

Leadership Louisiana Class of 2010 Gets Journey Started in Acadiana

Another outstanding group of 46 state and local leaders from the civic, business, government, nonprofit and professional sectors across Louisiana have been selected to participate in the 2010 Leadership Louisiana program. In a first for the Leadership program, the Class got started in January with an Opening Session in Lafayette. They will next meet in mid-March for a session “down the Bayou.”

You can follow the Class in the photo Scrapbook posted in the *Leadership Louisiana* section of the CABL web site: www.CABL.org. A complete class roster is on pages 3 and 4 of the newsletter.

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Scott Strohschein, Meg Casper, Brian Keller, and Keith Wahoske at the Opening Reception in Lafayette hosted by Iberia Bank.



Singing for their supper at Acadian Village.



Sherrie Despino, Tia Embaugh, and Amy Benton at the 2010 opening session in Lafayette.

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Fall Alumni Reunion Event A Big Hit! First-ever Alumni Service Awards Announced

If you missed last fall's statewide **Alumni Reunion** in Lafayette at the Acadian Center for the Arts, you missed a chance to pass a real good time. It was jam-packed with fun and informative activities, including: Grammy-award winning musicians, art exhibits, prizes, our state poet laureate, a spirited talk on education from a former governor, and an informative discussion on the economy from a panel of top CEO's in the state....and, an after-party!

CABL thanks the Alumni partners and sponsors: **Gerd Wuestemann** (Acadian Center for the Arts), **Tyron Picard** (Acadian Ambulance & Air Med Service), **Cherry Fisher May** (*The Independent*), **Anne Ruble** and **Melissa Blake** (Cox Communications), **Jaci Russo** (The Russo Group), **Patrick Little** (Teche Federal Bank), **Craig Roussel** (Bollinger Shipyards), Café des Amis, **Robbie Bush**, Community Coffee, former governor **Kathleen Blanco**, **Jerry Greig**, **Margaret Trahan**, **Flo Meadows**, **Teri Broussard**, **Ben Berthelot** and **Kimberley Florsheim** (The Juliet), **Paul Segura**, **Eric Robicheaux**, **Keith Short** and **Patrick Trahan**.

The first-ever **Leadership Louisiana Alumni Service Award** were given to individuals who have given extraordinary time and expertise to the program over many years. Two outstanding Alumni were chosen to receive the inaugural awards: **Steve Smith**, Attorney from Shriever and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Community and Technical Colleges (2002 Alum) and **Windell Curole**, Executive Director, Lafourche Levee District and member of the LA Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority (2002 Alum). Windell and Steve have excelled in their professional and public service roles and continue to make significant contributions to the success of the *Leadership Louisiana* program through their volunteer participation. Thanks and congratulations to both!

Windell Curole and Steve Smith were presented with the 1st Leadership Louisiana Alumni Award for Outstanding Service.



2010 Calendar

Thibodaux/Houma Session

March 11th
Opening Reception
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
President's Residence Nicholls State University

Baton Rouge Session

May 27th
Opening Reception
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
Location to be announced

New Orleans Session

July 15th
Opening Reception
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
Location to be announced

Shreveport Session

September 23rd
Opening Reception
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
Location to be announced

2011 Application Online

October 1st

Alexandria Session

November 11th
Opening Reception
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
Location to be announced

2010 CABL Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon

December 3rd
9:30A.M.-1:30 P.M.
Hilton Capitol Center—Baton Rouge
201 Lafayette St.



Margaret Trahan, Todd Schexnayder, and Mandi Mitchell arrive at the reunion.



Terrence Simien, Darrell Bourque, Zachary Richard, Chef Pat Mould, and Roddie Romero shared stories and entertained the crowd.



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Matthew Allen, JD
Attorney, Social Security Administration, Shreveport

Jane Arnette
Executive Director, South Central Industrial Association, Houma

Erroll "Charlie" Babineaux, Jr.
Producer, Dwight Andrus Insurance Corp., Lafayette



Pete Yuan, Sarie Joubert, and Kathy Bobbs enjoying Friday night out at Acadian Village.

