

LAWYERS / JUDGES IN THE CLASSROOM

Recapping Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom Programs

he Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE), as part of its "Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom" programs, endeavors to provide year-round classroom visits from lawyers and judges to Louisiana schools. A special emphasis is made to have visits coincide with Constitution Day in September and Law Day in May. For Constitution Day 2021, the LCLCE organized a record number of Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom presentations. Following Constitution Day, the LCLCE continued to organize presentations statewide.

The Louisiana Supreme Court's Judges in the Classroom/Students in the Courtroom initiative encourages lawyers and judges to not only volunteer to be paired with a school for an in-class presentation by the LCLCE, but to set up their own visits to schools in their community. It also encourages members of the judiciary to invite students to visit their courtrooms. There has been an excellent response from the Louisiana legal community benefitting hundreds of students statewide.

Since Constitution Day 2021, in-class presentations organized by the LCLCE impacted more than 2,800 students, teachers and school administrators. The volunteers that made these programs possible include Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John L. Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice William J. Crain, Judge Marla M. Abels, Judge W. Gregory Beard, Judge Guy E. Bradberry, Judge Michelle M. Breaux, Judge Laurie R. Brister, Judge Amanda C. Calogero, Judge Clayton A. Davis, Judge William S. Dykes, Judge Stephen D. Enright Jr.,



Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice William J. Crain made a virtual visit to teach Gregory Greely's social studies students at Lucille Nesom Memorial School in Tickfaw. The presentation was viewed by three other classes simultaneously.

Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett, Judge J. Keith Gates, Judge Rhonda J. Goode-Douglas, Judge John Michael Guidry, Judge Kendrick J. Guidry, Judge Bryan D. Haggerty, Judge Theodore M. Haik III, Judge Bruce E. Hampton, Judge Patricia E. Koch, Judge C. Wendell Manning, Judge Johnell M. Matthews, Judge Walter E. May, Jr., Judge Jennifer M. Medley, Judge Shayna Beevers Morvant, Judge Robin D. Pittman, Judge C. Sherburne (Sherb) Sentell III, Judge Karelia R. Stewart, Judge Alvin Turner, Jr., Judge Warren D. Willett and Judge H. Stephens Winters.

Schools participating in these programs included Barbe High School, Boyet Junior High School, Briarfield School, Buckeye High Academy, Buckeye Junior High School, Carroll High School, Cedar Creek School, Cedarcrest Southmoor Elementary School, Columbia Elementary, Crawford Elementary School, Cypress Springs Elementary School, Dutchtown High School, E.D. White Catholic School, F.K. White School, Glenbrook School,

Hammond High Magnet, Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Lafayette Middle School, Loreauville High School, Lucille Nesom Memorial School, Muslim Academy, Ovey Comeaux High School, Ponchatoula Junior High School, Robert Russa Moton Charter School, Rosenwald Elementary School, Rusheon Middle School, Sherwood Forest Elementary School, South Grant High School, St. Genevieve School, St. Margaret Mary School, Warren Easton Charter High School and Winnfield Senior High School. There was also an informative presentation made to university students at the 24th Judicial District Court.

The LCLCE partners with the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana District Judges Association and the Louisiana State Bar Association to bring lawyers, judges and educators together to deliver interactive, law-related presentations to Louisiana classrooms. For more information, visit the LCLCE website at: *www.lalce.org*.