

The *a+pel* News: Rapides Edition

Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana

May 2018

We hope that everyone has had an amazing school year!

Now that summer is just around the corner, we hope that the 3 E's (Energy, Enthusiasm, and Excellence) have helped bring success for your students this year. We want you to always remember that a teacher's energy can encourage their students to reach their fullest potential, and a teacher's enthusiasm will inspire students to become super excited about learning. These two important characteristics will help bring about the excellence that each school family truly deserves. From our A+PEL family to yours, have a wonderful, blessed summer!

News

❖ If you are planning to start a new chapter in your life as a retired educator, please feel free to contact our Co-President **Tanya Hampton** at 318-730-3790. Our A+PEL family would love to congratulate you on this new milestone.

❖ **May's A+PEL meeting** will take place on Monday, May 21 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. On the agenda will be election of officers and planning for next year. Come join us at McAlister's Deli on Masonic Drive!

❖ Who is ready to "**Set S.A.I.L.**" on an exciting voyage this summer? This journey will be filled with valuable workshops about effective teaching strategies and classroom management techniques, all while meeting new friends and having loads of fun! This July, the Annual A+PEL Conference will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel. Come embark on this journey with us!

❖ Also, to represent our chapter, ideas are needed to prepare a basket for the silent auction held at the A+PEL conference to benefit scholarships.



JULY 17-19, 2017
BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT
\$150 REGISTRATION
\$25 A+PEL MEMBER DISCOUNT
\$25 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BEFORE JUNE 1ST

❖ This upcoming 2018-2019 school year can serve as a wonderful opportunity for LSUA's A+PEL chapter and Louisiana College to come together to plan upcoming community involvements with Rapides A+PEL.



We have surprises galore! And the winners are...

- ❖ **Student teachers at Louisiana College or LSUA!** They can be awarded \$100 or \$150 scholarships from our local chapter.
- ❖ **Teachers who may need some additional assistance in legal situations!** They are more than welcome to contact A+PEL initially (1-800-364-2735) to be granted an attorney and financial support during this time.
- ❖ **All A+PEL members who recruit by October 1st!** In December, they can receive \$25 for encouraging each new person to become a professional member of A+PEL, or they can receive \$20 for encouraging each new person to become an associate member of A+PEL.
- ❖ **All A+PEL teachers!** Any member has the opportunity to complete an application provided by our chapter to receive a Make-A-Wish mini-grant for \$50, \$100, or \$150. These grants can be a blessing for teachers, as they can use it to purchase classroom materials/resources for their classrooms. ***DON'T FORGET to apply for grants & scholarships from the A+PEL state office online at apeleducators.org

We are all in this together!

We are here for you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our chapter officers:

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