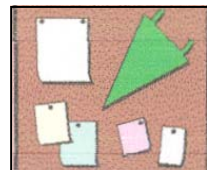


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The State Organization for Professional Business Educators

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# Bulletin Board

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## Spring Conference

April 18, 2008

# HIGHWAY TO SUCCESS

## Louisiana Association of Business Educators

Country Inn & Suites  
Monroe Highway  
Pineville, LA

### Conference Registration and Membership Form Included in Packet

Membership and conference dues should be paid in advance,  
but may be paid on site.

### Dates to Remember

LABE.....April 18, 2008  
Alexandria, LA  
 SBEA.....Oct. 26—29, 2005  
Nashville, TN  
 LACUE.....December 3-5, 2008  
Baton Rouge, LA  
 LACTE.....August 24—26, 2008  
Lafayette, LA  
 NBEA.....March 19-22, 2008  
San Antonio, TX  
 FBLA.....March 30-31, 2008  
Baton Rouge, LA

### Links to Remember

LABE [www.laabe.org](http://www.laabe.org)  
 FBLA [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org)  
 LACTE [www.lacte.org](http://www.lacte.org)  
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### In Remembrance

If you know of anyone who should be remembered in our *Bulletin Board*, please contact Mona Bickman

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**Ponderings from the President.** . . Hope you have had a great year and that it continues to improve as you as you begin to put your plans in motion to wrap up, yet another school year.

Before you completely wrap up the year, I hope that you have put a "Save the Date" (seems to be the buzzword to mark your calendar) for April 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual Louisiana Association of Business Educators Conference. I know that the board members, and specifically Vice President, Laura Spencer, has been working on developing some interesting sessions for you to enjoy on that day.

As I begin to wrap up my year, I cannot begin to tell you how privileged I feel in being able to serve as your President for a second term. Business educators in Louisiana, at both the secondary and post-secondary levels, are a very professional group and you make the job of leading you a very easy task. I often tell people that Business Education is a well-oiled machine, kept in motion by the best educators, and you all make me look good.

I have another large portion of my life that is being wrapped up at this time. By now most of you know that I plan to retire. My actual retire date is April 2, 2008, but since I can use some of my leave before that, my actual last day of work is February 18, 2008. My thirty years in education have truly been an educational experience for me. Of course, being an educator in today's world is a challenge, but mine has been very enjoyable, very rewarding one, and I still get a thrill when I see the "Aha" moment appear for anyone I am trying to teach. (Yes, even in the Department of Education I have found "students.") I have obligations to several professional organizations that will keep me in touch with you for sometime, so I will not be disappearing immediately.

I hope to be able to introduce my department replacement at the conference in April, and that they are ready to assist you in keeping Business Education on the cutting edge in Louisiana.

I am looking forward to seeing you April 18<sup>th</sup> for an enjoyable day with some of the best educators in Louisiana.



## Educating for Success in Business and Life!

Join us as NBEA returns to the Lone Star State and the beautiful San Antonio Riverwalk for its Annual Convention, which will be held at the **San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk Hotels, March 18-22. Innovative Programs and Events.** Members of the General Convention Committee and Convention Program Committee have created a program with more than 40 educational sessions that meet the varied and common goals of business educators,

20 computer workshops to expand specific skills and introduce additional technology, and three general sessions where prominent speakers will be featured. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn, network, and [sightsee in San Antonio](#).

Some of the concurrent session topics include: "Everything Google," strategies for integrating emerging technology, business ethics, instructional and personal use of "You Tube," creative teaching strategies, entrepreneurship, student transitioning from secondary to postsecondary education, preparing for careers in a changing business environment, generational learning, business etiquette, use of game technologies for strategic thinking, online course delivery, e-commerce, motivating teachers and students, building partnerships between business education and the community, identity theft, business communication, using web technologies in Internet searches, international experiential learning, motivational strategies for students and teachers, creation of project-based learning and simulations, middle school business education, active learning strategies, advanced accounting education, reading strategies in business, building business education at the secondary level, and many more!

## AWARDS

Two awards will be given at the Spring LABE Conference. We will name the Secondary Business Teacher of the Year and also the Supervisor of Business Education Educator of the Year (checking with Mona about the wording of this).

To nominate someone for next year's Teacher of the Year, go to [www.Laabe.org/](http://www.Laabe.org/) and click on the Link: **\*Nomination form for 2009**. Nominees must be LABE members to qualify.

Also, remember to spread the word that LABE gives a scholarship to a senior who intends to pursue a business degree. Scholarship applications can be found on the web as well.