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Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) ENEWSLETTER



Accepting Nominations for

Judge Benjamin Jones

Judges in the Classroom Award

To honor a member of the judiciary who has contributed greatly to the law-related education of Louisiana youth.



Nomination Process Is Easy

Anyone can make a nomination and repeat nominations are encouraged. **Deadline for submission is September 6, 2017.** For more information, click here. Download a nomination form here.

Pictured here is the 2016 recipient of the Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award, Judge Randall J. Bethancourt, 32nd JDC. From left, LCLCE President Larry Centola, Judge Bethancourt and Louisiana District Judges Association President Marilyn Castle.

Teachers Needed for Control Group Study



The <u>James Madison Legacy Project</u> is an important federal control group study conducted by Georgetown University on the effectiveness of the We the People social studies curriculum.

A limited number of control group teachers are needed for this study. Teachers fulfilling the requirements will receive a **\$300 stipend**.

All that is needed is for the social studies teacher to take two online surveys and to administer two tests to their students. More details available here. The data you will generate is crucial to the success of the program. If interested, please complete and submit this <u>form</u>. It can be emailed to <u>Peggy.Cotogno@LSBA.org</u>, faxed (504-528-9154) or mailed to the LCLCE at 601 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Constitution Day



Teachers, Lawyers and Judges

Make this year's Constitution Day a special event in Louisiana schools.

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. The LCLCE is currently pairing classrooms with judges and attorneys for in-class presentations made in honor of the signing of the Constitution.

Schools - To set up an in-school presentation by a lawyer or judge in honor of Constitution Day, complete and return this form.

Judges and Lawyers - If interested in making a presentation at a school near you, complete and return this form.

It's easy! Let the LCLCE know you are interested, and we will take care of the rest!

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Louisiana District Judges Association and the LCLCE.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for President's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Civics Teacher



This annual award honors an outstanding Louisiana elementary, middle or high school 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.

The nomination process is simple. Anyone can make a nomination and repeat nominations are encouraged. **Deadline for submission is November 20, 2017.** For

more details, click here.

Kirby Gordon, Jr., a teacher at Galvez Middle School in Prairieville, was presented with the 2017 President's Award by Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Jefferson D. Hughes at the Louisiana State Bar Association's MidYear Meeting.

Looking for a Lawyer or Judge to Volunteer to Visit a New Orleans Westbank School



Helen Cox High School will be offering high school students a <u>Street Law</u> class this year and would like a recurring visit from a member of the local legal community. Once or twice a month would be ideal. If interested, please contact <u>Kandis.showalter@LSBA.org</u>

Attorney Job Positions



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

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