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2012 Women of Excellence Awards' Recipients Named

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus through the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012 Women of Excellence Awards. The Women's Caucus created these prestigious awards in 2008 to recognize and honor the exemplary achievements and contributions of extraordinary Louisiana women who personify excellence in leadership, profession, academics, community service, character and integrity. A panel of six judges selected the award recipients through an arduous selection process. One recipient was selected from each of the seven categories. The winners of the High School Woman of Excellence Award and the College Woman of Excellence Award (ages 18 to 25) will also receive the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for \$1,000.

The Women of Excellence Award recipients are as follows:

Business:

- Dawn Sharpe-Brackett--East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce—Slidell

College Woman of Excellence (age 18 to 25) & the Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

- Danielle Lauren Borel--Louisiana State University--Baton Rouge

Education & Research:

- Alma Thornton, Ph.D.--Southern University A&M College--Baton Rouge

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Government & Law:

- Shelly D. Dick--Forrester, Dick & Clark, Attorneys--Baton Rouge

High School Woman of Excellence (for graduating seniors) & the Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

- Jennifer Tu--Benjamin Franklin High School--New Orleans

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM):

- Annette Oertling, Ph.D.--Tulane University--New Orleans

Volunteerism & Civic Involvement:

- Madison Julia Matherne--John Ehret High School--Marrero

The Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus Foundation’s Educational Advancement Opportunity Scholarship will be presented at the 5th Annual Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarship Gala on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baton Rouge Marriott. Contact the Women’s Caucus Office at 225.342.0334 for ticket information and for available sponsorship opportunities. To order tickets for the gala, visit us online at

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=d8lfsajab&oeidk=a07e5rhev1r8265a2f1>

About the Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus Foundation

OUR MISSION

The Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus Foundation’s mission is: “To prepare and develop women leaders in Louisiana to be significant contributors and achievers in society.”

WHO WE ARE

The Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus Foundation is a non-profit corporation with an IRS designation of 501(c)(3). It is administered by the Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus, which is comprised of women legislators currently serving in the Louisiana Legislature. The selection of the Women of Excellence Awards and scholarship recipients is made by an awards and scholarship committee. This committee makes its decisions based on defined criteria and works independently of the women legislators. Members of the Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus and its staff do not serve on the awards and scholarship committee.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The Foundation prides itself on encouraging women of Louisiana to uphold high levels of integrity, excellence in character, leadership and service to others and outstanding work and academic standards. We believe these factors are the primary ingredients for success in every role a woman has in her lifetime.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarship Program recognizes and honors the exemplary achievements and contributions of extraordinary women in Louisiana who personify excellence in their leadership, profession, academics, community service, character and integrity. The Foundation also supports the educational advancement of deserving young women in Louisiana through the awarding of scholarships with the Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus Foundation Scholarship for \$1,000 and the Educational Advancement Opportunity (EAO) Scholarship for \$500.

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