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Doré honored with SWLA service award

The Chamber SWLA announced Bill Doré as this year's recipient of the Civic Service Award. The Civic Service Award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the community for their leadership and service to the community. Doré serves on the Horatio Alger Board, the Blueprint Louisiana Board (of which he was a founding member), the Southern States Energy Board, M.D. Anderson's Board of Visitors and the DeBaKey Methodist Heart Center Community Council. Doré is the founder, retired chairman/CEO and board member of Global Industries.

Baker Donelson among 'Best to Work For'

In only its second consecutive year to be named to the list, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC has cracked the top 50 of Fortune's annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. The law firm is ranked 50th on the 14th edition of this prestigious listing, moving up nearly 30 spots from its 2010 ranking of 77th. In addition to its significant jump in the rankings, the law firm was also featured in the "No Layoffs Gallery" as one of a select group of companies that have never had layoffs. The Baton Rouge office of Baker Donelson celebrated the honor with a special luncheon in the firm's office in Chase Tower North.

National applause for La. charter laws

The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools listed Louisiana as one of the top 10 states with strong charter school legislation in its second annual ranking of state charter laws from the strongest to the weakest. *Measuring Up to the Model: A Ranking of State Public Charter School Laws* analyzes the country's 41 state charter laws and scores how well each supports charter school quality and growth based on the 20 essential components from the NAPCS' model charter school law. The new report captured all the legislative moves states made to be more competitive under the U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top program.

OLOL College recognized for community engagement

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named Our Lady of the Lake College to an elite list of 2-4 year public/private colleges designated with the Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification. This classification recognizes the College's significant commitment to service-learning and community engagement throughout Louisiana. "This designation is a momentous achievement, putting us into a select group of 311 higher education institutions in the United States recognized for their students' engaged service in the community," said OLOL College President Sandra Harper. Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge enrolls nearly 2,000 students in programs such as master's in nursing and health administration; bachelor's in nursing, biology, clinical laboratory sciences, health sciences, health service administration and liberal studies; and associate degrees.

FARA expands board of directors

FARA Insurance Services, a Mandeville-based provider of claims administration and risk management solutions nationwide has appointed Laura Tarantino to the company's board of directors. Tarantino is the senior vice president and general counsel at FARA. Tarantino oversees FARA's healthcare division where her responsibilities include oversight of medical cost containment, medical allocation services, bill review, medical and pharmaceutical networks, legal and compliance, and group health administration. Before joining FARA, Tarantino served as executive vice president, general

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counsel and secretary for a national private equity backed company that experienced extraordinary growth during her tenure.

River Chase earns LED certification

River Chase, a master planned, multi-use Stirling Properties' development in Covington, has been designated as an LED Certified Site, having satisfied all requirements set forth by the Louisiana Economic Development Certified Sites Program. After a rigorous review process by LED and URS, an independent third-party engineering firm, the certification means that River Chase is suitable for economic development projects. Since the inception of the LED Certified Sites Program last year, LED has only certified two other Louisiana sites: the Donaldsonville Technology and Industrial Park in Donaldsonville and the North Whittington Property in Shreveport.

International awards for FuzziBunz

Lafayette-based FuzziBunz Cloth Diapers took home top honors in two categories at the prestigious Stevie Awards for Women in Business. The FuzziBunz One-Size Cloth Diaper, which is the most adjustable one-size cloth diaper on the market, was named Best New Product of the Year, and FuzziBunz was named Most Innovative Company of the Year for its efforts to bring quality eco-friendly diapering products to moms around the world. The Stevie Awards for Women in Business is an international competition recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding women executives, entrepreneurs and the organizations they run.

Gibbs Construction wins top awards

Gibbs Construction LLC was awarded the 2010 Judges Award for Construction and three Best in Category awards by South Central Construction magazine at the publication's annual Louisiana's Best of 2010 awards ceremony. The Judges Award for Construction was for the 930 Poydras Street project, a \$57.4 million, multifamily, retail and parking building in downtown New Orleans. The firm also won three 2010 Excellence in Construction (EIC) Awards and the Platinum Safety Training & Evaluation Process (STEP) Award from Associated Builders & Contractors Inc. (ABC) New Orleans/Bayou Chapter at its annual ceremony.

Civic leader given Keep America Beautiful honor

Leigh Harris, executive director of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, was honored with Keep America Beautiful's Professional Leadership Award during KAB's 57th annual National Conference, which took place in Orlando, Fla. The Professional Leadership Award is Keep America Beautiful's highest professional honor and is given annually to Keep America Beautiful affiliate directors who have built and sustained a local or state program with outstanding success.

