FBI Citizens’ Academy Alumni Association
Louisiana Chapter
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Historian

Fall is here, the start of the new Saints 4-0, LSU 4-0, and Tulane 2-2 winning football seasons, and the kickoff of the 2009-10 FBICAAA Season. Kathie Wylie, our Board and the team of FBICAAA committees, with New Orleans Division’s Community Outreach Specialist Craig Betbeze and FBI Special Agent in Charge, David Welker, have an exciting year planned ahead.

The Baton Rouge FBI Citizens’ Academy Class started Wednesday, September 16th. Congratulations to our new Citizens’ Academy members. We look forward to all of them joining our Citizens’ Academy Alumni Association, Louisiana Chapter.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 10th
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
- To sign up or donate, www.acsevents.org FBI Team

Saturday, October 17th
Congressman Cao’s AAA Health Care Fair
- To volunteer contact kwylie@lsu.edu

November 6, 2009
New Orleans Hornets v. Toronto
- Deadline to purchase tickets October 16th; craig.betbeze@ic.fbi.gov

December 2, 2009
FBI Special Guest Speaker: Ms. Vernice Armour; 1st First Female African American U.S. Marine Corp Pilot
- Further information will be emailed to reserve complimentary tickets.

December 12, 2009
Alliance for Good Government Annual Banquet,
- For ticket information contact Alumnus Bob Moffett at 504-282-2222 or rkmoffett2003@yahoo.com

Friday, March 26, 2010
FBICAAA Annual Awards Banquet at The Balcony
- Further information will be provided for this event.
**FBICAA 2009-2010 Executive Board**

**Kathleen Wylie – President**  
Graduate of 2006 Citizens’ Academy, Secretary 2007-08, Vice President, 2008-09.  
Originally from New Orleans, Kathie has been a long time resident of Baton Rouge for 37 years.  
Recently retired from LSU with 33 years of service, Kathie currently serves as the Deputy Director of the National Center for Disaster & Recovery Fraud. Kathie has earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from LSU. She attended the first Baton Rouge Citizens Academy Class in 2006. Kathie received the FBI Director's Award for Exceptional Public Service in 2006. Kathie and her husband, Steve, have been married for 34 years and are both avid LSU Tiger Fans. They are the proud parents of Stephen, Kristin, and Richard and grandparents of Brianna and Logan.

**Mary Ann J. Francois – Vice President Banquet**  
Graduate of 2007 Citizens’ Academy, Vice President Quantico 2008-09.  
Mary Ann retired from BellSouth Telecommunications after 31 years in 2002, where she was a Regional Manager and lobbyist in the Corporate and Regulatory Affairs Dept. She is the Community Outreach Coordinator for Southern University at New Orleans. Ms. Francois is owner of Professional Business Resources. She has served the Council for International Visitors, Governor’s Office of Women’s Services, the United Way, YWCA Board of Directors, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Orleans and Jefferson Parish School Advisory Boards. Ms. Francois has been an adjunct professor at Southern University at New Orleans and Delgado Community College. She earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Southern University and a M.A. in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She is a Jefferson Chamber Leadership Institute and Loyola University Institute of Politics Fellow. Ms. Francois graduated from the International School of Protocol in Washington DC, and was appointed to Louisiana Governor's Mansion Trustee Board.

**André Laborde – Vice President Community Service**  
Graduate of 2008 Citizens’ Academy.  
André was born and raised in New Orleans. He's employed by the State of Louisiana as Enforcement Agent for Critical Infrastructure and serves with the Public Service Commission, District 1. André works with FBI's FIG (Field Intelligence Group) Fusion Group. In addition to his duties during the week, he holds the rank of Commander, USNR and is the Commanding Officer of NSA Bahrain, Det F, which is located at NAS JRB New Orleans.

**Preston Jones – Vice President Quantico**  
Preston Jones, Sr. was born and raised in New Orleans. He was educated through the New Orleans public school system. He later received a bachelor's degree in Theology from the Union Baptist College and Theological Seminary. Rev. Jones is the Asst. Pastor of the Plymouth Rock Baptist Ch. of New Orleans. Mr. Jones is the owner of Quality Security Training, LLC. Mr. Jones holds several Instructor certificates in many disciplines. Mr. Jones is also employed by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jones is married and has four beautiful children.

**Desirée M. Valenti – Secretary**  
Graduate of 2007 Citizens’ Academy, Secretary 2008-09.  
Desirée was born and raised in New Orleans. She attended Mount Carmel Academy and received Bachelor’s in Business Administration and Juris Doctorate degrees from Loyola University New Orleans in 2000 and 2004. She studied international business at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. She is a member of Delta Gamma Fraternity. Since 2004, Desirée is
employed by Paul D. Connick, Jr. as an Assistant District Attorney in the Appellate Division of the Jefferson Parish District Attorney’s Office. She made her debut before the Louisiana Supreme Court in October, 2008. Desirée is an avid traveler, traveling throughout the United States, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Carolyn Browning – Treasurer
Graduate of 2003 Citizens’ Academy, Charter Member of Alumni Assn., Treasurer 2008-09. A native of New Orleans and now a resident of Prairieville, LA. In banking over 30 years. Presently Asst. Vice President and Branch Manager of Whitney National Bank in Baton Rouge, LA; Pre-Katrina opened and managed 1st Whitney Branch in St. Bernard Parish. While a resident of St. Bernard Parish on numerous boards (American Heart Assn., Nunez Community College Foundation Board, St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce). Presently licensed Insurance Agent for the State of Louisiana and a Notary. Married to a Certified Public Accountant.

Vincent Nzinga – Sergeant at Arms
Graduate of 2007 Citizens’ Academy. A native of New Orleans and a graduate of Xavier University in the field of education, Vincent received a masters degree from Harvard University in Public Administration. Retired U S Naval Captain with the Medical Service Corps. Presently employed with the Recovery School District as the Associate Superintendent of Special Projects.

Lorraine "Lorrie" Mary Metzler, M.D. – Historian

Earl J. Augustin, Jr. – Past President
Graduate of 2004 Citizens’ Academy. Vice President 2005-08, President 2008-09. Earl was born and raised in New Orleans. He is one of three children and the proud father of two sons, Chez and Dreux. Earl received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Dillard University and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration/Judicial Administration from Troy State University. Earl has served 27 years in Law Enforcement through a local Police Department and the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office. He currently owns an investigation firm. Earl was also a member of the Security Teams for President George Bush, Sr., Pope John Paul II, and Sec. of State Jack Kemp. Earl has served on several boards and committees: Board of Trustees National Leukemia Society, New Orleans Chapter, American College of Forensic Counselors, Division of Psychology, Louisiana Bar Association-Law and Civic Education.