



ALEX NAQUIN

2013 *Civics in Action* Award Recipient

**Presentation by The Honorable John L. Weimer, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court
Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute**

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The Civics in Action award recognizes an outstanding middle or high school student who has demonstrated outstanding civic virtue and involvement in his community – a student who exemplifies what it means to be an engaged citizen.

Alex Naquin, a 2012-13 senior at South Lafourche High School, was nominated for the *Civics in Action* award by Mary Duet Belisle, his Social Studies teacher. "From the first day of class I knew that I had an extraordinary student in my midst," said Belisle. A 4.0 student, Naquin's school activities included the National Honor Society, Student Council, Future Farmers of America and the South Lafourche High School track team.

Naquin's extra-curricular activities included serving as the Louisiana Association of Student Councils' Representative to the Louisiana Board for Elementary and Secondary Education. He was on the Board's Academic and Instruction Improvement Committee. Naquin was the only student representative that served on the BESE board. He has stated, "I am the voice for the State's 730,000 public school students." He participated in the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program's "Bayou Clean Up" and represented Lafourche Parish in the state competition for the 51st Annual U.S. Senate Youth Program. Naquin was also the parish president on the student government day program last year and belongs to Fraternus, a Catholic Youth Fraternity where he serves as a mentor for younger brothers of this group.

Naquin is the co-founder of "Sassafras Louisiana", a non-profit youth organization addressing coastal restoration issues. As a student council officer he helped organize and participated in the painting of two homes of the needy and elderly. It is no

surprise that Naquin received the President's Volunteer Service Award for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Organization (HOBY).

It is with great pleasure that the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education names Alex Naquin the 2012-13 recipient of the prestigious *Civics in Action* Award.

"He has gone over and above what a student normally accomplishes. With his commitment to our community and the state of Louisiana, it's comforting to know that Alex Naquin is our voice."

Mary Duet Belisle, Social Studies Teacher



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