

2019-2020 Teacher Leader Advisors

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana educators who have been selected as 2019-2020 Teacher Leader Advisors!

Teacher Leader Advisors play a critical role in creating tools and facilitating professional development for fellow Louisiana educators.

Teacher Leader Advisors:

- Create instructional and assessment resources, such as the ELA Guidebooks and EAGLE items,
- Participate in the Department's Instructional Materials Review process, and
- Lead sessions at the Teacher Leader Collaboration Events and the annual Teacher Leader Summit.

For more information about Teacher Leader Advisors, please visit our [website](#) or contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov.

Natalie Adams, St. Charles
Sarah Arceneaux, Lafayette
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Donna Baudoin, Ascension
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Otylia Benson, Orleans/Choice Foundation
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Nicole Bordelon, Evangeline
Mandy Boudwin, St. James
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Mallory Cooper, Bossier
Rebecca Crain, City of Bogalusa
Amy Crochet, St. Charles
Anita Crosby, St John the Baptist
Tyler Dean, Richland
Bianca Deliberto, Zachary
Megan Dessauer, St. Charles
Kristy DeTiege, RSD Choice Foundation

Renee Digirolamo, St. Charles
Julie' DuBois, Iberia
April Durand, Rapides
Jolene England, KIPP New Orleans
Mabrouck Faradj, East Baton Rouge
Francine Fontenot, Jefferson Davis
Misti Fontenot, Evangeline
Jennifer Frederick, Beauregard
Stacey Guillory, Jefferson
Steven Guillory, Calcasieu
Ashley Holliday, Bossier
Jessica Hunter, Ouachita
Casey Hurstell, Orleans/Lusher Charter School
Stacie Hutchens, St. Charles
Megan Jenny, LSU
Kate Jensen, Jefferson
Sandra "Sam" Johnson, Tangipahoa
Sara Johnston, Lincoln
Tracy Kibodeaux, Jefferson Davis
Katherine Kidd, St. Mary
Alissa Kilpatrick, Desoto
Loren Klein, Lafayette
Ronnie Kraemer-Thibodaux, Lafourche
F. Michelle Landry, Rapides
Victoria Landry, Iberia

Shauna LeBlanc, Lafayette
 Angela Lee, West Baton Rouge
 Samuel Loftus, Orleans
 Tana Luther, Ascension
 Katherine Majeste, St. Charles
 Amy Martin, City of Monroe
 Jaimie McQuarn, Ascension
 Sabrina Meche, Jefferson Davis
 Jaimee Mercer, Bossier
 Lisa Nance, Caddo
 Rod Naquin, St. Charles
 Tosha Neill, Bossier
 Sarah Parkerson, West Feliciana
 Karen Parrino, Livingston
 Megan Pavageau, Einstein Charter Schools
 Neili Reed, Evangeline
 K. Renae Pullen, Caddo
 Meredith Rhoads, Rapides
 Andrea Richardson, East Baton Rouge
 Kyana Rhinehart, Caddo
 Rhondell Robert, St. Charles

Heather Roussell, Lincoln
 Tonya, Ryder, Jefferson Davis
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 Nathan Schwab, Caddo
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 Meredith Starks, Bossier
 Katie Strong, Caddo
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 Molly Talbot, Pointe Coupee
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 Monica Waasdorp, City of Bogalusa
 Lauren Waguespack, St. Charles
 Tara West, West Baton Rouge
 Crystal Wood, Bossier
 Jada Woods, Caddo
 Missy Wooley, Lincoln

Natalie Adams

Natalie Adams earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Nicholls State University. Ms. Adams has taught English I in St. Charles Parish for three years. Prior to that, she taught at Raceland Middle school, grades seven and eight. In that district, Ms. Adams co-authored English district assessments for grade 8. She is currently training as a Louisiana English language arts Content Leader and has attended state ELA standards district level redelivery trainings. Ms. Adams has been an active and productive participant in district level trainings and has supported her school level professional learning community to help ensure that instruction aligns to the Louisiana State Standards and LEAP assessments.

Sarah Arceneaux

Sarah Arceneaux earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Literacy from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Arceneaux also obtained her National Board Certification and completed her application for renewal last year. Mrs. Arceneaux has taught 8th grade English language arts for 14 years. Previously, Mrs. Arceneaux taught 6th and 8th grade English language arts. Mrs. Arceneaux has presented at the Louisiana Middle School Association Conference

for the past five years. Each year she leads district trainings at the start of the school year. At the school level, Mrs. Arceneaux is part of the leadership team and leads trainings for the staff. This year Mrs. Arceneaux will be a part of the Mentor Teacher Training for the state. This is Mrs. Arceneaux's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Holly Atchison

Holly Atchison teaches at Mamou High School in Evangeline Parish. She has been teaching for 15 years. She has taught all grade levels from 5th-8th grade. She has served as a core recovery teacher for many years and teaches after school recovery for both math and ELA students.

Donna Baudoin

Donna Baudoin earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Technology Leadership certification from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Mrs. Baudoin has been a fifth-grade science teacher for one year. Prior to teaching fifth-grade science she taught in a third-grade self-contained classroom, second-grade math, second-grade science and social studies, third-grade English language arts, fifth-grade social studies, as well as in a kindergarten through fifth-grade Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math lab. Prior to teaching at Duplessis Primary, Mrs. Baudoin was an educator at Park Elementary in East Baton Rouge Parish for one year where she taught fourth-grade science and social studies courses. Mrs. Baudoin is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators and presented at the 2018 convention. Mrs. Baudoin has served on the science benchmark analysis committee in Ascension Parish during the 2018-2019 school year and has attended Louisiana State Science trainings held by the Louisiana Department of Education.

Amber Bellard

Amber Bellard earned a Master of Arts in Teaching plus 30 from Northwestern State University. Mrs. Bellard also has a Master of Arts in Organizational Management and has successfully taught on almost every elementary grade level. Mrs. Bellard was an Elementary Math Content Specialist for her district during the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Bellard was a Curriculum Coordinator at her school this past school year and will be a TAP Master Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.

Otylia Benson

Otylia Benson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Benson is serving in her second year as the English Program Coordinator for Choice Foundation Charter Schools in Orleans Parish. Prior to that, she was a Division Head and taught seventh and eighth grade English language arts at Lafayette Academy Charter School for six years. For three years, she has been a Cadre facilitator at Choice Foundation, responsible for the planning and delivery of eight professional development sessions per academic year aimed to support teachers in curriculum development and integration of digital literacy in their classrooms. Mrs. Benson has worked as a mentor teacher for Xavier University students through the Believe & Prepare Educator Grant Program. She has also participated in the ELA Teaching Fellow Cohort through The New Teacher Project. Her path in education began as a teachNOLA Fellow during the summer of 2012. In 2017, she was a member of an assessment development educator review committee for the state focused on item content and bias for English language arts grades 6-8. She served on another assessment review committee in 2018 focused on item alignment for grade 3. Mrs. Benson was selected as a Content Leader for English language arts in 2017, an Intervention Content Leader in 2019, and she has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Danielle Bertrand

Danielle Doucet Bertrand earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from McNeese State University in 2003 and has been a classroom teacher for 15 years. She began her career at Elton Elementary School teaching 5th grade Math and Science, which she did for four years, transitioning to teach 3rd grade Math and Science for five years. She finished her tenure in Elton teaching self-contained 2nd grade for five years. In the fall of 2018, Mrs. Bertrand transferred to Hathaway High School in Jefferson Davis Parish, where she is now teaching 3rd grade Math and Science. Mrs. Bertrand has had the privilege of serving on grade level leadership committees since 2006, and she has spent the last two years serving on the 2nd grade leadership team for Jefferson Davis Parish. On this committee, she aids in writing district assessments and creating English language arts curriculum based on the Louisiana State Guide Books. She was able to attend the Eureka Conference in the summer of 2018 and presented her knowledge from this experience to all Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade teachers in Jefferson Davis Parish. Mrs. Bertrand is humbled and honored to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the first time this year.

