

## Jennifer L. Mestayer-Kidd

In recognition of her commitment to law and civic education, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education Board Member Judge C. Wendell Manning and Louisiana State Bar Association President Mark Cunningham presented Jennifer L. Mestayer-Kidd with a plaque of appreciation and funds to purchase law-related education materials for her classroom at a reception held during the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2016 MidYear Meeting in New Orleans.

The President's Award is given to 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. Award presentation is a joint partnership of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Mestayer-Kidd has taught school for 15 years and is the Social Studies Department Chair at Westgate High School in New Iberia, LA. She is Diversity Club Sponsor, Staff Appreciation Committee Chair, Homecoming Committee Head and serves on the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support Committee.

"Her enthusiasm for teaching is second to no one, and there is no greater champion for students in the classroom than Mrs. Kidd."

*Neely Anne Moore, Principal  
Westgate High School*

"All, too, will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression." – **Thomas Jefferson**  
This quote by Tommy Jeff, (as my students call him), sums up why I chose to leave my career as an English teacher (10 years, 5 as department chair) and started my career as a Civics teacher."

*Jennifer Mestayer-Kidd*

"In an article published by the *Daily Iberian* (11/19/15), the reporter described his interactions with one of Ms. Kidd's Civics classes. He intended to follow-up a series of visits the students had with area candidates and incumbents of state and local offices. The reporter articulated his pleasant surprise was less about the students' knowledge of civics facts and more about their desire to engage in the political process and discourse as informed citizens. The article's subtitle was "Students show promise for community." This external journalistic observation sums up the impact Ms. Kidd has on students."

*Ron Cormier, Supervisor of Instruction  
Iberia Parish School Board*



From left, Judge C. Wendell Manning, Board Member, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, President's Award Recipient Jennifer Mestayer-Kidd and Mark A. Cunningham, President, Louisiana State Bar Association.



From left, Judge C. Wendell Manning, Board Member, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and President's Award Recipient Jennifer Mestayer-Kidd



President's Award Recipient Jennifer Mestayer-Kidd seen here with family