She currently serves as a Teacher Leader at Caldwell Parish Junior High.

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 the past 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 U.S. History Rangefinding Committees, U.S. History Standard Setting Committee, and U.S. 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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Maree Funk

Maree Funk earned a Master of Science in curriculum and instruction from the University of Scranton. Ms. Funk has been a teacher at Zachary High School for twelve years and is the Science Department Leader and a state-certified Mentor Teacher. Ms. Funk is currently a member of the American Association of Chemistry Teachers which has published her lessons as resources for other members of the organization. Ms. Funk has written curricula and created the scope and sequence for two chemistry

courses. Two years ago, she participated in the multistate standard-setting study for the updated Praxis Chemistry test. She has also served on her district's Strategic Planning Committee and is currently a member of her school's Instructional Leadership Team.

Sally-Rose Gaglione

Dr. Gaglione holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Xavier University after completing her dissertation on the impacts of co-teaching. She is beginning her first year with the Archdiocese of New Orleans at St. Michael Special School as an upper school teacher and curriculum support. She previously worked as a special education teacher for seven years in the Louisiana Public School System. She served on Dr. Brumley's Jefferson Parish Superintendent's Teacher Council, the Special Education Advisory Council for St. Charles Parish, and as board members for Girls on the Run Bayou Region, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Greater New Orleans, and The Lakeview Shepherd Center. This is her second year serving as a Louisiana Teacher Leader Advisor.

Cecelia Gillam

Cecelia Gillam earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University of Hammond. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University of Hammond. Ms. Gillam has been a science teacher in St. Charles Parish for seventeen years. Ms. Gillam is currently the Region I Representative for the Louisiana Science Teacher Association. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. For five years, Mrs. Gillam has helped write science district curriculum and assessments for Environmental Science. This year, she has become an advocate for the National Equity Project by being selected as a board member for the Black Teacher Project to help bring equity into classrooms across the nation. She is a certified coach for various EdTech tools. She has attended and presented at multiple national conferences including International Society for Technology in Education and National Science Teacher Association to train teachers on how to incorporate EdTech tools in their classrooms. Ms. Gillam serves as one of her school's Teacher Leaders.

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 two years. He serves as his school's campus tech support contact. Mr. Gryder is a member of his school's Instructional Leadership Team and is also a Mentor Teacher.

Lanie Gueho

Lanie Gueho received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Louisiana State University Baton Rouge in 2005 and has been an educator in Ascension Parish for seventeen years. She is presently working toward obtaining her master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in STEM through Louisiana State University Shreveport. Her work in this program has helped support her current role, as she serves as the school STEM teacher and works daily with students from kindergarten to fifth grade. Prior to this position, she taught third and fourth grade for a combination of twelve years. In addition to her time in the classroom, Mrs. Gueho served as an Instructional Coach in her district for two years and was a member of the science item review committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program.

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 third year as a high school science teacher at Northwest High in St. Landry Parish. She has worked with seventh and eighth grades for the last seven years. 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 fourth year being a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 English. He is currently employed at Sulphur High School teaching eleventh grade English III and twelfth grade English IV and has recently completed his eighth year in this position. 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 has served as a Believe and Prepare Mentor for six consecutive years. Mr. Guillory is an active member of his content-level Professional Learning Community and has attended and redelivered numerous trainings on English curriculum. Mr. Guillory has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Peyton Hannan

Peyton Hannan holds a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction in Accomplished Teaching from Columbus State University. For the past two years, she has provided gifted English language arts instruction to elementary students in grades one through six. Prior to this, for five years, she instructed fourth and fifth grade gifted, as well as co-taught inclusion students, in the areas of English language arts and science. During the most recent school year, Mrs. Hannan served as a literacy instructor for the Teach St. Tammany alternative certification program and acquired her ELA Content

Leader certification. She also had the opportunity to work closely with district personnel to create English language arts standards-based goals, assessments, and rubrics for parish use with gifted students.

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 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 fourth 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 nine years. She currently teaches a reverse inclusion pre-kindergarten class at Lakeside Primary. This will be her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Rachel Hendricks

Rachel Hendricks holds a Master of Education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Mrs. Hendricks has taught third through fifth grade social studies at Drew Elementary in Ouachita Parish for the past seven years. Mrs. Hendricks acts as a social studies lead teacher for Drew Elementary and Ouachita Parish Schools where she has experience creating curriculum resources, assessments, and presenting school and district-wide professional development. Along with modeling social studies lessons in grades third through fifth, Mrs. Hendricks serves as the school 504 Coordinator. This will be her second year to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Casey Hendricks

