



# Professional Development Schedule

## SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2026

<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (12:30 PM – 5:15 PM)</b>		<b>Brett Babineaux, Chair</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Floor</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Floor</b>
1:00 PM	All-State Rehearsals Begin <i>(see ensemble rehearsal schedules)</i>			1st, 3rd, Riverside Level
4:00-5:30 PM	LMEA Marching Band State Championships Meeting <i>Scotty Walker, Tony McCardle</i>	Band	Quarterdeck	Riverside Level
8:00-9:00 PM	Nicholls State University Choir <i>Dr. John St. Marie, Director</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st

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<b>EXHIBITS (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)</b>		<b>St. Charles Ballroom</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Floor</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session / Presenters</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Floor</b>
8:30-9:00 AM	LMEA General Membership Business Meeting <i>Lee Hicks</i>	Meeting	Grand Ballroom CD	1st
9:00-9:50 AM	Collegiate Division Meeting <i>Dr. Ed McClellan</i>	Meeting	Prince of Whales	2nd
9:00-9:50 AM	LAJE Executive Board Meeting <i>Michael Brothers</i>	Meeting	Eglinton Winton	2nd
9:00-9:50 AM	Boudreaux and Thibodeaux Started a Band: Tales from the Bayou Band Room – Panel Discussion <i>Caroline Wright Pfisterer, Telly Higgins, Paul Frechou, Randy Chiasson, Lana Waguespack Daigle</i>	Band	Royal	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Finding the Right Fit: A Guide to Selecting Children’s Books for Elementary Music Lessons <i>Dr. Ann Harrington</i>	Elementary	Magazine	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Boom, Shake, Crash! - Crafting Outstanding Percussion Sounds in Ensembles <i>Dr. Andrew Blair</i>	Band	Jackson	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Habits of Success for the Beginning Band Musician <i>Jeff Scott</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Introductory to Guitar - Jazz Band, Show Choir, Ect. <i>Mark Portier</i>	Guitar	Canal	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Ring in a New Way of Teaching Music: Using handbells and handchimes with your music students <i>Greig Ashurst, Gillian Erlenborn*</i>	Handbells	Durham	3rd



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10:00 -10:50 AM	Band Division Meeting <i>Billy Hochkeppel</i>	Meeting	Prince of Whales	2nd
10:00 -10:50 AM	Disconnected Students and the General Music Classroom <i>David Dashefsky</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
10:00 -10:50 AM	I Suppose You Think This is Funny: Using Humor as a Teacher <i>Sara Given*</i>	Orchestra	Magazine	3rd
10:00 -10:50 AM	Finding the Middle Ground: Effective Middle School Jazz Band Techniques <i>Diron Holloway*</i>	Jazz	Jackson	3rd
10:00 -10:50 AM	Teaching Timpani - Tone, Tuning, and Technique from the Podium! <i>Dr. Brett Landry</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
10:00 -10:50 AM	Simple Sustainable Style: Rehearsal Hacks You Can Use Today and Forever! <i>Dr. Andrew Hunter</i>	Band	Canal	3rd
10:00 -10:50 AM	Cajun and Zydeco Music: A Smithsonian Folkways Music Pathway <i>Dr. Jennifer Mellizo, Mollie Farr</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
11:00 AM	LAJE Hall of Fame <i>Doug Stone</i>	Award	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
11:00 AM	Outstanding Jazz Educators Awards <i>Doug Stone</i>	Award	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
11:00AM-12:00 PM	Louisiana State University Jazz Ensemble <i>Doug Stone</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
11:00-11:50 AM	You Studied. You Practiced. So Why Didn't It Stick? <i>Dr. Abby South, Dr. Brianne Little</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Program Building Through Empowering Student Leadership <i>Christopher Frazier</i>	Orchestra	Magazine	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Soulful Solfege <i>Robert T. Gibson*</i>	Vocal	Jackson	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Beyond the Buzzwords: Effective Language for Developing Clarinet Technique <i>Dr. Katrina Clements</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Creating a Global Soundscape <i>Siobhán Dotson</i>	Elementary	Canal	3rd
11:00-11:50AM	Catch the Beat: Festive Rhythms for a New Year <i>Elisabeth Crabtree</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch / Visit Exhibits			
1:00-1:50 PM	LBA Board Meeting <i>Betsy Stoupy</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd



