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## Civics Curriculum Offered at Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute

Louisiana elementary, middle and high school teachers met in New Orleans for the 2016 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute to learn about the “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” civics curriculum.

Participants were welcomed by Judge Marilyn C. Castle, president of the Louisiana District Judges Association. Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Madeleine M. Landrieu addressed educators and introduced former Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

Teaching the scholarly content of the program were Christopher R. Riano, lecturer in constitutional law and government at Columbia University; Jeffrey H. Morrison, Ph.D., director of academics at the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation; and Timothy D. Moore, deputy director of the Center for the Study of the American Constitution.

Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) President Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III joined the teachers on the final day of the program when each teacher took part in a simulated congressio-

nal hearing. Centola presented participants with certificates of achievement.

Four days of the program were held at the Louisiana Supreme Court building. Valerie Willard, Louisiana Supreme Court deputy judicial administrator for community relations, and Miriam Childs, director of the Law Library of Louisiana, provided a tour of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Law Library.

Coordinated by the LCLCE, the six-day Summer Institute was made available to educators at no cost, with lodging, meals and educational materials provided.

Teachers attending were Rebecca Albano, Chateau Estates School; Natalie Almerico, Grace King High School; Heather Benton, Holy Savior Menard; Noelle Bordelon, South Louisiana University Lab School; Karen Boutte, St. Martinville Junior High School; Belinda Cambre, Ph.D., JD, University High School; Stephanie Darr, John Ehret High School; Bernard K. Gaines, Glasgow Middle School; Renee Gresenz, John Ehret High School; Lee Gresham, Ruppel Academy for Advanced Studies; Julianna Hebert, Cecilia High School; Marie Hoeven, Edna



Judge Madeleine M. Landrieu addressed the Summer Institute attendees.

Karr High School; Bradley Kiff, Ehret High School; Richell M. Lee, Mentorship Academy; Yulinda M. Marshall, Park Forest Middle School; Carla C. Powell, Scotlandville Magnet High School; Tongia S. Reed, Wossman High School; Cherlyn Scott, Grace King High School; Dane Thibodeaux, Cecelia High School; Tyquenica Vessel, Buchanan Elementary School; and Gaile M. White, Southern University Lab School.

Each teacher was paired with an experienced “We the People” mentor who provided pedagogy and continues to serve as an ongoing mentor. They are Vickie Hebert, Jamie F. Staub, Martha D. Palmer and Ann Majeste.