

La. Center for Law and Civic Education

LaLce Joins forces with Department of Education and Secretary of State to promote Y-Vote Initiative

New Orleans, Louisiana January 18, 2007 The LCE joins forces with the Louisiana Department of Education and Secretary of State, Jay Dardenne to promote and expand the reach of its Y-Vote program. Y-Vote, which stands for Youth Vote is a co-curricular program that encourages Louisiana students to take an active role in their government whether at the school, city, state or national level. This year over 204,224 students voted in the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) mock elections nationwide and of that number only 768 students from 16 Louisiana schools anticipated.

Through the partnership, the Department of Education will inform all schools in Louisiana about the benefits of the Y-Vote program and also about how schools can sign up. The Secretary of State and LCE will provide curriculum for registered schools and access to e-mock elections on a local, statewide and federal level. Through this program, students will also have the opportunity to simulate the role of a representative in the United States Congress, by researching and drafting legislation. They will also have the opportunity to debate in legislative committees and vote along with thousands of other students across the country via the internet.

As an additional benefit, high school seniors will be provided easy access to registering to vote through participation in the program. The goal of the program is to help Louisiana's students become engaged citizens, empowered with the ability and knowledge of how to make government work for them

About La. Center for Law and Civic Education

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCE) is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1992. The Center coordinates implements and develops Law and Civic Education programs, trains others in the delivery of Law and Civic Education, assists with the delivery of quality Law and Civic Education programs throughout the State of Louisiana. Our programs are nationally recognized and conform to the State of Louisiana's Social Studies Content Standards.

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