

## 2020–2021 Teacher Leader Advisors

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana educators who have been selected as 2020–2021 Teacher Leader Advisors!

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

Teacher Leader Advisors:

- Evaluate the quality of publisher-submitted curricular materials
- Create instructional tasks and resources in math, science, and STEM
- Update the ELA Guidebooks
- Adapt ELA Guidebooks for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities
- Develop and facilitate professional development sessions at statewide events like the Teacher Leader Collaboration Events and the annual Teacher Leader Summit.

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 Katie Wilcox, Lafourche  
 Crystal Wood, Bossier  
 Jada Woods, Caddo  
 Missy Wooley, Lincoln

### **Margaret Acree**

Margaret Acree earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in gifted education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has been a mathematics teacher for 19 years, with the last 13 years at Sterlington High School in the Ouachita Parish School District. She currently teaches Algebra II, precalculus and calculus to tenth–twelfth grade students. Margaret has also taught sixth- through eighth-grade mathematics, including geometry and various levels of algebra. Margaret promotes excellence in mathematics education working with colleagues throughout the school, district, state, and nation. She serves as department head in her school and in a number of capacities at the district level that include leading in-services, textbook adoption and alignment committees, and new initiatives. She presents at conferences sponsored by the Louisiana Association for Teachers of Mathematics (LATM) and the Southern Region Education Board (SREB). She is a member of LATM and National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). Margaret has reviewed 9–12 mathematics curriculum for the Louisiana Department of Education as a Teacher Leader Advisor and is currently a content reviewer for 9–12 mathematics curriculum with EdReports.org. Margaret was recently named the 2019 Louisiana Awardee for the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

### **Mandi Adams**

Mandi Adams earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree in 2008, then completed the Alternative Teacher Education Program, with a concentration of math and science, from Nicholls State University in 2010. Mrs. Adams has been the sixth-grade science teacher at Lockport Middle School in Lafourche Parish for 10 years. Prior to that, she taught sixth- and seventh-grade math and sixth- and seventh-grade social studies at Lockport Middle School. While working as a science teacher at Lockport Middle School, Mrs. Adams was on the team that created district assessments aligned with the Louisiana State Science Standards. Mrs. Adams is currently a Teacher Leader for the district where she creates district assessments for sixth-grade science, pilots the state OpenScied curriculum, and helps lead professional development meetings for the district of Lafourche.

### **Faten Ahmad**

Faten Ahmad earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction. She is certified in early childhood, elementary, middle school English, English as a second language, and special education. Mrs. Ahmad has been an English middle school teacher for the past three years in Jefferson Parish Schools; prior to that she was the Primary Years Program Coordinator and served on the leadership team at an international candidate school where she helped train elementary school teachers in inquiry based learning. She has been teaching for nineteen years with experience in private, charter, and public schools, including teaching early childhood, elementary and middle school classes. She has helped write English language arts district assessments for seventh grade. Mrs. Ahmad currently serves as one of the Jefferson Parish School Content Leader fellows for seventh-grade English language arts and delivers Tier 1 curriculum professional development to grade 7 English language arts teachers in the district three times a year.

### **Holly Atchison**

Holly Denise F. Atchison holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is certified and highly qualified to teach kindergarten through eighth grade. She is currently employed at Mamou High School in Evangeline Parish. Mrs. Atchison has been teaching there for the last sixteen years. She has taught all grade levels from fifth–eighth grade and all subjects at each grade level. Mrs. Atchison has served as a core recovery teacher for many years and also teaches after school recovery for both math and ELA students. She is currently on the P.B.I.S. team for her school and has served on this team for over ten years. Mrs. Atchison has written and received many grants and awards during her career. She was chosen Teacher of the Year for Mamou High in 2017. She also served as the cheerleader coach/sponsor for ten years. Mrs. Atchison has served as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past year and is still currently serving.

### **Donna Baudoin**

Donna Baudoin is a fifth grade teacher and a grade level team leader at Duplessis Primary in Ascension Parish. In 2019 she earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a technology leadership certification from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Mrs. Baudoin has been an elementary teacher for seven years and has spent the past two years teaching fifth-grade science. Prior to teaching fifth-grade science, she taught second through fourth grade and also developed a kindergarten through fifth-grade Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math lab based on Louisiana State Science Standards. Before teaching at Duplessis Primary Mrs. Baudoin was an educator at Park Elementary in East Baton Rouge Parish for one year. Mrs. Baudoin is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators and presented at the past two conventions. Mrs. Baudoin has also served on the science benchmark analysis committee in Ascension Parish during the past two school years. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Paige Bergeron**

Paige Bergeron earned a Bachelor of Science in education with a focus on middle school science and social studies from Nicholls State University in 2011. Mrs. Bergeron has been the eighth-grade science teacher at Lockport Middle School in Lafourche Parish for four years. Prior to that, she taught seventh-grade social studies at Lockport Middle for three years and sixth-grade social studies at Larose Cut-Off Middle School for one and a half years. While working as a social studies teacher at Lockport Middle School, Mrs. Bergeron was on the team that created district assessments aligned with the State Standards. Mrs. Bergeron is currently a Teacher Leader for the district where she creates district assessments for eighth-grade science, pilots the state OpenScied curriculum, and helps lead Professional Development meetings for the District of Lafourche.

### **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 fifth grade math and science for four years, then transitioning to teach third grade math and science for five years. She finished her tenure in Elton teaching self contained second 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 third 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 second grade leadership team for Jefferson Davis Parish. On this committee, she aids in writing district assessments and creating ELA curriculum based on the Louisiana State Guidebooks. She was able to attend the Eureka Conference in the summer of 2018 and presented her knowledge from this experience to all kindergarten, first, and second grade teachers in Jefferson Davis Parish. Mrs. Bertrand is humbled and honored to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for two consecutive years.

### **Waco Bickham**

Waco Bickham earned his Bachelor of Arts in middle school education from Southeastern Louisiana University. He has been a seventh and eighth grade math teacher at Raymond K. Smith Middle School in St. Charles Parish for 4 years. Mr. Bickham works closely with curriculum specialists to develop high-quality lessons and assessments designed to promote student success. For the last two years, Mr. Bickham has facilitated LEAD SCP, a district initiative designed to develop teachers' leadership skills. Mr. Bickham serves as the school-wide committee leader focusing on student achievement and is a mentor for teachers new to the district. This is Mr. Bickham's first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Maggie Boos**

Maggie Boos holds a post-master's certificate in educational leadership from Northwestern State University and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida. For the last year, she has been working as a K–5 Math School Support Coordinator in Jefferson Parish. Previously, she served two years as an upper elementary Teaching and Learning Facilitator in St. Charles Parish, where she worked to support teachers in grades three through five. Ms. Boos also spent 6 years in the classroom at Luling Elementary teaching upper elementary math, science, and social studies. In both Jefferson and St. Charles parishes, she has served on and led math curriculum and assessment development and review committees. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kellie Boquet**

Kellie Boquet earned a Bachelor of Education with a health and physical education and biology certification from Nicholls State University. She has recently acquired her Louisiana Mentor Teacher ancillary certification. Ms. Boquet has been the middle and high school science coach in Lafayette Parish

for the past year. Prior to that, she taught biology for eighteen years in Terrebonne Parish and six years in Lafayette Parish and coached several varsity high school sports for seven years. Ms. Boquet is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and National Science Teacher Association; she has presented professional development at three conventions and many at the district level. Ms. Boquet has served on several committees at the state, district and school levels. She was a member of the Biology Item Bias Review and Rangefinding Committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program, state and parish Textbook Adoption Committees, Curriculum Alignment Committees and also served as science department chair for eight years. She completed the Louisiana Teachers Assessor Training and served as an internal and outside assessor for new teachers. Ms. Boquet completed Louisiana Department of Education's first mentor program in 2003 along with the present mentor teacher ancillary certification program and has served as a mentor teacher for many teachers over the past 17 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. She 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.

