



2018 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

The Department is proud to announce the 2018 Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semifinalists. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, pushing them to achieve at the highest levels in the state.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year honorees will be celebrated at the [11th Annual Cecil. J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#) on Friday, July 28, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#). Congratulations to these outstanding educators!



2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Rosemary Grimm	Bossier Parish
Lorraine Fedison-Winder	FirstLine Schools
Brenda Simmons	Jackson Parish
Sarah Gros	Lafayette Parish
Marcy Mahler	Lafourche Parish
Sarah Butler	Rapides Parish
Joshua John David Paul	St. Helena Parish
Angelina Drago	Tangipahoa Parish
Kimberly Eckert	West Baton Rouge Parish

2018 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Cleo Perry Jr.	East Baton Rouge Parish
Elizabeth Chatelain	Evangeline Parish
Shannon Foolkes	Calcasieu Parish
Bobbie Delaney	Cameron Parish
Twainna Calhoun	Ouachita Parish
Sandra Jones	Richland Parish
Sarah Allen	St. Martin Parish
David Gray	Union Parish
Thomas Byler	Vermilion Parish

2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALISTS

Grant Gussman	Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education
Chasity Hatsfelt	Allen Parish
Melissa Blanchard	Assumption Parish
Jennifer Heard	Belle Chasse Academy
Donna Granger	Cameron Parish
Shanda Besson	Central Community School District
Alex Bell	Collegiate Academies
John Underwood	East Baton Rouge Parish
Brittany Smith	Edward Hynes Charter School
Mandi Keigley	Iberia Parish
Lana Myers	Jefferson Davis Parish
Tameka Star	Natchitoches Parish
Ingrid Rachal	Orleans Parish
Jennifer Brock	St. John the Baptist Parish
Rachel White	Webster Parish

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Mia Edwards	Ascension Parish
Angela Gregoire	Assumption Parish
Lakesha Reese-Penn	City of Baker School District
Allison Junot	Iberville Parish
Michael Beck	Jackson Parish
Tamara Warner	Jefferson Parish
John Mouton	Lafayette Parish
Shanna Steed	Livingston Parish
Dewayne Vines	Rapides Parish
Julie Waguespack	St. James Parish
Dawn Chaisson	St. Mary Parish
Mark Torbert	Terrebonne Parish
Rhonda Roberts	Vernon Parish
Laree Taylor	West Baton Rouge Parish
Deborah Brian	Zachary Community School District