



Louisiana Teachers Attend 2021 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute

Louisiana teachers met in New Orleans for the 2021 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute to learn about Project Citizen, Mock Trial, iCivics and DBQ — a system-wide approach to historical thinking and analytical writing.

Participants were welcomed to the Institute by Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) Board member Judge Randall L. Bethancourt. Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton discussed “Crime, Consequences and the Power of Choice.” Stacie Schrieffer Leblanc, CEO of the UP Institute and president of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, spoke on “Louisiana Mandatory Reporting Laws” and “Teens, Sex and the Law.”

Robert Gunn, Louisiana Supreme Court deputy judicial administrator/community relations, and Sara V. Pic and Tara Cunningham of the Law Library of Louisiana gave a tour of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Law Library.

Coordinated by the LCLCE, the Summer Institute was made available to educators at no cost, with lodging, meals and educational materials for the classroom provided.

Participating were middle school educators Donna Evans of Sterlington Middle School, Megan Fournier of St. Francis Xavier School, Chris Kourvelas of Elm Grove Middle School, Jill LeBlanc of J.H. Williams Middle School, Brandi Meche of Creswell Middle School, D’Andre Blouin and Ebony Motte-Guilbeaux of Dutchtown Middle School, Michelle Molina of Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy, David Ramsey of



Louisiana middle and high school educators participated in the 2021 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute at the Louisiana Supreme Court. *Photo courtesy of the Louisiana Supreme Court.*

Park Forest Middle School and Jolie Williamson of LJ Alleman School. High school educators included Carlos Anding and Cindy Deck of Huntington High School, Yulinda Marshall of Istrouma High School, Matthew Fontenot of Pine Prairie High School, Linzey Foret of St. James High School, Vincent Hoang of Episcopal School, Caneshia Jacob of Avoyelles High School, Allison Moultrie and Patricia Parker of St. Augustine High School, Jan Penfield of Our Lady of Queen of Heaven School, Gregory Greeley of Pontchatoula High School and Jill Sandridge of St. Amant High School.



Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton presented his program on “Crime, Consequences and the Power of Choice” at the Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute. *Photo courtesy of the Louisiana Supreme Court.*



For her Judges in the Classroom program, Judge Laurie R. Brister of the 6th Judicial District Court invited high school students from Briarfield Academy of Lake Providence to visit her courtroom. Several members of the local law enforcement agencies were present. Ten days later, she visited Briarfield Academy where she conducted three presentations, encompassing the entire student body. Judge Brister and Principal Lisa Walters have made plans for the judge to return in the spring where she will instruct students on trials and the judicial process.