



The Department is excited to announce the nine finalists for the *New Teacher of the Year* award. These amazing educators have demonstrated excellence in their very first year in the classroom. Finalists will participate in an interview process, and the overall New Teacher of the Year will be announced at the *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellent Educators Awards Gala* that will be held on the evening of July 30, 2022. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Please congratulate this outstanding group of new teachers!

Category	Name	District
Elementary	Riley Benjamin	West Baton Rouge
Elementary	Ally Coburn	Ouachita
Elementary	Charli Hauk	Avoyelles
Middle	Juliana Habisreitinger	West Feliciana
Middle	Annanaquia Smith	Rapides
Middle	Jamie Young	Calcasieu
High	Robert Daly	Collegiate Academies
High	Rachel Ryan	Bossier
High	Jordyn Vicknair	Ascension

For questions on the *New Teacher of the Year* program, please contact [Laurie.Carlton@la.gov](mailto:Laurie.Carlton@la.gov).

