



LAW SIGNATURE SCHOOL... WTP... ACE



Attending the Law Signature School dedication ceremony at Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies included, from left, Jefferson Parish School Board member Chad Nugent, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education board member Val P. Exnicios, Haynes Principal Karla Russo, Jefferson Parish School Board member Tiffany Kuhn and Jefferson Parish Public School System Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley.

## Haynes Academy Receives Law Signature School Designation

Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies in Metairie has been designated as a Law Signature School by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). The announcement was made by LCLCE board member Val P. Exnicios at the school. Exnicios also presented a proclamation by the Louisiana Supreme Court recognizing Haynes Academy for its accomplishments as a Law Signature School.

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 district administrations to offer students the unique enrichment that a concentration of law-related education courses and experiences can provide.



While in Washington, D.C., Louisiana's "We the People" team from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies in Metairie visited U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy.

## Louisiana "We the People" Team Competes in National Competition

The "We the People" team from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies in Metairie traveled to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National "We the People" competition. The students were among 1,200 high school students from throughout the nation participating in the 2019 National Finals.

Students participated in two days of rigorous, simulated congressional hearings, testifying as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees. Each hearing began with a four-minute opening statement by students and was followed by a six-minute period of follow-up questioning during which judges probed students' depth of knowledge, understanding and their ability to apply constitutional principles.

While in Washington, Haynes' teacher Chris Totaro gave his students the opportunity to explore the nation's capital, learn about government beyond the classroom walls and meet U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy.

## ACE (Adult Civics Education)



Judge C. Wendell Manning, at the podium, a board member for the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE), presented an interactive adult civics lesson to members of the Monroe Rotary Club in remembrance of Law Day. Through the "Can You Pass the Test?" presentation, Manning provided statistics on how poorly some citizens perform on history and government questions. He then presented the audience with a civics quiz based on the naturalization test immigration officers administer to people desiring to become U.S. citizens. At the end of the program, pocket Constitutions were distributed. The presentation was made in conjunction with the LCLCE's ACE (Adult Civics Education) program. From left, Monroe Rotary Club members Mike Echols, Mike Epler and Michael Fox.