### **JerriAnna Bourn**

JerriAnna Bourn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Bourn taught one year at a Louisiana community college where she served as the Pharmacy Technician program coordinator and instructor. She also assisted with curriculum and program development. She has five years of experience teaching pharmacy technician courses to eleventh and twelfth grade high school students. For the past 16 years, Mrs. Bourn has been a nationally certified pharmacy technician through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board and licensed through the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. She is a member of the American Association of Pharmacy Technicians, National Association of Pharmacy Technicians, American Society of Health System Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Educators Council.

### **Phobe Boutte**

Phobe Wills Boutte has earned a Bachelor of Arts in education from UL Lafayette, 6 hours in elementary science education with LSU, and 42 graduate course hours in geosciences from Mississippi State University. Mrs. Boutte is beginning her 21th 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 been instrumental in science curriculum revisions for Lafayette Parish. Previously, she was a member of the science item

review committee for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program and was selected to serve on the standards setting for science grades 6–8 committee last year. Mrs. Boutte has been a science Teacher Leader for her parish for the past 4 years and a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state of Louisiana this past year. She has conducted numerous professional development sessions for curriculum implementation for Lafayette Parish.

#### **K. Marissa Boyd**

K. Marissa Boyd earned a Master of Education in education leadership from the University of Louisiana Monroe. Prior to that she earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the same university. She has earned the Mentor Leader Distinction and has mentored preservice resident teachers for four years. Mrs. Boyd teaches fifth-grade math in Lincoln Parish at Cypress Springs Elementary where she also serves as a member of Cypress Springs Elementary Instructional Leadership Team. Mrs. Boyd has worked with other fellow educators to provide professional development for mentors in the Lincoln Residency Program. This is her first year to serve as Teacher Leader Advisor.

#### **Savanna Brister**

Savanna Brister earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana. Mrs. Brister currently teaches fourth- and fifth-grade ELA at Mabel Brasher Montessori Elementary in Rapides Parish. In addition to teaching in the classroom, she serves on the Leadership Team at Mabel Brasher, as the ELA Mentor Teacher for the upper elementary teachers, and as a mentor for Rapides Parish to new teachers. Prior to her current position, she taught fourth- and fifth-grade ELA and social studies at Julius Patrick Elementary. During her three years at Julius Patrick, she grew tremendously in her position as a mentor teacher. Mrs. Brister has completed the Louisiana Department of Education training for ELA Content Leader and Mentor teacher. As a teacher leader, she has created rigorous test items for her school and district that mirror standardized testing; she also has led professional development sessions on using data to drive instruction and for redelivery of information from training. Mrs. Savanna Brister was named a Teacher Leader Advisor in 2020.

#### **Jaquita Brown**

Jaquita Brown earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Louisiana State University. She recently completed her master's degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is currently pursuing an additional master's degree in online instruction at Southern New Hampshire University. Her current role is a fifth grade math teacher at Louisiana Virtual Academy where she also serves as a content leader for grades K–5 math. Mrs. Brown has a total of 11 years teaching experience. Her experience includes teaching third through fifth grade math, spending most of her time as a fifth grade math teacher in Ascension Parish. Mrs. Brown has also served on the district benchmark writing team in Ascension. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.



### **Amanda Brown-Morgan**

Amanda Brown-Morgan holds a bachelor's degree in child development from Southern University, a master's degree in reading education and a master's plus 30 in special education with a concentration in mild and moderate disabilities from Grand Canyon University. Currently she is teaching in a self-contained classroom grades 3–5 in the East Baton Rouge School District. She has been a teacher within the EBR school district for five years. Previously, she was an Exceptional Student Services paraprofessional throughout the district for four years. She has worked collaboratively co-teaching with general education teachers to provide instruction and has co-sponsored a school-sponsored science club. This will be her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Judith Cain**

Dr. Judith S. Cain earned an Ed.D. in educational leadership from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2010. She currently teaches special needs students in grades 6, 7, and 8 at Edgar Martin Middle School in Lafayette. Prior to that position, she was the Lead Math Teacher for the middle schools in Lafayette Parish for 14 years. She has been in education for 36 years. Dr. Cain has done math curriculum and activities in professional development for more than 25 years. This was done at the local, regional, state, and national levels. She belongs to the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics. She has been on many state committees—textbook committees, testing committees, GLE committees—and has been a member of the Teacher Leader Advisory Committee for 2 years.

### **Brittney Cain-Fletcher**

Brittney Cain-Fletcher earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Northwestern State University. Ms. Cain-Fletcher has been a middle school English language arts teacher for six years and a high school English teacher for three. She currently teaches English language arts for seventh grade and English III for eleventh and twelfth graders at Pickering High School. Ms. Cain-Fletcher has served as a Technology Leader in Vernon Parish and is a Google Certified Educator. This will be her second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kenisha Callahan**

Kenisha Callahan earned a Master of Science degree from University of Phoenix. She is certified in K–fifth grades and has taught for six years with experience in both fourth and fifth grade. This is Ms. Callahan's second year as a fourth-grade English language arts and social studies teacher at D.C. Reeves Elementary School in Tangipahoa Parish. Prior to that, she taught fourth and fifth grade for five years in St. Helena Parish. She successfully completed the Content Leader training during the 2017–2018 school year and was also selected Elementary Teacher of the Year in St. Helena Parish. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader for the state and her district.



### **Jennifer Campbell**

Jennifer Campbell earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of New Orleans along with an Education Leader Level I add-on from the University of Holy Cross. Mrs. Campbell has been an educator for 23 years and has taught English, math, and social studies in grades second through sixth. For the past year, she has been the director of the Teacher Advancement Program for Algiers Charter Schools Association located in New Orleans. Prior to that, Mrs. Campbell worked for the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching as a Senior Program Specialist providing implementation support to district and school level leaders across Louisiana. While working in Jefferson Parish as Elementary Coordinator of Mathematics, Mrs. Campbell coached and supported teachers with implementation of Louisiana Student Standards, facilitated various district-level professional development opportunities for K–5 teachers, and designed rigorous benchmark assessments all focusing on increased student achievement. This is her first year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Sara Chaddock**

Sara Chaddock earned her Master of Education from the University of New Orleans. She is currently 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 two years. 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 all subject areas, but specialized in English language arts due to the unique language needs of her students. 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.

### **Arkishia Chocklin**

Ms. Arkishia Chocklin earned a Master of Arts degree in secondary education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She also earned a Master of Arts degree in gerontology with a concentration in long-term care from that same institution. Currently, Ms. Chocklin is teaching sixth grade gifted and Great Scholars Science. Ms. Chocklin has been in this position for 7 years. Prior to this position, she has worked as a high school science teacher. Ms. Chocklin has taken the lead in conducting meetings for her department's professional learning community and she has supported other science teachers in her district as a Teacher Leader.

### **Sylvia Cloessner**

Mrs. Cloessner holds a Master of Science in curriculum & instruction. She has taught kindergarten at DeQuincy Primary School in Calcasieu Parish for five years. During her practicum, she developed her own lessons based on the Louisiana Science Standards for fourth-grade students. She is an English

language arts content specialist for kindergarten at DeQuincy Primary School. Mrs. Cloessner is also representing kindergarten on the school leadership team. She also served as director for the virtual reading class for Calcasieu Parish during the summer of 2020. She is currently the technology contact for her school, and she has presented to teachers on several topics related to the use of technology in the classroom. She is honored to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the first time this year.

### **Paul Conover**

Paul Conover holds Masters of Education in gifted education and educational leadership from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with additional certifications including English as a second language and reading specialist. Mr. Conover has taught seventh grade gifted science as well as high school credit science courses at Paul Breaux Middle School in Lafayette Parish since 2014. Prior to teaching in the middle school gifted setting, he held assignments at various grade levels in regular education and English as a second language classrooms, providing him cumulative scope with science curricula from the elementary to the high school level. An active biologist, Mr. Conover is an elected member of the Louisiana Ornithology Society's Louisiana Bird Records Committee and has contributed articles and columns to several journals and periodicals. He has incorporated his fieldwork into education, co-authoring the environmental science curriculum for Lafayette Parish and a K–12 environmental science curriculum focused on birds for the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program.