Wanda Boothe

Wanda Boothe earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology Education from Northeast Louisiana University. Ms. Boothe has since returned to earn certification and Highly Qualified Status in Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physical Science. Ms. Boothe earned certification in Advanced Placement for Chemistry in 2008. Ms. Boothe taught Dual Enrollment Chemistry through LA Tech while working with Richland Parish Schools. She was chosen through the Quality Core/ACT project to create a series of

Research Driven Questions for ACT course Standards in 2013. Ms. Boothe has been a Department Chair and Science teacher for 25 years.

Nicole Bordelon

Nicole Bordelon earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Louisiana at Alexandria. Ms. Bordelon has taught Elementary and Middle school as well as Special Education. Ms. Bordelon has 15 years of teaching experience. This past summer Ms. Bordelon was a member of the Grade 11 Rangefinding Committee (LEAP Connect). She also participated in the LEAP Connect Content and Bias Item Review (High School) committee.

Mandy Boudwin

Mandy Boudwin earned a Master of Education plus 30 in Administration and Supervision from Nicholls State University in 2006. Ms. Boudwin has been the Lead Teacher (SBLC/504 Coordinator) at Lutcher High School in St. James Parish for four months. Prior to that, she served as the Assistant Principal of the Science and Math Academy in St. James Parish for six months. Ms. Boudwin has 14 years of teaching experience in secondary mathematics at Lutcher High School. She served as a St. James Parish curriculum facilitator for math and science for two and one-half years followed by three years as the state mathematics program coordinator with the Louisiana Department of Education. During her tenure with the Louisiana Department of Education, Ms. Boudwin led the first group of Teacher Leader Advisors in creating resources for teachers across the state to use as they implemented the new math standards.

Phobe Boutte

Phobe Wills Boutte has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Louisiana Lafayette plus 42 graduate course hours in Geosciences from Mississippi State University. Mrs. Boutte is beginning her 20th year teaching middle school science in Lafayette Parish. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has presented at two conventions. She is also a member of the National Science Teachers Association. She served as a teacher mentor for new teachers for 2 years. For approximately 14 years, Mrs. Boutte has instrumental in science curriculum implementation for Lafayette Parish. Last year, she was a member of the science item review committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program and has been selected to serve on the standards setting for science grades 6-8 committee this year. Mrs. Boutte has been a science Teacher Leader for her parish for the past 4 years. She has conducted numerous professional development sessions for curriculum implementation for Lafayette Parish.

Andrea Tory Broussard

Andrea Tory Broussard is an Instructional Coach for East Ascension High School and a High School English language arts District Content Leader in Ascension Parish. A product of Ascension Schools, Ms. Broussard continued her education at Louisiana State University to earn a Bachelor of English and History degree as well as a Master of Education. In 2006, Ms. Broussard earned National Board Certification. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Prior to her appointment as an Instructional Coach, Ms. Broussard served the students of Ascension Parish schools for 20 years, teaching at Central Middle School, St. Amant High School, and Donaldsonville High School, where she was a part of Ascension's Leadership Academy. Ms. Broussard has severed on numerous curriculum writing teams, benchmark writing teams, and instructional leadership teams for Ascension. Additionally, Ms. Broussard has presented at LACUE for the past two years and served on Louisiana state review committees for student standards. Ms. Broussard plans to continue her service to the students and teachers of Ascension Schools for years to come. Ms. Broussard is also the proud mother of two sons, Tyler and Tate, who are both studying mechanical engineering at Louisiana State University.

Jacquita Brown

Jaquita Brown earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Her current role is a 5th grade Math and Science teacher at Galvez Primary where she is a member of the Leadership Team. Mrs. Brown has a total of 10 years teaching experience. In her experience she has taught third through fifth grade math, spending most of her time as a 5th grade math teacher in Ascension Parish. Mrs. Brown has also served on the district benchmark writing team. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Judith Cain

Judith S. Cain earned a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, with a specialty area of Professional Development, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is National Board Certified in Early Adolescent Math. Dr. Cain taught middle school math for 35 years and is currently the resource math teacher at Edgar Martin Middle School in Lafayette for Grades 5-7. She was the Lead Math Teacher for Lafayette Parish for 14 years and has served on textbook committees for the state and the parish. She was on the state GLE committee for middle school math and has been on many state testing committees. Dr. Cain is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Math and the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Math, as well as being a member of the Association for Supervision of Curriculum and Development. She has presented at the local, state, and national levels

at math conferences, and has been the professional development facilitator for the math teachers in several parishes in Louisiana. Dr. Cain is state certified as a Teacher Leader and was a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the 2018-2019 year.

Brittney Cain-Fletcher

Brittney Cain-Fletcher earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from Northwestern State University. Mrs. Fletcher has been an English language arts teacher for five years. Her current position is at Pickering High School in Vernon Parish teaching seventh-grade and eleventh-grade English language arts. Prior to that, she taught two years as an eighth-grade English language arts teacher at Pickering High School, and she taught one year as a fifth-grade and sixth-grade English language arts teacher in Sabine Parish. Mrs. Fletcher has served as an evaluator of technology resources for use in the classroom at her school for the past year. Mrs. Fletcher is also a Nearpod certified teacher. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Julie Cappel

Julie Lassiter Cappel earned a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Mrs. Cappel is employed by the Ouachita Parish School Board as a TAP master teacher at Robinson Elementary School; she is entering her second year in this position. Julie has taught PK-1st, 3rd-7th, and 9th-12th grades for a combined 20 years classroom experience. Julie has been a mentor teacher to numerous University of Louisiana students. She has worked in elementary school administration for three years. Julie was the 2015 Teacher of the Year for Ouachita Parish. Mrs. Cappel has provided professional development for teachers in Ouachita Parish and throughout the state. Having served as a Teacher Leader, Julie is currently a Louisiana Content Leader. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Sara Chaddock

Sara Chaddock earned her Master of Education degree from the University of New Orleans. Currently, she is pursuing her doctorate in Special Education with a focus on Early Intervention from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Chaddock has been a Special Education School Support Coordinator for Jefferson Parish Schools for the last year. Prior to that, she taught students who are deaf and hard of hearing in first through fifth grade for ten years, was a special education chairperson, the Academic/Behavior Intervention Team chairperson, and a mentor for new special education teachers. Ms. Chaddock taught in all subject areas but has specialized in English language arts. She is currently a member of the Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children and has had a

student poster presentation at their convention. Ms. Chaddock has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the last two years.

Mallory Cooper

Mallory Cooper holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. She began her teaching career at Houghton Middle School in Bossier Parish as a 6th grade science teacher, a position she has held for the past 8 years. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Cooper also serves as the department chair for her school site. At the district level, she has been on the Benchmark Assessment Development team as well as the Pacing Guide Committee for several years. This will be Mrs. Cooper's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Rebecca Crain

Rebecca Crain began her career as an educator in December 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education K-8th grade from Southeastern Louisiana University. She began teaching Special Education 3rd-4th grade in December of 2004 in Washington Parish School System. She continued teaching Special Education until May 2006. Mrs. Crain began teaching 3rd grade and later taught a 2nd grade remediation class. She was then placed in a first grade classroom. Mrs. Crain received her Master's Degree in Administration and Leadership in July 2016. She is now an ELA Instructional Coach for K-8th grade. She has received many certificates and recognitions related to enhancing her education. In June 2019, Mrs. Crain was accepted in the ELA Content Leader certification program offered through LDOE. She is currently attending training for ELA Content Leader and redelivering instruction and content to her 3rd-8th grade teachers. Mrs. Crain is currently in her 15th year of education.

