



President

Dianne Leblanc

Dianne is the Chief Technology Officer for the Iberia Parish School District, a position where she has served for the past 21 years. She graduated from USL (now UL-Lafayette) with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science Education and a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Dianne has been a member of LACUE for 23 years and has served on the LACUE Board for the past 12 years, holding the offices of Member-At-Large, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President. In addition to LACUE, Dianne has served on numerous Educational Technology Committees and manages the LaTechLeaders group.



Vice President (President Elect, Advocacy)

Clint Miller

Clint is the Director of Information Technology for Ouachita Parish Schools. He received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics from North Louisiana University (now UL-Monroe) in 1997. Clint began working as a student worker in Ouachita Parish in 1994 as a sophomore in college. The next year he moved into a full-time Programmer/Analyst position while he completed his last two years of college. He moved into a Programmer/Analyst II position in 1998 and became a Network/Systems Administrator in 2000. In 2020, Clint was promoted to Director of Information Technology.

Clint feels fortunate to have been involved in many milestones in Educational Technology in Ouachita Parish. He has experienced everything from dial-up serial terminals to ultra-small form factor desktops and 10 Gigabit WANs, from huge tower servers with 256 MB disks to hyper-converged virtualized datacenters housing 100+ TB of storage, and from chalkboards to Interactive Panels just to name a few. These firsthand experiences have helped make him an effective IT leader.

Clint joined the LACUE board in 2017 as the Area VIII Director. Clint's involvement with LACUE over the years has resulted in many relationships with IT professionals at other districts across the state and country. He believes that these relationships and the sharing of knowledge and experiences between colleagues has been a tremendous benefit to him both professionally and personally. Clint looks forward to continuing his service to the organization and seeing it grow and thrive.



Treasurer

Leslie McClure

I am a proud Louisiana educator with 25 years experience serving public schools. In those years, I have served as a middle school science and computer processing teacher, the Technology Facilitator for all schools and currently serve as the Supervisor of Data and Technology for West Feliciana Parish Schools. I am most satisfied when I can collaborate with other educators to effectively implement technology in meaningful instruction. Because I believe that technology can enhance learning for students and support teachers with this very challenging work, I love when I can share technology tools and resources with them. For me, LACUE has always been an organization that supported me with the work I do. I am currently on the LACUE Board as the Area 2 Representative. Right now, my biggest task with LACUE is working on the conference committee and planning for an outstanding conference in December for Louisiana educators.



Secretary (Communications and Social Media)

Stephanie Thompson

Stephanie Thompson is a Technology Facilitator for West Baton Rouge Parish Schools in Port Allen, Louisiana. She is an experienced educator with extensive knowledge about technology integration. She conducts model lessons, and generally provides instructional leadership as teachers integrate technology into their classes. Her main focus is helping teachers be successful in the classroom. Having a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, she is equipped to provide teachers with the tools they need to give their students deep learning experiences. She has presented at ISTE, TCEA, FETC, NSBA, LACUE, and other conferences on techniques to successfully incorporate technology into the classroom. She is an ISTE certified educator. She is an active member of the technology community in the state of Louisiana, having served on the LACUE Board for 8 years and holding the position of secretary for the last 4 years. She has also served on the program committee for LACUE19, ISTE Live22, and LACUE22. This is Stephanie's 23rd year in education.



Professional Learning: Virtual and F2F Director

Inkie Landry

St. Tammany Parish Public School System, Instructional Technology Coordinator

Inkie has taught school for over 23 years as a Computer Science/Math teacher, has completed her Masters Degree in Computer Science/Math Education from Corpus Christi State University and her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University with a B.S. in education (math major, social studies minor). She also taught a LEADTech course (technology for administrators) for Louisiana Tech. Inkie has also been a graduate school adjunct professor at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU), Louisiana State University (LSU), and the University of Louisiana in Lafayette (formerly USL.) She is the former Computer Coordinator in Vermilion Parish and has been working with computers for over 42 years. For a brief period of time she worked in education sales for Apple Computer, Inc., National Data Products, Computer Curriculum Corporation, The Lightspan Partnership, and AT&T. Most importantly, she has been a member of the LACUE board for many years.



General Board Member

Josephine Baris, Sterlington Middle School

My name is Josephine Baris. I am from Gilbert, Louisiana, but currently live in Sterlington, Louisiana. I graduated from ULM in 2015 with my Bachelor's in Secondary English Education. I graduated again from ULM with my Master's in Educational Technology Leadership. For the first 6 years in the classroom, I taught 7th and 6th grade social studies at Riser Middle School in West Monroe. This year I am teaching 6th grade ELA at Sterlington Middle School. I have a husband of 5 years, Ugur Baris who works for Lumen and a 1 year old daughter named Aleyna. As a 90's baby, I grew up at the beginning of the technology revolution. I was probably one of the first generations who were raised and educated with computers. I saw first hand how much of an impact computer can have a student including expanding themselves beyond their small towns, creating more engaging lessons, encouraging creativity, and sharpening critical thinking skills.