Dr. Casey Hendricks earned a Doctorate of Education with a concentration in leadership, a Master of Education in educational leadership, and a Bachelor of the Arts in anthropology all from Northwestern State University. Dr. Hendricks currently serves as the Secondary Social Studies Curriculum Specialist for grades sixth through twelfth in St. Tammany Parish. Over the past year, he has helped the Louisiana Department of Education review assessment items and sources for the Louisiana Educational

Assessment Program. Additionally, Dr. Hendricks has worked with the state department to develop the 2023-2024 Social Studies Instructional Frameworks for grades four and five. Prior to coming to St. Tammany Parish, he was a social studies teacher in both Sabine and Natchitoches Parishes. In his nineteen years as a teacher, he taught social studies from grades fifth through eighth and high school civics, U.S. History, and World History. Dr. Hendricks was a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year.

Victoria Hippler

Victoria Hippler holds a Master of Arts in teaching in elementary education: grades first through fifth, as well as an educational leadership add-on certificate plus thirty, from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Currently employed at Natchitoches Magnet, Ms. Hippler is presently teaching third, fourth, and fifth grade social studies. Prior to this, Ms. Hippler taught third grade English language arts and social studies for six years in Natchitoches Parish. In addition to teaching, Ms. Hippler has obtained a certification as an English Language Arts Content Leader and Mentor Teacher from the Louisiana Department of Education. She also completed the Aspiring Leaders Program through the Rapides Foundation. This year will be Ms. Hippler's first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor with the Louisiana Department of Education.

Benjamin Hobson

Benjamin Hobson received his certification to teach Algebra I in 2011. He earned his master's degree to teach gifted students in 2015 and he started teaching robotics in 2018. He has been teaching middle school mathematics for the last twenty-three and a half years. He has been to three different workshops on incorporating STEM through robotics into the classroom. His passion is teaching students to explore new ways of learning and helping other teachers to discover new methods of STEM instruction.

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 fifth year of teaching mathematics in Ouachita Parish. She taught at Ouachita Parish High for three years and is currently teaching mathematics at Sterlington High School. Prior to her current district, she taught mathematics at Houghton 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 standards-aligned common assessments for the district's math teachers. Mrs. Hodge is a 2021 and 2023 Louisiana State Finalist in Mathematics for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This is her third 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 eighteen years. She currently teaches third grade English language arts at University View Academy and has for the last nine years. She also taught in inclusion classrooms for six years in first grade and three years in second grade. Throughout her career, Mrs. Holland has actively participated in district-level training and has supported her school-level professional learning community to help ensure that her classroom and school's instruction aligns with 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 for the last two years, including being the team lead 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 PBIS 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 first through sixth. Throughout Ms. Holmes' twenty-seven years of experience, she has been a Student Assistant Team Chairperson, Instructional Facilitator, Cluster Facilitator, Teacher Leader, Mentor Teacher, District Curriculum Developer, School, and District Professional Development Presenter, and participated and collaborated in numerous district and regional math and science strategy and curriculum development projects.

Kim Howell

Kim “Lovie” Howell is the librarian at Benton Middle School, 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 twelve 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, 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 third 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 28 years. She has served as a member of her school’s Leader in Me Lighthouse Team. She has also been the chairperson of the Mental Health Action Team. She has also served as chairperson of the English Language Arts Committee at her school. Previously she served on both the Louisiana Department of Education's Grade 4 LEAP 2025 Social Studies Source Review Committee, the ELA Content and Bias Item Review Team, and the Louisiana Department of Education's LEAP Connect Standards Validation Committee. She has been the Bains Elementary Teacher of the Year. Ms. Jackson has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for two years.

Sarah Jimenez

Sarah Jimenez has been a science and STEM teacher in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes for the past eight years. She has extensive curriculum experience in both high school physical science and chemistry. She was the 2022-2023 Central Lafourche High School Teacher of the Year. Ms. "J", as her students know

her, is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She is also a member of the American Association of Chemistry Teachers. For six years, Ms. Jimenez has helped write science district and school assessments for grades seventh through eleventh. She was also on the physical science and chemistry curriculum writing team in Lafourche Parish in 2022-2023.

Tammy Johnson

Tammy Johnson holds a Master of Education in reading and educational leadership. Ms. Johnson has seventeen years of instructional experience and will be returning to the classroom as a first grade teacher for the fourth 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. Ms. Johnson will be a Mentor Teacher for the second year. Ms. 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 third year as a Teacher Leader for her current district and her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 at 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 three 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.

Brandi Kea

Brandi Kea earned her Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in elementary education from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Kea has taught fourth grade ELA and social studies for the past five years. She also served 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 where she was awarded Elementary District Teacher of the

Year. She will be completing her sixth year of teaching at Lancaster Elementary in St. Tammany Parish, where she will be a sixth grade ELA teacher. Mrs. Kea will complete her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor this year.