Amy Crochet

Mrs. Crochet earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Louisiana State University and completed her alternative teacher education program in Mathematics at Nicholls State University. She also recently earned her Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Crochet currently teaches mathematics at Hahnville High School in St. Charles Parish where she has been an educator for the past ten years. Prior to that, she taught mathematics in Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. Mrs. Crochet is a member of the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators and the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She is currently training to become a certified Mentor Teacher. Mrs. Crochet serves on her school's testing committee and serves as a representative at the district level where she helps design Algebra I and Algebra II

instructional materials for St. Charles Parish Public Schools. This is her first year participating as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Anita Crosby

Anita Crosby earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and a Reading Specialist certification from Chadron State College in Nebraska. Mrs. Crosby has most recently taught first grade and mentored kindergarten through second grade teachers in St. John the Baptist Parish. Prior to that, she was a Response to Intervention coordinator in New Orleans, a curriculum specialist in East Baton Rouge and Jefferson Parish, taught kindergarten through second grade English Language Learners, and taught general education kindergarten in Jefferson Parish. This is Mrs. Crosby's thirteenth year in education. As a curriculum specialist, she created writing and benchmark assessments and project-based learning. She continued to create writing assessments for a school in California. As a Response to Intervention coordinator, Mrs. Crosby analyzed and mastered intervention content to provide teachers with professional development. She is currently exploring and mastering a new intervention program for her school.

Tyler Dean

Tyler Dean earned a Master of Arts in Teaching plus 30 from Louisiana College and a Master of Arts in Apologetics from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Dean has been a high school science instructor for eleven years and is currently teaching Biology I and Biology II at Mangham High School. He will begin teaching a new education dual enrollment courses for the Educators Rising program through the University of Louisiana Monroe this fall in order to train the next generation of educators for Louisiana. Mr. Dean served on the Louisiana Life Science Textbook Adoption Committee at the state and parish level. He was also selected as parish teacher of the year three times, twice in Franklin Parish and once in Richland Parish.

Bianca Deliberto

Bianca Deliberto earned primary and secondary education degrees, including a Ph.D. in Science Education, from Louisiana State University. Dr. Deliberto has been a science and social studies curriculum specialist in the Zachary Community School District for three years. Prior to that, she completed eleven years in the classroom, focused on science and social studies, teaching grades two, three and four. Dr. Deliberto currently serves on the Achieve Science Peer Review Panel, most recently facilitated the Nintendo Labo Classroom with the Institute of Play Program and has participated in the Engineering is Elementary STEM Professional Development training. She has National Board Certification and has presented at many national and state science conferences. She currently serves

as the Region 2 Representative for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. Dr. Deliberto was a member of the Louisiana State Standards for Science Workgroup and Committee and has also worked with the Department of Education since 2015 as a Teacher Leader Advisor for social studies and science. In addition to this, Dr. Deliberto has participated in the content/bias review meetings for the Louisiana Department of Education for the Social Studies LEAP 2025 assessment and has been a content reviewer for the Louisiana Department of Education for the Science LEAP 2025 Field Test.

Megan Dessauer

Megan Dessauer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and an alternative certification at the secondary education level in Biology from the University of New Orleans. Mrs. Dessauer is currently the instructional coach for science grades 6-12 in St. Charles Parish. She taught Biology I and II in a high school classroom for eight years. Mrs. Dessauer has worked closely with professional learning community members to create and implement differentiated common formative assessments which were used to guide instruction. She has facilitated professional development sessions for implementing data-driven instruction in science classrooms. She has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years. In addition, last year she co-presented for the high school Biology session at the Teacher Leader Summit. Mrs. Dessauer has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years.

Kristy DeTiege

Kristy DeTiege earned a Master of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in Elementary and Special Education from the University of New Orleans. Ms. DeTiege has been a special education resource teacher in New Orleans for six years. She specializes in providing special education instruction in math to students who have mild/moderate disabilities in grades 5-8. In 2014, she assisted with the Implementation of her district's 8th-grade math curriculum. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. DeTiege was named a Louisiana Teacher Leader Advisor in 2018.

Renee Digirolamo

Renee Digirolamo earned a Bachelor of Science in Dual Certification General/Special Education (Grades 1-5) with an additional certification to teach students with significant disabilities in grades 1-12 from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Digirolamo has been teaching students with significant disabilities for three years in grades three through five at R. J. Vial Elementary in St. Charles Parish. Prior to teaching, Mrs. Digirolamo was a registered line technician for five years at a multidisciplinary center specializing in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis. Mrs. Digirolamo was a member of the range finding committee which focused on constructed response items for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program Connect. She also served on a content and bias review for the Louisiana Educational

Assessment Program Connect. Mrs. Digirolamo is currently on an assessment development committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program Connect.

Julie' DuBois

Julie' DuBois earned a Master of Education and a Master of Biology from Louisiana Tech University. Ms. DuBois has been the high school science teacher in Iberia Parish for 11 years. She is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association, the National Science Teachers Association and is helping restart the Louisiana Association of Science Leaders. Ms. DuBois has helped write science district assessments for biology, physics, and chemistry as well as present district level science curriculum training for six years. This year she has been on the district level biology curriculum team. Ms. DuBois has been her school's Teacher Leader for eight years and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past two years.

April Durand

April Durand earned a Masters of Education in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University. Mrs. Durand has been serving as the elementary assistant principal at Oak Hill High School, a public school in Rapides Parish since July of 2016 and is currently teaching eighth grade math. Prior to that she taught middle school math for four years, fourth grade all subjects for six years and second grade all subjects for six years. As a middle school teacher, she served on her district's rollout team when the district adopted a new curriculum. She is currently serving on her district's adoption committee to select a new math curriculum. Mrs. Durand has served as Teacher Leader Advisor two years and a Teacher Leader for four years.

Jolene England

Jolene England earned a Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Social Studies from Georgia State University. Ms. England is the current middle grades English as a Second Language teacher for the KIPP New Orleans region. Prior to this, she taught both middle and high school for Kipp New Orleans for two years, fourth and fifth grade English as a Second Language in Jefferson Parish for two years, and seventh and eighth grade writing in Orleans Parish for one year. Ms. England is currently a member of the Louisiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Association and the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages International Association. Last year she participated in a scaffolds writing project for English learners for the Louisiana Department of Education. Additionally, she has worked with her school system's curriculum team to develop English learner scaffolds for seventh and eighth grade science.

Mabrouck Faradj

Mabrouck Faradj earned a Doctor of Education degree from Northcentral University with a Specialization in Curriculum and Teaching. Dr. Faradj earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Louisiana State University and went on to complete graduate programs at Louisiana State University that included Master of Science (mathematics), Master of Public Administration (Leadership & Supervision), and Certificate of Mathematics Education Specialist. Dr. Faradj is also a National Board Certified Teacher in Mathematics Education (Adolescence-Young Adults). He also holds Louisiana State certification in Gifted and mathematics education. He obtained teaching certification from Sylvan University in Mathematics, English language arts, and Study Skills. For the past 17 years, Dr. Faradj taught a variety of mathematics courses at the collegiate, high school, and middle school levels such as Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, College Algebra/Trigonometry, High school Algebra I/II, High School Geometry, and Geometry for Elementary Teachers. His teaching experience includes middle school and elementary mathematics and he currently teaches mathematics at McKinley High School. He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council of Mathematics Teachers and has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past year.

Francine Fontenot

Francine Fontenot earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with certification in grades Kindergarten through Eighth from McNeese State University in May of 1987. Ms. Fontenot began her thirty-two-year career by teaching Kindergarten at Eastwood Elementary in Calcasieu Parish for nine years. She then moved to Alexandria where she taught Kindergarten, First and Girl's Sixth grade Physical Education for ten years before becoming a district facilitator/intervention specialist for Rapides parish. She held that position for two years before moving home to Jefferson Davis Parish where she was a first and then a second-grade teacher for three years. After this, Ms. Fontenot served as a parish-wide Response to Intervention Coach for the parish for five years. She is currently a first-grade teacher at Elton Elementary in Elton, Louisiana. Ms. Fontenot was a previous state trainer for SWPBIS and has served on the State SWPBIS Advisory Board. She was also a previous Trainer of Trainers for DIBELS Next. This is Ms. Fontenot's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Misti Fontenot

Misti Fontenot earned a certificate in elementary education from iTeachLOUISIANA. Ms. Fontenot currently teaches middle school SPED at Mamou High School. She has also held the position of middle school SPED ELA curriculum coach in Evangeline Parish for two years. Prior to that, she taught fifth through twelfth grade students in separate self-contained classrooms for one year and fifth grade for

four years at Ville Platte High School. For the past two years, Ms. Fontenot has worked on writing a differentiated curriculum to assist students with cognitive disabilities who utilize Louisiana Guidebooks. She served as a member of her schools P.B.I.S. team for four years. Ms. Fontenot was her school's Teacher Leader for one year.