General Board Member

Mary Elizabeth Carruth, The Dunham School

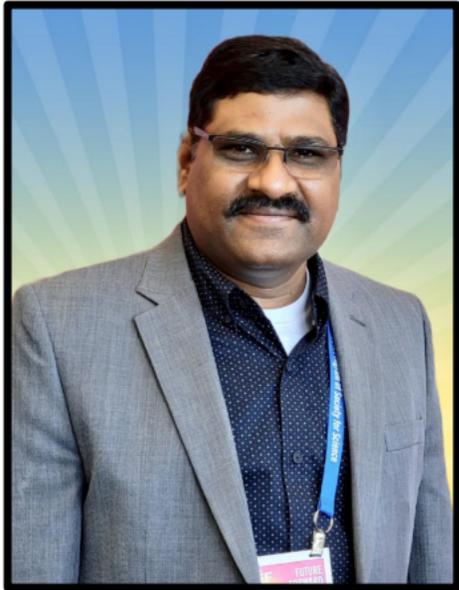
Mary Elizabeth Carruth is a Technology Coach with 22 plus years in Education. She will graduate in December 2022 from Nicholls State University with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Educational Technology Leadership. Although most of her professional experience is in lower elementary, she is certified to teach Early Childhood through 8th grade. She is an ISTE Certified Educator, an ISTE Certified Librarian, and is certified through Google Level II. She taught for 19 years, was the PK-8th grade librarian for two years, and is in her third year as Technology Coach. Mary Elizabeth lives in Baton Rouge with her husband, Tyler, and their three boys.



General Board Member

Jamie Chauvin, Lafourche Parish School District

I am an IT professional with over 12 years of experience in many different industries including Education, Healthcare, Wholesale, and in the private sector. I have a Master's degree in Business Administration and recently achieved a Certified Cyber Security Specialist certification. I enjoy solving problems and helping people find success through the use of technology.



General Board Member

Dr. Suresh Chiruguru, Calcasieu Parish

An Educator with a passion for a positive change for 23 years and still working. Worked as Science Teacher, Master Teacher, Mentor Teacher, and Instructional Coach. Currently working for Calcasieu Parish School System as an Instructional Leader. Advocate for Education in the state of Louisiana through Stand For Children. Professor of Science Education to empower potential teachers to take a stand to become a certified educator to combat the Teacher shortage crisis across the nation. Having been a lifelong student earned multiple Advanced degrees with a variety of mainstream courses ranging from Science, to region, to Social sciences, and Management. In addition to 2 academic Doctorate degrees, honored with a honorary Doctor of Divinity in recognition for the Global Evangelism and volunteer work abroad. Being a distinguished LACUE Ambassador, ISTE Certified Educator, and Microsoft Innovative Educator, Promotes 21st Century Teaching skills to transform teachers to be effective, efficient and empowering leaders through online publications, and EdTech professional development. Consistently contributes to Science Education through Science and Engineering Fairs, society for science, and Highschool Research Teachers' conference, and symposia. Made online appearances and mentions in several researches; Science, society and Technology Conference publications, etc., Determined to remain as an educator at heart to enlighten others!!!



General Board Member

Kelsey Hegel, St. Charles Parish Public Schools

I am in my 13th year as an Educator, 11 of which have been in the state of Louisiana. The first two were in New Jersey. For the past eight years, I have had the opportunity to work in St. Charles Parish, teaching both students and teachers. Four of my years in St. Charles were in the classroom as an ELA and SS teacher, three were as an Instruction and Technology Coach. This year, I was given the opportunity to bring my experiences to Central Office as the Coordinator of Instructional Technology. I received my Bachelor's Degrees in Elementary Education and English from Rowan University in New Jersey. I have a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Boise State University in Idaho. Currently, I am seven semesters into my Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University.



General Board Member

Angel Lowe, Ouachita Parish Schools

I am a professional educator with over 19+ years of experience in a variety of educational settings with a focus on high poverty/low socioeconomic populations. I am presently seeking the opportunity to use my skills in developing educational leadership and strategies to help mold the future of technology integration in education and educational policy.

During my journey as an educator from Pre-K Special Education to High School and beyond, I have worked as consultant/coordinator, district/school/teacher leader, and as an instructional coach for high poverty schools to help drive student achievement, curriculum implementation, and overall school improvement. My career demonstrates a history of working in the education management industry & technology integration as a strong, supportive professional.



