

# Louisiana Regional Collaboratives for Excellence in Science Teaching



## ***HONORING THE TEACHERS***

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**Louisiana Tech University/  
Grambling State University  
Regional Collaborative**

*Grambling, Louisiana*

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## PROGRAM

### INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Dr. Danny Hubbard and Dr. David Mills**

*Project Directors, Louisiana Tech/Grambling Regional Collaborative*

**Natalie Hendrix, Teacher Coordinator**

### Teachers' Tribute

*Slide Show Presentation*

### WELCOME

**Dr. Robert M. Dixon**

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Grambling State University

**Dr. Connie Walton**

*Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

Grambling State University

### GREETINGS AND REMARKS

**Jonathan Johnson**

*State Director*

Office of Congressman Rodney Alexander

**Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily**

*Executive Director*

Texas Regional Collaboratives

**Gary Lacombe**

*External Affairs Manager*

Shell Oil Company

### RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Presentation of Certificates of Achievement as evidence of dedication to life-long learning and commitment to the teaching profession.

Louisiana Tech University/Grambling State University Regional Collaborative

### PROJECT DIRECTORS

**Dr. David Mills**

Professor, Biological Sciences

Louisiana Tech University



**Dr. Danny Hubbard**

Head, Department of Chemistry

Grambling State University

## SPEAKERS

“I am especially pleased to participate in this program because it involves teachers. This group of teachers deserves the honors they are going to receive tonight. If we are to remain a competitive nation, if we are to produce scientists and engineers that we need for the rest of this century, it will be because we have outstanding teachers at all levels, but certainly at the elementary, middle and high school levels.”

**Dr. Robert M. Dixon**

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Grambling State University*



**Dr. Robert M. Dixon**



“I would like to thank the Shell Oil Company for funding this initiative, and thank the Texas Regional Collaboratives for reaching out to the State of Louisiana, specifically the Grambling State University. To the honorees, “Congratulations!” You represent nine school systems, and I have no doubt you are the leaders at your schools. You are to be commended on your commitment to excellence.”

**Dr. Connie Walton**

*Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Grambling State University*

**Dr. Connie Walton**

“On behalf of Congressman Alexander, I want to express our gratitude for the fact you have taken the time to participate in this program, and the fact that you have chosen to be teachers. You play an important role, not only in our communities, but in the state, and our country as a whole. Thank you for all that you do.”

**Jonathan Johnson**

*State Director, Office of Congressman Rodney Alexander*



**Jonathan Johnson**



“The partnership between Shell Oil Company and the Texas Regional Collaboratives and the four colleges and universities in this state is really an exemplary partnership. We look forward to using your leadership in Grambling, Louisiana Tech, LSU and Southern University to scale up this program in the state of Louisiana. I want to congratulate all the teachers who are here tonight for the achievement of being life-long learners to help our students achieve educational excellence.”

**Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily**

*Executive Director, Texas Regional Collaboratives*

**Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily**

“I am honored to address this great group of teachers and educators. Shell invests in Science and Mathematics. We have to invest in the pipeline and keep the talent coming our way so we can be competitive in the global economy. I encourage you to involve your students in the activities of the Louisiana Engineering Society, and check the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association has a summer program for the teachers of practical things to do in the classroom. Please check Shell’s website to find out about the \$10,000 science teacher award. As educators, the students you have are the messengers you send to a place you will never see.”

**Gary Lacombe**



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## TEACHERS HONORED



**Senchal Davis-Gasaway**, *Grambling Middle Magnet*

**Benjamin M. Miles**, *Arcadia High*

**Jakeithia Prejean**, *Gibbsland-Coleman High*

**Wendy Dobbins**, *Minden High*

**Nyoka Freeman**, *Carroll High*

**DeWanda Hamler**, *Carroll Jr. High*

**Velma Mosley**, *Red River Jr. High*

**Diane Newton**, *Red River Parish*

**Evelyn Scott**, *Bernice High*

**Rhonda Lee**, *Jonesboro Hodge High*

**Augustine Moore**, *Choudrant Elementary*

**Bobby Benson**, *Carroll Jr. High*

**Alton Dozier**, *Swayze*

**Glen Guin**, *Minden High*

**Shanna Martin**, *Red River Parish*

**Ruby Musgrow**, *Minden High*

**Patricia Schneider**, *Carroll High*

**Oretha Whitley**, *Barkdull Faulk Elementary*

**Donna Harrell**, *Morehouse Magnet School*

**Lydia Clary**, *Weston High*

**Mechele Williams**, *Quitman High*

**Tara Allgood**, *Haughton High*

**Shawna Creamer**, *Airline High*

**Melinda Cassel**, *Captain Shreve High*

**Denna Lachman**, *Caddo Magnet High*

**Anna Drago**, *Elm Grove Middle*

**Tammy Hanson**, *Cotton Valley High*



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**Dr. A. Jbeily, Brenda Nixon, *Project Director*, Louisiana State University/Southern University Regional Collaborative, and Dr. James P. Barufaldi, *Director*, Center for Science and Mathematics Education, The University of Texas at Austin**



**Natalie Hendrix  
*Teacher Coordinator*  
Grambling State University**



**Dr. Danny Hubbard, Dr. David Mills, Linda Ramsey, *Former Project Director*, Louisiana Tech University/Grambling University Regional Collaborative, Dr. James P. Barufaldi, *Director*, Center for Science and Mathematics Education, The University of Texas at Austin, Jonathan Johnson, and Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily**

## THE PROGRAM

**The Louisiana Tech University/Grambling State University Regional Collaborative** is one of two regional collaborative programs in Louisiana. Our program is supported by the Shell Oil Company in partnership with the Texas Regional Collaboratives program. Our mission is provide science and mathematics teachers with education enhancement and support systems that improve student performance in science, and stimulate student potential to pursue science and engineering related careers. Our two institutions of higher education have partnered with K-12 schools and teachers to provide the teachers with professional development opportunities and resources for their classrooms and schools.

Through this program Grambling State University provided a training workshop on Polymers, Plastics, and Recycling. Teachers conducted experiments in preparing Nylon, Absorbant Polymers similar to those used in Pampers, and they learned how to use photochemical reactions to outline letters and numbers! In addition to this experience, the teachers learned much about the recycling of plastics and waste products in our society.



Polymers, Plastics, and Recycling Workshop  
*July 22, 2008*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



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