Christopher Kellison

Christopher Kellison earned a Master of Education degree with a specialty in educational technology from Louisiana State University Shreveport. He currently teaches at KIPP Believe Primary, where he has taught for the past six years. In that time he has taught in a self-contained second grade class for two years, as well as third and fourth grade classes for four years. This year he created and piloted a computer technology program for third and fourth graders. The class teaches students everything from the basics of typing and digital citizenship to the intricacies of coding and creating presentations.

Amber Kemmerly-Louviere

Amber Kemmerly-Louviere 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. Mrs. Kemmerly-Louviere spent the last two years as the high school English and Social Studies Instructional Leader at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy, 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. Mrs. Kemmerly-Louviere previously taught United States History and English at David Thibodaux for three years before moving to Houston. She began her career in education at Jeanerette Senior High School, teaching English and psychology. As Instructional Leader at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy, she created targeted LEAP reviews for social studies, grades sixth through twelfth, and collaborated with district instructional coaches regarding assessments and instruction. This is Mrs. Kemmerly-Louviere's second year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for social studies.

Melinda Kernahan

Melinda "Mindy" Kernahan earned a Master of Education in special education with a focus on gifted curriculum and instruction from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Kernahan 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 eleven years of experience as a classroom teacher, Mrs. Kernahan taught in the academically gifted setting in both St. Tammany Parish and El Paso, Texas at the elementary level. During her 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, Mrs. Kernahan 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, Mrs. Kernahan participated as a member of the Believe and Prepare Science Collaborative for the 2022-2023 school

year, was a Coastal Fellow for the 2021-2022 school year, and is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and the National Marine Educators Association.

Anna King

Anna W. King has a Bachelor of Science in elementary education, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with an elementary education concentration from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and an alternate certification in educational leadership while she is currently pursuing her plus 30. 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 second year as a state 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 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 seven years.

Regena Landry

Regena Landry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Southeastern Louisiana University. Currently, she is pursuing her master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in STEM at Louisiana State University, Shreveport. Ms. Landry has been an educator in the Zachary Community School District for nineteen years. She taught sixth grade science for ten years before moving to her current position as a fifth grade science and sixth grade STEM/Robotics teacher. Her current roles within her school are STEM Club Sponsor, New Teacher Mentor, Fifth Grade Assessment Facilitator, and Student of the Year Committee Member. She has worked with the Department of Education on the Assessment Development Educator Review Committee and the Standard Setting Committee. Ms. Landry is currently on the Teacher Advisory Council with the

Department of Education and is the 2022 Louisiana Semi-Finalist for the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching for elementary STEM teaching.

Roxanne Lasseigne

Roxanne Lasseigne earned a Bachelor of Science with a certification in pre-kindergarten through third grade from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Lasseigne has previously taught all subjects in first grade as well as third grade math, science, and social studies in Ascension Parish. Mrs. Lasseigne taught kindergarten and seventh grade math in West Baton Rouge Parish. She is currently teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grade math at St. John Interparochial School in Iberville Parish which is included in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Mrs. Lasseigne has completed professional developments in curriculum planning, standards assessment, best practices, and more. Last year, Mrs. Lasseigne completed the Accelerate Learning program through the Louisiana Department of Education.

Breann Lavergne

Breann Lavergne earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from McNeese State University and a Master of Education in teacher leadership from the American College of Education. Ms. Lavergne has had many titles throughout her nine-year career. She began her career as second grade teacher. Three years later, she became a TAP Mentor Teacher at a local school where she mentored other teachers and taught third grade. She later became a Literacy Coach for Calcasieu Parish and is currently a Curriculum Coordinator at Dolby Elementary where she plans and implements cycles of learning based on student data and serves as the DIBELS coordinator. She has been a NIET certified evaluator, trained in the Science of Reading through AIMS, trained in The Art of Coaching, and a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for educators. She has also served on various committees in her district, including curriculum and professional development committees. Ms. Lavergne has recently started a summer learning program in her school to ensure students do not have significant learning loss over the summer. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 LATM Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year. This is her third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Katie Leopard

Katie Leopard earned a Master of Arts in teaching and a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas. Ms. Leopard has been teaching physics, chemistry, and physical science for seven years at Northeast Claiborne Charter High School. This year she will begin teaching biology. She has been the head of the science department for two years at Northeast Claiborne Charter. Ms. Leopard is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. For two years, Ms. Leopard piloted a physics curriculum for Louisiana. She was named a state Teacher Leader Advisor last year.

