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2021 Jump Start Virtual Convention

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1:00-3:30 PM

Developing Sustainable Instructor Workplace Experiences

**Presented by Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Executive Director
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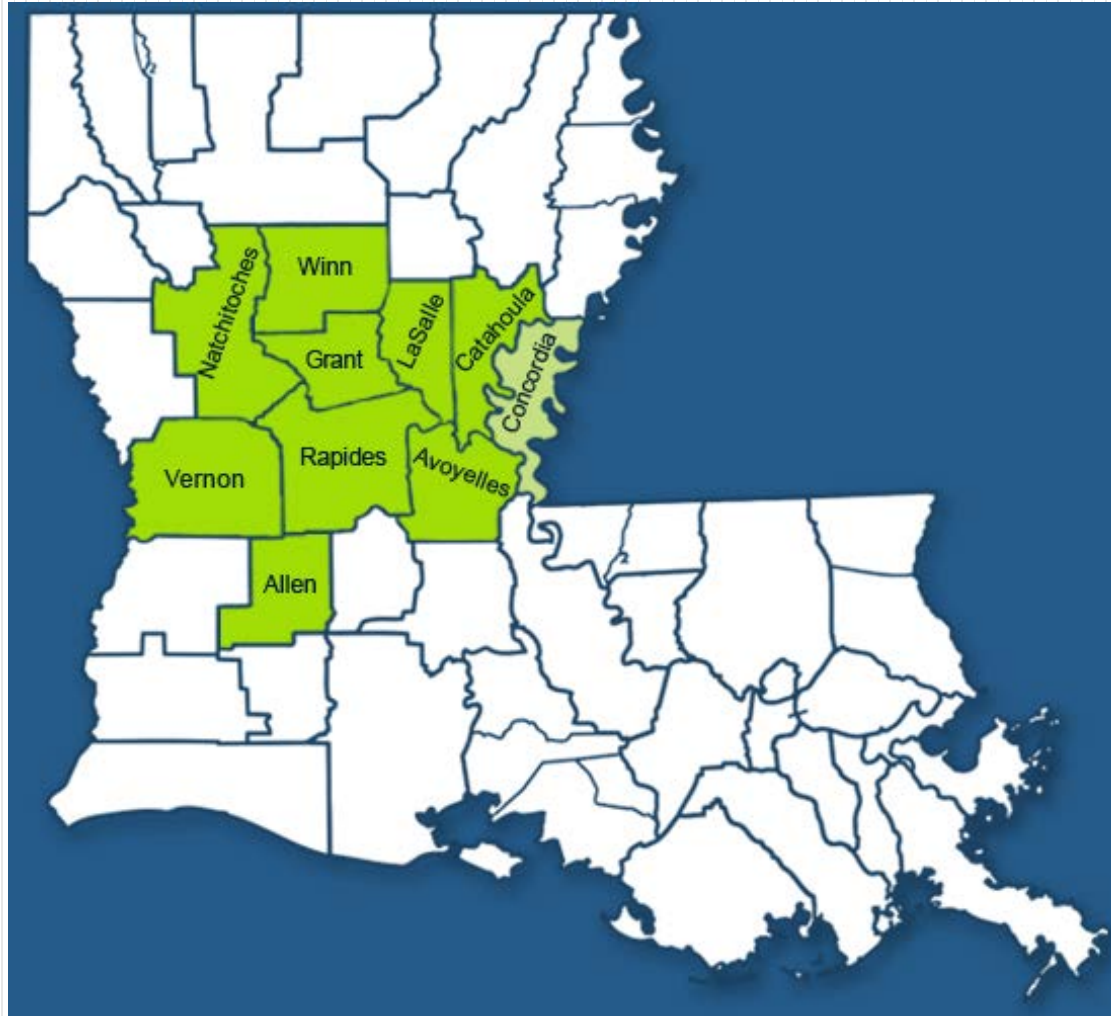
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Mission: To improve academic achievement for Central Louisiana students by promoting best practices; recruiting, retaining, and rewarding excellent and innovative teachers; building school leadership; and strengthening school and community relationships.

The Region We Serve



2014-2015 *Jump Starting* Jump Start Grant

- **Cenla Regional Jump Start Team - first meeting August 2014**
- **Awarded grant from LDOE in October 2014 to establish Regional Workplace Experience Exchange**
- **Focus on two activities:**
 - **Regional 8th Grade Career Awareness Expo**
 - **Teacher externships**

Workplace Experience Exchange (WEE) Camp

- **3-day summer camp for Cenla middle/high school teachers**
- **June 9-11, 2015**
- **31 teachers (diverse disciplines) from 7 school districts**
- **Variety Pack Model**
- **Toured 10 businesses and postsecondary institutions**
- **Participants logged experiences in Career Journal**
- **Participants paid \$1,000 stipend**

Inaugural WEE Camp Agenda

Day 1 – June 9, 2015

8:15-8:45 Registration
8:45-9:00 Orientation
9:00-10:30 **CLTCC**
10:30-10:45 Travel to ROM
10:45-12:45 Presentation by **ROM** and Lunch
12:45-1:00 Travel to RRMC
1:15-3:15 **NSU** and **RRMC**
3:15-3:30 Wrap up

