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LASE Conference Well Attended & Well Received

The 32nd Annual Conference of the Louisiana Association of School Executives, held November 15-17, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, was well attended by more than 200 participants. Included were school superintendents, principals, supervisors, counselors, education consultants, and quality vendors. These professionals serve a vital role as providers of needed materials, technologies, and expertise.

Approximately forty vendors set up displays and manned them at strategic times during the two and one-half day conference. Opportunities were available and were taken advantage of by LASE participants who visited each booth in depth to examine the latest techniques and materials to supplement classroom instruction in the 21st century and support quality leadership in our state.

The slate of conference speakers included Dr. Loren Scott, LSU Professor Emeritus; Bob Hammonds, an expert in Louisiana school law; Vince Dooley, motivational speaker and former head coach of the University of Georgia; and John Hodge and Dr. Harvey Perkins of the Urban Learning and Leadership Center of Hampton, Virginia.

The 2010 LASE Officers were elected at the LASE Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 17:

- President: Stacy Solet, Principal
Lisa Park Elementary School
Terrebonne Parish
- President-Elect: Richard Lavergne
Superintendent
St. Martin Parish

Members of the Executive Committee were chosen for Districts II, IV, VI, and VIII:

- District II: Jan Somoza, Principal
Jefferson Parish
- District IV: Sara Ebarb, Director
Caddo Parish
- District VI: Jan Benton, Supervisor
Livingston Parish
- District VIII: Michael Coburn, Director
LA Department of Education

John E. Bourque was chosen Superintendent of the Year. He has served Acadia Parish as superintendent with distinction for the past seven years as an outstanding leader in his chosen profession. Rising through the ranks, Superintendent Bourque has been a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal. A true leader, Mr. Bourque has served as President and Vice President of the Southwest Louisiana Superintendent's Association. Superintendent Bourque will now enter the American Association of School Administrators leadership program to select a National Superintendent of the Year.



Superintendent John E. Bourque

Monica Wertz was selected as the 2009 Recipient of the Paul H. Fouquier Leadership Award. Mrs. Wertz currently serves as Director of Human Resources in the Plaquemines Parish Public School System. Monica has served Plaquemines as an outstanding teacher and administrator. Mrs. Wertz was selected Teacher of the Year in 1992, twice honored as Principal of the Year 1998 and 1999, and named State Principal of the Year for 2003-2004. Monica Wertz served on the LASE Executive Committee for many years and was elected President of the Louisiana Association of School Executives in 2001.



Monica Wertz

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