Louisiana Regional Collaboratives for Excellence in Science Teaching



HONORING THE TEACHERS

Louisiana Tech University/ Grambling State University Regional Collaborative

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PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Danny Hubbard and Dr. David Mills

Project Directors, Louisiana Tech/Grambling Regional Collaborative
Natalie Hendrix, Teacher Coordinator

Teachers' Tribute

Slide Show Presentation

WELCOME

Dr. Robert M. Dixon

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Grambling State University

Dr. Connie Walton

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Grambling State University

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

Jonathan Johnson

State Director

Office of Congressman Rodney Alexander

Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily

Executive Director

Texas Regional Collaboratives

Gary Lacombe

External Affairs Manager Shell Oil Company

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Presentation of Certificates of Achievement as evidence of dedication to life-long learning and commitment to the teaching profession.

Louisiana Tech University/Grambling State University Regional Collaborative **PROJECT DIRECTORS**

Dr. David Mills
Professor, Biological Sciences
Louisiana Tech University



Dr. Danny Hubbard
Head, Department of Chemistry
Grambling State University

SPEAKERS

"I am especially pleased to participate in this program because it involves teachers. This group of teachers deserves the honors they are going to receive tonight. If we are to remain a competitive nation, if we are to produce scientists and engineers that we need for the rest of this century, it will be because we have outstanding teachers at all levels, but certainly at the elementary, middle and high school levels."

Dr. Robert M. Dixon

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Grambling State University





Dr. Robert M. Dixon





"I would like to thank the Shell Oil Company for funding this intitative, and thank the Texas Regional Collaboratives for reaching out to the State of Louisiana, specifically the Grambling State University. To the honorees, "Congratulations!" You represent nine school systems, and I have no doubt you are the leaders at your schools. You are to be commended on your commitment to excellence."

Dr. Connie Walton

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Grambling State University

Dr. Connie Walton

"On behalf of Congressman Alexander, I want to express our gratitude for the fact you have taken the time to participate in this program, and the fact that you have chosen to be teachers. You play an important role, not only in our communities, but in the state, and our country as a whole. Thank you for all that you do."

Jonathan Johnson

State Director, Office of Congressman Rodney Alexander





Jonathan Johnson





"The partnership between Shell Oil Company and the Texas Regional Collaboratives and the four colleges and universities in this state is really an exemplary partnership. We look forward to using your leadership in Grambling, Louisiana Tech, LSU and Southern University to scale up this program in the state of Louisiana. I want to congratulate all the teachers who are here tonight for the achievement of being life-long learners to help our students achieve educational excellence."

Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily *Executive Director,* Texas Regional Collaboratives

Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily

"I am honored to address this great group of teachers and educators. Shell invests in Science and Mathematics. We have to invest in the pipeline and keep the talent coming our way so we can be competitive in the global economy. I encourage you to involve your students in the activities of the Louisiana Engineering Society, and check the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association has a summer program for the teachers of practical things to do in the classroom. Please check Shell's website to find out about the \$10,000 science teacher award. As educators, the students you have are the messengers you send to a place you will never see."





Gary Lacombe

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TEACHERS HONORED







Senchal Davis-Gasaway, Grambling Middle Magnet Benjamin M. Miles, Arcadia High Jakeithia Prejean, Gibsland-Coleman High Wendy Dobbins, Minden High Nyoka Freeman, Carroll High **DeWanda Hamler,** Carroll Jr. High Velma Mosley, Red River Jr. High **Diane Newton,** Red River Parish **Evelyn Scott,** Bernice High Rhonda Lee, Jonesboro Hodge High **Augustine Moore,** Choudrant Elementary Bobby Benson, Carroll Jr. High Alton Dozier, Swayze Glen Guin, Minden High Shanna Martin, Red River Parish Ruby Musgrow, Minden High Patricia Schneider, Carroll High **Oretha Whitley,** *Barkdull Faulk Elementary* **Donna Harrell,** Morehouse Magnet School Lydia Clary, Weston High Mechele Williams, Quitman High Tara Allgood, Haughton High Shawna Creamer, Airline High Melinda Cassel, Captain Shreve High Denna Lachman, Caddo Magnet High Anna Drago, Elm Grove Middle

Tammy Hanson, Cotton Valley High

TEACHERS HONORED



Senchal Davis-Gasaway *Grambling Middle Magnet*



Augustine Moore *Choudrant Elementary*



Jakeithia Prejean *Gibsland-Coleman High*



Donna Harrell *Morehouse Magnet School*



DeWanda Hamler Carroll Jr. High



Benjamin M. Miles Arcadia High



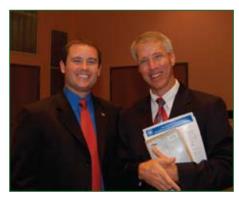


Oretha Whitley *Barkdull Faulk Elementary*

HONORING THE TEACHERS



Dr. Robert M. Dixon and Dr. Danny Hubbard



Jonathan Johnson and Gary Lacombe



Dr. A. Jbeily, Brenda Nixon, *Project Director,* Louisiana State University/Southern University Regional Collaborative, **and Dr. James P. Barufaldi,** *Director,* Center for Science and Mathematics Education, The University of Texas at Austin



Natalie Hendrix Teacher Coordinator Granbling State University



Dr. Danny Hubbard, Dr. David Mills, Linda Ramsey, Former Project Director, Louisiana Tech University/Grambling University Regional Collaborative, Dr. James P. Barufaldi, Director, Center for Science and Mathematics Education, The University of Texas at Austin, Jonathan Johnson, and Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily

THE PROGRAM

The Louisiana Tech University/Grambling State University Regional Collaborative is one of two regional collaborative programs in Louisiana. Our program is supported by the Shell Oil Company in partnership with the Texas Regional Collaboratives program. Our mission is provide science and mathematics teachers with education enhancement and support systems that improve student performance in science, and stimulate student potential to pursue science and engineering related careers. Our two institutions of higher education have partnered with K-12 schools and teachers to provide the teachers with professional development opportunities and resources for their classrooms and schools.

Through this program Grambling State University provided a training workshop on Polymers, Plastics, and Recycling. Teachers conducted experiments in preparing Nylon, Absorbant Polymers similar to those used in Pampers, and they learned how to use photochemical reactions to outline letters and numbers! In addition to this experience, the teachers learned much about the recycling of plastics and waste products in our society.



Polymers, Plastics, and Recycling Workshop July 22, 2008





CONGRATULATIONS!



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