

Certification Connections



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Practitioner Advisor Meeting



Top Row From left to right: Lashonya Bradley (Program Assistant), Mary Allen, Mauretta Elbert, Bill Miller, Susie Carpenter, Margaret Finch. Bottom Row: Glenda Ellis, Sandra Wiggins, Jaime Finane (Program Director), Glenda Williams, Audrey Burns

CS Practitioner Advisors and Program Director met on May 10, 2013, at LRCE to close out another school year of work with LRCE's practitioner teachers. They resumed that afternoon at Corks 'N Canvas, where they were able to enjoy a relaxing atmosphere while painting.

Fall Institute Announcement
Applications for our fall 2013 cohort are being accepted through September 16, 2013! Visit www.lrce.org for a downloadable application and additional information.

Practitioners Side By Side



Above: Theodoris Thyssen, right, a 2012 LRCE practitioner and middle school math teacher, gives a math 'high five' during a summer camp class.

LRCE's Certification Solutions hosted its first *Reach for Success* Math & Science Summer Camp June 3 - 27, 2013. The camp hosted students ranging from 4th through 12th grades and included weekly field trips that served as the basis of math and science instruction. Summer 2012 cohort members served as supervising teachers, and summer 2013 math, science, and special education cohort members completed their field experiences at the camp. More than 100 students participated in 2013, and Certification Solutions hopes to expand the camp in 2014 to eliminate the lengthy waiting list. Students with perfect attendance received a Touch Pad at the closing day luncheon and awards ceremony.

CTE Workshop

Certification Solutions Director Jaime Finane will provide a Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher workshop July 29 through August 2, 2013, at LRCE. This workshop is for new and existing Louisiana CTE teachers requiring initial or renewed teaching licensure in Louisiana. This workshop replaces the Louisiana Department of Education's 'Super Summer Institute' for CTE teachers. For registration and additional information, visit lrce.org.

Celebrating 10 Years

Certification Solutions celebrated 10 years of program service on July 12, 2013. Program alumni, practitioner advisors, 2013 cohort members, and district and school leaders attended the anniversary luncheon held at Boudreaux's in Baton Rouge. Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne served as the special guest speaker, and Jim Carroll, West Feliciana High principal, spoke on behalf of the more than 1,300 LRCE certification alumni.



Above (left to right): LRCE's Executive Director & CEO, Nancy Roberts; Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne; CS Director Jaime Finane

Teachers' Award of Excellence



Kathy Coldwell, a graduate of the Certification Solutions program and teacher at Twin Oaks Elementary, was awarded a grant from the Baton Rouge Relators' Association. In Ms. Coldwell's program, iRead with iPods, she gave her 3rd grade students iPods, which allowed the students to read silently as well as aloud. In this way, students were able to hear recordings of their own voice and modify their reading. As a result, students were able to build comprehension which in turn enhanced their reading experience and increased their self-esteem.

Have exciting teaching news that you'd like to share?
Notify the CS staff at csstaff@lrce.org, and you could be featured in our next newsletter!