

Second Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration

Named in honor of Cecil J. Picard—the third longest serving State Superintendent of Education in Louisiana history, and the catalyst for many nationally recognized educational initiatives—a full day of professional development and celebration honored these outstanding educators recognized for excellence:

Louisiana LEAD graduates

Milken Educator Award winners

National Board Certified Teachers

Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching winners

Select Teacher Advancement Program Principals and Master Teachers

Regional and State Principals of the Year

Regional and State Teachers of the Year

Superintendent of the Year

The event included comments from Governor Bobby Jindal and State Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek; keynote speaker, Chris O’Neal, Ph.D., from the University of Virginia; and, breakout sessions that focused on key education issues. The theme of the event was “Quality Teaching for the Millennial Generation.”



A day-long educational symposium included an address from Governor Bobby Jindal during the opening session.



Louisiana Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek addressed attendees at the symposium.



Accomplishments of the honorees were celebrated at a nighttime banquet that marked the end of the day's events recognizing excellence in education.



2009 Regional Teachers of the Year were recognized during the 2nd Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration. State Teachers of the Year for elementary, middle and high school, as well as the 2009 Louisiana Teacher of the Year were announced at the evening event.

Awards and Sponsors



Deborah Hohn Tonguis, 2009 Louisiana Teacher of the Year, will be able to drive this brand new Mercedes Benz for a year through a lease provided by Mercedes Benz of Baton Rouge. Pictured with Deborah is Joe Agresti, owner of Mercedes Benz of Baton.

In addition to the Mercedes, Deborah Tonguis received two complimentary airline tickets to fly anywhere in the continental United States from Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport; free car rental for four days from Avis; and jewelry from Cohn Turner in Baton Rouge.

Each state-level elementary, middle and high school Teacher and Principal of the Year received a one-year supply of Community Coffee for his or her school's teachers' lounge; an ACTIVboard from Promethean Inc; \$500 from Dream Teachers LLC; \$100 from Apple Education; a \$60 gift certificate from Holiday Inn; four complimentary passes to Blue Bayou Water Park in Baton Rouge; and, a gift from Barnes and Noble.

Other sponsors for the symposium and celebration include:

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