### **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 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 eleven 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 as a representative at the district level where she helps design Intensive Algebra I instructional materials for St. Charles Parish Public Schools. This is her second year participating as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Erin Davis**

Erin Davis earned her Bachelor of Arts in biology (ecology) from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA. She identifies as female and prefers the pronouns she, her, and hers. She earned 53 education credits for an initial secondary education certificate in biology 6–12. In 2015, she transferred her teaching certificate to Louisiana where she currently holds a level 2 teaching certificate in biology and general science and teaches at Lakeview Junior Senior High School. The 2019–2020 school year will be her fifth with Natchitoches Parish School Board where she has taught Biology 1 and 2 as well as environmental science to students in grades 9–12 at two different high schools. She has served on the Parish

Curriculum Committee since 2017 helping to adjust to the new Louisiana Student Science Standards. She is a member of the National Association of Science Teaching, the National Association of Biology Teachers, and the Louisiana Association of Educators. In the 2019–2020 school year, she worked as a contractor for LDOE with a multi-state team of educators managed by Inquiry Hub to revise the ecosystems unit in their curriculum. In 2020–2021 she will continue working as a TLA for LDOE as assigned by the science team.

### **Tyler Dean**

Tyler Dean currently holds a Master of Arts in teaching from Louisiana College and a Master of Arts in apologetics from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently working on his Ph.D. Mr. Dean has twelve years of teaching experience in which he has taught Biology I, Biology II, physical science, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. In 2010, Mr. Dean served on the Louisiana Life Science Textbook Adoption Committee. Mr. Dean also served as a Teacher Leader Advisor during the 2019–2020 school year. He is currently a science content leader for Richland Parish.

### **Bianca Deliberto**

Bianca Deliberto earned primary and secondary education degrees, including a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, 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 NextGenScience Peer Review Panel, is the Region 2 representative for the Louisiana Science Teachers Association 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. 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, participating in the content/item bias review committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program.

### **Brittany Dement**

Brittany Dement earned a master's degree in physical anthropology from Tulane University with a specialty in the scientific investigation of our collective past. Ms. Dement transitioned to teaching in order to increase scientific literacy and critical thinking skills among the students of Louisiana. In this pursuit she has served as the middle school science teacher at Renew Dolores T. Aaron for the past four years and as science content lead for the school over the past year. Throughout her career she has also taught human osteology at Tulane University and served as a middle school science teacher in Jefferson Parish for one year. In her capacity as science content lead she was able to inventory, organize, and manage the collection of science resources, as well as facilitate the investment of grant money for the purchase of 3D printers and virtual reality headsets for the school. For Renew, at the network level, she has taken the responsibility of seventh and eighth grade lead planner for the past three years. In this

capacity she has adapted curriculum, evaluated assessments, and written seventh and eighth grade LEAP review plans that best align with state standards.

### **Megan Dessauer**

Megan Dessauer earned her alternative certification at the secondary education level in biology and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of New Orleans. Mrs. Dessauer is currently the teacher facilitator of technology for science grades 6–12 in St. Charles Parish. Before taking this new position she taught Biology I and II in a high school classroom for nine 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 also has facilitated professional development sessions for implementing data driven instruction in science classrooms. Mrs. Dessauer has been a Teacher Leader Advisor for the past three 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 development of her district’s eighth grade math curriculum. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. DeTiege was named a Louisiana Teacher Leader Advisor in 2018.

### **Amy Dietz**

Amy Dietz has earned a Master of Education plus 30 with a certification in school counseling from McNeese State University. Mrs. Dietz also has a Master of Arts and Teaching with a special education mild/moderate 1–12 certification from McNeese State University. She began her teaching career in an autism setting at St. John Elementary in Calcasieu parish. After 6 years she moved to a resource/inclusion setting. Still at the same elementary school, Mrs. Dietz is now teaching in a self-contained setting where she has been for 4 years. She has participated on her school’s Leadership Team for 2 years and continues to be an active participant. Mrs. Dietz was voted as her school’s Teacher of the Year for the 2018–2019 school year. During spring 2019, she was provided an opportunity to be a Visiting Lecturer at McNeese State University and taught a special education course on “Collaboration amongst Parents and Stakeholders” to undergraduate students.

### **Julie DuBois**

Julie’ DuBois earned a Master of Education and a Master of Biology from Louisiana Tech University. Ms. DuBois has been a high school science teacher for eighteen years, with thirteen of those years in Iberia Parish at Delcambre High School. Ms. DuBois is currently a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers

Association and National Science Teachers Association. For seven years, Ms. DuBois has helped write science district assessments for biology, physics and chemistry as well as present district level science curriculum trainings. For the past three years, she has been on the district-level biology curriculum writing team. Ms. DuBois has been her school's Teacher Leader for nine years and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past three years

### **April Durand**

April Durand earned a Master 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 Eureka Rollout Team when the district adopted the new curriculum. She previously served on her district's adoption committee to select a new math curriculum. Mrs. Durand has served as Teacher Leader Advisor three years and a Teacher Leader for four years.

### **Kellie Dykes**

Kellie Dykes earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an add-on as a reading specialist at Grand Canyon University. She earned her bachelor's degree at the University of New Orleans. Ms. Dykes has been an elementary teacher since 2005 in Plaquemines Parish. She has taught second grade, kindergarten, and now preschool. She will begin her first year as a Teacher Leader in 2020.

### **Mabrouck Faradj**

Mabrouck Faradj earned a Doctor of Education degree from Northcentral University with a specialization in curriculum and teaching. He also attended Louisiana State University where he earned a Certificate of Mathematics Education Specialist, a Master of Science in mathematics, a Master of Public Administration, and a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. He earned certification from National Board Professional Teaching Standards in mathematics/adolescence-young adults and certification in gifted education/mathematics. He earned a Teaching Certificate from Sylvan University in mathematics, English language arts, and study skills. For the past 17 years, he has taught a variety of mathematics courses at the collegiate and high school levels including 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 also includes middle school and elementary mathematics. He is currently teaching mathematics at Belaire High School in Baton Rouge. He served in the Louisiana Department of Education Teacher Leader Advisor program for the past two years.

### **Carmen Faul**

Carmen Faul is a high school English teacher from Ville Platte High School in Evangeline Parish. Ms. Faul has served as a high school English teacher for the past two years. Prior to that, she taught in a third-grade self-contained classroom for five years and fifth grade for one year. She earned a master's degree in teaching from Louisiana College. For three years, Ms. Faul has helped teachers across her school and district in planning and preparing English language arts instruction and taught them how to incorporate technology into their classrooms. Last year, She attended the English Language Arts Content Leader training. She is honored to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state of Louisiana.

### **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-three 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 School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Misti Fontenot**

Misti Fontenot earned a certificate in elementary education from iteachLOUISIANA. Ms. Fontenot currently teaches middle school Special Education at Mamou High School. She has also held the position of middle school Special Education ELA curriculum coach in Evangeline Parish for three 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 three 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 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team for four years. Ms. Fontenot was her school's Teacher Leader for one year. She has served as a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past year and is still currently serving.

### **Jennifer Frederick**

Jennifer Frederick earned a Master of Education in educational administration from Lamar State University in Beaumont, Texas. She boasts a mix of teaching experiences throughout her 13 years from kindergarten, first, and second in Calcasieu Parish, to special education teacher and fifth grade mathematics teacher for 6 years in Beauregard Parish. Currently Mrs. Frederick serves as a fourth grade

English language arts teacher for South Beauregard Upper Elementary in Beauregard Parish. Mrs. Frederick has served on the Beauregard district math committee, presented professional developments for her school and district and is presently working toward her Mentor Certification. She was able to assist in many math initiatives including writing assessments and selecting curriculum for the district. Mrs. Frederick serves on her school Leadership Team, Positive Behavioral Interventions And Supports committee, and as sponsor for the Student Leadership Club. 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 second year serving as Teacher Leader Advisor for the state.

