

NEWS RELEASE

Monroe Chamber Recognizes Top Educators

MONROE-On Tuesday, November 10, the Monroe Chamber honored the Teachers of the Year from both the Ouachita Parish School System and the Monroe City School System. In addition, the Monroe Chamber recognized the recipient of the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching.

Ouachita Parish School Superintendent Dr. Don Coker, Monroe City School Superintendent Dr. Brent Vidrine, Louisiana Delta Community College Chancellor Dr. Barbara Hanson, ULM President Dr. Nick Bruno were also on hand for the event and offered comments on their respective institution.

The following educators were honored from the Monroe City School System: Maria Plata with Cypress Point Elementary, Je' Marcus A. Welch with Carroll Junior High School, Chelsea King with Neville High School.

Educators from the Ouachita Parish School System who were recognized are: Ashley Perkins from Claiborne Elementary School, Jonathan "Duke" Johnson from West Ridge Middle School and, April Stockley from West Ouachita High School.

Dr. Joydepp Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor of Biology at the University of Louisiana at Monroe was recognized as the recipient of the 2015 University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The awards ceremony is held each year to honor and recognize outstanding excellence in teaching. It is sponsored by Allen, Green and Williamson, LLP, ANGUS Chemical, Associated Business Printing, Atmos, KTVE 10, Lagniappe Broadcasting, The News-Star, Ouachita Independent Bank, Patty Stewart Photography, Robertson Produce, Strauss Interests, The Radio People and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce.