



June 2019



**From left to right: Walt Lemoine, Brusly High School principal; Dr. Paula Summers Calderon, Southeastern Louisiana University Dean of the College of Education; Macie Husband, Brusly High senior; Roomie, Southeastern mascot; Braxton Michel, Brusly High senior; Kimberly Eckert, Brusly High Educators Rising Teacher; Julie Mayeux, Brusly High Supervisor of Secondary Education**

Brusly High School held an academic signing for two students in Educators Rising, Macie Husband and Braxton Michel, who have committed to becoming teachers at Southeastern.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- June 19: Preparation provider monthly webinar
- June 21: Performance profiles released
- June 25: Louisiana partner meeting
- June 26-28: Teacher Leader Summit
- July 22: On-site review workgroup

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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- June 15: Deadline to spend 8g funds
- June 22: Deadline to request reimbursement for 8g funds

## BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

### TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT: DON'T MISS OUT

The [2019 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place **June 26-28, 2019**, at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. This event will bring together over 5,000 educators from across the state to share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2019–2020 school year.

Multiple sessions will be tailored to educator preparation providers and will cover topics ranging from educator workforce data to the use of high-quality curriculum to updates regarding the Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System. **While advanced registration has closed, on-site registration will be available.**

If you have already registered in [EventBrite](#) for this event, don't forget to sign up for [specific sessions](#) using the [Summit app](#). **Building a schedule in the app is the only way to reserve seats in sessions.**

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with questions.

### SUMMIT ED TALKS AND PREPARATION PROVIDER EXCLUSIVE SESSION

[Ed Talks](#) are back! The lineup for this year's Summit includes a session led by **Dr. Dan Goldhaber** entitled ***The Quality of the Teacher Workforce: The Impact on Students, and How It Can Be Improved***. Dr. Goldhaber is the Director of the Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research at the American Institutes for Research and the Director of the Center for Education Data & Research at the University of Washington.

**Dr. Goldhaber will also lead an exclusive session for providers and a school system partner.** To register for the closed door session, preparation providers will need to download the app and select session **P005**.

Preparation provider leads should email ([believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov)) with the name of the school system partner that the preparation provider is inviting to attend this special session. Preparation providers should notify the school system contact so that the school system contact can also register through the app for this special session.

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## **PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY CALLS**

Thank you for joining the May preparation provider provider call. The [webinar presentation](#) can be found on the [Educator Preparation Providers](#) webpage and in the [Preparation Library](#).

The next preparation provider monthly call is scheduled for **June 19** from **3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

### **Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19; 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact [nicole.bono@la.gov](mailto:nicole.bono@la.gov) with questions.

## **TEACHER AND LEADER PIPELINE**

### **2019-2020 MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER TRAININGS BEGIN**

The Department received over 1,000 nominations for Mentor Teacher training, 750 nominations for ELA and Math Content Leader training, and over 600 nominations for the new Intervention Content Leader training. These trainings will help ensure that schools across Louisiana have the teacher leaders needed to improve instruction and support the continuous growth of teachers.

Trainings will kick off in early June for Mentor Teacher training and in late June for Content Leader training. Additional 2019-2020 training details can be found at the following websites:

- [Mentor Teachers](#)
- [ELA Content Leaders](#)
- [Math Content Leaders](#)
- [Intervention Content Leaders](#)

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### **STATE-APPROVED MENTOR TEACHER AND CONTENT LEADER TRAININGS**

In October 2018, [BESE approved regulations to establish new state credentials for classroom teachers](#) who serve as mentors to aspiring teachers and as curriculum experts within their schools. **The Mentor Teacher certificate will be required for teachers who mentor undergraduate or post-baccalaureate residents beginning in September 2020**, eventually replacing the previously required Supervisor of Student Teaching credential.

If you are interested in applying for BESE approval to offer a Mentor Teacher or Content Leader training program, please refer to the [Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Training Application Deadlines](#) and complete the online application for [Mentor Teacher Training](#) and/or [Content Leader Training](#).

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## **CERTIFICATION APPLICATION UPDATES**

To increase efficiency, **the Department no longer accepts paper applications**. Moving forward, school systems and preparation provider partners should use [Teach LA Live!](#) to submit both applications and questions to the certification team

While preparation providers may contact the Certification Team at any time at [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov), staff may also **schedule [office hours](#) in the online portal for a guaranteed time to discuss specific certification questions**. Please include **name and contact number** when scheduling

Please contact [christy.bellue@la.gov](mailto:christy.bellue@la.gov) if this poses difficulty to your provider system.

## **CERTIFICATION RENEWAL PROCESS UPDATES**

For many teaching certificates, it is time to renew. Most certificates are renewable for **calendar years**. However, Practitioner Licenses (1, 2, and 3) are issued for a **school session**.

These certificates are not renewed until July 1 of each calendar year. For this reason, **the Certification team will not begin processing issuance or renewal of PL certificates until July 1, 2019**.

Renewal applications for PL certificate submitted prior to July will be held until July 1 date. Due to processing time, some certificates may show as lapsed or expired until they are processed by the Certification team. Once processed, they will show a retroactive start date of July 1 and no lapse of certification.

Practitioner License (PL) Renewals:

- The **program provider** applies for PL renewal only if the teacher is enrolled in the Practitioner Teacher Program (PTP) on a PL1.
- The **employer** applies for the PL renewal when the teacher candidate is enrolled in the Certification-Only Program (PL2) or the Master's Alternative Program (PL3).

If you have any certification questions, please email [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) or submit a question in our online portal at [TeachLALive!](#)

## **TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **PERFORMANCE PROFILES**

The first teacher preparation performance profiles will be released in late June. The performance profiles will be released directly to Deans and Directors via a secure FTP. The Department will schedule individual meetings with each provider to discuss the performance profiles.

### **ON-SITE REVIEW WORKGROUP**

In May, the Department reconvened the on-site review workgroup, which is dedicated to considering adjustments to the on-site review framework and process. Representatives from nineteen preparation providers and three school systems attended the first meeting. The group also included representatives from the Board of Regents, BESE, and the Department, as well as representatives from Class Measures and TPI-US.

The workgroup's next meeting will be held on **July 22**, at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge. Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with questions.

## TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

### REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the process outlined below. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI), and once that is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on the [Department's website](#) via the [Preparation Library](#).

Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
7/1/2019	8/1/2019	8/1/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019
11/22/2019	12/20/2019	1/10/2020-3/20/2020	3/20/2020	4/20/2020
6/12/2020	7/10/2020	7/10/2020-9/11/2020	9/11/2020	10/13/2020

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## NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### AUGUST BELIEVE AND PREPARE NEWSLETTER

For the month of July, the Department will not issue a Believe and Prepare Newsletter. The next edition of the Believe and Prepare Newsletter will be released in August.

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### 2020 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALIST

The Department is proud to announce the [2020 Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists](#). These educators are making exceptional gains with students, leading them to achieve at the highest levels in the state.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semi-finalists will be honored at the [13th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration](#) on Friday, July 19, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

Please contact [excellenteducators@la.gov](mailto:excellenteducators@la.gov) with questions.