



## Caddo Parish Magnet High Receives Law Signature School Certification

**C**addo Parish Magnet High School was designated a Law Signature School by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). The announcement was made by LCLCE Executive Director Peggy V. Cotogno in April at a press event at the high school in Shreveport.

A Law Signature School has met the LCLCE board-approved criteria and has a comprehensive program concentrating on aspects of the law and legal processes. It is typically created by school administrations to offer students the unique enrichment that a concentration of law-related education courses and experiences can provide.

The LCLCE, the public education partner of the Louisiana State Bar Association, is a non-profit organization that coordinates, implements and develops civics and law-related education programs for use in elementary, middle and high schools.



On hand for the Law Signature School certification press event for Caddo Parish Magnet High School were, from left, 2010-11 Louisiana Bar Foundation President Herschel E. Richard, Jr.; Caddo Parish Schools Superintendent Dr. Gerald Dawkins; social studies teacher Virginia Marks; mock trial sponsor Karen Soileau; and Caddo Parish Magnet High School Principal Mary Rounds.

## Judges/Lawyers in the Classroom Programs Celebrate Law Day 2011

Since January, 28 in-school, law-related presentations were conducted statewide, most of which were completed in conjunction with 2011 Law Day events, traditionally celebrated during the first week in May. More than 1,600 students benefited from these interactive programs.

Participating presenters included: Rep. Damon J. Baldone, Judge Dawn Amacker, Judge Ellis J. Daigle, Judge June Berry Darensburg, Judge Jules D. Edwards III, Judge Karen K. Herman, Judge Benjamin Jones, Judge Craig O. Marcotte, Judge Mildred E. Methvin, Judge Raymond S. Steib, Jr., Judge Melise Trahan and Judge Zorraine M. Waguespack. Also participating were attorneys Jessica G. Braun, Charles C. Bourque, Jr., Ariel A. Campos, Sr., Susan C. Ciaravella, Sam Flugence, A. Spencer Gulden, Becky



Louisiana State Rep. Damon J. Baldone presented a Law Day program to students at Mulberry Elementary School.

Jo Hollen, Jackie M. McCreary, Carol L. Michel, Ben R. Miller, DeVonna M. Ponthieu and Angel G. Varnado.

Participating schools included: Bowling Green, Cathedral Carmel Catholic, Church Point Elementary, Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary, E.C. Pittman, Eleanor McMain Secondary, Fair Park High, Folsom Junior High, Hahnville High, Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, Independence Middle, Lincoln

Elementary, Madison James Foster Elementary, Marrero Middle, Morse Elementary, Mulberry Elementary, Our Lady of Fatima, Romeville Elementary, Sarah T. Reed High, University Lab, Warren Easton, Washington Elementary, Westdale Heights Academic Magnet Elementary and Westside Junior High.

The cooperation of school administrators and teachers and the volunteerism of members of the Louisiana legal community make these programs possible. In-class visits are organized, at no cost to educators, by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE), in conjunction with the Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom programs sponsored by the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana District Judges Association and the LCLCE.

## Mandeville High Student Receives Civics in Action Award

Samuel Curtis Ingalls, a student at Mandeville High School in St. Tammany Parish, is the recipient of the 2010 Civics in Action Award, presented by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. He received his award from State Rep. Frank A. Hoffmann before a meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education in Baton Rouge.

The award honors a Louisiana middle or high school student who has made a difference or an improvement in the quality of life in their school, home or community through the use of civic engagement.

A transfer student from Chicago, Ingalls enrolled at Mandeville High School and immediately became involved in several school organizations, including Hi-Y. He was elected sophomore class president and maintained a grade point average of 4.7. As a member of Hi-Y, he was elected to the position of Speaker of the House of the Louisiana Youth Legislators Board and won the Monica Oliphant Award for Best Legislator and



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Delegate at the 2010 Louisiana Legislature Conference. He was selected to be the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership ambassador from Mandeville High School and was chosen to be a representative from

Louisiana at the YMCA Conference for National Affairs. He has served as a page in the United States Senate Page Program, nominated by Sen. David Vitter.



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and the  
St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association  
Invite  
All Members of the Bench and Bar  
to the  
Fifty-Ninth Annual Red Mass  
in honor of the Holy Spirit, to mark the opening of  
the Judicial Year  
and to invoke a Divine Blessing upon our Courts  
and Legal Proceedings  
Monday, October 3, 2011  
9:30 o'clock am  
St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, La  
Assembly for Processing into the Cathedral 9:15 a.m.  
Reception to follow at the Louisiana Supreme Court*

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