T'Era Lewis

T'Era Lewis earned a Master of Education in educational leadership and accounting from Grand Canyon University. Ms. Lewis has been a sixth grade math teacher in Zachary Community School District for five years. Prior to that, she taught algebra, 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 and Teacher Leader Advisor 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 on 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 fourth year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Jillian List

Jillian List earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in early childhood education. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Cecil Picard Elementary in Vermilion Parish. She has also taught first, second, and third grade. She is currently a Mentor Teacher and has mentored many college students during their residency. She has presented multiple professional development sessions for her district. She has also collaborated with the Vermilion Parish curriculum department to create

instructional materials, assessments, and pacing guides. This is Mrs. List's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Cortney Logan

Cortney Logan earned an Education Specialist degree in curriculum, instruction, and assessment from Walden University. Ms. Logan currently teaches biology in the Monroe City School District, where she has taught science to students in grades ninth through twelfth for seven years. She has also been a Mentor Teacher for four years and the Science Department Head and focal teacher for two years in the Monroe City School District. Prior to that, Ms. Logan taught high school biology in Ouachita Parish for three years. In addition, she has served as a member of the Biology Item Content Review Committee and the Bias Review Committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. Ms. Logan has attended state biology curricula and standards training and led redelivery district-level training. She presented at the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans, Louisiana, and has worked as a Teacher Leader Advisor for one year.

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 fifth 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 third year as a 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-four 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.

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 serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor for Louisiana.

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.

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 five 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. A fifth grade social studies student resource book and fifth grade social studies benchmark assessments were created by Ms. Masters to be used by the teachers in Ouachita Parish. This will be her second 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 also has 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 three years. She has been a Master Teacher for two years. Prior to that, she taught primarily seventh, eighth, and ninth grade ELA for ten years.

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 eighteen 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 fifth year as the Acadia Parish Social Studies Content Leader, working with students, teachers, and administrators in kindergarten through twelfth grade. 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. 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. On the state level, Claire assisted with social studies curriculum and assessment development as a Teacher Leader Advisor. Claire was also a co-presenter at the Teacher Leader Summit, where she demonstrated how to incorporate the resources and materials within the new course frameworks into daily instruction.

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. This will be Ms. Meehan's third year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Samantha Mendenhall

Samantha Mendenhall earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education in December of 2007 from Louisiana State University. Currently, Ms. Mendenhall teaches seventh and eighth grade science at Port

Allen Middle in the West Baton Rouge Parish School System, a position she has held for the past five years. Prior to that, Ms. Mendenhall served as the school's media specialist for five years, reading teacher for one year, and fifth grade teacher for three years. Ms. Mendenhall is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and National Science Teachers Association. Ms. Mendenhall has presented at the Louisiana Computer Using Educators, Louisiana Association of School Librarians, Louisiana Teacher Leader, and the International Society for Technology in Education annual conferences. She has also presented professional development for her school and her district. Ms. Mendenhall is a certified Mentor Teacher and Science Content Leader. This is Ms. Mendenhall's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Dedria Mercadal

Dedria Mercadal earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix, and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Southeastern Louisiana University. She is currently enrolled in the alternative certification program for School Leadership at the University of New Orleans. Dedria is a Math Instructional Coach with St. Tammany Parish Schools. She began her teaching career at Crestworth Elementary in Baton Rouge as a fifth grade English language arts and social studies teacher. She has been an educator for nine years; seven years as an elementary classroom teacher and two years as an instructional coach. Dedria serves as a certified Math Content Leader in her district. For the past two years, Dedria has served on the assessment committee in her district to help write kindergarten and third grade math assessments. She is a reflective life-long learner and is committed to impacting the students of Louisiana.

Gretchen Michel

Mrs. Michel holds both a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She has twenty-four years of experience in education. She recently passed her BloomBoard Assessments to become an ELA Content Leader for St. Tammany Parish School System. She is currently a sixth grade ELA teacher at Lee Road School in Covington, Louisiana. She previously taught sixth grade English language arts and social studies at Joseph B. Lancaster Elementary School. Prior to that, she was a Teacher Advancement Program Master Teacher and the Curriculum and Instruction Support Teacher at Greenville Park Leadership Academy in Tangipahoa Parish where she led professional development for teachers at both the school site 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.

