

## LCE November 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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### OPEN DOORS TO FEDERAL COURTS



Approximately, 100 high school students from **Grace King High, F. Patrick Taylor Science and Math, John Ehret, Edna Karr and West Jefferson High School**, spent Thursday, November 9, at the U.S. District Court in New Orleans, Louisiana, where they participated in a mock trial and served as

jurors and as witnesses on cross and direct examination.

The LCE would like to thank the following volunteer federal court judges and attorneys whose participation ensured the success of the program:

**Chief Judge Ginger Berrigan, Judge Carl Barbier, Judge Kurt Engelhardt, Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge Jay Wilkinson, Melanie Fields, Sandra Gutierrez, Michael McMahon, Raquelle Badeoux Phillips,**

### "ORDER IN THE COURT!!!"



The LCE's "**Order in the Court**" program is a new initiative designed to educate high school students about the judicial process. The program enhances efforts to increase the public's understanding of Louisiana's judicial system through classroom and courtroom visits.

A major component of the "**Order in the Court**" program is the **Teacher Justice Institute** where Louisiana teachers will be provided with the "hands on" training in interactive lesson plans that will help students understand the history and role of Louisiana Courts and connecting that learning to the function of the Courts. The success of the "**Teacher Justice Institute**" will rely upon Louisiana judges to teach educators about local, state and federal courts and the judicial process. In turn, the educators will teach this information to their students. The Justice Institute will be held in Summer 2007. Further information, will be provided in January.

Louisiana **Judges** interested in lending their expertise by serving on the first faculty of this excellent youth education program, are invited to click

**Darleene Peters, Bing Simpson, Majeeda Snead, Tasha West and Alvin Plain.**

### OUTSTANDING LRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD- APPLY NOW

The **Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education** together with the **Louisiana State Bar Association** give annually an award to one or more teachers around the state in recognition of their Law and Civic Education. 2006 award recipients will be presented at a reception on Friday, **January 19, 2007**, at the **J.W. Marriott Hotel** in New Orleans, Louisiana during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Mid-Year meeting. Recipients of the Award will receive public recognition and monies to be used for the purchase of Law-Related Education material for their classrooms.



Eligibility: •All **social studies educators** teaching grades K-12 in Louisiana who are certified teachers. •Educators who teach in an accredited Louisiana school. •Educators who have taught Civics and/or Law Studies for a minimum of 1 year.

Educators please click on link below. **Application deadline: December 15, 2006.**

[Easy Application Form](#)

### WE THE PEOPLE WORKSHOP DECEMBER 12- REGISTER NOW.



The LCE will host an awareness workshop on "**We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution**" on **Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 4:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m.** at **East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools**. Workshop is open to elementary and secondary educators. educators interested in attending and receiving **FREE** texts. To register, please visit **www.lalce.org**. For additional information, please send an email to **Maria@lalce.org**

[Register Here](#)

### "WE THE PEOPLE" - DISTRICT COORDINATOR NEEDED

on the **Volunteer** button below.

"**Order in the Court!!!**" is funded by a grant from the Louisiana Judicial Excellence Foundation in the memory of H. Eustis Reilly. The LCE is funded, in part, by the Louisiana Bar Foundation's IOLTA Program and through generous supporters such as you. The LCE serves as the public education partner of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

For More Information, please contact the LCE at (225) 214.5570 or send an email to Maria Yiannopoulos at [Maria@lalce.org](mailto:Maria@lalce.org)

[Volunteer Judges Click Here](#)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

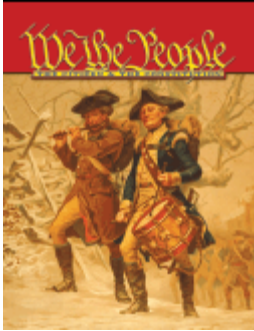
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The Louisiana "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" program needs to fill **one part time** position for district coordinators in **Congressional Districts 5** includes: Alexandria, Pineville, Ruston, Monroe and Bastrop.

"**We the People**" District Coordinators are responsible for conducting an awareness workshop on the "We the People" program for educators within their purview, as well as assisting schools with organizing mock congressional hearing competitions. Further, each district coordinator is responsible for inviting the participation of legal, civic and elected leaders from their respective Congressional districts to serve as judges during the competitions. This is an excellent opportunity to engage more youth in civic participation and for the community to become involved in the civic education of youth.

Eligible candidates include: Educators and legal professionals who have an interest in working with schools. Position offers a \$1,000 stipend and travel expenses. Interested individuals, should contact Maria Yiannopoulos at **Maria@lalce.org**.

#### DONATE TO LAW AND CIVIC EDUCATION



In this time of giving, we ask that you please consider supporting the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your generous tax deductible contribution will support the organization's programs and activities ultimately benefiting Louisiana's youth.

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#### LOUISIANA SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN E-CONGRESS ELECTION



768 students from 175 Louisiana schools cast a total of 758 votes as part of the **LCE's Y-Vote** (Youth-Vote) program during the November congressional elections. Students registered on-line and exercised their "electronic right to vote" for Louisiana's leaders. **Y-Vote** is an LCE program in partnership with the **University of Virginia Center for Politics Youth Leadership Initiative**.

[Louisiana E-Congressional Results](#)

**ABA ON LINE YOUTH SUMMIT - HIGH SCHOOLS CAN SIGN ON NOW**



Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 **American Bar Association National Online Youth Summit**. The 2007 theme is: **Coming to America: Immigration, Law & American Identity**. Program is designed for high school students and teachers to advance student knowledge and skills (critical thinking, civil discussion, reading, writing, research and problem-solving. Louisiana students will work on line with other students around the country in on-line message boards.

The program will run from January to May 2007. Interested schools, please click on the below url or you may contact Michelle Parini at the ABA (313)988- 5735

**[Learn More About the ABA Online Youth Summit](#)**

**4th CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIVIC EDUCATION**

Louisiana was represented at the 4th Congressional Conference on Civic Education held in Washington, DC. The conference brought together representatives from each State to participate in discussions and formulate action plans to further strengthen current efforts in civic education.

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