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1:30-2:20 PM	LMEA Research Session <i>Dr. Edward McClellan</i>	CNAfME	Chemin Royale	1st
2:00-2:50 PM	CBDNA Business Meeting <i>Jason Ladd</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd
2:00-2:50 PM	Rhythm and Roots: Empowering Student Voice and Identity Through Regional Music <i>Gregg Griffin, Kylie Griffin*</i>	Non-Traditional Ensembles	Royal	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Cultivating Joy: Rehearsal Strategies for Enlivening Choral Rehearsals <i>Dr. Shane Thomas</i>	Vocal	Magazine	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	The Friendly Fermata: A Conducting Refresher <i>Dr. Cameron Rose</i>	General	Jackson	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	LMAA General Membership Meeting <i>Bill Brent</i>	Meeting	Commerce	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Becoming a Recruiting Pro! <i>Jeff Scott</i>	Band	Canal	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Sing, Dance, Play, Create: Transform Your Elementary Music Classroom! <i>Melanie Alexander</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Getting a Full Sound Out of a Smaller Instrumentation <i>John Mahoney</i>	Jazz	Quarterdeck	Riverside Level
3:00-4:00 PM	UNO Wind Ensemble <i>Dr. Charles Taylor</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
3:00-3:50 PM	Vocal Division Meeting <i>Steve Galliano</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd
3:00-3:50 PM	A Successful First 5 Years in the Classroom <i>Dr. Gene Butler</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Music Theory and the Guitar: How Can It Help Us Improve? <i>Eddie Healy*</i>	Guitar	Magazine	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Music Literacy: From Sight Guessing to Sight Reading <i>Cynthia I Gonzales</i>	General	Jackson	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Building Bones Better - Tips and tricks for developing young trombonists <i>Dr. Arie VandeWaa</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Conducting Calisthenics-Building a repertoire of relaxed gestures to foster musical responses from your ensembles <i>Dr. Chris Heidenreich</i>	Band	Canal	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Come Round Right: Seasonal Singing <i>Elisabeth Crabtree</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	ASTA Business Meeting <i>David Saccardi</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd



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4:00-4:50 PM	Starting Strong: Building Sustainable Habits for a Thriving Music Teaching Career <i>Dr. Faith Hall</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	Say "Yes and" to Modern Band <i>Mike Olander</i>	Non-Traditional Ensembles	Magazine	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	Repertoire Ideas for Unbalanced or Uniquely-Voiced Choirs <i>Dr. Abby Musgrove</i>	Vocal	Jackson	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	Middle School Band Director Session <i>Erin Steele*</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	Cajun and Zydeco Music in Louisiana Classrooms: Voices from the Field – Panel Discussion <i>Dr. Jennifer Mellizo, Dr. Maureen Loughran, Brett Babineaux, Gregg Griffin, Kylie Griffin</i>	General	Canal	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	Ukulele: From Covers to Creation <i>Dr. David Dockan</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
5:00-5:30 PM	Red Stick Orff, AOSA Meeting <i>Erin Fort</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd
7:00-8:00 PM	University of Louisiana Lafayette - UL Symphony with Special Guests: Project Trio <i>Michael Blaney</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom ABCD	1st
9:00-10:00 PM	Boston Brass	Concert	Grand Ballroom ABCD	1st

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8:30-9:20 AM	Phi Beta Mu Business Meeting <i>Terry Gould</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd
9:00-9:50 AM	Mentorship: The Many Perspectives of Mentoring Resident Teachers – Panel Discussion <i>Dr. Edward McClellan, Dr. Abby South, Dr. Jennifer Pulling</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	A Band Directors Guide to Jazz and Big Band Drumming <i>Troy Breaux</i>	Jazz	Magazine	3rd



