



# Terrebonne Foundation for Academic **EXCELLENCE** *Report*

Winter 2008

## Message from the President

*Save the Date!*  
*May 9, 2009*



Looking back at the accomplishments of the Foundation for 2008, a smile of satisfaction comes to my face when I realize that our goals are becoming a reality. It really is a good feeling. But however wonderful that feeling may be, it pales in comparison when I look back and remember all of the supporters and volunteers who came together and worked so hard to see to it that the Foundation's efforts were realized. A sense of true community and pride comes forth that renews ones desire and intent to keep pushing toward greater goals for the Foundation. None of the goals the Foundation strives for, however, can be met without all of our supporters and volunteers. So, I say to you and everyone, thank you so much for your support and dedication.

**The Courier** presents the **TGMC 5K Run for Excellence and Cajun Food Festival**, one of the largest community-wide events was held this past May. Great weather and thousands of participants helped to make this another very successful event. Sixty-nine corporate sponsors, 32 food partners, and 400+ volunteers worked together to raise over \$82,000! Over 1,000 race participants and 2,500 festival participants took part in one of our community's finest events. It would be impossible to acknowledge everyone who made this event such a success, but I do wish to extend a sincere thank you for all the hard work and dedication to our committee members, sponsors, and volunteers. The funds raised support our annual operating budget as well as fund some of the teacher and school impact grants. Please mark your calendar for the 2009 event that will take place on Saturday, May, 9<sup>th</sup>.

In August our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Excellence Teacher Awards celebration was held. Over 800 attendees celebrated and recognized the Terrebonne Parish Public School teachers. Mrs. Kim Hebert Nobile, of Coteau-Bayou Blue is the Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Nobile is also the Louisiana Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mr. Ken Broussard, Grand Caillou Middle is the Middle School Teacher of the Year and Mr. Chris Brown, STHS is the High School Teacher of the Year. The TFAE Inspirational Teacher of the Year is Mr. Scott Guidroz, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at South Terrebonne High School.

This year the foundation unveiled the James J. Buquet, Jr., Award of Distinction, to be given to a Terrebonne Parish Public School graduate for his or her vision and excellence in a chosen field or other areas of personal endeavor. This year's award was given posthumously to Mr. James J. Buquet, Jr., for his commitment to public education. James J. Buquet III, TFAE Campaign Chairman, accepted the award on behalf of his father.

The TFAE grant winners for the 2008-2009 school year were announced at the Teacher Awards banquet. Over \$100,000 dollars in grants were awarded, 27 Teacher Grants and 15 School Impact grants, impacting over 6,000 students. These grants will enhance the educational experience of children throughout Terrebonne Parish.

In October our new website was completed. Please log on to [www.tfae.org](http://www.tfae.org) to learn more about The Foundation, the grant process, our benefactors, The Courier presents The TGMC 5K Run for Excellence and Cajun Food Festival and much more.

As the year comes to a close, TFAE is nearing our endowed fund goal of two million dollars. The Foundation, sincerely appreciates those of you who have made a commitment to help us grow the Academic Excellence Fund. We still need continued support to reach our goal. If you or someone you know is interested in making an investment in education they may contact Yolanda Trahan, TFAE Executive Director, at 985-868-5881.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support as the Foundation, in collaboration with education advocates, business leaders, parents, and the local school district, strives to enhance public education in our community.

On behalf of the TFAE board of directors and staff we extend to each of you a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,  
Tom Watkins, President  
TFAE

*Check out our  
new website:  
[www.tfae.org](http://www.tfae.org)  
Find information  
about grants, 5K  
Run, and much  
more!*

For information about TFAE contact Yolanda Trahan at: [tfae@bellsouth.net](mailto:tfae@bellsouth.net) or 985-868-5881

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Stephanie Eschete-Bourg Elementary School-*Music to My Ears*

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*MSI-Math Scene Investigation*

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*Stretch Your Imagination with Literature Circles*

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Emily Gilmore-Mulberry Elementary School-*Making Science a Verb!*

Della Ann Brock-Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary

*The World is a Rainbow*

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*Teaching with Technology-Reading for Meaning*

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Julie Matherne-Bourg Elementary School

*Science Snoopers: Exploring Through Experiments*

Melanie Boulet-Montegut Middle School-*"Lights, Camera, Action!"*

Lisa Vicknair-Lisa Park Elementary-*"Sight On!"*

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Tara Portier-Mulberry Elementary School-*Hands on Practice in Math*

Angie Fremin-Schriever Elementary-*Reading is Fun!*

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Brenda Bergeron-Mulberry Elementary School- *Math in a Flash*

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Debbie Cook-Grand Caillou Elementary-*Order In-Take Out*

Polly Burgess-Mulberry Elementary School

*Project LAW (Louisiana Writers)*

Christy Barnes-Bourg Elementary School

*Making Magic in Math Corner with Manipulatives*

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Debbie Yelverton-Pointe-aux-Chenes Elementary

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David Lottinger-South Terrebonne High School-*I am "A Work of Art"*

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Katie Scott-West Park Elementary-*Making Math Matter*

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Stephanie Babin-Lisa Park Elementary-*"Web Out" with Math*

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Tanaka Lee-West Park Elementary-*Ready Set Let's Read*

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Cristy Crispino-Mulberry Elementary School

*Reading, Writing, and P.E.-A Three Ring Circus*

#### GRANT SPONSOR-TFAE 5K RUN FOR EXCELLENCE

Kami Babin-Bourg Elementary School- *Making Connections*

## 2008-2009 School Impact Grants

Congratulations to the following School Impact Grant recipients. A total of \$74,022 was awarded for these grants.

### GRANT SPONSOR-The James J. Buquet, Jr. Family Foundation Fund

*(In memory of James J. Buquet, Jr.)*

Debbie Cook, Karen Geist, Lakisha Nelson, Nichole Lee, Ashley Wininger-

Grand Caillou Elementary-*Thinking Map Tours to the World of Reading*

Christy Barnes, Michelle Dupre, Kristie Dardar-Bourg Elementary

*Training Athletes with VMathLive*

Simonne Lanigan, Melinda Lantrip, Steve Malcolm, Connie Dupre-Lacache

Middle School-*Project TLC: Technology Learning Community*

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*Readaway with Playaway*

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Elementary-*Lights, Cameras, Action! Let's Read!*

### GRANT SPONSOR-The Jim and Glenda Harper Fund

Lisa Haydel, Rebecca Bordelon-Evergreen Jr. High

*The "Write" Stuff-Improving Student Writing Using Innovative Computer Technology*

Penny Abreo, Barbara Kearns, Alice Wright-Coteau Bayou Blue School

*G.R.A.N.T. Guided Reading Accelerates Necessary Teaching*

Sheri Ledet, Bridgette Dagenhardt-Lisa Park Elementary

*Vamp Up Vocabulary*

### GRANT SPONSOR-South Louisiana Bank

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Alesia Blanchard, Dorothy Ledet-Mulberry Elementary

*"Where in the World is Houma, Louisiana?"*

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Elementary-*"Measuring Up"*

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Elementary- *"Wow! This Doesn't Even Feel Like We're Learning."*

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The gladness of Christmas  
give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas  
grant you love.*

*~Author Unknown*