Jennifer Frederick

Jennifer Frederick earned a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Lamar State University in Beaumont, Texas. Currently Mrs. Frederick serves as a 5th grade mathematics and science teacher for South Beauregard Upper Elementary in Beauregard Parish. She boasts a mix of teaching experiences throughout her 12 years from kindergarten, first, and second in Calcasieu Parish, and special education teacher to fourth and fifth graders in Beauregard Parish. Mrs. Frederick has served on the Beauregard district math committee, presented professional developments for her school and district. She was able to assist in many math initiatives including writing assessments and selecting curriculum. Mrs. Frederick serves on her school Leadership Team, PBIS committee, and as sponsor for the Student Council, a club she erected from the ground up on her campus. Mrs. Frederick has written and received many grants and awards during her career. She is a member of Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and serves as building representative for her school. She has performed the duties as a Teacher Leader for South Beauregard Upper Elementary for 5 years. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state.

Stacey Guillory

Stacey Guillory earned a Master of Education degree in Special Education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has been a Mentor Teacher and English teacher at InspireNOLA Schools for the past two years. Prior to that, she taught in Monroe City Schools as an ELA teacher for 20 years. For the 2019-2020 school year, Ms. Guillory will be a Master Teacher at West Jefferson High School in the Jefferson Parish Public School System. She is currently a National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) TAP certified evaluator. Ms. Guillory served on the Monroe City School Board curriculum committee. Additionally, she assisted in developing instructional calendars for the district. As a part of the school leadership team, she attended the Annual Conference for the Association for Middle Level Education. Mrs. Guillory was a Teacher Leader for Monroe City Schools and this will be her first year to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Steven Guillory

Steven Guillory holds a Bachelor of Education degree from McNeese State University and is certified and highly qualified to teach kindergarten through twelfth grade for Vocal Music and seventh through

twelfth grade for English. He is currently employed at Sulphur High School teaching tenth grade Pre-AP English II and English II and has recently completed his fifth year in this position. Prior to that, he taught seventh grade English language arts for one year. Mr. Guillory was a member of the pilot cohort for Louisiana’s Believe and Prepare program for Calcasieu Parish, and continues to serve as a Believe and Prepare mentor—a position which he has held consecutively for three years. Mr. Guillory is an active member of his content-level Professional Learning Community and has attended and redelivered numerous trainings on English curriculum.

Ashley Holliday

Ashley Holliday is a certified secondary mathematics teacher and earned her Master of Educational Leadership degree from Louisiana Tech University. Miss Holliday is currently the Instructional Coach at Benton Middle School in Bossier Parish where she previously taught math for six years and was the math department chair for four years. In addition to her school leadership, Miss Holliday has been a pivotal part of the planning and delivery of various content training to middle school math teachers throughout Bossier Parish. She has completed training through the Louisiana Department of Education to become a Content Leader for secondary mathematics. Miss Holliday is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and was named Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teacher for 2017 by the association. For the past three years, she has been a Teacher Leader Advisor. Miss Holliday was named Benton Middle School’s Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020 and advanced to become Bossier Parish Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020.

Jessica Hunter

Jessica Hunter earned a Doctor of Education from Louisiana Tech University with a specialization in K-12 Educational Leadership. Dr. Hunter has been the curriculum coordinator at East Ouachita Middle School in Ouachita Parish for one year. Prior to that, she taught high school geometry for seven years and algebra for two years at Sterlington High School in Ouachita Parish. Dr. Hunter is currently the president of the Northeast Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Educators. She has presented at the local, state, and national levels at math conferences and has been a professional development facilitator for math teachers in Ouachita Parish. Dr. Hunter was her school’s Teacher Leader for five years and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for three years.

Casey Hurstell

Casey Hurstell earned a Master of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in Elementary and Special Education from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Hurstell has been the fourth grade science teacher at Lusher Charter School for three years. Prior to that, she taught special education in Texas and New Orleans. In 2017 Ms. Hurstell was responsible for developing the fourth grade science curriculum for her school that adheres to the new Louisiana Student Standards for Science. Last year, she was a member of the LEAP 2025 Science Content and Bias Item Review Committee. This is Ms. Hurstell's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Stacie Hutchens

Stacie Hutchens earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Hutchens has been a sixth grade English language arts teacher at R. K. Smith Middle School in St. Charles Parish for five years. Prior to that, she taught fourth grade for 12 years, in both Louisiana and Texas. Mrs. Hutchens served as a member of the district curriculum planning team, participating in the development of district curriculum calendars and creation of district assessments. Mrs. Hutchens has been a member of the School Leadership Team for the past three years, serving as chair of the Student Achievement Cadre and currently heads the Sixth Grade English Department, facilitating the weekly Professional Learning Community meetings. This is Mrs. Hutchens's first year serving as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Megan Jenny

Megan Jenny earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Grades Education from Louisiana State University and Education Leadership from the University of New Orleans. In 2017, she earned her National Board Certification in Early and Middle Childhood Literacy. She has been an Academic Coach for Grades 3-5: English language arts and Social Studies Focus for four years. She has taught in both public and private schools in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Lafayette and is in her fifteenth year in education. She has worked on ELA Content Review and Bias Review teams. She is also the treasurer of the Capital Area Reading Association and a member of the International Literacy Association and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Kate Jensen*

Kate Jensen earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the American College of Education. Ms. Jensen has been teaching at Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy, a Jefferson Parish charter school, for the past five years. She also serves as the math department head for the high school division and one of the grade-level 504 coordinators. She has taught mathematics for ten years in Louisiana. In addition to her teaching credentials, Ms. Jensen has also worked as a writer, editor, and

product developer for math products K-university including major curriculum texts and assessments. She has served on state committees for standards development and recently served on committees for range-finding and data analysis for the LEAP 2025 Algebra 1 and Geometry End-of-Course exams. She has served on curriculum-selection teams for East Feliciana and Orleans parishes and as a Teacher Leader for KDHSA and Lake Area New Tech Early College High School. Ms. Jensen currently is serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor writing additional items for Algebra 1 content in EAGLE 2.0.

Sam Johnson*

Sam Johnson is the district literacy specialist for the Tangipahoa Public School System. She received her Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Texas at El Paso and has more than 34 years of experience. Sam thrives on working with fellow educators on projects that build capacity and support successful learning. She has collaborated on several teams as a Teacher Leader Advisor. Mom of three and married, Sam loves a challenge and enjoys a good sense of humor.

Sara Johnston

Mrs. Sara Johnston earned a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of Wildlife Habitat Management from Louisiana Tech University. After substituting in Ouachita Parish for two years, she found her calling within the education system. Mrs. Johnston decided to continue her education through the iTeachLOUISIANA Program for alternative certification. She is in her second year teaching middle school science for grades 6-8th grade at Simsboro High School in Lincoln Parish. Prior to teaching middle school science, Mrs. Johnston taught Biology I and II and Environmental Science for grades 9-12th. This will be Mrs. Johnston's first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Tracy Kibodeaux

Tracy Kibodeaux earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from McNeese State University. Ms. Kibodeaux has been teaching Junior High at Welsh-Roanoke junior High in Jefferson Davis parish for seven years. Currently she has been teaching Math for four years and the previous three years she taught Science. Prior to that she was an instructional strategist at Carencro Middle where she supported the success of teachers. She has over 30 years of experience as a classroom teacher. Ms. Kibodeaux attended implementation training and shared her knowledge with other Math teachers in Jefferson Davis Parish. For three years, Ms. Kibodeaux has helped write Math district quarterly assessments for grades seven and eight. Ms. Kibodeaux has been her school's Teacher Leader for seven years.