General Board Member

Carrie Rocconi, Diocese of Shreveport

Carrie Rocconi has been an educator for more than 18 years. During this time, she has taught 4th grade through 8th grade English, reading, social studies, and religion. Carrie currently serves as a 4th grade teacher at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic School in Monroe, Louisiana. Carrie received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Louisiana Tech in 2002. After several years as a news reporter and marketing director, she decided to head back to school and pursue an education degree. In 2007, she graduated with honors from the University of Louisiana at Monroe in Education and received a Masters of Arts in Teaching.

While teaching Carrie has served as a Cognia Accreditation team member, helped lead her school through the accreditation process, served on the book adoption/ curriculum committees, served on numerous safety committees, and been named a Master Classroom Teacher through the Accelerated Reader Program. She was awarded CenturyLink's Teachers in Technology Grant in 2019-2020 for "Smart Desks" in the 4th grade classrooms. In 2021, she also received the Junior League of Monroe Grant for virtual reality headsets.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin



General Board Member

Dr. Tammy Seneca, West Baton Rouge Parish

Dr. Tammy Seneca is the Supervisor of Information Systems and Educational Technology for West Baton Rouge Parish Schools. Her main area of concentration is working with teachers on how to successfully use technology as a tool to present rigorous and relevant lessons. In her current position, she oversees her district's 1:1 initiative and technology professional development. She has a doctorate in Educational, Theory, Policy, and Practice with a concentration in Educational Technology from Louisiana State University. She is an active member of the technology community and currently serves as a board member and President for the LACUE organization.



General Board Member

Ashley Watson-Shroud, Ascension Parish

I am an educator with 18 years experience. I've taught for 16 years. Last year, I served as a Regional Literacy Specialist. This year, I am a teacher coach. My experience has spanned grades K-12. I have worked in multiple districts in my various roles, allowing me to have a finger on the pulse of Louisiana public education.

I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in education, an Education Specialist Degree in Reading, my reading specialist certification, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum.



General Board Member

Julius White, Ouachita Parish

I have been part of the Education system for the past 7 years as a middle school math, CTE, and STEM teacher after completing my Master's of Teaching. During these 7 years, I have attended several conferences, chaired several committees, and became a school technologist. I am in the process of completing the requirements to become a leader within my school district. My leadership experience is derived from my banking background and my Master's of Business Administration. I began in the banking industry in 1996 as a teller during college and was quickly promoted to be the youngest branch manager in Iberiabank history (age 21). I continued to advance within the banking industry and became District Manager at Capital One Bank where I was in charge of 22 branches throughout Central and Northeast Louisiana with deposits in excess of one billion dollars. I was given the opportunity to be the Area President for Northeast Louisiana for Capital One Bank where I was in charge of distributing \$150,000 budget to non-profit organizations throughout Northeast Louisiana as well as holding the position of District Manager. During my time as branch manager and district manager, I spent a great deal of time coaching associates. As a branch manager I focused on coaching the associates in the conversation they had with their customer. As a district manager, I coached the branch managers in perfecting their coaching skills with the associates. The remainder of my time was spent building relationships with customers throughout my area and de-escalating major customer issues. Focusing on continuous improvement through coaching allowed my branch and district to lead the company in sales and ranked among the highest in customer service throughout the company.

I have served on and led several boards and committees over the years including ARCO of Ouachita, Better Business Bureau, Fair Park Baptist Church Finance Committee, PBIS, Adopt-A-School, and United Way. My favorite board position was when I had the opportunity to lead a group to develop jobs within the community for people with developmental disabilities. My group had the task of helping an employer see a need in their business and how this person can fill that role for their organization. It was a win-win situation for both the business and the person obtaining the job.



General Board Member

Dr. Danielle Williams, Grambling State University

Dr. Danielle Williams is an assistant professor and program leader of the Masters of Arts in Teaching program at Grambling State University. Dr. Williams also serves as an adjunct professor at an institution of higher education in Texas. Dr. Williams earned her B.S. in Computer Information Systems from Grambling State University, M.Ed in Educational Leadership from University of Louisiana at Monroe, and EdD in Educational Leadership from Dallas, Texas. Dr. Williams has over 15 years of experience in teaching and learning, serving as a mentor, grant writer, special education teacher, professor, and Central Office District Administrator. Dr. Williams is a certified Quality Matters Peer Reviewer, and is proficient in the following areas related to online learning: lesson alignment, laws related to accessibility, Universal Design Learning, active learning, differentiation, assessment, technology, research-based best practices, facilitation, design thinking, learning management systems, video special effects tools, effective asynchronous/synchronous virtual facilitation, culturally relevant pedagogy, course writing, and instructional design.