### **Tracy Gauff**

Tracy Gauff earned a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science plus 30 and an Educational Specialist degree from Southern University, Champlain College, Louisiana State University, and Liberty University, respectively. Mrs. Gauff has been a fifth grade ELA teacher for five years and a social studies teacher for two years in East Baton Rouge Parish. Mrs. Gauff is also a Teacher Leader, ELA Content, Mentor Teacher, and a STEM Teaching Fellow. She has experience redelivering ELA curriculum content at the district level and she has received notoriety for her collaborative discussion facilitating techniques.

### **Jasmine Golden**

Jasmine Golden earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Louisiana State University. Ms. Golden has been the fifth- and sixth-grade English language arts teacher at JS Clark Leadership Academy for the past 6 years. In addition to teaching, Ms. Golden has also held the position of site coordinator for the 21st Century After School Program with Outreach Community Development Corporation for 2 years. Ms. Golden currently serves as the English language arts and lower school lead teacher for JS Clark Leadership Academy and was recently certified as a Mentor Teacher for the state of Louisiana. She has worked on the committee for Curriculum and Assessment for Outreach Community Development Corporation since 2017. Ms. Golden has been her school's Teacher Leader for 3 years.

### **Barbara Gray**

Barbara Gray earned a Master in School Psychology and Counseling from Louisiana Tech, Plus 30 from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, has a school principal educational leader certification, and most recently completed the Career and Technical Education Leadership Academy. Ms. Gray has been a counselor in Ouachita Parish for 10 years. Prior to that, she taught business courses and was the Cooperative Office Education Coordinator at West Monroe High School for 15 years. Ms. Gray has worked as a member of the Ouachita Parish Career Options Team helping implement Teachers as Educational Advisors and Mentors, the Goals 2000 Curriculum Development Committee, and assisted in establishing the West Monroe High School Academy Programs by aligning the Business Department



curriculum and launching the Banking Academy. Ms. Gray is the 2020 Chair-Elect for the Ouachita Parish Scholar's Banquet Committee and is currently serving as a first year Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Meggan 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 seventh and eighth grade for the last 6 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 2 years, 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 seventh grade.

### **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 and assisted in the development of the seventh and eighth grade English language arts curriculum. 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. She has also presented many professional developments including Writing Across the Curriculum and redelivery of The Writing Revolution. Mrs. Guillory was a Teacher Leader for Monroe City Schools, and this will be her second 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 English III and English IV and has recently completed his sixth 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 four years. Mr. Guillory is an active member of his content-level Professional Learning Community and has attended and redelivered numerous trainings on English curriculum. This is Mr. Guillory's second consecutive year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Lauren Hatley**

Lauren Hatley has earned a Master of Education in special education and gifted education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Ms. Hatley also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education. She is a Level II Louisiana licensed educator and has an add-on certification in academically gifted. Ms. Hatley holds a teaching license for the state of Wyoming in early childhood education, birth through 8 years old. Ms. Hatley is currently a kindergarten educator at Ridge Elementary School in the Lafayette Parish School System. This will be her second year in this position within the parish. Prior to this, Ms. Hatley has taught kindergarten for five years in parochial, independent, and public school settings. She has also taught second grade for three years in the same capacity. Ms. Hatley is a current member of the National Educational Association. She is also grade level chair at her school, Ridge Elementary. This is Ms. Hatley's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Ashley Holliday**

Ashley Holliday is a certified secondary mathematics teacher and earned her Master of Educational Leadership degree from Louisiana Tech University. She is currently pursuing her +30 graduate hours through the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Presently, Miss Holliday is 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 and Mentor Teacher 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 four 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.

### **Kim Howell**

Kim "Lovie" Howell is the librarian at Benton Middle School, Benton, Louisiana. Having earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, she is certified in kindergarten and library science from LSU-S and LA Tech Universities. Being passionate about children and books and teaching preschool, kindergarten, third, and fourth grades for 16 years made moving into the library in 2011 a smooth transition and a dream come true. In her nine years as a librarian, the library program earned the Louisiana Library Association James O. Modisette Award for 2017 and Louisiana Association of School Libraries Librarian of the Year for 2019. Mrs. Howell serves as First Vice President of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, LLA Chair of the Modisette Committee, President of the Bossier Parish Association of School Librarians and a State Teacher Leader.

### **Rebecca Huff**

Rebecca Huff earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and a Master of Education in special education with a concentration in mild/moderate disabilities. This is Mrs. Huff's first year as a special education teacher at Delhi Charter School. Prior to that, she taught special education at Crowville School for three years. She has 10 years' experience as an educator in general education classrooms and special education classrooms combined. Mrs. Huff was selected as Franklin Parish's Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2014. She recently completed the Alternate Pathway for Educational Leadership. This is Mrs. Huff's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Samantha Hughes**

Samantha Hughes currently attends the University of Louisiana at Monroe for a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with a focus in elementary education. Upon completion, Mrs. Hughes will also have obtained an additional Teacher Leader Endorsement. She is a member of the University of Louisiana at Monroe chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education. Mrs. Hughes holds a Bachelor of Arts in special education from Southeastern Louisiana University. Her current certifications include special education grades 1-12, elementary education grades 1-5, early childhood education grades pre-K-3, and art education K-12th grade. Mrs. Hughes has taught special education and general education, from elementary to high school, for nine years. This will be her fourth year in fifth grade English language arts at Chesbrough Elementary School in Tangipahoa Parish. Within her school, Mrs. Hughes serves as an English language arts lead teacher assisting fellow teachers with instruction and materials. She is also a member of the school-level Leadership Committee and Parent Involvement Committee. Since 2018, she has served as a Teacher Leader for Tangipahoa Parish, serving as a liaison between the school and the school system. Recently, at the district level, she also began serving as an Intervention Content Leader in English language arts. She is also a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Mrs. Hughes is very excited to begin this adventure with the state Teacher Leader Advisors.

### **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 two years. 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 Region VIII Representative for 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 four years.

### **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, 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 second year serving as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Kate Jensen\***

Kate Jensen earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the American College of Education. Ms. Jensen has been teaching and working in Louisiana schools for sixteen years and also has educational publishing experience. 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. Kate is committed to helping children succeed as mathematicians, lifelong learners, and productive citizens. At Jefferson RISE Charter School Kate is serving as a Master Mentor Teacher–In Training and teaching high school math courses.

### **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 over 30 years of experience. Sam thrives on working with fellow educators to build equitable capacity for successful teaching and learning. She has collaborated on several teams as a Teacher Leader Advisor. Wife, Mom and Mémère, Sam loves a challenge and enjoys a good sense of humor.

### **Sara Johnston**

Mrs. Sara Johnston earned a Bachelor of Science 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 in secondary education. She is in her third year teaching middle school science for grades sixth–eighth 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 second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor for sixth–eighth grade science.

### **Aaron Jura**

Aaron Jura has earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Charlotte School of Law. Mr. Jura also holds a Master of Humanities in American history degree from Adams State University and a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Ashford University. Mr. Jura has been a high school teacher in both Jefferson and Orleans parishes since 2014. Currently, Mr. Jura is the operations manager for Educators for Quality Alternatives in Orleans Parish where he works between 4 campuses. Mr. Jura holds a teaching credential in special education, 6–12 ELA, and 6–12 social studies. He has also had the honor of representing Louisiana at many teacher seminars nationally including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and the Medal of Honor Society. This is Mr. Jura’s first year of service as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jennifer Kelly**

Jennifer Lee Kelly earned her first Master of Education at the University of Louisiana at Monroe in counseling in 2003 and a second Master of Education at Teachers College, Columbia University in public school building leadership in 2014. Ms. Kelly has worked in traditional public schools as well as being a founding teacher of a charter school. She currently serves on a charter school board and has worked as an interventionist in Monroe City Schools for the past year. In the past, Ms. Kelly was an instructional facilitator at a middle school for 5 years and an interventionist in two different districts for a total of 14 years, helped develop the Migrant Education Program and service migrant students for 5 years, and for 3 years worked to develop and teach adult students at the community college level in the Associate of Science in teaching degree. Last year she completed Teacher Mentor Certification so she could continue to mentor teachers. She became a Fulbright Fellow for the second time in 2019 with a project she proposed to Argentina, but due to COVID, this Fellowship has been moved to the summer of 2021. In 2018 she was a keynote speaker to teachers of English in Bandar Lampung, Indonesia, where she was able to mentor teachers and students in a local government school. Ms. Kelly has been a member of several state committees and professional organizations over her 25-year teaching career. She is a life-long learner always looking for opportunities to learn something new about her chosen profession.