Katherine Kidd

Katherine Kidd is a Certified Biology teacher with an earned Master's Degree in Technology, Curriculum and Instruction, and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology Secondary Education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Her current teaching position is with St. Mary Parish as an 8th grade Science Instructor and has 10 years of experience in grades 7-10. In addition to teaching, she has researched at LUMCON University in the area of Coastal Erosion Prevention. Her expertise in technology planning and building lessons will prove beneficial in the creation of test exemplars and tasks for students to show evidence of learning.

Alissa Kilpatrick

Alissa Kilpatrick earned a Master of Education degree with certification in Special Education from Northwestern State University. Mrs. Kilpatrick is currently a Coordinator of Student Learning in Desoto Parish. Prior to this position, Mrs. Kilpatrick was the special education master teacher for Desoto Parish schools for two years. She was an English language arts master teacher at North Desoto Upper Elementary for two years. Prior to her master teacher position, Mrs. Kilpatrick was an ELA teacher in Desoto Parish for three years. 2019-2020 will be Mrs. Kilpatrick's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Loren Klein

Loren C. Klein earned a master's degree in Gifted Education from Arkansas State University. He is the eighth grade academically gifted science teacher at Paul Breaux Middle School in Lafayette Parish and has taught middle school science and social studies for over a decade. Mr. Klein is currently a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the National Association of Gifted Children. Mr. Klein helped write district assessments and presented professional development for middle school science and social studies, and in 2017 was a member of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science middle school workgroup. Last year Mr. Klein was a member of the middle school science item bias review and rangefinding committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. He has been on the middle school review team as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Ronnie Kraemer-Thibodaux

Ronnie Kraemer-Thibodaux earned a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a reading specialist certification from Nicholls State University. Ms. Kraemer-Thibodaux has served as master teacher at West Thibodaux Middle School (grades 6-8) in Lafourche Parish for four years. Previously,

she taught eighth-grade English language arts at West Thibodaux Middle School for three years. For eleven years, she taught a variety of high school English courses, including English II, English III, and Senior Applications in English at H. L. Bourgeois High School in Terrebonne Parish. Mrs. Kraemer-Thibodaux attended the inaugural Teacher Leader Summit and was a Teacher Leader at West Thibodaux Middle School for two additional years. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Michelle Landry

Michelle Landry has a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and her Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She has 25 years of classroom experience. She has taught in Texas, Colorado, Mississippi, Hawaii, Illinois and is currently the Lead Teacher/8th grade Algebra I teacher at Tioga Junior High in Rapides Parish. She is highly qualified and has been a Louisiana Teacher Leader for the past 6 years and is on the Rapides Parish Middle School Math team. She has served as the Math Department Chair, and serves on Tioga Junior High's school level leadership and administration team. Mrs. Landry represented her parish as its Middle School Teacher of the Year for the years of 2012 and 2019. She has served on implementation teams and has been Lead Teacher for Rapides MSP.

Victoria Landry

Mrs. Victoria Landry earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Louisiana with 15 years of teaching experience in the sciences, mainly Biology. As a proud alumnus of New Iberia Senior High, Mrs. Landry feels truly blessed for the opportunity to educate its next generations. Mrs. Landry believe that, as teachers, we have the chance to influence and affect our students in so many ways, above and beyond academics; Teaching is such a weighty responsibility. She is a current member of the National and Louisiana Science Teachers Associations. She is a teacher leader within her district and school, who helps mainly with science curriculum and planning. As a previous Teacher of the Year in her district, Mrs. Landry hopes to honor her school and her students with the work she can accomplish.

Shauna LeBlanc

Dr. Shauna LeBlanc earned a Doctorate in Leadership and Administration from Capella University and is currently the itinerant Assistant Principal for Duson and L. Leo Judice Elementary. She was the science specialist for Lafayette Parish for two and a half years and a classroom teacher for nine and a half years with experience in teaching 8th grade Earth Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, and Biology. Dr. LeBlanc also serves as the Secretary for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and has presented at the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Louisiana Teacher Leader Conference. She was a member of the Louisiana Science Standards Scope and Sequence Committee for Biology and

participated as a biology state test item bias review committee member in 2018. Dr. LeBlanc has been a science Louisiana Teacher Leader for the past 2 years.

Angela Lee

Angela Lee earned her Master of Education with a concentration in middle school, special education from Northwestern State University in May 2017. Mrs. Lee has been a special education teacher at Devall Middle School in West Baton Rouge Parish for five years. Previously, Mrs. Lee was a special education paraprofessional for eight years at Devall Middle School before taking time off to earn a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and special education at Louisiana State University. At her school, Mrs. Lee serves as the cheerleading coach and head of the special education department. Mrs. Lee has presented at Louisiana Computer Using Educators' (LACUE) annual conference, as well as smaller LACUE conferences, for the past five years. She has also presented at the Louisiana Council for the Social Studies conference in 2018. Over the past two years, she has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor creating Diverse Learner Guides and English language arts content scopes.. With the combination of Devall Middle and Chamberlin Elementary in the fall of 2019, Mrs. Lee looks forward to starting the school year as a Caneview Bluejay. In her free time, she volunteers as the Family Readiness Group Leader for the 1021st Engineer Company, a company within the Louisiana Army National Guard, and has earned the title of Armed Forces Insurance, Military Spouse of the Year for the Louisiana National Guard in both 2018 and 2019.

Samuel Loftus

Sam Loftus earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in marine biology and fisheries from the University of Miami with research focused on evolution and functional genomics. Dr. Loftus has been working at Sci High in Orleans Parish in his current role as STEM coordinator for one year, and as a Biology and AP Biology for 11th and 12th grade for three years prior to that. Before coming to Sci High, Dr. Loftus taught 8th and 10th grade biology for two years in southern Mozambique as a Peace Corps volunteer. Before working as an educator, Dr. Loftus worked in research for six years studying how variation in gene expression among individuals can be used to identify small scale evolutionary changes in populations, as well as evolutionary relationships between expression patterns for genes involved in complex metabolic proteins. While working in research, Dr. Loftus also worked on a National Science Foundation funded program to build inquiry based curriculum for 6th and 7th graders in Miami. Last year, he worked on the Audubon Nature Institute's Teacher Advisory Council. This will be his first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Tana Luther

Tana Luther holds a Master of Educational Leadership degree. She is a 7th grade math and science teacher at Galvez Middle School. Mrs. Luther has a total of eleven years of experience in education with ten of those at Galvez Middle School and one year in leadership training at Lowery Middle School. Mrs. Luther has taught 7th grade Math and Science as well as Algebra 1 and was an instructional coach for two years, but spent most of her time as an 8th grade science teacher. Tana has served on district benchmark writing team for the past seven years, including three years as a facilitator. Mrs. Luther has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for two years during which time she has presented at the state Teacher Leader Conference and served as a member of Louisiana's NEXUS team for science education.

Katherine Majeste

Katherine Majeste earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary English Education from the University of New Orleans in 2015. She has taught 8th grade English at Harry Hurst Middle School in St. Charles Parish for one year. Prior to this, she taught 7th and 8th grade English for three years in Jefferson Parish. Katherine served as a middle school leader in Jefferson Parish and continues to serve as a leader on the School Improvement Team in St. Charles Parish. She has participated in many Guidebooks trainings that have allowed her to evaluate and modify specific lessons as well as create additional materials to be used in the classroom. She has also participated in conferences for the Association of Middle Level Educators. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader for the state.