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9:00-9:50 AM	Springtime Carnival: Dalcroze Movement and Meter <i>Anthony Molinaro</i>	Elementary	Jackson	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Concert Band Director Session <i>Jack Delaney*</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Introduction to Modern Band <i>Dr. David Dockan</i>	Non-Traditional Ensembles	Canal	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Recruiting and Retaining Strategies for the Secondary Choral Classroom <i>Dr. Shane Thomas</i>	Vocal	Camp	3rd
10:00-11:00 AM	Graduate Student Research Showcase – Part 1 <i>Dr. Edward McClellan</i>	CNAfME	Prince of Wales	2nd
10:00-10:50 AM	Empowering Collegiate Pre-Service Music Teachers: Nurturing Student Self-Talk, Music Teacher Identity, and Effective Curriculum Development <i>Dr. Molly Blair</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	A Band Director's Guide to the Double Bass <i>Dr. Darren Cueva</i>	Band	Magazine	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	Finding Their Voice: Vocal Technique for the Changed Male Voice in the Choral Classroom <i>Adam Philley, Nathan Gay</i>	Vocal	Jackson	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	Symphonic Band Director Session <i>Dr. Eric Wilson*</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	From Breath to Bow: A Common Pedagogy for Young Orchestras <i>Dr. Gene Moon*</i>	Orchestra	Canal	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	Become a Smithsonian Folkways Curriculum Advisor! <i>Dr. Jennifer Mellizo &amp; Logan Clark</i>	General	Camp	3rd
11:00 AM	Standard of Excellence Award - Choir <i>Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Awards	Grand Ballroom AB	1st
11:00 AM -12:00 PM	All-State Concert: Middle School Choir <i>Robert T. Gibson*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom AB	1st
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Graduate Student Research Showcase – Part 2 <i>Dr. Edward McClellan</i>	CNAfME	Prince of Wales	2nd
11:00-11:50 AM	Orchestra Division Meeting <i>Katrice LaCour</i>	Meeting	Eglinton Winton	2nd
11:00-11:50 AM	More music, more people, more life: Social Emotional Learning in Music Teacher Education <i>Dr. Amanda Schlegel</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Rhythm is My Business/Jazz is My Language <i>Rich Thompson*</i>	Jazz	Magazine	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	The Fly on the Wall: Observation and Reflection Practices <i>Dr. Jacquelyn Tabone</i>	General	Jackson	3rd



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11:00-11:50 AM	Marching Into the Future: Maximizing Technology for High School and College Bands <i>Dr. Kedric Taylor, Dr. William J. Earvin</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Off the Podium - Working with Administration and Preventing Burnout <i>Mark Messina</i>	Band	Canal	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Forecast Fun! Creating through the Seasons <i>Elisabeth Crabtree</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch / Visit Exhibits			
12:00-1:45 PM	Past Presidents and Hall of Fame Luncheon <i>Scotty Walker</i>	Meeting	Port, Starboard	Riverside Level
1:00-1:50 PM	LBA General Business Meeting <i>Betsy Stoupy</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd
2:00 PM	Hall of Fame Presentation <i>Tommy Burroughs, Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Award	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
2:00-2:45 PM	All-State Concert: Middle School Strings <i>Sara Given*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
2:00-2:50 PM	Jazz Division/LAJE Business Meeting <i>Doug Stone, Michael Brothers</i>	Meeting	Prince of Wales	2nd
2:00-2:50 PM	CNAfME Collegiate Summit General (Networking) Session <i>Dr. Edward McClellan</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Building Visual Vocabulary-Effective Planning For Your Marching Show <i>Sharie Mahler, Lana Waguespack Daigle, Casie Forbes, Ross Boudreaux</i>	Band	Magazine	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Building Momentum: Advancing Advocacy and Policy for Louisiana Music Education <i>Duane LeBlanc</i>	Advocacy	Jackson	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Ready, Set, Double Reed! <i>Dr. Nanci Belmont, Dr. Andrew Parker</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Busting Myths with Musical Mantras: Evidence-Based Strategies to Improve Pitch, Tone, Timbre, and Tenacity in Band, grades 6–16 <i>Dr. Amanda Schlegel, Dr. Andrew Hunter, Brady Moffett, Andrew Connolly, Aaron McGarvey</i>	Band	Canal	3rd
2:00-2:50 PM	Round We Go: Exploring the Seasons through Folk Dance <i>Elisabeth Crabtree</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
2:45-3:15 PM	All-State Concert: Handbells <i>Gillian Erlenborn*</i>	Concert	Grand Salon A	1st
3:00 PM	Standard of Excellence - Band <i>Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Awards	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st



