

Certification Connections



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2012 Summer Institute Participants Celebrate with End of Year Luncheon



Keynote Speaker, Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy



Practitioner Nathan Self reading a poem that he wrote about his field experience.

On July 13, 2012, the 140 summer 2012 cohort participants came together to celebrate the end of their seven-week journey. The participants and their guests were treated to a catered lunch and reception. The keynote speaker for the event was State Treasurer John Kennedy. Other speakers included LRCE board members, 2012 cohort members Jordan Kea, Kristin Rogers and Nathan Self; Summer Institute sponsors; LRCE Executive Director and CEO Nancy Roberts; and CS Director Jaime Finane. Cohort members received a Summer Institute certificate of completion. Congratulations to all participants of the 2012 Summer Institute!

2012-13 Brings New Learning Team Schedule



For the first time in LRCE certification program history, learning team seminars are being held once monthly on Saturdays. The new format includes a monthly six-hour

seminar, held from 9am-4pm, in place of the former two Monday nights per month. To view the 2012-13 Saturday Seminars schedule, visit www.LRCE.org and click on "Become a Teacher" for current practitioner info.

August 16, 2012 — Past and current LRCE Practitioner Advisors attend the 2012-13 kick-off meeting and luncheon with focus on COMPASS and online observation submissions.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: (back row) Kim Gagnard, Glenda Cormier-Williams, Karen Spears, Catherine Heard, Bill Miller, Marie Cotaya, Alice Fresina, Margaret Finch, Susan Keebler; (front row) Jaime Finane, Mauretta Elbert, Gaye Bennett, Audrey Burns, Mary Allen, Sandra Wiggins, Susie Carpenter, Glenda Ellis

UPDATE: 2012 Level 1 and Practitioner License applications

Since January 2012, more than 110 LRCE Practitioners have earned Level 1 certification with the Louisiana Department of Education. In addition, more than 200 Practitioner License applications have been submitted to the LDOE since June 2012 for those currently enrolled in the program.

Former Practitioner named CHSPC Teacher of the Year

Former LRCE Practitioner Jason Chauvin was named Catholic High School Pointe Coupee Teacher of the Year. Chauvin teaches English I and II as well as Journalism. Chauvin was a summer 2011 cohort member and earned Level 1 certification in English (grades 6-12) in July 2012. Congratulations to Jason Chauvin on his Teacher of the Year honor!



Former LRCE Practitioner and CHSPC Teacher of the Year, Coach Jason Chauvin

Applications for our 2013 summer cohort begin November 30, 2012!

Have exciting teaching news that you'd like to share? Notify the CS Staff at MorganN@LRCE.org and you will be featured in our next newsletter.