### **Felisha King**

Felisha King earned a Master of Science in education from Walden University as well as a Master of Arts in reading with an emphasis in elementary education from Grand Canyon University. Ms. King has been an elementary teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish for fourteen years. She has taught third, fourth, and fifth grades. She has also participated in the Math Science Partnership Project where she participated in math and science training to further her understanding of best practices in teaching math and science.

### **Loren Klein**

Loren C. Klein earned a master’s degree in gifted education from Arkansas State University. He has been the eighth-grade academically gifted science teacher at Paul Breaux Middle School in Lafayette Parish

for the past two years. Before that, he 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. For five years, Mr. Klein helped write district assessments and presented professional development for middle school science and social studies, and in the previous three years he served as a member of the Louisiana Student Standards for Science middle school workgroup and middle school science item bias review and ranging committees for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program. Last school year he was certified as a Mentor Teacher and completed his first mentoring assignment of a student teacher. He has been a middle school and a state Teacher Leader Advisor for the past five years.

### **Mayria Ledet**

Ms. Ledet received a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University of Shreveport. Ms. Ledet has five years of experience in St. Landry Parish. She has spent all five years learning, growing, and teaching fourth-grade mathematics. Ms. Ledet was chosen to be a Teacher Leader in her first year of teaching (2015), attending meetings and professional developments that would provide tools to continue to enhance student learning and growth; she continues to serve her school in this role. Ms. Ledet also serves as a Mathematics Content Leader in St. Landry Parish and leads content specific professional developments for her school. She is member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and has attended conferences for the past two years. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Shantell Lee**

Shantell Lee has a Master of Arts in English from the University of New Orleans and a Master of Arts in teaching from Loyola University. Over the past three years, she has taught English II through English IV in a couple of schools in the New Orleans area. Prior to working in education, Ms. Lee worked for a number of national and local nonprofits based in New Orleans whose work centered around education equity. Currently, Ms. Lee is the English department lead as well as the English III and English language and composition teacher at New Orleans Science and Math Charter School. She is also a mentor teacher through her school's partnership with Loyola University as well as a teacher leader for the NOLA Public Schools' Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee for the second consecutive year. In addition to her various roles, she is in the process of completing her Instructional Coaching Certification at Louisiana State University.

### **Michelle Lewis**

Michelle Lewis earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Southeastern University and has completed one year of doctoral studies in educational leadership. Mrs. Lewis has been an elementary teacher for thirteen years and currently serves as the fifth-grade math and science teacher at the Math, Science, and Arts Academy East in Iberville Parish. Previously, she has taught grades first through fifth and served as a national conference center preschool director. She has presented at

international educator conferences on the value of rigor, relevance, and the rate of return on best practices. Also, she was chosen to represent Louisiana at the 2020 NASA Space Grant Ambassador Liftoff program. Mrs. Lewis has previously served in Ascension Parish on their science textbook adoption committee and their curriculum writing team for social studies. She is excited and honored to serve educators and students across Louisiana as a 2020 Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Emily Lincecum**

Emily Lincecum is a certified secondary English and language arts teacher and earned her master's degree in English from Louisiana Tech University as well as a graduate certification in technical writing. Last year Ms. Lincecum completed ELA Content Leader training through Louisiana Tech University and is currently completing her requirements for endorsement with the Louisiana Department of Education. Ms. Lincecum has been teaching ELA in grades 6–9 for the past eleven years and currently serves as an eighth grade ELA teacher at Calhoun Middle School. At her school Ms. Lincecum is a pivotal member, serving for the past several years as ELA department chair and a member of the school leadership team which focuses on ways to improve both student and school performance scores. In addition to her school leadership, Ms. Lincecum serves her fellow parish ELA teachers as a district literacy leader with the Literacy Design Collaborative team by designing, planning, and redelivering various types of content training. In May Ms. Lincecum was awarded a Teachers and Technology grant from the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation for her Digital Classroom Initiative project which focuses on the importance of teaching digital literacy through ELA content for student success. Ms. Lincecum was awarded Ouachita Parish Middle School Teacher of the year for 2016–2017. This will be Ms. Lincecum's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **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 for five years as a biology teacher and science fair coordinator. Before coming to New Orleans, Dr. Loftus taught eighth and tenth grade biology for two years in southern Mozambique as a Peace Corps volunteer. 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 sixth and seventh graders in Miami. Last year, he worked on the Audubon Nature Institute's Teacher Advisory Council. This will be his second year serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jennifer Luquette**

Jennifer Luquette earned a Master of Education in counseling from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Luquette has been a school counselor at Lafayette High School in Lafayette Parish for the past 12 years.



Ms. Luquette is a member of the American Counselors' Association as well as a National Board Certified Counselor. For six years, Ms. Luquette has worked to develop the Jumpstart Diploma at not only Lafayette High School but at the district level. She currently works with all students at Lafayette High who have chosen Jumpstart Tops Tech as their path to graduation. She has been a counselor mentor for the past two years, working with counseling teams at other schools in Lafayette Parish.

### **Nicole Lynch**

Nicole Lynch earned a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana Tech University in 2009. Mrs. Lynch is about to begin her eleventh year as a sixth grade science teacher at West Feliciana Middle School. She has also previously taught math for two years at West Feliciana Middle School. Mrs. Lynch has served on her school leadership team for several years. In the 2019–2020 school year, she was an assistant Assessment Facilitator. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Amy Martin**

Ms. Martin holds a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership. She has 9 years of experience teaching in elementary school, where she currently teaches fourth grade math at J. S. Clark Magnet School in Monroe City. Ms. Martin has served on the Math Content Task committee within Monroe City School district as well as served as a Teacher Leader within the district. This is Ms. Martin's second year to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor for Louisiana.

### **Kylie Martin**

Kylie Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education in 2006 from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Martin has been the seventh-grade science teacher at Bayou Blue Middle School in Lafourche Parish for 10 years. Prior to that, she taught fifth-grade math, science, and social studies at Bayou Blue Elementary School. For the past five years, she has served as a Teacher Leader for the district, where she creates district assessments and curriculum guidance for seventh-grade science, pilots new science curriculum, and helps lead professional development meetings for the district of Lafourche. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association. In 2018 and 2019, she was a member of the science item and data review committees for the Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program.

### **Jaimie McQuarn**

Jaimie McQuarn earned a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Mrs. McQuarn currently teaches at Lowery Middle School in Donaldsonville and serves as a Content Leader. Prior to that, she taught chemistry, AP Chemistry, physical science, environmental science, biology, sixth grade science, eighth grade science, and sixth grade ELA. 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 three years, she

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, chemistry, sixth grade science and eighth grade science. This is her second year as Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Jaimee Mercer**

Jaimee Mercer earned a Master of Education with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana Tech University. Ms. Mercer taught first grade for seven years and has taught third grade for the past four years. She was named Teacher of the Year for her school in 2011 as well as 2019. Mrs. Mercer has served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for ELA and has contributed in creating different supports for teachers. She has also worked on leadership committees for her district in many facets such as essential standards, social studies, mentor sentences and more.

### **Gretchen Michel**

Mrs. Michel holds both a Master of Education and Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She has twenty-one years experience in education. She is currently teaching sixth-grade English language arts and social studies at Joseph B. Lancaster Elementary School in Madisonville, Louisiana. Prior to that, she was a Teacher Advancement Program Master Teacher/Curriculum and Instruction Support Teacher at Greenville Park Leadership Academy (previously Hammond Junior High School) in Tangipahoa Parish where she led professional development for teachers at both the school site as well as at the district level. In 2012, she co-presented a school-wide writing strategy during the “Middle School Strategy Showcase” at the 12th Annual National TAP Conference in Los Angeles, California. As part of her leadership journey, she successfully passed the Praxis School Leadership Licensure Assessment in the fall of 2016 and holds a letter of eligibility for the EDL1 Certificate. Before becoming a Curriculum Coach and providing support for first year teachers and new hires to the Tangipahoa Parish School System, she was an English language arts teacher for seventh and eighth grades at Hammond Junior High School in Hammond, LA.