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3:00 PM	Tom D. Wafer Outstanding Administrator Award <i>Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Awards	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
3:00-3:45 PM	All-State Concert: Middle School Band <i>Erin Steele*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
3:00-3:50 PM	Teaching Louisiana Music: Culturally Relevant Pedagogy for Louisiana Students <i>Dr. David Saccardi</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	The Lowdown on Low Brass <i>Dr. Allen Parrish, Dr. Adam Johnson</i>	Band	Magazine	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Building Critical Thinking Skills and Fostering a Positive Rehearsal Climate in the Choral Ensemble <i>Dr. Jessica Nápoles*</i>	Vocal	Jackson	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Get to the 'Good Stuff' Faster <i>Mike Olander</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	The Practice Map: The compelling new tool to create true joy during practice <i>Allison Wilkinson</i>	General	Canal	3rd
3:00-3:50 PM	Gaining Community Support to Advocate for your Music Program <i>Lisa Michaels</i>	Advocacy	Camp	3rd
4:00-4:30 PM	All-State Concert: Guitar <i>Eddie Healy*</i>	Concert	Grand Salon A	1st
4:00-4:50 PM	Breathing by Sight: Tips for All Winds <i>Antonio Garcia</i>	CNAfME	Royal	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	You Have a Vocalist with Your Jazz Ensemble....Now What? <i>Dr. Stephen Futrell</i>	Jazz	Magazine	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	The Best Things I Ever Stole: Expanding Our Classroom Bag of Tricks <i>Dr. Lee Nelson*</i>	Vocal	Jackson	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	That Warm Feeling: Fostering Creativity and Musicianship Through Ensemble Warm-ups <i>Dr. Weston Lewis</i>	Band	Commerce	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	AI - Where Do I Even Start? <i>Dr. Gene Butler</i>	General	Canal	3rd
4:00-4:50 PM	Clap It, Snap It, Pop It: Body Percussion and Popular Music in Orff Schulwerk <i>Dr. Ian Cicco</i>	Elementary	Camp	3rd
5:00-5:30 PM	All-State Concert: Cajun Zydeco <i>Gregg Griffin, Kylie Griffin*</i>	Concert	Grand Salon A	1st
7:00-8:00 PM	Northwestern State University Wind Symphony with Special Guests: Boston Brass <i>Dr. Anthony Pursell</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom ABCD	1st
8:30-9:30 PM	Magnolia Sisters <i>Ann Savoy</i>	Concert	Port, Starboard, River Room	Riverside Level
9:00-11:30 PM	Louisiana Association for Jazz Education Reading Band & Jam Session <i>Doug Stone, Michael Brothers</i>	Concert	Grand Salon A	1st



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9:00 AM	LMEA Awards	Awards	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
9:00-10:15 AM	All-State Concert: High School Orchestra <i>Dr. Gene Moon*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
9:00-9:50 AM	Making Performance Assessments Meaningful - A New Industry Standard <i>Anthony Pursell</i>	General	Jackson	3rd
9:00-9:50 AM	Class Guitar for the Non-Guitarist <i>Ryan Benoit</i>	Guitar	Camp	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	Creating a Successful Ensemble Program in Any Situation <i>Dr. Jason Ladd</i>	CNAfME	Jackson	3rd
10:00-10:50 AM	Technology: The Choral Director's "Teaching Assistant" <i>Cynthia I. Gonzales</i>	Vocal	Camp	3rd
10:30 AM	Standard of Excellence Award - Band <i>Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Awards	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
10:30 AM	Tom D. Wafer Outstanding Administrator Award <i>Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Awards	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
10:30 AM	Distinguished Legacy Award <i>Lee Hicks, Scotty Walker</i>	Awards	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
10:30-11:45 AM	All-State Concert: High School Concert Band <i>Jack Delaney*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
11:00-11:50 AM	The Three Cs of Program Advocacy: Communicate, Connect, Celebrate <i>Kyle Cook</i>	Advocacy	Jackson	3rd
11:00-11:50 AM	Sight-Reading Broccoli: Do We Have To? Sneaking It In Like Veggies! <i>Erin Dixon</i>	Vocal	Camp	3rd
12:00-1:00 PM	All-State Concert: High School Symphonic Band <i>Dr. Eric Wilson*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom BCD	1st
1:00-2:15 PM	Phi Beta Mu Luncheon and Meeting <i>Karen Dusenberry, Glynn Dagenhardt</i>	Meeting	Port, Starboard	Riverside Complex
2:00-3:30 PM	All-State Concert: Middle School Jazz Ensemble <i>Diron Holloway*</i> All-State Concert: High School Jazz Ensemble <i>Rich Thompson*</i>	Concert	Grand Salon A	1st
2:30-3:30 PM	All-State Concert: High School Treble Choir <i>Dr. Jessica Nápoles*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom ABC	1st
3:45-4:45 PM	All-State Concert: High School Mixed Choir <i>Dr. Lee Nelson*</i>	Concert	Grand Ballroom ABC	1st