# Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education E-Newsletter

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Nominations Now Being Accepted for Civics in Action Award for "Outstanding Civic Student"



Do you know a student who has made a difference or an improvement of the quality of life in their school, home or community through the use of civic engagement?

The award application is simple. Deadline for submission is **March 25, 2016**. For more details and nomination form click <u>here</u>.

Emily Held, last year's recipient of the Civics in Action Award, is seen here with Associate LA Supreme Court Justice John L. Weimer.

# Haynes Academy for the Advanced Studies "We the People" State Champions ~Team Needs Your Help~



Congratulations to Haynes Academy on winning the *We the People* Congressional Hearing State Championship. This team hopes to represent Louisiana at the *We the People* National Competition in Washington D.C.

The cost for the team to travel to Washington D.C. falls on the shoulders of the students. They are raising the funds in a variety of ways and could really use some help. If interested in assisting this team raise the funds they need to travel to Washington, please visit their **Go Fund Me** account here.

### Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

Open to all high school students!

This contest is sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and approved for listing on the National Association of Secondary School Principals for student contests and activities.

Contest winners are eligible to receive rewards at the district, state and national levels. Orations must be between five and six minutes long and should pertain to the Revolutionary War and its influence on America today. View details here.

The deadline for submission for the district competition is xx/xx/2016. Please send your application and/or contest inquiries to SAR Committee Chair Thomas Angers, 131 South Audubon Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503, by email to Thomas.angers@Lusfiber.net, phone 337-233-3268, fax 337-269-0604.

### Jennifer Mestayer-Kidd 2016 President's Award for Outstanding Civics Teacher

From left, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education Board member, Judge C. Wendell Manning, President's Award recipient Jennifer Mestayer-Kidd and Louisiana State Bar Association President Mark Cunningham.



### **Celebrate Law Day in our Schools** Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom A partnership of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana District Judges Association and the LCLCE

Law Day is celebrated during the week before and after May 1. Teachers, judges and lawyers interested in participating in this year's Law Day program, which brings members of the local legal community into Louisiana classrooms, are encouraged to contact the LCLCE office today! Teachers requesting a Law Day presentation will be matched up with volunteer lawyers and judges from their community. This is a free service and a great way to honor Law Day in Louisiana.

Click here for Teachers form.

Click here for Attorneys/Judges form.

## **Suit Up for the Future**Summer Program for High School Students



Suit Up for the Future is a legal institute during which students attend an abridged law school session, field trips to law schools and courts, and an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

This year's institute will be held from June 13 - July 1, 2016. Students entering the 11th or 12th Grade in the Fall of 2016 - or entering their first year of college are eligible. More information is available <a href="here">here</a>. The application deadline is **May 6**, **2016**.

## Applications Are Now Being Accepted Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)

This is a great opportunity for Louisiana high school students who have an interest in representing the voices of other young people around the state. LYAC is a yearly-appointed body composed entirely of students that addresses issues affecting the youth of Louisiana. For more information and application form click here. Application deadline is March 25, 2016.

### **Street Law Supreme Court Summer Institute**

Street Law, Inc. and the Supreme Court Historical Society will sponsor two sessions of the annual Supreme Court Summer Institute, June 16-21 and June 23-28, 2016. The Institute is open to secondary level social studies teachers and supervisors, who will spend six days on Capitol Hill and inside the Supreme Court learning about the Court, its past and current cases, and how to teach about them from top litigators and educators.

For full information and to apply online, go to <a href="www.streetlaw.org/scsi\_apply">www.streetlaw.org/scsi\_apply</a>. The application deadline is March 14, 2016.

#### **Teacher of the Year Award**

The American Lawyers Alliance (ALA) is sponsoring its annual Law-Related Education "Teacher of the Year" Contest for middle and high school teachers nationwide. Each winner will be presented a \$1500 cash award at the the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco in early August 2016. The application deadline is March 15, 2016. Please visit the ALA's website and click on "Annual Awards" for more information.

#### Save the Date! LCLCE Reception at LSBA's Annual Meeting, San Destin, FL Wednesday, June 8, 2016

The LCLCE will host a cocktail reception at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in San Destin, open to all LSBA Annual Meeting and Summer School registrants, on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. The LCLCE reception is a non-ticketed event. It immediately precedes the LSBA's Beach Bash. Join us!

### **Attorney Job Positions**

The Louisiana State Bar Association has a current listing of job opportunities in the legal field. To view these opportunities click here.



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