Vicari named Health Hero

Health Centers in Schools has named Dr. Roberta Vicari the 2010 Health Hero. A lifelong resident of Baton Rouge and a pediatrician, Vicari has dedicated her life to improving children's health. Currently the associate program director for the new Our Lady of the Lake Pediatric Residency Program, Vicari was charged with developing the first Lake-sponsored residency program and the community relationships to support the endeavor. As part of the community support, Vicari chose Health Centers in Schools as one of the entities to which the medical residents rotate. This creates a mutually beneficial relationship in which HCS helps educate the residents while the residents help treat the children HCS serves in EBR public schools.

Acadian employees support Guard and Reserves

Recognizing their extraordinary support of the National Guard and Reserves, five Acadian Ambulance management staff

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received the prestigious Patriot Award at a ceremony in Lafayette at Acadian Ambulance headquarters. Colonel Roy "Ike" Nomey of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve presented Patriot Awards and pinned Operations Managers Orlando Rolon and Joe Szush, Operations Supervisors Beau Andrepont and Justin Cox, and Coding and Department Center Manager Natalie Roberts. All were nominated by their employees who are currently activated with the 256th Infantry Brigade. The honor comes from the ESGR, a Department of Defense organization.

Metairie attorney lauded

The Federal Bar Association, in recognition of his assistance with its annual Immigration and Nationality Law Conference, has bestowed its Outstanding Service Award on David A.M. Ware. Ware heads the immigration and nationality law firm David Ware & Associates in Metairie.

Baker, Donelson wins website award

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC has been named a winner of the Web Marketing Association's 2010 WebAward competition for website development, an annual competition that recognizes the best websites in 96 industries. The law firm was a recipient of the Legal Standard of Excellence award. Baker Donelson was recognized for its redesigned website, www.bakerdonelson.com, which was launched in March 2010 to reflect the firm's new branding strategy.

Jefferson official honored for reforms

Roy L. Juncker Jr. was honored by the MacArthur Foundation-supported Models for Change juvenile justice systems reform initiative as a Champion for Change for his work as director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Juvenile Services. He was recognized at the Fifth Annual Models for Change national conference in Washington, D.C., for his work to transform the Department of Juvenile Services in Jefferson into a model system offering progressive and effective probation and treatment programs.

Dupré named tops

Transport Topics, the national weekly business publication covering trucking and freight transportation, has named Dupré Logistics one of the Top 50 Logistics Companies and Top 25 Dedicated Contract Carriers in the U.S. The company, based in Lafayette, has operations in more than 30 cities with over 1,000 employees providing logistics services to clients nationwide.

Hammond Square wins Best of Construction award

Hammond Square received Louisiana's Best of 2010 award of merit in the civil construction category. Awards were given by McGraw Hill Construction Co. and South Central Construction magazine for construction and design excellence. An independent jury of industry experts awarded projects based on safety, innovation, craftsmanship and contribution to the community or industry by project type. Hammond Square, originally developed as a 430,000 SF enclosed mall, was redeveloped by Stirling Properties in 2006 at the request of Palace Properties LLC, the property's owner, and the City of Hammond.

Geocent receives CMMI ML 2 appraisal

Geocent, a multiple-award-winning and rapidly growing IT consulting company based in Metairie, has officially achieved CMMI for Development Version 1.2 – Maturity Level 2, executives said. "This is a significant accomplishment that has been in the works for over two years, and puts us in the unique position as a small business to have this rating as a discriminator," said Chief Operating Officer Rick Gremillion. "More importantly, it's helping us standardize the way we

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deliver solutions and improve the quality of the work we do as we continue to grow." A product of Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Group, CMMI (Capability Maturity Model Integration) is a widely-used process improvement model.

Van Eaton & Romero Realtors honored

Lafayette-based Van Eaton & Romero, Inc. Realtors was honored by the Better Business Bureau of Acadiana at the 18th Annual Awards Program entitled "Ethics in Action." Approximately 300 business people from the Acadiana area gathered for the presentation of the Customer Commitment Award to Van Eaton & Romero's CEO William Bacqué.

Nola No. 1 for nightlife

Travel + Leisure recently announced that New Orleans was voted the No. 1 urban destination in the country for New Year's Eve, Neighborhood Joints and Cafés, People-Watching, Singles/Bar Scene, Cocktail Hour and the overall category of Nightlife in the 2010 America's Favorite Cities survey. After taking top honors in the 2009 survey for Nightlife, New Orleans was once again named the best city for Nightlife, receiving a No. 1 ranking from visitors and residents for the Cocktail Hour and Singles/Bar Scene subcategories.