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Agenda

8:30 AM	Exhibitor Setup & Registration
9:00 AM	Coffee with Exhibitors
10:00 AM	Putting a Face to the Faces Lab (1.5 CE) ***Dr. Gineese A. Listi***, *PhD, D-ABFA, Director, LSU Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services (LSU FACES) Laboratory*
11:30 PM	Break
11:45 AM	2026 Legislative Session Preview (.5 CE) ***Evan Alvarez***, *Principal, Frontline Strategies*
12:15 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors
1:45 PM	LWC Funeral Director Apprenticeship Program (1 CE) ***Luis Marimon***, *Apprenticeship Navigator, LWC* ***Troy Borne***, *Director of Work-Based Learning, LWC* ***R.T. Delhomme***, *Martin & Castille Funeral Home*
2:45 PM	General Membership Meeting (1 CE Hour)
3:45 PM	Adjourn

Speakers



Ginesse A. Listi, Ph.D.

Director, Louisiana State University Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services

Dr. Listi, Ph.D., is the Director of the Louisiana State University Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services (LSU FACES) Laboratory and a Research Associate Professor in the LSU Department of Geography and Anthropology. Dr. Listi received her Ph.D. in 2008 from Tulane University. In addition to forensic anthropology, her research interests include the dietary transition and temporal changes in the health of prehistoric populations living in the southern Lower Mississippi Valley. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and a member of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists and the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.



Evan M. Alvarez

Principal, Frontline Strategies

Evan is a Principal at Frontline Strategies, a leading governmental relations firm based in Baton Rouge. He provides strategic counsel on legislative affairs, regulatory issues, campaign finance, and public policy, drawing on extensive experience in state government across the Deep South. Evan previously served nearly five years in the administration of Governor John Bel Edwards as an outreach specialist and trusted legislative advisor, and later as Louisiana Government Relations Director for the American Heart Association, where he advanced student athlete safety initiatives in partnership with the NFL and the New Orleans Saints. Today, he helps clients navigate complex policy environments with insight, integrity, and a results-driven approach.

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R. T. Delhomme

Martin & Castille Funeral Home

R. T. is a native of Lafayette and a fourth generation funeral director and embalmer. He is a 1997 graduate of Teurlings Catholic High School and a 1999 graduate of Delgado Community College in New Orleans, Louisiana where he earned a degree in Mortuary Science. He passed the National Board Exam in June, 1999 and was licensed in January, 2000. R. T. is a member of the Southwest Louisiana Funeral Directors Association and the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association.

R. T. brings a lifetime of funeral home tradition and honorable work ethic inspired by his father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He sincerely believes that every person deserves a dignified funeral service with the best possible care being extended to the bereaved family. His attention to detail, his ability to listen compassionately to family members, and his job integrity are qualities which make R. T. one of the best in his profession.

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Luis Marimon

Apprenticeship Navigator, LWC

Luis is a former State Apprenticeship professional with more than one year of experience as an adult educator and four years as a career coach within the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Agency. During his tenure, he effectively guided prospective students and their parents through the enrollment and onboarding processes, providing exemplary customer service to students and participants who were considered at high risk. Since 2023, in his capacity as an Apprenticeship Navigator, he has successfully contributed to the establishment of over 20 apprenticeship programs.



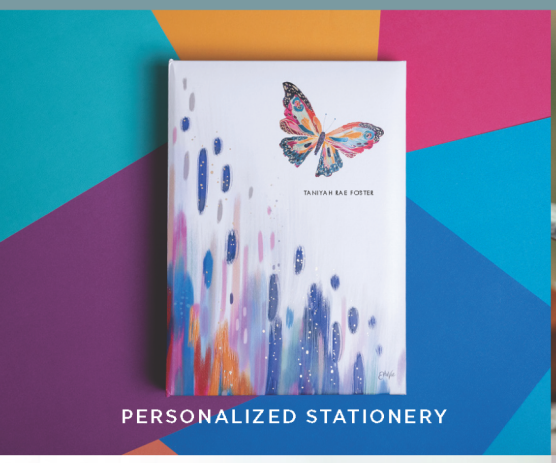
Troy Borne

Director of Work-Based Learning, LWC

Troy is a former career and technical education leader with over 23 years of experience in teaching and workforce development. He has designed innovative after-school programs in partnership with community colleges, adult education, and business and industry, generating an estimated $1.3 million in potential earned income for graduating students and at-risk young adults. Troy previously spent four years with the Louisiana Department of Education managing the $24 million Career Development Fund and served as Training Director for NCCER. Since April 2025, he has served as Director of Work-Based Learning for Louisiana Works, where he has helped establish 19 registered apprenticeship programs.

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LFDA Day At The Capitol	***March 11, 2026*** **LA State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA**
NFDA Advocay Summit	***April 14-17, 2026*** **Washington, DC**
LFDA/MFDA Joint Convention	***June 28-30 2026*** **The Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, LA**
NFDA Leadership Conference	***August 2-5, 2026*** **Louisville, KY**
NFDA Convention & Expo	***October 25-28, 2026*** **Charlotte, NC**
LFDA Fall Meeting	***November, 2026 (Official Date TBD)*** **More Details Coming Soon!**



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