Kelly Miller

Kelly Miller earned both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in history from Southeastern Louisiana University. She has been teaching in St. Tammany Parish for twenty-five years and was selected as the 2022-2023 St. Tammany Parish High School Teacher of the Year. She currently teaches Dual Enrollment U.S. History and AP European History. Ms. Miller is the Northshore High School Social Studies Department Head and content leader, serves on the school Instructional Leadership Team and holds a Mentor Teacher ancillary certification. She has also served on the STPSS U.S. History curriculum team, assisting in writing instructional materials for the parish Guaranteed Curriculum, has presented at Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit, St. Tammany Parish Summer Institute, St. Tammany Parish New Teacher Induction, and has been a guest speaker in secondary social studies methods classes at the university level. Her Louisiana Department of Education experience includes service on the Louisiana Department of Education Social Studies Advisory Board, Rangefinding Committee, Social Studies Standards Revision Committee, and grades seventh through eighth frameworks content manager. This is her third year serving as a Louisiana Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 with a concentration in accounting. Mrs. Moore enjoyed a fifteen year career focusing mostly on Project/Cost Accounting before making a career change to the teaching profession. She holds certifications in Business and Elementary Education, English Language Learner, and is currently pursuing an Algebra I certification, STEM Micro-credential, and Mentor Teacher certification. Mrs. Moore is going into her fourth 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 nine years ago as an elementary education teacher but has successfully transitioned into high school teaching where she intends to remain for the duration of her career.

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 Middle School for the last six 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 and is 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's 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 two years. While teaching English at Lakeside Junior-Senior High School, Mrs. Msangi served on the school leadership team and the data team. Additionally, Mrs. Msangi led professional development at both the school and district level. Mrs. Msangi has earned ELA Content Leader and Mentor Teacher distinctions. 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 for grades seventh and eighth. Recently, she also served on the Innovative Assessment Program's Item Alignment Review Committee for sixth grade. This will be her second 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 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 taught first grade, fifth grade English language arts, and social studies at Cypress Point University Elementary. Currently, she teaches English language arts.

Emily Mull

Emily Mull has been an educator for twenty-three years. She earned a Master of Education with a reading specialist certification from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Mull has been the elementary English language arts curriculum specialist for St. Tammany Parish School System for the past nine years. She is a certified English language arts Content Leader and trains teachers in the content leader program. Prior to that, Mrs. Mull was a reading interventionist, instructional coach, and second

and third grade teacher. Mrs. Mull has presented at the district, state, and international level and is a member of The Reading League, International Literacy Association, and Louisiana Reading Association. As a curriculum specialist, Mrs. Mull supports over 500 kindergarten, first grade, and second grade teachers with literacy curriculum and instruction. She co-authored a resource for teachers, "The Word Work Guide," that explains the phonics rules and provides instructional tips.

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.

Kira Neal

Kira Neal earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Neal currently teaches third grade math, science, and social studies at Pontchartrain Elementary School in St. Tammany Parish. Mrs. Neal has been an elementary school teacher for the past ten years, teaching first, second, and third grades. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and attended the Teacher Leader Summit in 2023. While teaching second grade, Mrs. Neal has helped write math district assessments for second grade. Last year, she participated in and completed the Math Content Leader Program for Louisiana via St. Tammany Parish. Mrs. Neal has been a Teacher Leader for six years in St. Tammany Parish, and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the first time this year.

JaVonn Nicholas

Mrs. JaVonn W. Nicholas earned a Master of Arts in education with a concentration in curriculum and instruction computer education from the University Of Phoenix and a Master of Arts in education from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Nicholas has been the District Instructional Coordinator: Educational Technology beginning this 2022-2023 school year. Prior to that, in Madison Parish, she taught middle school science for fourteen years and served as the Interim Principal for the upper elementary, grades third through fifth for one year. For four years, Ms. Nicholas has been a part of the school leadership team. Mrs. Nicholas has been her school's science content Teacher Leader for two years and a TAP Mentor Teacher for the past four years. She has been on the district leadership team in Madison Parish since 2021 and has conducted district-wide training with teachers on integrating technology in the classrooms. Mrs. Nicholas has been on the Madison Parish district assessment team since 2021.

Phuong Normand

Mrs. Normand earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of New Orleans and a Master of Education degree in Dyslexia Therapy from William Carey College. Mrs. Normand has been a first grade teacher for twenty-four years and recently earned her Educational Leadership Certification. She has been a Mentor Teacher for two years, a Teacher Leader, and a member of her school's Advancement Plan team for three years. She has also been her school's webmaster for five years and served in various leadership roles in her school, including summer camp director, yearbook advisor, Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy assessment team, school-wide professional development team, and organized and planned family math and literacy nights.

Penny Pate

Mrs. Penny Pate has been a teacher for sixteen years in high school science and engineering. Mrs. Pate graduated from Louisiana State University in Shreveport with both bachelor's and master's degrees in science-related fields. Prior to her teaching career, Mrs. Pate worked in the medical field as an exercise specialist and managed the fitness center at Centenary College. After teaching for three years, Mrs. Pate was certified by Project Lead the Way to teach engineering. Over the past sixteen years, she has really enjoyed her teaching position in Caddo Parish and hopes to add more to her biography. Mrs. Pate enjoys watching her students grow and truly shine in the classroom.