Day 2 – June 10, 2015

8:15-8:30 Breakfast
8:30-10:00 **LSUA** Downtown Allied Health
10:00-10:20 Travel to TRF building
10:20-11:30 **NEPRIS** training
11:30-12:15 Lunch at TRF building
12:15-12:30 Travel to Crest Industries
12:30-2:00 **Crest Industries**
2:00-2:15 Travel to Hayes Manufacturing
2:15-3:30 **Hayes Manufacturing**
3:30-3:35 Wrap up

Day 3 – June 11, 2015

8:15-8:30 Breakfast at Gilchrist Construction Co.
8:30-10:00 **GCC**
10:00-10:15 Travel to P&G
10:15-11:45 **P&G**
11:45-12:30 Lunch at P&G
12:30-12:45 Travel to Plastipak
12:45-2:15 **Plastipak**
2:15-2:45 Wrap up and Evaluation

Pre-WEE Activities

- **Met with each business host individually**
- **Discussed suggested activities for presentation and tour**
- **Districts carefully selected teachers**
- **Teachers were provided orientation material in advance:**
 - ❖ **What to expect, safety guidelines, maps, suggested questions to ask business host**

Photos



Feedback from Participants

- **Very good eye opener about Cenla's workforce**
- **Very impressed and unaware of so many programs that existed**
- **Most meaningful in-service I have attended!**
- **Equipped me with new and valuable information that I plan to redeliver to my students**
- **I feel more prepared than ever to empower students to take responsibility of their future and success-whether it be college or the workforce.**

Feedback from Business Partners

- **Great initiative and great job!**
- **Dialogue with the teachers was fabulous.**
- **Looking forward to doing this again next year.**
- **Great job bringing industry and education together.**
- **Great experience and will help teachers in facilitating and helping students choose a career path.**

Lessons Learned

- **Industry partners stressed how important teachers are and what a critical role they play.**
- **Teachers heard about the importance of WorkKeys and the NCRC directly from employers!**
- **Teachers were made aware of how willing businesses are to connect with their classroom and content.**
- **Industry stressed the importance of preparing students for interviews – soft skills.**
- **Networking by teachers on how to incorporate information into their lessons.**
- **Exhausted, but completely engaged!**

What's Next?

- **Continue to increase awareness**
- **Narrow focus**
- **Extended time in business/industry**
- **WEE Camp II is born – 2016 (4 days)**
- **VEE Camp is born – 2017 (5 days)**
- **Added project component WEE Camps 2017**

2016

WEE CAMP ELEMENTS

1

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

In 2016, 8 Cenla businesses partnered in WEE Camp. From manufacturing, to health care and higher ed, educators connected with a broad cross-section of businesses.

2

HIGHER ED LINKS

3 key regional institutions of higher education participated to provide insight into how employer needs can be met by postsecondary offerings.

3

EDUCATORS

14 educators were accepted to WEE Camp I, and 6 educators were accepted to WEE Camp II, representing 17 schools in 7 school districts. They came from diverse disciplines: STEM fields, Journey to Careers, business, and more.

4

COLLABORATION

Educators forge connections with industry and other educators as they build practical knowledge of the workplace and learn to bring their real-world experiences back into classrooms for the benefit of the students.

5

WEE CAMP II - A PILOT

WEE Camp II provided a more intense experience in the manufacturing workplace for 6 CTE instructors. The teachers shadowed RoyOMartin employees for two days, then joined WEE Camp I.

VEE: VIRTUAL EXTERNSHIP

for Educators



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June 19 - 23, 2017

VEE 2017 Agenda

Day 1 - June 19, 2017

- 8:30-9:30 Using Nepris hosted by **Nepris**
9:40-10:40 Jump Start Policy and Practice hosted by **LDOE**
10:50-11:50 Nepris Session – Coding Expert/IT Pathways hosted by **Operation Spark**

Day 2 - June 20, 2017

- 8:30-9:30 Nepris Session – Manufacturing hosted by **Procter & Gamble**
9:40-10:40 Nepris Session - Manufacturing hosted by **International Paper***
10:50-11:50 Nepris Session – Logistics/Transportation hosted by **Port of Alex/ Port of NO**

Day 3 - June 21, 2017

- 8:30-9:30 Nepris Session – Statewide Micro-Enterprise Credential hosted by **LDOE**
9:40-10:40 Nepris Session – Louisiana Small Business Entrepreneurs hosted by **IT Inspired**
10:50-11:50 Nepris Session – Manufacturing hosted by **Entrescan**

Day 4 - June 22, 2017

- 8:30-9:15 Nepris Session – Healthcare hosted by **Ochsner Medical**
9:25-10:10 Nepris Session – Construction hosted by **Gilchrist Construction Co.**
10:20-11:05 Nepris Session – Hospitality, Tourism, Retail, or Culinary hosted by **Chesapeake Hospitality**
11:15-12:00 Nepris Session – Ag Tech/Natural Resources hosted by **ROM**

Day 5 - June 23, 2017

- 8:3-9:30 Internship Requirements for Students hosted by **LDOE**
9:40-10:40 Virtual Internship for Students hosted by **Career Compass**
10:50-11:50 Teacher-to-Teacher Presentation and VEE Evaluation hosted by TOF

Additional WEE Camps

- **Added half day to WEE I (3.5 days)**
- **Added half day to WEE II (4.5 days)**
- **WEE 2020 cancelled due to COVID**
- **Planning underway for WEE 2021**



WEE CAMP SNAPS



Questions

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