Amy Martin

Amy Martin earned a Master of Education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Mrs. Martin has taught for nine years. Mrs. Martin has taught second, fourth, and fifth grade math. She Served as her school's Teacher Leader in math where she presented math material at the district level. Mrs. Martin has also served as a member of the district content task force for four years. This is Mrs. Martin's first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Jaimie McQuarn

Jaimie McQuarn earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Ms. McQuarn has been teaching high school biology at East Ascension High School in Ascension Parish for five years. Prior to that, she taught middle school science for five years, and middle school English for one year. Ms. McQuarn is currently a member of the National Science Teachers Association and was honored as the Shell Regional Lab Challenge high school grand prize winner for 2018-19. For one year, she has served on the District Biology team to help plan and lead professional development for biology teachers across the district. Ms. McQuarn has also served on the

district benchmark assessment writing teams for high school Biology, as well as 6th grade and 8th grade science.

Sabrina Meche

Sabrina Meche earned a bachelor of general studies degree with a focus in education and a minor in psychology from McNeese State University. Mrs. Meche attended Louisiana Resource Center for Educators in Baton Rouge and attained her alternative certification in special education and regular education. She spent the next four-years in Calcasieu Parish serving as a special education teacher. Mrs. Meche is currently teaching special education at the elementary and middle school levels as well as eighth grade public speaking at Fenton Elementary School in Jefferson Davis Parish. In 2018 she earned a mentor teacher certification in the Teacher Advancement Program through The National Institute for Excellence. Mrs. Meche is committed to collaborative learning that engages students, teachers, families and the community. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state of Louisiana.

Jaimee Mercer

Jaimee Mercer earned a Masters of Education in curriculum and instruction with a reading specialist certification along with a teacher leader certification from Louisiana Tech University. She has been a third grade English language arts and Social Studies teacher in Bossier Parish for three years. Prior to that, she taught first grade for seven years. Over the last two years, Mrs. Mercer has served on numerous committees in her district. Some of those being for Guidebooks and also for Social Studies Pacing. She has presented for the district on Guidebook usage and on using Mentor Sentences provided by the state. Mrs. Mercer has been on her school's leadership team for two years. This is her first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Lisa Nance

Mrs. Nance holds a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology degree from Louisiana Tech University. Working as a certified medical technologist sparked her desire to be an educator in science. Mrs. Nance went on to complete her alternative certification in 2003 and followed up with her master's degree in Educational Leadership as well as a plus 30 certification in 2011. Mrs. Nance has taught science for the past 15 years in chemistry, biology, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, physical science, and earth science. Mrs. Nance was the Biotechnology Magnet Coordinator at Southwood High School for five years. In 2014, she left the classroom to serve as the 6-12 Science

Curriculum Instructional Specialist for Caddo Parish Schools. Mrs. Nance also served on the workgroup to develop new science standards for Louisiana and since the adoption of the new standards in March of 2017, she has worked with the Louisiana Department of Education to create companion documents for the new science standards to support students with exceptional disabilities. Mrs. Nance served on the committee creating scope and sequence documents for high school biology and wrote several assessment items to support the standards for EAGLE. The Caddo STEM Summit Team, of which Mrs. Nance is a member, was chosen as one of 22 teams from across the country to work alongside mentors at the Smithsonian Institute and Shell Oil Company to develop a plan to increase the number of STEM teachers in Caddo Parish Schools.

Rod Naquin

Rod J. Naquin earned a bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of New Orleans and an alternative teacher certification from Nicholls State University. Mr. Naquin serves as the Staff Development Coordinator at Hahnville High School in St. Charles Parish. He taught tenth and eleventh grade English language arts for seven years and is currently a member of the Louisiana Reading Association. He represents a first-cohort English language arts Content Leader with the Louisiana Department of Education and has designed, facilitated and delivered many professional learning experiences in St. Charles Parish and across the state of Louisiana since 2016. Mr. Naquin has been a Teacher Leader for the past two years and has crafted diverse learner supports.

Tosha Neill

Tosha Neill earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Louisiana Tech University with an English as a Second Language certification from Louisiana State University Shreveport. Mrs. Neill has been the fifth grade Math and Science teacher in Bossier Parish for the past three years. She also taught fifth-grade math and science classroom for six years in both Caddo Parish and Cypress Fairbanks ISD in Texas. Mrs. Neill serves on the NEXUS for Science Education Leadership team and is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. Last year, Mrs. Neill presented at both the Teacher Leader Summit and Louisiana Association of Mathematics Teacher/Louisiana Science Teacher conferences. She served on the Content and Bias Review committee and the Data Review for the Assessment Development Educator Review Committee for fifth-grade science. Mrs. Neill has served on the fifth grade Science Curriculum Team for Bossier Parish for the past year. This is Mrs. Neill's second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Sarah Parkerson

Sarah Parkerson earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University in 2005. Ms. Parkerson has been a 7th grade science teacher at West Feliciana Middle

School for 9 years where she has served on her school leadership. In 2014, she was named West Feliciana Middle School's Teacher of the Year. She is also a National Geographic Certified Educator. Prior to teaching in Louisiana, Ms. Parkerson taught 5th and 6th grade science in Richardson Independent School District in Texas. She served as a Science Cadre Leader and Teacher Advancement Program Mentor Teacher.

Karen Parrino

Karen Kelley Parrino earned her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University in Elementary Education. In addition, she earned a M. Ed. + 30 with a Teacher Leader Endorsement and Reading Specialist Certification from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Ms. Parrino earned National Board Certification in 2010. She is a veteran teacher with 20 years of experience in kindergarten and seven in first grade. Ms. Parrino is currently a member of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Preschool and Elementary Science Committee. She serves as a reviewer for the national magazine, *Children and Science*. She's had the honor of presenting at the Teacher Leader Summit, Louisiana Science Teachers Conferences, Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana Conferences and Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teacher's Conventions, as well as four National conventions. She is an America Achieves Fellow and served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the National Council on Teacher Quality for three years. For seven years, Ms. Parrino has served as a Teacher Leader for the State Department of Education. She was a member of the new science standards (LSSS) workgroup and steering committee. Prior to that, she served on the English language arts standards revision committee. She was the Louisiana Science Teachers Association's Elementary Science Teacher of the Year for 2015-16 and the Ag in the Classroom Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2017. She was a finalist for the Norman Saurage Service Award in 2016.

Megan Pavageau

Mrs. Pavageau holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Sociology with a Minor in African American Studies. Currently, she is completing her Master's thesis in Pan-African Studies. Megan completed TeachNOLA to obtain her Middle School English certification. Megan has been working as an educator in New Orleans since 2016. She currently works for Einstein Charter Schools as the Director of Literacy. Megan looks forward to starting her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor

K. Renae Pullen

K. Renae Pullen earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Ms. Pullen has been the elementary science specialist for Caddo Parish Public Schools

for five years. Prior to that, she was an elementary classroom teacher for 16 years. She is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees. Besides being a dedicated science educator in Caddo, Ms. Pullen has served on several local, state, and national committees as well as presented at numerous workshops and conferences. She was a member of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science workgroup that developed the new science standards, and she currently serves as a member of the Board on Science Education for the National Academies of Sciences. Ms. Pullen is a STEM Ambassador for NSTA and NCTM and a member of the National Science Foundation's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Advisory Panel. In 2008, she was honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Ms. Pullen was a 2018-2019 state Teacher Leader Advisor writing science EAGLE items for grades 4 and 5.

Neili Reed

Neili Reed earned a master of business administration with plus 30 hours in hospital and hotel management ethics from DeVry University Keller College. She owned and operated her own business for 10 years and worked at an ophthalmologist's office for four years. She was then recruited to teach at Ville Platte High School. She taught there for four years while working to complete her teacher certification from iTeachLOUISIANA. She obtained a Level 1 teaching certificate with both Middle School Math and Science add-ons. She then went on to teach at Vidrine Elementary, where she taught Science to grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. She is currently teaching at Mamou High School, 7th grade ELA and Social Studie, and currently working towards another add-on to her certification in Middle School ELA. She has served on the Positive Behavior Incentive System committee for two years, and the Title I usage committee for one year at the previous schools.