Anthony Peek

Anthony Peek earned his Master of Arts in teaching in secondary social studies from Louisiana State University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and American studies from the University of Alabama. Mr. Peek has been a high school social studies teacher for twelve years at Baton Rouge Magnet High School in East Baton Rouge Parish and has taught Advanced Placement United Government and Politics for the last eight years and Advanced Placement Comparative Government and Politics for the last seven years at the tenth grade level. Mr. Peek has served as a reader for the Advanced Placement Comparative Government exam for the last five years. Mr. Peek has also done professional development with the Street Law Supreme Court Summer Institute, the National Constitution Center Summer Educator Institute, and Retro Report teacher ambassador which allowed him to work with peers on lessons and best practices.

Jennifer 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 serves as the Algebra 1 Interventionist and High School Math Accelerate Coordinator at Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy. Previously, she taught algebra and sixth grade math in Caddo Parish, where she served on the district Math Advisory Council. She is a former Teacher Leader and a returning Teacher Leader Advisor for the Louisiana Department of Education's math department. In addition, she is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. Prior to moving to Louisiana, Mrs. Peloquin taught Algebra 1 and College Algebra in Texas.

Bryan Perissutti

Bryan Perissutti earned a Master of Arts in history from Southeastern Louisiana University and holds teaching certificates in Louisiana and New Jersey. 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.

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 Ranging 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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 for 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. This is her second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

K. Renae Pullen

K. Renae Pullen earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Ms. Pullen has been the elementary science specialist for Caddo Parish Public Schools for 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 developed upper elementary EAGLE items for science as a Teacher Leader Advisor in 2018-2023.

Angelle Ransonet

Angelle Ransonet earned a Master of Education in educational technology leadership from the University of Louisiana Monroe. Mrs. Ransonet has been a district Technology Facilitator for St. Mary Parish for one year. Prior to that, she was a school librarian for nine years and a middle school English teacher for seven and a half years in Iberia Parish. Mrs. Ransonet is a member of the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators and the Texas Computer Education Association. She has presented at the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators conference, Teacher Leader Summit, and Louisiana Association of School Librarians Professional Development Day about technology integration. Mrs. Ransonet is a certified Microsoft Educator and Google Level One and Two Certified Educator.

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.

Amanda Reulet

Amanda Reulet earned a master's degree in Social Work from Louisiana State University. Ms. Reulet has been the Media Specialist at Lukeville Elementary School in West Baton Rouge Parish for the last ten years. Prior to that, she taught French to middle and high school students for eight years. During her time as Media Specialist, she has served as lead for the school's robotics team, taught third grade science, taught reading to grades three through five, and implemented STEM into her library. For the last two years, she has taught a STEM class for grades second and third. Ms. Reulet has also earned the International Society for Technology in Education certification. She has spent the last five years presenting at conferences at the district, state, and international levels on incorporating STEM in not only the library, but across the curriculum.

Katelyn Reulet

Katelyn Reulet earned a Master of Education in educational technology leadership from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Reulet is the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade reading teacher and VEX Robotics coach within the CITGO Innovation Academy at LeBlanc Middle School in Calcasieu Parish, a position she has held since August 2022. Prior to that, she taught elementary school across all content areas for eight

years. Mrs. Reulet previously worked as a Louisiana Coastal Fellow and currently serves as an ambassador for the Louisiana Association for Computer Using Educators, a position she has held for one year. She presented at the International Society for Technology in Education conference in 2022 and consistently presents at regional events in Calcasieu Parish. She is passionate about using educational technology to transform the educational experience of all students.

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 a 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.

Tomyka Rivera-Ayala

Ms. Tomyka Rivera-Ayala holds master's degrees in Business Administration and Occupational Health and Safety and a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. She also has greater than eighteen graduate hours of thermofluids and heat transfer. She is a pre-engineering STEM pathways teacher at Amite High Magnet School in Tangipahoa Parish. Ms. Rivera-Ayala has three years of teaching experience immediately preceded by over sixteen years of civil service experience as an engineer with the United States Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base. Her positions included Range Safety Engineer, Conventional Munitions System Safety Engineer, Test Programming Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Functional Director and Contracts Manager, and Systems Engineer. In her final role at Eglin Air Force Base, Ms. Rivera-Ayala provided input to local universities on the needs of the Eglin engineering community. This is Ms. Rivera-Ayala's first year as a Teacher Leader.

