

2020 PRESIDENTS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR OUTSTANDING LAW-RELATED EDUCATION TEACHER



Ms. LeBato at LSBA MidYear Meeting.
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In recognition of her commitment to law and civic education, Louisiana State Bar Association President Robert A. Kutcher presented the 2020 President's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Law-Related Education Teacher to **Lauren LeBato** of Alfred M. Barbe High School in Lake Charles at the Louisiana State Bar Association MidYear Meeting.

Ms. LeBato utilizes a highly interactive classroom curriculum, where her students are challenged daily to apply their knowledge of the Constitution to current events. She structures her AP Government course to make constitutional literacy meaningful and relevant to her students. She teaches that meaningful change has been facilitated by ordinary people and has changed American jurisprudence forever. She believes that her calling as a civic educator is to teach her students how the power of our government rests with each and every one of them.

The President's Award is given annually to an outstanding Louisiana teacher who imparts knowledge and understanding of law and civic education and demonstrates the use of interactive learning techniques that make a difference in student learning. Award presentation is a joint partnership of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the Louisiana State Bar Association.

"I have no doubt that Ms. Lauren LeBato will be successful in any task she undertakes on her journey to continually grow as a professional. She is an important, positive part of the Alfred M. Barbe High School learning community. Any school, district, or program would be fortunate to benefit from her passion for students, her professionalism and her enthusiasm."

William J. Sanders, Assistant Principal, Alfred M. Barbe High School