LCLCE Officers Sworn In; Civics in Action Award Presented

The 2009-10 officers of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE), the educational partner of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), were sworn in by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Catherine D. (Kitty) Kimball at a reception in conjunction with the LSBA’s Annual Meeting in June.

Hon. C. Wendell Manning is the 2009-10 president. John A. Hernandez III is vice president and Loretta Larsen is secretary.

Also during the reception, Judge Manning recognized Matthew L. Brandenburg of Shreveport, the Caddo Parish Magnet High School student who received the LCLCE’s 2009 Civics in Action Award. He received a plaque commemorating his honor at the LSBA’s House of Delegates meeting.

Brandenburg, who graduated as valedictorian (tied) of his class, was chosen as a district finalist for Caddo Parish Student of the Year and is a National Merit Commended Student. He was an outstanding member of the Youth Legislation Club and the Model United Nations, both which he re-founded after many years of dormancy. He was a member of the Mock Trial team and Caddo’s nationally recognized Debate Team, as well as the National Honor Society, the Key Club and the French Club. He will attend Tulane University this fall.

The LCLCE promotes the practical understanding and respect for the law across Louisiana. Its mission is to pursue ways to further the understanding and respect for the law by creating good citizenship among the youth of today through quality educational programs. The LCLCE is financially assisted, in part, by the Center for Civic Education and the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program through the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

President Hon. C. Wendell Manning, left, presented Matthew Brandenburg, Civics in Action Award recipient, with the plaque during the House of Delegates meeting at the LSBA’s Annual Meeting in June. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.