### **Belinda Mire**

Belinda Mire earned a Master of Education in administration from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. She earned her bachelor's degree from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Mire has been a middle school science teacher for nineteen years. Nine of those years have been spent in Lafourche Parish. Ten years of her teaching career were spent in Houston, Texas, as a middle school science teacher in the Sheldon ISD. Mrs. Mire has assisted the district in unit assessment writing for the past three years. She also served on various curriculum and leadership committees both in Louisiana and in Texas during her nineteen years of service. Mrs. Mire has worked with many education majors from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Mire also dedicates her time to the students of the community by acting as the Sixth Ward Middle School Robotics Club Coach.

### **Ashleigh Monceaux**

Ashleigh Monceaux earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and an Alternative Certification in education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Ms. Monceaux is currently pursuing a Master of Educational Leadership degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and plans to graduate in the Spring of 2021. Ms. Monceaux has been a seventh grade English language arts teacher in Acadia Parish for nine years. Ms. Monceaux has been a Certified Mentor Teacher for two years and serves as a Regional Talent Coach for the state of Louisiana. She received her certification for her Teacher Leader certification this year. Ms. Monceaux is also currently serving as a Teacher Leader Advisor with the state of Louisiana.

### **Whitney Myers**

Whitney Myers earned a Master of Education with an academically gifted certification from Northwestern State University. Ms. Myers currently works with middle and high school academically gifted students in Vermilion Parish. Prior to that, she taught middle school English language arts for six years, upper elementary for eight years, and middle school science and reading for eight years. Ms. Myers is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and the Association for the Gifted. Over the course of the last eight years, Ms. Myers has served as a Teacher Leader at both the elementary and middle school levels and as a Content Leader for middle school English language arts. She is a member of the Teacher Education Advisory Council at Northwestern State University and holds National Board Certification as Middle Childhood Generalist.

### **Lisa Nance**

Mrs. Nance holds a Bachelor of Science in medical technology 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, an alternative teacher certification from Nicholls State University, and a Master of Education in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University. Mr. Naquin serves as High School Instruction and Technology Coach in English language arts 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 is 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 three years and has crafted diverse learner supports and conducted instructional materials reviews.

### **Priya Norris**

Priya Norris earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Northwestern State University and a Master of Arts in teaching from Louisiana College. Mrs. Norris considers Pineville Junior High School in Rapides Parish her home away from home as she has taught there since she began her career in education in 2008. Certified in secondary English language arts and middle school science, she has taught multiple subjects while at Pineville Junior High School, including seventh and eighth grade English language arts, seventh and eighth grade science, Journey to Careers, and keyboarding. During the 2019–2020 school year, Mrs. Norris also taught an exploratory robotics course and sponsored Pineville Junior High's first competitive robotics team, which qualified to attend the VEX Robotics State Competition in Lake Charles, Louisiana under her guidance. Currently, Mrs. Norris is spending her thirteenth year at Pineville Junior High School teaching eighth-grade science and coaching the robotics team for a second year. As a member of Louisiana Computer Using Educators, Priya Norris attended the group's 2019 annual conference and as a member of the Louisiana Science Teacher's Association, she has represented her school at the association's annual conferences for the past three years. Mrs. Norris has participated in Next Generation Science Standards training and redelivered to other teachers in her district, including professional development funded by the Math and Science Partnership. Mrs. Norris recently collaborated with fellow teachers in the curation of content aligned with the New Generation Science Standards and the development of assessments to provide curriculum resources for eighth-grade science teachers throughout the district to use during the 2019–2020 school year. This is Priya Norris's first year to serve as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Elena Nuzzi**

Elena Nuzzi earned a Master of Science in childhood education and special education from Long Island University, C. W. Post, in New York. Ms. Nuzzi is entering her fourteenth year as a lead teacher. She has been teaching for the past 2 years at Foundation Preparatory Charter School, starting in a fifth grade self-contained classroom, and moving up with her students to sixth grade, teaching English language arts and social studies for the 2020–2021 school year. Prior to that she taught special education for grades 5–8 at Harriet Tubman Charter School for 6 years and later

served as the Dean of Intervention and 504/Response to Intervention (RTI) Coordinator. She began her teaching career in New York City where she taught special education in a multi-age setting ranging from grades 3–5 for 6 years. At The Child School in New York, she was chosen to serve on the International Baccalaureate curriculum planning committee which included planning and delivering professional development sessions and conducting research. She has facilitated professional development sessions for implementing data-driven instruction in reading intervention and special education. Ms. Nuzzi has been differentiating a variety of tier-one academic and social-emotional learning curriculum for EL students and students with disabilities throughout her teaching career. She currently serves on the Teacher Leadership Team and as a New Teacher Mentor at Foundation Preparatory Charter School. She is excited to partake in her first year as a Teacher Leader for the state of Louisiana and her district.

### **Brenda Owens**

Brenda Owens is a 24-year veteran certified educator, currently serving the educational needs of students with significant cognitive disabilities in the Tensas Parish School System. Mrs. Owens is entering her eighth year with Tensas Parish Schools as an educator; prior to this she worked for 16 years with the Dallas Independent School District System. She currently resides in Tensas Parish, where she attended school and graduated from high school. Mrs. Owens is a graduate of Grambling State University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in social work; her alternative teaching certification was earned in conjunction with Texas Women’s University and the Dallas Independent School System. Owens is dedicated to serving students in the area of special education. She is currently selected as a semifinalist as Teacher of the Year for Louisiana 2021. She also received her Mentor Teacher ancillary certification in 2019. She believes in and lives by the motto that all students can learn regardless of labels placed upon them and works hard to help all students realize their potential as citizens and productive members of society.

### **Shelli Pace**

Shelli Pace earned a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Southern University and A&M College and a Master of Science in educational leadership from Arkansas State University. In August 2020, Ms. Pace began teaching seventh grade integrated science at Elm Grove Middle School in Bossier Parish. Prior to working in Bossier Parish, Ms. Pace taught high school science during the two years she lived in Texas. Before that, Ms. Pace taught both middle and high school science in Caddo Parish for 10 years. Ms. Pace holds science teaching certificates in both Louisiana and Texas. During her time as an educator (2008–2020), Ms. Pace has taught a range of sciences varying from seventh grade life science to high school physical science, biology, physics, chemistry, and Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment.

### **Sarah Parkerson**

Sarah Parkerson earned her Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Louisiana State University in 2005. Ms. Parkerson has been a seventh grade science teacher at West Feliciana Middle School for 9 years where she has served on her school leadership team. 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 fifth and sixth grade science in Richardson Independent School District in Texas. She served as a Science Cadre Leader and Teacher Advancement Program Mentor Teacher.

### **Amanda Perry**

Amanda B. Perry holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University and a Master of Arts degree from Centenary College of Louisiana. Mrs. Perry has been the K-5 Math Specialist in Caddo Parish for one year. Prior to that, she served as a Coaching Specialist for New Teachers for 5 years after spending 10 years in the classroom. She also served as an adjunct instructor of Elementary Math Methods at Centenary College and currently serves as the Elementary Math Methods instructor for the Caddo Teaching Academy. Mrs. Perry is a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and formerly held a spot on the Executive Council for 6 years. She has presented at numerous local, state and regional conferences, including the first Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit in Lafayette. Mrs. Perry also worked with the Educator Leader Cadre in Mathematics to assist in materials creation for the initial Teacher Leader Support ToolBox.

### **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 six 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 developed upper elementary EAGLE items for science as a Teacher Leader Advisor in 2018–2020.

### **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 then owned and operated her own business for 10 years and worked at an ophthalmologist's office for four years. She was recruited by another teacher 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 sixth, seventh, and eighth. She is now teaching her second year at Mamou High School, seventh grade ELA and social studies, plus 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 her previous schools. She has also worked as a teacher leader on a curriculum modification team for both seventh and sixth grades.

