



PFTSTA Awards, Honors & Publications 2017-2018



Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy

Patrick Taylor Academy [receives an A from the state of Louisiana](#) and ranks third in the state and second in the Jefferson Parish Public School System.

Patrick Taylor Academy received a grant from the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation worth \$1,666.67 to promote the science department and involvement in GNOSEF

Faculty and Staff:

Amanda Godshaw (science) received 1st place for the James de la Houssaye Mentor Award at the Greater New Orleans Science & Engineering Fair (GNOSEF)

Caitlin Kingsley (social studies) was named 2019 Teacher of the Year

Caitlin Kingsley (social studies) was selected to participate in the National WWII Museum Summer Teacher Institute and was also selected to participate in the Civil Rights Movement graduate program through the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in July 2018

Elizabeth Kahn (library) won the Louisiana Library Association James O. Modisette Award for excellence in the middle/high School program at the PFTSTA Library

Rebekah Kraus (science) won an Environmental Education Model Grant from the EPA for \$5000.

Michelle Leonard (science) and **Susie Klusendorf** (math) received a Quality in Science and Mathematics (QSM) grant to purchase new math materials for their classrooms

Students:

Canon Adkins, Eliaz Alexander, Julia Hutto, and Joey Wells played with the Junior High Jazz Band for the District VI jazz ensemble and **Quint Adkins** played for the Senior High Jazz Band.

Quint Adkins was named the most outstanding jazz musician of the year for District VI by the Louisiana Music Educators Association.

The Scholastic Writing Awards of Southeast Louisiana Inc.

Macie Jeansonne won a silver key in Science Fiction/Fantasy for her, Imagina and also won an honorable mention in short story for The Orphan Killer.

Paris Jackson won honorable mention in flash fiction for, Bliss.

2018 LSCL Team Chess Tournament

The Taylor team finished the tournament in 2nd place with members:

Ian Schneider
Jordan Pembo
Mason Martinez
Alonzo Collins
Ryan Rojas
Yvonne Arcana
Srija Tamidela
Javier Torres

Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs
Non-Point Source Pollution and Solutions Poster and Essay Contest

Derek Chen	Essay	2nd Place
Zoe Samuel	Essay	Honorable Mention

Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair

Alexander Walker	Energy Chemical	1 st place
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Tulane Science Scholars Program (TSSP) Scholarship		1 st place
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Special Awards (Regional and National) –

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics – Greater New Orleans Section		1 st place
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American Institute of Chemical Engineers – New Orleans Section		1 st place
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Office of Naval Research (U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps)

Ricoh American Corporation

U.S. Air Force

GNOSEF Grand Award - all expenses paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Pittsburgh, PA

Laura Smith	Engineering Mechanics	1 st place
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Special Awards (Regional and National)

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics – Greater New Orleans Section		2 nd place
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Regeneron Science Talent Search which includes an invitation to enter the regional STS

U.S. Metric Association

Dominic Scheurer	Animal Sciences	2 nd place
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Special Awards (Regional and National)

Office of Naval Research (U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps)

MENSA (The High IQ Society)		1 st place
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Regeneron Science Talent Search which includes an invitation to enter the regional STS

Tran Nguyen-Phuong	Behavioral & Social Science	2 nd place
Special Awards (Regional and National)		
American Psychological Association		
Regeneron Science Talent Search which includes an invitation to enter the regional STS		
Claire Hudson	Earth & Environmental Sciences	3 rd place
Special Awards provided by GNOSEF Sponsors		
Women for a Better Louisiana		
GENIUS (Global Environmental Issues) Olympiad (National) awards acceptance into the GENIUS Olympiad international competition in Oswego, New York		
New Orleans Geological Society		
Sierra Club		
Stockholm Junior Water Prize		
Jasmine McGowan	Energy: Chemical	3 rd place
Special Awards (Regional and National)		
American Institute of Chemical Engineers – New Orleans Section		
		2 nd place
Emily Kraus	Environmental Engineering	3 rd place
Special Awards (Regional and National)		
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)		
Stockholm Junior Water Prize		
Logan Barrios	Behavioral & Social Science	4 th place
American Psychological Association		
Patrick Grindstaff	Robotics & Intelligent Machines	4 th place
Austin McDonnell		
Special Awards		
American Petroleum Institute (API) Delta Chapter		
		2 nd place