Erika Rivera-Castillo

Dr. Erika Rivera-Castillo earned a Doctor in Education degree with a specialization in educational leadership from Liberty University. For four years, Dr. Rivera has taught special education in Natchitoches Parish. She has experience teaching in a variety of elementary school settings, including inclusion, resource, and co-teaching, where she supported children in all subject areas, particularly in math and English language arts. Prior to that, she spent five years instructing students in grades nine through twelve in Spanish while also preparing them for the College Level Examination Program, honors programs, and advanced placement. Dr. Rivera taught English Language Learners for one year, employing immersion at the elementary and high school levels in the state of Oklahoma as part of her expertise working with diverse learners. She is a Teacher Leader Advisor for the first time this year.

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 three years, Ms. Salinas has worked to write curriculum guidebooks for Caddo Parish as well as plan professional development. 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 development on state standards with Caddo Parish. She has also attended multiple professional development sessions on the social studies state standards. She has attended the Teacher Leader Summit. This will be Ms. Salinas's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Kasey Salvaterra

Kasey Loe Salvaterra (Mrs. Sal) has been an educator for twenty years. A graduate of Arcadia High School in Arcadia, Louisiana, Mrs. Salvaterra obtained both a Bachelor of Science in education and a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. She currently serves as the third through eighth grade and high school Mathematics Instructional Coach for Bienville Parish. She also serves as the counselor for Ringgold High School in Bienville Parish. She previously served as a third through eighth grade mathematics teacher in Bienville Parish and a seventh through eighth grade mathematics teacher in Ouachita and Caddo Parishes. Mrs. Salvaterra has also worked for the Louisiana Department of Education as a Regional Talent Coach. Additionally, Mrs. Salvaterra has earned several accreditations and credentials such as Louisiana Teacher Leader and Louisiana Certified Mentor Teacher.

Ashley Samuel

Ms. Samuel graduated from Centenary College of Louisiana, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. Ms. Samuel went on to earn a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University Shreveport. She completed gifted certification at Louisiana State University. She currently teaches third and fifth grade gifted math at Fairfield Elementary Magnet in Shreveport, LA. She is passionate about helping students make real-world connections to what they are learning and works to instill a level of curiosity that makes students want to learn more. This is Ms. Samuel's first year as 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 through third grade 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 on the first grade Accelerate Math team.

Jennifer Scallan

Mrs. Scallan holds a Master of Education in reading with a certification as a reading specialist from Arkansas State University. She has also completed training to be a dyslexia therapist through the Dyslexia Resource Center in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Scallan has taught for sixteen years. She is currently in her fifth year of teaching fifth grade English language arts at D'Arbonne Woods Charter School. Prior to that, she taught self-contained first grade for six years, fifth grade math and science for two years, and self-contained second through fourth for one year each. Mrs. Scallan is a member of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and has also served as a Mentor Teacher for new teachers at D'Arbonne Woods Charter School. This will be her first year to serve as a 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 six 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 the Eaton Park Elementary Teacher of the Year for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 two years and this is her second year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Jill Sutton

Jill Sutton earned her Master of Arts in teaching from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Sutton has taught biology for fifteen years mostly in Lincoln Parish. Currently, she is the instructional science coach for Ruston High School where she teaches tenth grade Pre-AP and twelfth grade AP Biology. Mrs. Sutton received her Mentor Teacher Certification during the 2019-2020 school year and has hosted resident teachers over the past four years. Her work with pre-service teacher programs was extended this year as she was chosen to serve on the Louisiana Believe and Prepare Science Collaborative to develop a course with materials for incoming K-5 science teachers. In 2019, Mrs. Sutton served on the Biology Rangelinding Committee for the 2025 Louisiana Educational Assessment Program where she worked with standards and criteria to provide input in scoring extended response items for the state assessment. Mrs. Sutton also has created district-wide curriculum pacing guides and assessments over the past five years for Lincoln Parish. This is Mrs. Sutton's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor. She is excited to use

her experiences listed above as well as her training with science curriculum to develop resources for secondary science.

Meghan Tabor

Meghan Tabor holds a Bachelor of General Studies from Louisiana State University of Alexandria and has completed the alternate teaching certification program at Louisiana Christian University. She has eleven 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 second 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 taught 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.

Bridget Torres

Bridget Arceneaux Torres has been an early childhood elementary teacher in Livingston Parish for fourteen years. She has taught pre-kindergarten for three years, kindergarten for five years, first grade for four years, second grade English language arts for one year, and third, fourth, and fifth grade math for one year. She completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at Southeastern Louisiana University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education in 2009 and a Master of Educational Leadership in 2013. She is currently nearing completion of a Plus 30 focusing on Educational Leadership methodology. She has served as a Mentor Teacher for teacher candidates and new teachers and has served on a variety of committees, including the Title I compliance team, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges accreditation committee, and the School Improvement Team. She has also attended the Teacher Leader Summit and is currently the school site leader for the Livingston Parish Teachers Association.

