



## LCLCE Named Recipient of "Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education"

The LCLCE has been named the 2011 recipient of the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education by the National Center of State Courts (NCSC). The award honors an organization, court or individual who has promoted, inspired, improved, or led an innovation or accomplishment in the field of civics education related to the justice system. View Sandra Day O'Connor letter [here](#).

## Nominations for Outstanding Civics Student Award Extended to March 30

Help the LCLCE recognize a Louisiana middle or high school student who exemplifies what it means to be an engaged citizen. Do you know a student who has made a difference or an improvement of the quality of life in their school, home, or community through the use of civic engagement?

The award application process is simple. *Deadline for submissions has been extended to March 23, 2012.* For more information, click [here](#).

## Two Louisiana Teacher Honored



Ann Majeste and Camile Gautreaux

Two extraordinary teachers were honored at a reception held at the Louisiana State Bar Association's MidYear Meeting. LCLCE President Mark Cunningham made the presentations of the 2012 President's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Law-Related Education to Ann Majeste, a 4th grade teacher at A.C. Alexander Elementary School in Kenner and to Camile Gautreaux, a 6th - 8th grade teacher at St. Jude the Apostle School in Baton Rouge.

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## Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies Takes State WTP Title

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Haynes Academy teacher Chris Totaro led his team to victory at the "We the People" State Competition in January. Haynes won over able opponents from John Ehret High School, Glenbrook School and Central Private School. View photos of the Louisiana State and District Competitions [here](#).

### Celebrate Law Day 2012

#### Lawyers in the Classroom

#### Judges in the Classroom

*A partnership of the LCLCE, the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana District Judges Association*

Law Day is celebrated the first week in May. Teachers, judges and lawyers interested in participating in this year's Law Day program, which brings members of the local legal community into Louisiana classrooms, should contact the LCLCE office today! Teachers requesting a Law Day presentation will be matched up with volunteer lawyers and judges from their community. This is a free service and a great way to honor Law Day.



Attorney Charles Bourque visits Coteau Bayou Blue School in Houma

If interested in participating, enroll by faxing or mailing an enrollment form to the LCLCE office. Enrollment can also be made by contacting Kandis Showalter directly by phone, 504-619-0141, by fax 504-528-9154 or by email, [Kandis.Showalter@LSBA.org](mailto:Kandis.Showalter@LSBA.org).

[Teacher Enrollment Form](#)

[Judge and Attorney Enrollment Form](#)

# 2012 Summer Institute

Educators! Mark your calendars!

July 17-18, 2012

## Registration Opening Soon!

The Summer Institute is a professional development workshop offered to Louisiana educators free of charge. This year's program will be held in New Orleans and will include instruction on *We the People*, *Street Law*, *Mock Trial* and *Citizens, Not Spectators*. Look for your April LCLCE ENewsletter for registration information. Space is limited and early application is recommended.

- Housing and materials provided
- No program fees
- Mileage stipend
- Open to elementary, middle and high school teachers
- Earn CLE's

### 2011 Summer Institute



## "Suit Up for the Future"

### High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program

Great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors interested in the law profession. This program will include lectures from distinguished members of the legal community and the opportunity for students to shadow with attorneys and judges in local law firms, agencies and courts.

**What:** Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program  
**When:** June 11 - 29, 2012  
**Where:** Louisiana Bar Center in New Orleans

For more information about the program, contact Kelly Legier (504-619-0129) or email [Kelly.Legier@lsba.org](mailto:Kelly.Legier@lsba.org) or go to <http://www.lsba.org/diversity/>.

The application deadline is April 13, 2012. For the full list of guidelines and application requirements, click [here](#).

*"Suit Up for the Future" is made possible by the Louisiana State Bar Association in partnership with Just the Beginning Foundation.*

## Grant Opportunities for Educators

### State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that are designed to create sustainable change in local communities across the United States and Canada. Applying organizations must be a public K-12, charter, or higher education institution. Projects must address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to Higher Education/Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy; Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness; Social Health & Wellness Issues; and Environmental Responsibility. Deadline is May 4, 2012. Apply [here](#).

### ING Unsung Heroes

Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes could help you turn great ideas to reality for students. Each year, 100 educators are elected to receive \$2000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Deadline is April 30, 2012. Apply [here](#).

## iCivics

Teachers! Have you heard about [iCivics](#)? This is a new civics program that has a fun, interactive approach to law related education in the classroom.

If you are proficient in this program and would like to share your expertise with other educators, please contact Peggy Cotogno, by email [peggy.cotogno@lsba.org](mailto:peggy.cotogno@lsba.org) by phone, 504-619-0134.

## Attorney Job Positions

The Louisiana State Bar Association has a current listing of job opportunities in the legal field. To view these opportunities click [here](#).