### **Kyana Rhinehart**

Kyana Rhinehart earned a Master of Education in educational leadership and a Master 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 14 years. She has taught grades 1–4 throughout her years of teaching. She also served as an instructor for the Homeless Education Enhancement Program (HEEP) in Caddo Parish during the summer, helping transition students who are going to grade 6. This is Ms. Rhinehart's second year to serve as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Meredith Rhoads**

Meredith Rhoads earned a Master of Education Leadership from the Concordia University. Mrs. Rhoads has been the elementary curriculum coordinator at Our Lady of Prompt Succor for 2 years. Prior to that, she was the math curriculum specialist for Rapides Parish for 5 years. Ms. Rhodes is currently a member of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and has presented at the yearly conference. For 2 years, she has been a member of the math curriculum review committee for the Louisiana Department of Education.

### **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 seven 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. Last year Mrs. Richardson served as a Teacher Leader Advisor for 6–12 ELA and is returning for 2020–2021 school year.

### **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 a master's degree in educational leadership. Mrs. Robert has been an elementary English language arts teacher at R. J. Vial Elementary in St. Charles for the past five 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. This will be Mrs. Robert's second year as a Teacher Leader. Currently, she is a member of the Louisiana Reading Association. Over the past four 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 five years to deepen her knowledge of curriculum resources and how to support student learners.

### **Ashley Roy**

Ashley Roy earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She completed an alternative certification program at iteachLOUISIANA and earned her teacher's certification in secondary English language arts. Mrs. Roy works at Judice Middle School in the Lafayette Parish School System as a general education English language arts teacher. In the past, she has taught high school, middle school, and adult education, which has provided her with 5 years of teaching experience. This year she will be teaching seventh and eighth grade. On her campus, she is the English Language Arts Content Leader. She also serves as a Teacher Support Initiative participant in which she mentors new teachers. This is Mrs. Roy's first year as one of her school's Teacher Leaders and her first year as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Stephanie Schornick**

Stephanie Schornick earned a Master in the Art of Teaching for middle school grades 4–8 and special education from Northwestern State University Louisiana. Mrs. Schornick has been a special education teacher in Calcasieu Parish for the past nine years. She teaches a combination of self-

contained and resource students who have been identified as being on the autism spectrum. She serves on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team at Moss Bluff Middle school as a special education leadership team member. Mrs. Schornick is also serving on a curriculum design team for Calcasieu Parish, helping to modify and accommodate distance learning materials for students with disabilities. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children. This will be Mrs. Schornick's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Alyce Sehon**

Alyce Ann Sehon earned a Master of Education degree plus 30 graduate hours from Northwestern State University in administration and special education. She is currently a teacher in the Special School District at Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center. She has been teaching students with significant disabilities in her present position for the past seven years. Currently, she is also a Special Instructor for Early Steps. Alyce Ann Sehon has been in the field of special education for the past 27 years. She has served as a special education teacher, educational strategist for the early childhood special education program and the autism program. Alyce Ann Sehon also served as a supervisor of special education and an interim principal for a Special School. She has been a teacher leader at Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center.

### **Terri Simpson**

Dr. Terri L. Simpson holds a Master of Education plus 30 in educational leadership from McNeese State University, an Educational Specialist degree in technology integration from Northwestern State University, and a Doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has been a middle school teacher in Calcasieu Parish for the past 21 years and is currently a member of the National Science Teaching Association, the Louisiana Computer Using Educators, and an ISTE Certified Educator. In 2010, Dr. Simpson was selected by the National School Board Association as a "20 to Watch" educator. She has presented at many local, state, national and international conferences. Last year, she served as a mentor for science teachers in Calcasieu Parish in the Open Sci Ed initiative after she attended state science standards district level redelivery trainings. This past April, Dr. Simpson accepted a position at McNeese State University as an assistant professor and the Director of the Ann Rosteet Hurley Center for the Advancement of Quality Education, where her primary responsibilities will be professional development for teachers and teacher candidates in a five-parish area.

### **Carla Simpson-Mitchell**

Carla Simpson-Mitchell earned a Master of Arts in education from Northwestern Louisiana State University of Natchitoches. Since 2019, Mrs. Simpson-Mitchell has taught seventh grade English language arts at Greenacres Middle School in Bossier Parish. Prior to that, she taught honors and advanced English language arts and Louisiana history in Desoto Parish for four years and English language arts and civics for one year in Bienville Parish. In 2017–2018, Mrs. Simpson-Mitchell earned Teacher of the Year at Mansfield Middle School in Desoto Parish. She has completed the English

language arts Content Leader and Mentor training programs in Bossier Parish in 2019–2020. In addition, she serves on the Super Essential Standards committee and Pre Advanced Placement English language arts Criteria selection committee in Bossier Parish.

### **April Smith**

April Smith earned a bachelor’s degree 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 seven years. She has been a kindergarten teacher for three years and also taught first grade for three years. At Champ Cooper she has served on the School Building Level Committee and as Webpage Chairperson. She also serves on her school’s leadership team as a Teacher Leader. Mrs. Smith began her teaching career in 2010 in 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 four years. She has helped create resources and align curriculum to support English language arts and math teachers at the district level. This is Mrs. Smith’s second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Stephanie Smith**

Stephanie Blanson-Smith earned a Master of Education plus 30 from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She has been teaching for twenty years. Ms. Smith currently teaches fourth-grade ELA at Gilbert School in Franklin Parish. Ms. Smith serves as a Teacher Leader, mentor teacher, ELA content leader, and a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) team member. In addition, she is a member of Gilbert School’s Leadership Team. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor for the state and is looking forward to many more.

### **Lacie Soileau**

Lacie Soileau earned a bachelor’s degree in communication from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She then went on to earn her teaching certificate through Louisiana College in Pineville along with her master’s degree in teaching. Mrs. Lacie has been teaching for six years and has taught both elementary and middle school students in all subjects, as well as being highly qualified in ELA. She currently serves as the lead teacher for science and social studies, as well as beginning her training as a mentor teacher to aid new teachers in their journey to success. Mrs. Lacie is also the fundraising coordinator for her school’s Positive Behavioral Interventions And Supports program and was chosen as the 2022 Evangeline Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year. This is Mrs. Lacie’s first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor and she is looking forward to many more!

## **Zealon Solomon**

Zealon Solomon earned a Juris Doctor with a graduate diploma in comparative law from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, as well as a Master of Education in educational leadership from Louisiana College. Mr. Solomon is currently in his first year as the high school assistant principal for Plaquemine High School in Plaquemine, LA, in the Iberville Parish School District. Prior to that, he served as a math instructional coach for one year and middle school math teacher for six years in Allen Parish. During his time in Allen Parish, Mr. Solomon helped to author and analyze district math assessments for grades five–eight. Mr. Solomon has also served as a Math Teacher Leader and Content Leader.

## **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 eight years. She is currently an instruction and technology coach for grades 3–5 at Luling Elementary School. In addition to coaching other teachers, Mrs. St. Germain serves as a School Support Institute representative, a Mentor Teacher and Co-Chair for the Digital Literacy Sub-Committee. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

## **Dorian Stewart**

Dorian J. Stewart earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Southern University and A&M College. Later she added a middle school English language arts, grades fourth–eighth, certification to her existing elementary grades first–fifth teaching certificate. Mrs. Stewart has been an elementary teacher with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the past seven years. Prior to that, she taught for two years with Cumberland County Schools located in Fayetteville, North Carolina. For the past year, she served as the Exceptional Student Services resource teacher for grades fourth through sixth at Northeast Elementary. Before that, she taught in a sixth grade English language arts classroom for two years and in a fifth grade classroom for six years. She was selected as her school’s Teacher of the Year in 2015. Mrs. Stewart has been a Master Teacher with her district for six years. She has presented multiple times at professional development workshops within her district and around the state. Mrs. Stewart was selected as a Content Leader for English language arts in 2019 and as a Mentor Teacher in 2020. This is Mrs. Stewart’s first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

## **Simone Stutes**

Simone Stutes is working towards a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She holds a Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Louisiana at

Lafayette where she received her alternate certificate to teach. Ms. Stutes is certified to teach fourth through eighth grade math and fourth through 12th grade science in Louisiana and Texas. She is entering her eleventh year of teaching. Ms. Stutes has been a middle school math teacher in Acadia Parish for the past eight years. Prior to that, she taught sixth through eighth grade math and Algebra I for two years in Texas. Ms. Stutes is currently a member of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana. She is the sponsor of Student Council at Armstrong Middle School as well as a math content leader.

