



Metairie School Wins “We the People” State Competition



The team from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies in Metairie won the state title in the “We the People” competition. The team will represent Louisiana in the national competition in Washington, D.C.

The team representing Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies in Metairie won the state title in the “We the People” (WTP) competition held at Loyola University in New Orleans. The team, led by teacher Chris Totaro, advances to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Also competing in the state finals were teams from Edna Karr High School and John Ehret High School. Team teachers Andrew Renard, Bradley Kiff and Totaro are to be commended for bringing their students to this level of academic achievement.

WTP is one of the programs that the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) utilizes to promote civic competence and responsibility among Louisiana’s students. Taken to its highest level, this instructional civics curriculum has students “testify” at simulated congressional hearings before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowl-

edge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues.

The panel of judges consisted of attorneys, educators and WTP alumni, including attorney and WTP alumna Heather W. Angelico; attorney Jason D. Asbill; Louisiana WTP alumna and attorney Lori D. Barker; Louisiana WTP Alumni Representative Tyler Barker, Ph.D.; WTP alumni Mariarenee Contreras and Kathyrn Cook; educator Joann Cowgill; attorney Nahum D. Laventhal; WTP alumna Philip Lundy; educator Ann Majeste; attorney Christopher A. Meeks; WTP alumni Bryce Menge, Sabine Mohamed and Hugh Ngo; educator Martha Palmer; WTP alumna Alexci Perilloux; Judge Raymond S. Steib, Jr.; Louisiana WTP alumni Ameer Thabata, Rana Thabata and Jabarie Walker; and Loyola University Political Science Associate Professor Roger White, M.A., Ph.D.

Adult Civics Education (ACE)



Judge Sandra S. Jenkins, left, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, presented an Adult Civics Education (ACE) program for the Third District Kiwanis Club. With her is Club representative Bob Lippincott. The program topic was “Could You Pass the Test” and addressed basic information on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and current state and federal legislators.