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Adult Civics Education - ACE

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We are looking for organizations that would like to receive a free ACE presentation. PTO's, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, social clubs, retirement communities - *any group of adults*.

ACE is an adult education program that was developed to provide interested adults with civics education. It includes multiple educational presentations designed for civic and community groups/forums. A list of topics can be found here. Other topics can be requested. These are strictly nonpartisan presentations by volunteer judges, attorneys and educators.

To learn more about this program, visit the <u>ACE website</u>. To request a presentation, download the simple enrollment form here. If you have any questions, please email Peggy.Cotogno@LSBA.org or call Peggy at 504-566-1600.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for Civics in Action Award for "Outstanding Civic Student"

Do you know a student who has made a difference or an improvement of the quality of life in their school, home or community through the use of civic engagement? This award is an opportunity to provide recognition to honor such students. The nomination process is simple. For more details and nomination form, click here. Deadline for submission is **March 23, 2018**.

The Honorable Sheva M. Sims Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award A partnership of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana District Judges Association and the LCLCE



In recognition of her many years as a tireless volunteer for the Judges in the Classroom program, Judge Sims was named the recipient of this year's prestigious Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award. She was presented with a plaque of recognition by LCLCE President Lawrence J. Centola, III before the Board of Delegates at the Louisiana State Bar Association's MidYear Meeting.

SUIT UP for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program

An amazing three week program, to be held this June in New Orleans, where high school students will be introduced to lawyers, legal documents, and the legal system - all designed to assist them in finding the answer to one important question, "Do I really want to be a lawyer?" Students who complete the program will be eligible for a stipend of up to \$250. For more information, click here.



Haynes Academy for the Advanced Studies We the People State Champions



Congratulations to Chris Totaro and his team from Haynes Academy for the Advanced Studies, for earning the right to represent Louisiana at the We the People National Congressional Hearing Competition in Washington DC.

Essay and Video Contests for High School Students

Sponsored by the Federal Judges Association and the Federal Bar Association

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The 14th Amendment - 150 Years Later "What Does Equal Protection Mean to Students?"

Students should discuss the equal protection clause and its importance in their

constitutional right to an equal education. Open to public, private, parochial, charter and homeschooled students. Contest winners will receive up to \$1000. The deadline for entries is **February 28, 2018**. For more detailed information on the contest, click <u>here</u>.

Planning Career Day Activities? Have a Lawyer or Judge Come to Your School

School administrators, teachers, judges and lawyers interested in participating in Middle and High School Career Day activities are encouraged to contact the LCLCE office today! Schools requesting a legal professional for their Career Day activities will be matched up with volunteer lawyers and judges from their community. This is a free service. Email Kandis.Showalter@LSBA.org or call Kandis at 504-619-0141.



~ Save the Date ~ Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute July 15 - 20, 2018, New Orleans



Dedicated to Training Teachers in Civic and Law Related Education

Six-day professional development program for middle and high school teachers on the *We the People* social studies curriculum. Free set of textbooks for the classroom, complimentary housing and meals, plus a stipend. No fee to attend.

Applications Are Now Being Accepted Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)

The Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is a body created by state law which is composed entirely of high school students with an interest in representing the voices of young people across the state. Thirty-one student members are appointed each year, three from each of the state's congressional districts and the remaining members at large. Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 19, and be enrolled in a public or private high school, a home school program, or a GED skills program for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information and details click here. The deadline for submission is March 22, 2018.

~ Save the Date ~ Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting June 3-8, 2018

The 2018 Joint LSBA/LJC Summer School & 77 LSBA Annual Meeting is titled, "Changes is Latitude, Changes in Attitude." This year's Jimmy Buffet-themed conference will once again be held at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in sunny Destin, Fl.

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>.

About the LCLCE



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