### **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 the past five 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 six years.

### **Molly Talbot**

Molly Talbot earned an Education Specialist degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She is currently entering her second year as the assistant principal at Rosenwald Elementary School in Pointe Coupee Parish. Mrs. Talbot has been an advisor in her district for science professional development in previous years as it relates to the new Louisiana Student Standards for Science, as well as implementation of high quality pilot programs and Tier I Curriculum. Previously, she served as an instructional specialist for Pointe Coupee Parish and taught third- through fifth-grade gifted in the Zachary Community School District, where she was honored as Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2015. Mrs. Talbot has published two books of standards-based lessons through Prufrock Press and the College of William and Mary's Center for Gifted Education. She has capitalized on these experiences to help her in her role as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Macy Terrebonne**

Macy Terrebonne has earned a master's degree in educational leadership and a Bachelor of Science in mathematics with a concentration in secondary education, both from Louisiana State University. Ms. Terrebonne currently teaches regular education and honors 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 six 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 the Geometry Data Team leader. She currently serves as the Destrehan

High School math department chair. This past year she completed the LDOE Mentor Teacher program, and she will be participating in the Content Leader program this year. In addition, she is the faculty sponsor for the Mu Alpha Theta Mathletes and the District Literary Rally at her school. This is her second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Misty Thibodeaux**

Misty Thibodeaux earned a Bachelor of Science degree in vocational agriculture education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is also certified in business education, general science and biology. Ms. Thibodeaux was on the writing team for a national agriculture curriculum and traveled to several universities across the United States to teach the curriculum to other agriculture teachers. Ms. Thibodeaux has been the agriculture teacher at Welsh High School for seven years. She is a member of the Louisiana Agriculture Teachers Association. This will be Ms. Thibodeaux's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Heather Vachetta**

Heather Vachetta earned a Bachelor of Science in early childhood education from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Vachetta has been a teacher in the Plaquemines Parish School System for six years. Currently, Ms. Vachetta is a third- and fourth-grade special education teacher at South Plaquemines Elementary School. She works both in inclusion as well as self-contained settings. This is her second year as a full time special education teacher. She has taught special education students ranging from grades pre-kindergarten to fourth. Prior to that, Ms. Vachetta worked as a Head Start Pre-K 3 co-teacher for Belle Chasse Primary School. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **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. Mrs. Vaughn-Flam also holds her Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Advanced Practitioner Certificate and English Language Teaching (ELT) Leadership Management Certificate. Mrs. Vaughn-Flam has served 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. Mrs. Vaughn-Flam has worked as a Teacher Leader Advisor writing instructional scaffolds for English Learners.

### **Lauren Waguespack**

Lauren Waguespack holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education with concentrations in ELA, science, and social studies from Southeastern Louisiana University and is currently pursuing a

master's degree in educational leadership, which will be completed in the spring of 2021. She has been a sixth grade science teacher at Harry Hurst Middle School in St. Charles Parish for the past nine 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 three 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 second year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Christen Waldrop**

Christen Waldrop has an MAT degree from Louisiana College and a BS degree from LSU in Shreveport. Ms. Waldrop has been an instructional coach at Lake Charles College Prep since 2019. Prior to that, she taught high school math for six years. Ms. Waldrop has participated in district-wide curriculum development teams and written district assessments for Algebra I. Last year, she served as a member of the Louisiana Believe and Prepare Math Collaborative to design a model syllabus for a math methods course that will be taught in many Louisiana universities. Ms. Waldrop has also completed the Louisiana Math Content Leader training and is working towards certification in that area.

### **Cynthia Walker**

Dr. Cynthia M. Walker graduated from Xavier Preparatory High School and then received her post-secondary education at Dillard University, earning a Bachelor of Education degree in regular and special education K–12. After graduating from college, Dr. Walker began her professional career as a special education teacher and educator in the Orleans Parish School System. Dr. Walker's desire for more knowledge led her to pursue a Master of Education degree in special education and she acquired a certification as an educational diagnostician. Upon obtaining her master's degree in special education, she entered the doctoral program at the University of Holy Cross College which she successfully completed. She obtained her Doctorate in Education with research entitled *An Action Research into How Teachers Implement and Understand Inclusive Pedagogy*, copyrighted and published May, 2020. Dr. Cynthia Walker is a member of The Louisiana Educational Diagnostician Association.

### **Tywanna Watley-Dushime**

Tywanna Dushime earned a Master of Education from the University of New Orleans. She has taught in the special education setting for fifteen years. She has taught in both the Orleans Parish School System and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. She taught deaf and hard of hearing first and second grade students. Mrs. Dushime was employed as a resource/inclusion teacher for five years and a self-contained Exceptional Student Service teacher for ten years. Currently she provides quality education, life skills training, and community resource and engagement for students with



mild to moderate disabilities in grades seven and eight as a Community-Based Teacher at Northeast High School. This is her first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **DeEtte Wick**

DeEtte Wick earned a Master of Education degree with a reading specialist certification from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. Mrs. Wick has been a sixth–eighth grade middle school English teacher at A. E. Phillips Laboratory School for ten years. Before teaching in Louisiana she taught fourth and fifth grade in Roseville, Minnesota for four years. During her time in Minnesota she worked for the district to embed standards-based assessments into classroom curriculum. She also provided professional development for fifth grade teachers on standards alignment in classroom assessments for fifth grade math and social studies. During her time at A E. Phillips, Mrs. Wick has represented her school as a Teacher Leader for five years. As a Teacher Leader she has redelivered material to teachers at her school as well as provided professional development for other parish schools. In the spring of 2020, she completed the certification process to become a Content Leader for middle school English and language arts. As a Content Leader she has led professional development days on how to use the Louisiana Guidebooks effectively. As a member of the Louisiana Reading Association she recognized the need for more professional development for middle school teachers. In 2015 she became a presenter and delivered a session on engaging middle school students using the Louisiana Guidebooks. She was a member of the English item review committee for state testing analyzing state testing questions and data for standards alignment.

### **Katie Wilcox**

Katie Wilcox earned a Master of Arts in teaching degree from Nicholls State University. Mrs. Wilcox has been a sixth grade science teacher in Lafourche Parish for seven years. Prior to teaching, Mrs. Wilcox served as a Lafourche Parish Extension Agent focusing on youth development. For the past two years, Mrs. Wilcox has helped write the sixth grade science district assessments. She also has been a field test teacher for the OpenSciEd program for the past two years. This is Mrs. Wilcox's first year as a Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **Crystal Wood**

Crystal Wood earned a bachelor's degree of interdisciplinary education K–8 from Western Governors University in Utah. Ms. Wood has taught fourth grade English language arts, math, social studies and science in Bossier Parish Schools for the last four years. Prior to teaching fourth grade Ms. Wood worked as a Tier III Response to Intervention Advocate in Bossier Parish Schools. Ms. Wood has been a member of her school's RTI Team for the last four years. She is also an alumni of Louisiana Destination Imagination Program and is currently the school sponsor.

### **Jada Woods**

Jada Woods holds 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 master's degree in 2018. Ms. Woods is currently a member of Red River United, Kappa Delta Pi, and Phi Delta Kappa. She also served 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. This is Ms. Woods's second year to serve as her district's Teacher Leader and as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.

### **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 two years. Prior to that, she was an education consultant with the Louisiana Department of Education. She served as a high school 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 an adjunct faculty member for Louisiana Tech University where she teaches a science methods course for elementary teachers. Mrs. Wooley served on the Biology Standard Setting Policy Group. At the Lincoln Parish STEM Center, Mrs. Wooley plans and facilitates hands on/minds on integrated STEM experiences for students in grades Pre-K–12th grades. This is Mrs. Wooley's third year to serve as her district's Teacher Leader and as a state Teacher Leader Advisor.