

September 2017

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE RESIDENTS  
AND RICHLAND PARISH MENTORS KICK OFF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**



**Top left:** Mentor Dana Hendrix (left) and ULM resident Bethany Corona (right); **Top right:** Mentor Jennifer Eason (left) and Whitney Boone ULM resident (right); **Bottom left:** Mentor Emily Ogden (left) and ULM resident Kayla Kelly (right); **Bottom right:** ULM resident Erin Brown (left) and Mentor Beverly Smart (right)

Talent pipeline leads and preparation provider staff: please send any pictures you post of teacher residents and mentors to [ldecommunications@la.gov](mailto:ldecommunications@la.gov) and [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) so we can help promote the exciting work happening around the state.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- Sept 15: Rescheduled Believe and Prepare regional support meeting webinar at 9:00 a.m. All preparation providers, please attend the first 30 minutes.
- Sept 15: Deadline to amend 2016-2017 Believe and Prepare transition and residency expansion budgets
- Sept 30: Deadline to expend 2016-2017 IDEA, TIF, Title I 1003a, and Title II Believe and Prepare transition funds
- Oct 18: BESE considers allocations for formula funding for mentor and resident stipends and for high-cost needs
- Nov 1: Mentor Teacher Training overview session for preparation providers in Baton Rouge at 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 6: Believe and Prepare regional support meeting in New Orleans at 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 7: Believe and Prepare regional support meeting in Southwest Louisiana at 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 8: Believe and Prepare regional support meeting in North Louisiana at 1:00 p.m.

## BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

### REGIONAL SUPPORT MEETINGS

The Department staff will facilitate regional meetings for preparation providers throughout the 2017-2018 school year. These meetings will include updates on Believe and Prepare funding, policy, and transition processes as well as opportunities for collaboration and discussion.

A webinar will be held **this Friday, September 15, 2017**, for anyone who could not attend the August regional meetings. The Department requests that all preparation providers attend the first 30 minutes of this webinar, even if you attended the in-person meeting in Baton Rouge last Monday. We have updates regarding the partnership with US PREP as well as information about a content training opportunity.

- Webinar link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/rkui2d2wc69j/>
- Call line: 1-855-240-2575
- Participant PIN: 91287604

Please mark your calendars for the next Believe and Prepare regional meetings.

- November 6: New Orleans, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- November 7: Southwest Louisiana, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- November 8: North Louisiana, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Exact locations will be shared in the October Believe and Prepare newsletter. Please contact [nicole.bono@la.gov](mailto:nicole.bono@la.gov) with any questions regarding the regional support meetings.

## MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

School systems have submitted mentor teacher nominations through the data collection process. Preparation Providers are invited to attend an overview session on mentor teacher training in Baton Rouge on November 1, 2017, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions regarding mentor teacher training.

## UPDATE: FORMULA FUNDING

In August 2017, BESE approved [formula funding](#) allocations for all undergraduate teacher preparation programs. Preparation providers receive an annual allocation for program staff and other costs associated with program transition. The awards are calculated based on a three-year average of program completers.

In October 2017, BESE will consider formula funding allocations for 2017-2018 undergraduate mentor and resident stipends.

## UPDATE: TRANSITION GUIDE

In August 2017, the Department updated the [Teacher Preparation Transition Guide](#), which outlines the transition timeline and the support that is available to preparation providers and their school system partners as they align preparation experiences and partnerships to meet preparation program design policies passed in 2016.

# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## NOMINATE LOUISIANA'S 2019 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success. Annually, the Department, along with [Dream Teachers](#) and the [LA Association of Principals](#), honors the state's most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs.

Part of the selection process for naming the district and state-level winners includes recommendations from teachers, principals, district employees, parents, colleagues, and community members.

Please submit a [nomination](#) for yourself or for someone you know meets the following criteria.

- Demonstrates excellence in teaching or school leadership, guiding students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve excellence.
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside of the classroom walls.
- Embodies lifelong learning.
- Collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a culture of respect and success.

**Nominations must be submitted by September 29, 2017**, via the [nominations portal](#) or by visiting the [Department's website](#).

*Nominations will be sent to the local school district for consideration as they select their top candidates.*

For more information, please review the [Teacher and Principal of the Year Nomination Overview](#) or email [excellenteducators@la.gov](mailto:excellenteducators@la.gov) with questions about the nomination process.