

LCE News August 2006

Greetings!

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCE) in its effort to broaden its outreach has expanded its communication to electronic newsletters. Through this medium, we will update you on LCE programming monthly so that either as a volunteer, teacher, student or supporter you have the opportunity to learn more about the LCE's work across Louisiana.

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LCE UNVEILS NEW LOGO, LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE, AND NEW STUDENT RECOGNITION



As part of the LCE's effort to improve its communications with Louisiana students, educators and citizens and branding, we have adopted a new logo. The red apple will be placed on all upcoming brochures, marketing pieces and letterhead.

The LCE is also pleased to announce that it has launched its own web site at www.lalce.org. Did you know that LCE is responsible for aiding in the creation of three Law and Signature Schools. We invite you to learn of our programs and other initiatives by clicking on:

This Year in addition to enhancing our outreach in the State, we are looking to honor a Louisiana Student for his/her demonstrated commitment to Civics in Action. Hurricane Katrina has created opportunities for Louisiana students to be engaged citizens by engaging their government to consider their interest as the state proceeds with its rebuilding effort.

The award, Civics in Action, **CIA award** will be given in the Spring of 2007. If any teacher, principal or community member is aware of such a student, the requirements will be posted on our website in January 2007.

[Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education](http://www.lalce.org)

2006 LCE SUMMER INSTITUTE TRAINS TEACHERS

LAW AND CIVIC EDUCATION POST-KATRINA

As with all organizations and individuals impacted by the devastation incurred by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the LCE has also faced changes and has adapted to new situations. We are pleased to announce that despite the challenges presented by Katrina, we are launching **three (3)** new Programs under the leadership of Judge Roby. The Programs are "**We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution**", "**Order in the Court**" and "**Y-Vote**."

"**We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution**" became a full time program effective June 1. The LCE serves as the statewide organization responsible for the training and implementation of the curriculum developed by the



The LCE held its law and civic education institute for Louisiana educators July 17-20, 2006. The workshop provided participants with "hands on" teaching application of law and civic lesson plans from the **Street Law** text and **We the**

People: the Citizen and the Constitution.

Participants are pictured along with presenters from left to right as follows: **John Hernandez II**, Attorney at Law; **Dr. Bill Miller**, LCE Consultant, **Maria Yiannopoulos**, LCE Director; **The Honorable Bob Downing**, First Circuit Court of Appeal; **Liz Tullier**, Northside High School, Lafayette Parish; **Kirby Gordon**, Galvez Middle School, Ascension Parish; **Janice Benezech**, Carencro Middle School, Lafayette Parish; **Jacob Crawford**, Alexandria Middle Magnet School, Rapides Parish; **Stephanie Goodrich**, Alexandria Middle Magnet School, Rapides Parish; **Patrick Stevinson**, Alexandria Middle Magnet School, Rapides Parish; **Juanita Johnson**, 4-H Workforce Preparation, EBR Parish; Joanne **Cowgill**, Redemptorist High School, EBR Parish; **Charles Bradley**, West Jefferson High School, Jefferson Parish; **Darlene Fields**, Director Voter Education Office of the Louisiana Secretary of State. **Attendees not pictured: Sandra Goldich**, Alexandria Middle Magnet School; **Treavor Pool**, Alexandria Middle Magnet, Tina **Simmons**, Alexandria Middle Magnet.

The LCE thanks the following individuals and whose participation ensured the success of the program: **Barbara G. Baier**, Attorney at Law; **Jennifer Laubersheimer**, Glencoe McGraw-Hill; **Melanie S. Fields**, EBR Parish Assistant District Attorney; **Donna Buuck**, Baton Rouge Bar Education Director; **Connell Archey**, Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver & Blitzer; **Jamie Staub**, "We the People" District Coordinator, **DeeDee Holmes** Holmes Educational Consultants. Program was made possible by funding provided by **Youth for Justice**, the **Center for Civic Education** and the **IOLTA Program** of the **Louisiana Bar Foundation**.

OPEN DOORS TO FEDERAL COURTS: November 9, 2006



In partnership with the US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the LCE will host the 3rd Annual program on **Thursday, November 9, 2006**, in New Orleans. This year's theme is **Partners in Justice: An Independent Judiciary and a Fair-Minded Jury**

Program is open to high school students and their educators in the following Parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Washington, Tangipahoa. For registration information, please email Maria@lalce.org

LOYOLA STREET LAW PROGRAM NEEDS SCHOOLS

Center for Civic Education. It is designed to equip social studies educators in K- 12 with texts, materials, and training opportunities that teach their students the US

Constitution. Civic and legal leaders will lend their expertise to students in the classroom.

"Order in the Court" is designed both to improve public access to courts and make the courts system a proactive educator. The LCE will develop a **Justice Teacher Institute** where

educators will receive substantive professional development on the structure and function of the state courts system, history of the Court and constitutional issues. The LCE will collaborate with the Louisiana Supreme Court and judicial organizations to develop an excellent curriculum for educators and for members of the judiciary to use when visiting classrooms. Program is funded by the **Louisiana Judicial Excellence**



Loyola Law School Clinic will teach *Street Law: A Course in Practical Law* to 50 law students in the fall semester. As part of their practical course experience, law students need to teach the *Street Law* curriculum in local high schools. Program leaders invite educators in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area to contact them if they wish to have law students teach this fall. Educators, please contact: **Bill Quigley:**

Quigley@loyno.edu **Ramona Fernandez:**

Ramona@loyno.edu Telephone: (504) 861-5592 To learn more about the Street Law curriculum, please click on:

[Street Law: A Course in Practical Law](#)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Constitution Day - September 17, celebrates the 1787 signing of our founding document.

Louisiana Council for Social Studies Annual Conference:
November 3-4, 2006, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Open Doors to Federal Courts: November 9, 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana.

4th Congressional Conference on Civic Education: November 18-20, 2006, Washington, DC.

Foundation in the Memory of H. Eustis Reilly, a New Orleans civic and business leader.

Y-VOTE is a middle and high school youth education voting program in partnership with the **Louisiana Secretary of State** office. The program is designed to have young people serve as their district's elected leader, examine a current law and debate it at the legislature. Information on all these programs will be posted on the LCE web site at www.lalce.org

RESOURCES IN LAW AND CIVIC EDUCATION

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