



2023 LOUISIANA TEACHER + PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALISTS

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2023 Teacher and Principal of the Year semifinalists. These educators are making exceptional gains with students, guiding them to achieve at the highest levels in the state. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year semifinalists will be honored at the *16th Annual Excellent Educators Awards Gala* that will be held in New Orleans on the evening of July 30, 2022. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!



2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALISTS

Belle Chasse Academy	Jessica Wichers
Bienville Parish	Ginger Abney
Bossier Parish	Gabriel Gafford
Central Community School District	Hannah A. Comeaux
City of Monroe School District	Matthias Drewry
Evangeline Parish	Emee Aswell
Franklin Parish	Rebecca Jones
Iberia Parish	Nicolas Launay
Iberville Parish	Ebony C. Williams
Jefferson Parish	K. Bailey Lee
Lafayette Parish	Stacy Stutes
Lake Charles Charter Academy	Sonja R. Davis
Morehouse Parish	Alexa Robinson



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Allen Parish	Stephanie Perry
Ascension Parish	Michael V Hilton III
Assumption Parish	Katherine B. Aucoin
Beauregard Parish	Wesley A. Henry
Caddo Parish	Matthew Mitchell
Calcasieu Parish	Adam Caldwell
Caldwell Parish	Katie Hillestad
Claiborne Parish	Heather Brooks
DeSoto Parish	Tamela Phillips
East Baton Rouge Parish	Erica Aguillard
Jefferson Davis Parish	Frances LeBlanc
Jefferson Parish	Ira Wilson
Lincoln Parish	Jenny T. Blalock



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Natchitoches Parish	Addoree Stuckey
Ouachita Parish	Jaimie Mosley
Plaquemines Parish	Dalon Bienemy
St. Bernard Parish	Justin Andrew Tobias Templet
St. Charles Parish	Brittany Bonnaffons
St. Mary Parish	Ponchella Doucet
Tangipahoa Parish	Stephanie Robertson
Terrebonne Parish	Emily R. Tuttle
University View Academy	Nicole Madere
Vernon Parish	Katie Hines
Zachary Community School District	Kerri Lee



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Livingston Parish	Carolyn Wilkinson
Orleans Parish	Sharon Latten Clark
Rapides Parish	Kelli Carruth Welch
St. Charles Parish	David Schexnaydre
St. James Parish	Chakira Gaines Brown
St. Landry Parish	Nicole Morrison
St. Martin Parish	Christopher Shirley
St. Tammany Parish	Seu Hee Ledet
Vermilion Parish	Angela Godwin
West Baton Rouge Parish	Kelley Stein
West Feliciana Parish	Mark Lester

For questions on the Teacher and Principal of the Year program, please contact excellenteducators@la.gov.