**Charter School Excellence Awards**

Congratulations to all!

Lincoln Charter won the Governance Award.

Bottom Row (L-R):

- Carly Goodly, President of Education
- Kira Orange Jones, BESE Member

The annual conference is the only statewide conference in Louisiana dedicated to bringing together key stakeholders, including Jefferson Parish Schools. The conference was attended by 300 attendees, 40 speakers, and 70 exhibitors. A final report will be released in early 2019.

The goal of the visits was to provide examples of the success of public charter schools. The visits also connect locally elected officials to schools in their districts and the children they represent.

Additionally, Roemer penned an Opinion Piece in the Times Picayune on the importance of public charter schools. With reunification, we should continue to be allowed to think in innovative ways and shielded from shifting political winds.

Caroline Roemer wrote in the Times Picayune that the new school board for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System reflects a leadership change for East Baton Rouge Public Schools and a desire to put students first. The election of these new board members signals a leadership change for East Baton Rouge, one of the education champions.

The academy is a selective program that is a beacon of hope for students. Goodly also spoke to the entire student population and is described as a remarkable tour. Both groups visited as part of a cross-cultural program through the program “Empowering School Counselors to Promote U.S. Higher Education.”

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TEAM LAPCS!

**LAPCS TOP 10 IN 2018**

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**#5 Charter Educator Named**

- Easton Charter High School for being named the High School Teacher of the Year.

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- America's #1 Charter High School for being named the High School Teacher of the Year.

**#6 Elected Leaders Visit Charter Schools**

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