Kyana Rhinehart

Kyana Rhinehart earned a Master's of Education in Educational Leadership and a Master's of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Louisiana State University Shreveport. She also has a special certification in English Language Arts for grades 4-8. Ms. Rhinehart has been an elementary school teacher in Caddo Parish for thirteen years. She has taught grades 1-4 throughout her years of teaching. She also served as an instructor for the H.E.E.P. in Caddo Parish during the summer, to help transition students who are going to 6. This is Ms. Rhinehart's first year to serve as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Meredith Rhoads

Meredith Rhoads is in her 17th year in education. Mrs. Rhoads has earned a Master of Education in Education Leadership. For the last 6 years, she has been an Elementary Math Curriculum Specialist in

Rapides Parish. Mrs. Rhoads works with K-5 teachers from 32 different Elementary schools within Rapides. Prior to that, she has taught grades K-4 in all subject areas. Mrs. Rhoads is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and has presented at the last LATM conference. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Andrea Richardson

Andrea S. Richardson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Southern University and A&M College and an alternative certification at the secondary education level in English language arts through the iTeachLOUISIANA Alternative Certification program. Mrs. Richardson has been an English language arts teacher in a high school classroom for six years. Mrs. Richardson currently serves as the Teacher Leader for the Language Department at Mentorship STEAM Academy in East Baton Rouge. She has presented professional development sessions on data-driven instruction and differentiated Response to Intervention. She collaborates with the teachers and administration at her school and department in a professional learning community to create and implement differentiated common formative assessments which are used to drive instruction. Mrs. Richardson is a 2019-2020 Teacher Leader Advisor.

Rhondell Robert

Rhondell Robert earned a Bachelor of Science with a focus on elementary education, grades 1-5, and middle school ELA education, grades 4-8. Mrs. Robert is currently enrolled in Southeastern State University working on master degree in Educational Leadership. Mrs. Robert has been an elementary ELA teacher at R. J. Vial Elementary in St. Charles for the past four years and social studies for the past two. Mrs. Robert is currently participating in the LEAD St. Charles Parish Teacher Leader program. She participates in professional development to further develop leadership skills by discussing district-wide issues related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Currently, she is a member of the Louisiana Reading Association. Over the past three years, Mrs. Robert has been an inclusion teacher working closely with special education teachers in developing resources and providing the best opportunity for all students. Additionally, Mrs. Robert is a participant on the school's Improvement Team and is the school leader for Responsive Classroom, Restorative Practices, and new teachers to the school. In the past, Mrs. Robert participated in the Foundations of Literacy training focusing on effective teaching practices in the classroom to support diverse learners. Mrs. Robert has participated in curriculum professional development sessions over the past four years to deepen her knowledge of curriculum resources and how to support student learners.

Heather Roussell

Heather Roussell holds a Master of Education in Reading and Educational Leadership. Ms. Roussell has 13 years of instructional experience and will be returning to the classroom as a first grade teacher. Prior to that, she was a reading interventionist for four years, she taught third grade math, science, and social studies for one year, and spent 8 years in pre-k/kindergarten. Ms. Roussell has lead several professional developments throughout her instructional career for both teachers and parents. She is a member of the Reading Recovery National Council and the International Literacy Association where she recently completed proposal reviews for the October 2019 conference. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Tonya Ryder

Tonya Ryder has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Instructional Technology, concentrating in Principalship, from McNeese State University. Mrs. Ryder has 27 years of experience, 17 years in teaching and 10 years in an administrative role. She has taught a range of grade levels including Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 2nd through 5th. Her current teaching assignment is third and fourth English Language Arts and Social Studies at Fenton Elementary School. Mrs. Ryder also served as a public high school administrator in Allen Parish, Assistant Principal for 3 years and Principal for 5 years, and an administrator at a local charter school for one year. Mrs. Ryder has supported teachers using Guidebooks as a middle school instructional coach, teacher leader and an administrator. For seven years, she helped to develop district common assessments for fifth grade English Language Arts in Allen Parish. Mrs. Ryder served on the state social studies textbook adoption committee and has attended several Teacher Leader conferences.

Vickie Santostefano

Vickie Santostefano earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida in August of 2013. Dr. Santostefano has been a teacher for 24 years and has taught English, Math, Social Studies and Science in grades 3rd through 8th. Currently, Dr. Santostefano teaches 8th grade English language arts at Monteleone Junior High in Mandeville, Louisiana. Prior to her current position, she worked in one of the largest school districts in the nation, Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida. While in Orlando, Dr. Santostefano worked with the lowest 25% of students. She also served on the Textbook adoption committee, as well as wrote the End of Course exam for her content area. Prior to this position, Dr. Santostefano was involved with the startup of two new schools in Central Florida, where she provided input and support curricula decisions for the school. While working in Arkansas, Dr. Santostefano worked closely with state and local districts to create Individual Academic Plans for all students using available technology. In addition, Dr. Santostefano wrote the district curriculum for K–6 State required Arkansas History units. Over her twenty-four years in

education, Dr. Santostefano has created, served on, or participated in countless committees and professional development opportunities.

Nathan Schwab

Nathan Schwab completed his Bachelor of Arts in Biomechanics from Lewis and Clark College and his Masters of Arts in Teaching from Centenary College of Louisiana. Mr. Schwab has been a high school science teacher at C.E. Byrd High School in Caddo Parish for the past 6 years. Mr. Schwab was selected to be a member of the Teacher Leader team for Caddo Parish, working with a select group of teachers to help develop a curriculum that aligns with the new state standards. Additionally, Mr. Schwab has spent two years working with new teachers to both his school, as well as Caddo Parish, to help train them on standards and the application of the standards in the classroom. Mr. Schwab has been part of the LEAP 2025 Biology Content/Bias Item Review Committee, designed to review and edit prospective LEAP 2025 items.

Meggan Simien Guillory

Meggan Guillory earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a focus on science education from the University of Texas at Arlington. Mrs. Guillory is a middle school science teacher in St. Landry Parish working with 7th and 8th grade for the last 5 years. Prior to that she worked as a high school biology and physical science teacher for one year. Mrs. Guillory has been a member of the science curriculum review team for St. Landry Parish over the last year, and has worked with teachers in surrounding parishes reviewing middle school curriculum. She participated in the state test item bias review committee in 2018 for 7th grade.

April Smith

April Smith earned a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences from Southeastern Louisiana University and an Alternative Teacher Certification in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Smith has been a teacher at Champ Cooper School for the past six years. She has been a Kindergarten teacher for three years and also taught First Grade for three years. At Champ Cooper she has served as School Building Level Committee and Webpage Chairperson. She also serves on her school's leadership team as a Teacher Leader. Mrs. Smith began her teaching career in 2010 as a Pre-Kindergarten at Woodland Park Elementary. Mrs. Smith was trained in both TAP: The System for Teachers and Student Advancement and Project-Based Learning (PBL) which has assisted in her daily classroom instructional strategies and student learning achievement. She was honored as the 2013 Teacher of the Year at Woodland Park. Mrs. Smith has served as part of the Tangipahoa Curriculum Alignment team for the past three years.

She has helped create resources and align curriculum to support English language arts teachers at the district level. This is Mrs. Smith's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Alyson St. Germain

Alyson St. Germain earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction emphasizing in Reading and Literacy from Louisiana State University Shreveport and previously obtained a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, grades 1-5 from Louisiana State University. Mrs. St. Germain has been teaching for St. Charles Parish Public Schools for seven years, and at current, is teaching fourth grade English language arts at Ethel Schoeffner Elementary. Recently, she has obtained Level 1 Certification as a Google Educator. Mrs. St. Germain serves as her school's Support Team Leader, School Leadership Team Secretary, Grade Level Representative, and New Teacher Mentor for the past three years. She also served as a grade level representative for District Curriculum Mapping for three years. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Meredith Starks

Meredith Starks is a National Board Certified Teacher from Bossier Parish. She graduated in 2003 from Arizona State University with her Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Starks has been teaching third grade at Bellaire Elementary School in Bossier Parish for the past 10 years. Prior to that, she taught fourth grade gifted and talented in Houston, Texas. Meredith is currently a LEAD Fellow with Stand for Children and a Louisiana Core Advocate. For the past six years, she has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor working exclusively with elementary Guidebooks and has facilitated Guidebook training. She was featured in Education Week for her involvement in writing and teaching the Louisiana Guidebooks for third grade. In 2015, Meredith was on the state standards review team which wrote the Louisiana Student Standards for math. Last year, she completed the LDOE Mentor Teacher program, and she currently helps to facilitate Content Leader training. She also currently serves on her district's science curriculum team.

