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Louisiana Civil Service League announces Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Award Recipients

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On January 20, 2017, the Louisiana Civil Service League presented the 58th Annual Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Awards in New Orleans.

This prestigious award was given to 12 individuals employed in the state, municipal or local classified service. Winners were selected in recognition of their exemplary service to the citizens of Louisiana, as demonstrated by their commitment to the classified service, contributions to improvement in the workplace, and volunteer community activities.

The award is named after the founder of the League, Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., who is responsible for spearheading the effort to establish a classified workforce that would be governed through merit system principles.

Over 800 State and local classified civil service employees have been honored with this prestigious award for their distinguished service since the award's inception in 1958.

The 2016 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Award honorees were:

- Lisa Andry of Baton Rouge – Child Support Enforcement Director, Department of Children and Family Services
- Joseph Breaux of Brusly – Agricultural Environmental Specialist Administrative Coordinator, LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- Etta Jane Harris of Zachary – Deputy Undersecretary, Department of Children and Family Services
- Amy Hernandez of Zachary – Agricultural Environmental Specialist Administrative Coordinator, LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry
- Timothy Hooper of St. Gabriel – Warden 4, Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections
- James “Jim” Jenkins of Livingston – Assistant Division Director, LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry
- J. Ruth Kennedy of Hammond – Medicaid Expansion Project Director, LA Department of Health/Bureau of Health Services Financing

- Carol LeDoux of Rayne – Administrative Program Specialist A, LSU AgCenter H Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station/Southwest Region
- Allen R. Taylor of Baton Rouge – Engineering Technician DCL, LA Department of Transportation and Development
- Michael Varnado of Zachary – Architectural Historian 2, Office of Cultural Development, Cultural, Recreation & Tourism
- Lesha C. Woods of Baton Rouge – Director, LA Transportation Research Center Financial Services Administrator, LA Department of Transportation & Development
- James Gary Young of Angola – Administrative Program Director 3, LA State Penitentiary/Department of Corrections

Honorable Mentions were presented to the following employees by Brandy Malatesta, president of the Louisiana Personnel Council:

- Tammy Bridges of Baton Rouge – Contracts/Grants Reviewer 3, Department of culture, Recreation & Tourism
- Damon Cooley of DeRidder – Engineering Technician 7, DOTD/Operations
- Diab Haddad of Prairieville – Information Technology Management Consultant, Division of Administrative Law
- Richard Harbor of Baton Rouge – Accountant Manager 3, DOTD
- Angelita Jackson of Shreveport – Director Human Resources, City of Shreveport
- Dr. Sylvia C. Melancon of Baton Rouge – Program Manager 1A, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, La Department of Health
- David Myers of Baton Rouge – IT Applications Project Leader, LA Secretary of State Office
- Joanne C. Reed of Sorrento – Director of Voter Registration, LA Secretary of State Office
- Max J. Reichert of Baton Rouge – HR Assistant Division Administrator, State Civil Service
- Verdie Richburg of Metairie – Assistant Director, Jefferson Parish Public Library
- Brian Thacker of Glenmora – Forest Crew Supervisor, LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry
- Jere Townsend of Baton Rouge – Administrative Program Specialist A, School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences, LSU AgCenter

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To provide human resource services and programs that enable state government to attract, develop and retain a productive and diverse workforce that excels in delivering quality services to the citizens of Louisiana.

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