District Rally Division 3

Bailey Andras	Pre-Calculus	1 st place
Tyler Barrios	English IV	1 st place
Colin Doherty	Spanish I	1 st place
Kaitlyn Esneault	English III	1 st place
Patrick Grindstaff	World History	3 rd place
Claire Hudson	Env. Science	1 st place
Sadie Jensen	World Geography	2 nd place
Faith Kelley	English I	2 nd place
Emily Kraus	Algebra II	2 nd place
Hermione Lam	Geometry	2 nd place
Jacob LeBlanc	Comp. Science I	1 st place
Veronica Nguyen	Algebra I	3 rd place
Nathan Nguyen	Biology	2 nd place
Christian Otero	Chemistry	1 st place
Hannah Porta	Physics	3 rd place
Zoey Prado	U.S. History	1 st place
Laura Smith	Calculus I	1 st place
Jennifer Tran	Spanish II	3 rd place

Trevor Treadway	Civics	2 nd place
Dustin Vo	Statistics	2 nd place
Alex Walker	Biology II	1 st place
Erin Wallace	English II	2 nd place

Gabby Alphonse was named Student of the Year for 8th grade.

Tran Nguyen-Phuong was named Student of the Year for 12th grade.

Mu Alpha Theta Tournament at Catholic High

Individual competition results:

Dustin Vo	Pre-calculus	2 nd place
Christian Otero	Calculus	2 nd place
Alex Gelpi	Calculus	5 th place

Team test results:

Alex Gelpi, Christian Otero, and Catherine Wertz	Calculus	1 st place
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Canon Adkins and **Eliaz Alexander** earned a place in the District 6 Honor Band. Auditioning with band students from Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines Parishes, **Canon** placed 1st of all trumpets and **Eliaz** placed 7th.

2017 LSCL Holiday Chess Tournament

U800 section

Yvonne Arcana placed 14th and received a medal and **Mason Martinez** placed 3rd and received a trophy.

Open Section

Ian Schneider placed 1st and received a trophy.

Fall Scholastic Series November Chess Tournament

K-12 section

Alonzo Collins placed 6th place and received the best U-1000 player trophy.

Ian Schneider placed 1st and received a trophy.

Patrick Taylor Academy came in 1st place and received a trophy in this division.

Kendel Irvin and **Jaime Flores** were selected as POSSE Scholars and will receive a full scholarship to attend Tulane University.

Claire Hudson, Kendel Irvin, and Jaime Flores were named Posse finalists for Tulane University.

Holly Wilkinson was named a QuestBridge finalist.

Episcopal High School Mu Alpha Theta Tournament

Individual Awards:

Derek Chen	Pre-Algebra	1 st place
Kyle Smith	Algebra I	1 st place
Mason Howard	Algebra I	2 nd place
Faith Kelley	Algebra I	Honorable Mention
Dustin Vo	Advance Math	Honorable Mention

Alex Gelpi, Jacob LeBlanc, My Chau Nguyen, and Christian Otero all earned Honorable Mention for Calculus AB,

Ciphering and Team Awards:

Derek Chen, Mason Howard, Faith Kelley, and Kyle Smith all earned 3rd place in Comp Math I.

In Advanced Math, earning the top four slots in ciphering for Taylor and 3rd place in the Math Bowl tournament were: **Zoey Prado, Jada Woodard, Dustin Vo,** and **Joshua Nguyen.**

Cajun Oktoberfest Chess Tournament

K-8 section

Ryan Rojas placed 15th and received a medal.

Yvonne Arcanna placed 10th and received a medal,

Jordan Pembo placed 9th place and received a medal

Ian Schneider was awarded the 1st place trophy.

The Tiger team tied for first place with Haynes Academy, but in tie breaks received the second place trophy.

K-12 Section

Jordan Pembo placed 4th place and received a trophy.

Darcy Schneider tied for 1st place, but in tie breaks received the 2nd place trophy.

Ben Franklin Math Mu Alpha Theta Tournament

Individual Awards:

Algebra I

Nathan Nguyen	Algebra I	1 st place
Mason Howard	Algebra I	Honorable Mention
Faith Kelly	Algebra I	Honorable Mention
Myles Mackie	Geometry	1 st place
Jada Woodard	Advanced Math	Honorable mention

Team Awards:

Eddie Laizer, Mason Howard, Nathan Nguyen, and Faith Kelley were in the Math Bowl tournament for Algebra and placed 2nd.

Bailey Andras, Kendel Irvin, Hannah Porta, and Judy Vu were in the Math Bowl tournament ofr Advanced Math and placed 2nd.

Jacob Leblanc, Laura Smith, and Holly Wilkinson were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.

Chris Otero received a perfect score on the ACT.