Katie Strong

Katie Strong earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology from Louisiana State University in Shreveport where she graduated magna cum laude. She then earned her secondary teaching certification through the TeachLSUS alternative certification program in biology, chemistry, physical science, and math. Mrs. Strong currently teaches biology and chemistry in Caddo Parish at C. E. Byrd High School where she has taught since 2010. She has worked closely with the district's curriculum specialist as a 6-12 Content Leader for the last 3 years in developing and presenting professional development to all science teachers in the district. Mrs. Strong is the 2019-2020 High School Teacher of the Year for Caddo Parish.

Bridgette Sullivan

Bridgette Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University at Alexandria. Mrs. Sullivan has been the third grade Science/Social Studies teacher at Ruby Wise Elementary School in Rapides Parish for three years. Prior to that, she taught third-grade Mathematics for eight years, in a fourth-grade self-contained classroom for a year and in a second-grade self-contained classroom for two years. Mrs. Sullivan is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics. She has led two state-level sessions at the Louisiana Teacher Leader Collaborations and was a member of the review committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program 2025. Mrs. Sullivan has been a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past four years.

Molly Talbot

Molly Talbot earned an Education Specialist degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She is currently a District Professional Development Coach for the Pointe Coupee Parish School System. Mrs. Talbot has been a lead for Science professional development for her district as it relates to the new Louisiana Student Standards for Science. Previously, she taught third through fifth grade Gifted in the Zachary Community School District, where she was honored as Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2015.

Macy Terrebonne

Macy Terrebonne has earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with a concentration in Secondary Education both from Louisiana State University. Ms. Terrebonne currently teaches Geometry at her alma mater, Destrehan High School in St. Charles Parish. She previously taught Algebra I and Geometry at Central Lafourche High School in Lafourche Parish. During her five years of teaching, Ms. Terrebonne has been a mentor to math teachers new to the district, leader of the Geometry Professional Learning Team, and has served as Geometry Data Team leader. She currently serves as the Destrehan High School Math Department Chair and is enrolled in the Louisiana Department of Education Secondary Mathematics Mentor Teacher program. In addition, she is the faculty sponsor for the Mu Alpha Theta Mathletes and the District Literary at her school.

Lauren Trahan

Lauren E. Trahan graduated with a Liberal Arts degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and has received certification in English language arts for grades 4-12. She currently teaches English II, is an English language arts State Lead for Louisiana Core Advocates, and a Fellow of STAND for Children. She is completing National Board Certification and will receive her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northwestern State University in the Spring of 2020. Lauren served on the LEAP 2025 review committee. She has proudly served as a Teacher Leader Advisor since its inception, believing there is nothing more beneficial to the profession than quality teacher collaboration.

Ricketa Turner

Ms. Ricketa Turner holds a Master of Science in Biology from Clemson University as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology Education from Louisiana Tech University. She has 6 years of experience teaching Biology and other related science courses. Ms. Turner has been a Biology I teacher in Plaquemines Parish for two years. Prior to that, she taught ninth grade Honors Biology I in Iberville Parish, AP Biology and other science courses in East Feliciana Parish, and was a gifted specialist in Jefferson Parish. During her first year of teaching, Ms. Turner was awarded the National Science Teacher Association DOW Fellow Award to further her scientific knowledge and explore methodological practices. This year, Ms. Turner will serve as a member of the LEAP 2025 Biology Standard Setting Committee as well as a Teacher Leader in her current district.

Monica Vaughn-Flam

Monica Vaughn-Flam earned her Master of Education from Johns Hopkins University. She is the Manager of English as a Second Language (ESL) Programming for KIPP New Orleans. She has taught ESL in both New Orleans and in Baltimore, MD. Ms. Vaughn-Flam also holds her Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Advanced Practitioner Certificate and English Language Teaching (ELT) Leadership Management Certificate. Ms. Vaughn-Flam serves as an executive member of the Louisiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (LATESOL) board and has served as the LATESOL Advocacy lobbyist in Washington D.C. for the TESOL Advocacy & Policy Summit in 2018 and 2019. Ms. Vaughn-Flam has worked as a Teacher Leader Advisor writing instructional scaffolds for English Learners.

Monica Waasdorp

Mrs. Ayrod-Waasdorp is state licensed and nationally certified speech-language pathologist. She has thirty years experience in the Louisiana public schools and private practice. She currently works as the

Director of Special Education for Northshore Charter School. She earned her Masters of Education from Southeastern Louisiana University. Ms. Waasdorp has completed training for Mentor Teacher.

Lauren Waguespack

Lauren Waguespack holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with concentrations in ELA, science, and social studies from Southeastern Louisiana University. She has been a 6th grade science teacher at Harry Hurst Middle School in St. Charles Parish for the past eight years. Ms. Waguespack is currently a member of the National Science Teachers Association. She has attended trainings on phenomena-based science instruction as well as designing and implementing three-dimensional science lessons. Over the last two years, she has been a part of helping to create and implement science lessons that are aligned to the new Louisiana Student Standards for Science at her school. This is Ms. Waguespack's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

Tara West

Tara West earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies from Louisiana State University, completed the Alternative Certification Program for Elementary Grades 1-8 at Louisiana State University, and obtained certification to teach middle school mathematics. Mrs. West is in her seventh year as a mathematics teacher in West Baton Rouge Parish. Spending six years at Devall Middle School and the current year at Caneview K-8. She was a specialist for the Jobs for America's Graduates programs at Port Allen and Brusly High School for three years; Assistant Director for Mathematics for the Louisiana Systemic Initiative Program at the Louisiana Board of Regents for two years; and a teacher of seventh and eighth-grade mathematics and English at Livonia High School for five years. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She has been her school's Teacher Leader for the past six years and is serving in her fourth year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

Crystal Wood

Crystal Wood has a Bachelors of Elementary Education from Western Governors University in Utah. Mrs. Wood has been a classroom teacher for 4 years and was a classroom interventionist for 2 years prior to that. She is currently a 4th grade English language arts and Social Studies teacher at Haughton Elementary School in Bossier Parish. Mrs. Wood has been a member of the Response to Intervention team at her school for two years. In addition, she is a near pod expert and google certified educator.

Jada Woods

Jada Woods earned a master of arts in teaching certification from Grambling State University. Ms. Woods has been in education since 1998 when she began teaching middle school science. In 2011, she began working with severe/profound students and went on to finish her masters in 2018. Ms. Woods is currently a member of the Red River United and Kappa Delta Pi. She also a two-year term on the Caddo Pupil Progression Team and worked as a grader for the Leap Connect state test. Ms. Woods is currently working in a severe/profound classroom and is serving as her school's K-2 Lead Teacher.

Missy Wooley

Missy Wooley earned a Master of Education plus 30 in Administration and Supervision from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Mrs. Wooley has been the STEM Director for Lincoln Parish for the past year. Prior to that, she was an education consultant with the Louisiana Department of Education for two years. She served as an administrator for three years, and she taught high school science for twenty years. Mrs. Wooley is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association, National Science Teachers Association, and the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association. She has presented at multiple conferences and provides professional development for science teachers across the state. She is a presenter for the OpenSciEd Middle School Pilot Program and is an adjunct faculty member for Louisiana Tech University where she teaches a science methods course for elementary teachers. This is Mrs. Wooley second year to serve as her district's Teacher Leader and as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.