Kellie Barton
Director Education and Talent Management, FMOL Health System, Baton Rouge

Amy Benton
Vice President, Communications and Governmental Affairs, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Baton Rouge

Kathy Bobbs
CEO, Women's and Children's Hospital, Lafayette

Scott Broussard
Owner/Regional Administrator, Sacred Heart Management, LLC, Oberlin (Allen Parish)/Eunice (St. Landry Parish)

Meg Casper
Associate Commissioner of Public Affairs, Board of Regents, Baton Rouge

Marie Centanni
Owner, Centanni Communications, Baton Rouge

Michel Claudet, CPA, JD
Parish President, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, Houma

J.E. Cullens, JD
Attorney, Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, LLC, Baton Rouge

April Danos
Director of Communications, Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Galliano/Cut Off

Sherrie Despino
President/CEO, Ascension Chamber of Commerce, Gonzales

Aaron Dirks, MBA
President, Dirks Capital, New Orleans

Scott Domingue
Executive Vice President, Business Development, Acadian Companies, Safety Management Systems, LLC, Lafayette

Tia Embaugh
Director, External Relations, LSU Honors College, Baton Rouge

Henry Florsheim
CEO, Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise, Lafayette

Candice Frazier
Recruitment and Selection Director, New Schools for New Orleans, New Orleans

Brad Grundmeyer, MBA
Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, Cox Louisiana, Metairie/Destrehan

Jeremy Harrell
Division President, Marion State Bank, Sterlington/Monroe



"Singing for Your Supper," a Leadership Louisiana tradition.

John Heaton, MD
Director of Anesthesiology, Children's Hospital, New Orleans/Madisonville

Kristy Hebert, Ph.D.
CEO, Advance Innovative Education, Baton Rouge

Gina Jones, MBA
Manager, Employee Training and Development, Westlake Chemical Corp., Sulphur

Sarie Joubert
Manager-Public Affairs, Chesapeake Energy Corp., Shreveport

Katharine Kay, MBA
Senior Vice President, Capital One Bank, Mandeville

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Brian Keller, MBA
Senior Vice President, BlueCross BlueShield of LA, Baton Rouge

Bonnie Lafont
Grants Director, City of Thibodaux, Thibodaux

Ken Latin
Vice President of Visitor Experience, Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center, Shreveport

Shelley MacNary, MBA, CPA, JD
Director, Economic Development, Entergy Louisiana, Baton Rouge/Metairie

Denna McGrew
Assistant Director, Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, Monroe/West Monroe

E. Fredrick Preis, JD
Senior Partner, Labor & Employment Section, Lemle & Kelleher Law Firm, New Orleans/Metairie

Karen Profita, MS
President/CEO, Capital Area United Way, Baton Rouge

Jady Regard, MA
Owner, Cane River Pecan Co. & Louisiana Living, New Iberia/Lafayette

Terri Porche Ricks, JD
General Counsel, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Baton Rouge

Scott Ritter
Principal, Ritter Maher Architects, Baton Rouge

Linda Santi
Chief Operating Officer, Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans, New Orleans



Enjoying an afternoon tour of the Acadiana Center for the Arts.

Don Shea, MA
Executive Director, Shreveport Downtown Development Authority, Shreveport



Virtuoso performance!

Monteic Sizer, Ph.D.
President/CEO, Louisiana Family Recovery Corps, Baton Rouge/Baker

Lana Sonnier
Public Affairs Advisor, ExxonMobil, Baton Rouge

Steve Strohschein, JD
Attorney, McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge

Staci Sullivan, MSN
Vice President of Infant & Pediatric Services, Woman's Hospital, Baton Rouge/Zachary

Thomas Temple, Jr., JD
Partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge/St. Francisville

Lizette Terral
President - New Orleans, Chase Bank, New Orleans

Iva Thibodeaux, M.Ed.
Director of Industry Research & Strategic Planning, Schumacher Group, Lafayette/Youngsville

Keith Wahoske
Vice President-Port Hudson Operations, Georgia Pacific, Port Hudson/Zachary

Pete Yuan
President - Lafayette Market, Iberia Bank, Lafayette

Have a Nomination? Send it in!

If you would like to nominate a great individual to participate in a future Leadership Louisiana class, let us know. **Nominations are accepted year long.** Nomination forms can be found in the Leadership LA section of our web site—www.CABL.org or email to sheree@cabl.org.