Danielle Troullier

Danielle Troullier earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is currently completing her Master of Science in curriculum and supervision from Pennsylvania State University. Ms. Troullier currently serves as a Math Instructional Coach in St. Tammany Parish School System since 2018. Prior to that, she taught sixth and seventh grade students English language arts and science since 2013. In addition to serving math teachers in St. Tammany Parish, Ms. Troullier is a Math Content Leader and is currently a member of several district and school-based committees. Her focus on those committees has been student learning and professional development. She is also a member of the American Federation of Teachers' professional development curriculum design team where she has written and delivered professional development for national trainers around the country. Recently, Ms. Troullier was named Exemplary Educator by the Louisiana Department of Education, and she looks forward to continuing to serve students and teachers in St. Tammany Parish and throughout the great state of Louisiana.

Shondolyn Truman

Shondolyn S. Truman currently holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in administration and supervision. She is an eighth grade science teacher. She has been a certified, dedicated educator in Caddo Parish Public Schools with highly effective and exceptional performance since 1999. Ms. Truman has over ten years of experience in teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grade middle school science. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Melanie Vernon

Melanie Vernon earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Christian Brothers University in 2009. Ms. Vernon has been teaching at the kindergarten through third grade level in self-contained classrooms for fifteen years. For the last four years, Ms. Vernon has been teaching third grade at St. Paul's Episcopal School. Ms. Vernon has served on committees that are responsible for adopting curricula and assisting teachers with the implementation of curricula. She has also attended numerous professional

development sessions on curriculum implementation. This is Ms. Vernon's 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 fourth year at Hammond High Magnet School in Tangipahoa Parish and will be teaching the IB Literature courses. Prior to coming to 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 has 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. Kelly has also served as 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 with the Louisiana Student Standards for Science at her school. This is Ms. Waguespack's fifth 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 second year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor and she is looking forward to learning and growing through this experience.

Karrie Ward

Karrie Ward is a secondary certified math teacher with over seventeen years of experience as a middle school math teacher. She has held various roles in education as a trainer, curriculum specialist, and mentor. Ms. Ward is a member of the Louisiana Teacher Advisory Council. She is currently a middle years math teacher at an International Baccalaureate World School. This is her first year as a 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.

Jennifer Williams

Jennifer C. Williams has been a public and private school educator for thirty years. She earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Louisiana State University. Ms. Williams has served as the Lower School science department chair at Isidore Newman School for the past fourteen years. In addition to this role, Ms. Williams teaches science and STEM to students in grades second through fourth. During her time in education, she has taught a variety of subjects for Newman and Plaquemines Parish Public Schools. Presently, Ms. Williams serves as the Division Director for the Preschool – Elementary Science Teaching Committee and sits on the Executive Board of the National Science Teaching Association. Working with the Children’s Book Council, she has served as a reviewer for the Best STEM Booklist for the past three years. Last year, Ms. Williams was a member of the Louisiana Department of Education’s Coastal Fellowship Program and was a speaker at the National Academies of Sciences meeting on Science and Engineering in Preschool Through Elementary Grades: The Brilliance of Children and Strengths of Educators report. Throughout her career, she has authored a number of journal articles, blogs, and one book on doing science and STEM with young children. Ms. Williams has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching and was named Outstanding Elementary Science Teacher by the Louisiana Science Teachers Association.

April Winstead

April Winstead earned a Bachelor of Science in secondary science education with a concentration in general science and biology from Louisiana Tech University. Mrs. Winstead also received National Board Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood Science. She has her Science Content Leader Micro-credential certification. Mrs. Winstead has taught in Louisiana for twenty-eight years. She began

at Woodlawn Junior High in West Monroe, Louisiana, where she taught earth science and gifted physical science for six years. For the remaining twenty-two years, she has been at Ruston High School. There she has taught mainly biology and AP biology, as well as Dual Anatomy and Physiology as Louisiana Tech adjunct faculty. Currently and for the last two years, Mrs. Winstead spends half of the day in the classroom teaching biology and Dual Anatomy and Physiology, and then the other half of the day she serves as the Lincoln Parish Science Facilitator where she works with coaching and supporting science teachers and science learning in Lincoln Parish. Mrs. Winstead has served on The LEAP 2025 Biology Standard Setting Committee as well as the LEAP 2025 Biology Content and Bias Item Review Committee. Mrs. Winstead worked as a trainer for the National Math and Science Initiative for three years. Mrs. Winstead was a Finalist for the 2016 Louisiana Teacher of the Year.