LOUISIANA
NEW TEACHER
of the Year

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2025 New Teacher of the Year. Annually, the Department honors the state's most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs. The New Teacher of the Year has been added to these current award programs to recognize the contributions of Louisiana's first year teachers. All nine of our New Teacher of the Year finalists will serve as New Teacher Advisors for The New Teacher Experience.

Congratulations to Tiffany Pfeifer who will also serve as the ambassador for new teachers across the state.

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Tiffany Pfeifer
Washington Marion High School
Calcasieu Parish Schools

Tiffany Pfeifer is a high school geometry teacher at Washington Marion High School. Born and raised in Kansas, Pfeifer graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Three days before the school year began, Pfeifer packed her belongings and headed south to Lake Charles, Louisiana to start her teaching career. She immediately wanted to foster a true love of learning in her students.

Tiffany Pfeifer continually strives to break down the barriers that prevent students from seeing the vitality of learning in every facet of their life. By placing an emphasis on critical thinking, she is sending students into the world who are capable and confident in stepping into an unknown situation and working until they discover a logical answer. This commitment fuels her aspiration to cultivate more than a mind full of mathematical concepts but rather a true mathematical mind.

2025 NEW TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Ashlie Duplessis
Ascension Parish

Austin A. Devine
Bossier Parish

Olivia C. Landry
Iberville Parish

Trey Porchay
Jackson Parish

Morgan Toups
Lafayette Parish

Sami Valentine
Ouachita Parish

William B. Foley, III
Rapides Parish

Braxton Michel
Zachary Community
School District