Annual LAHPERD Convention Returns!
November 1-3, 2017
Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge

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The Convention Returns - LAHPERD STRONG
Susan Gremillion and Debra Toney

With all the disasters occurring within and closely to our state borders, how appropriately fitting is our theme this year LAHPERD STRONG.

The energy during the planning process of this convention has been incredible, and every board member is excited about hosting our convention again! Just to share the framework of our convention, we have experienced and passionate presenters for our pre-convention workshop on Wednesday, November 1, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Then, starting sharply at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, until our closing luncheon at noon on Friday, November 3, our presenters include vendors presenting great uses of their equipment, focus sessions for future professionals, sessions by our Teachers of the Year, and sessions to revitalize the seasoned educator.

In addition, sessions will be offered in our new revised state physical education standards. This will be an AWESOME opportunity for you to get training from those that were involved in the revisions, introduced to the new standards, and learn how to implement the standards.

Don't forget the fun we had in 2015 watching Kaleidoscope and the social that followed, so make plans to attend these this year.

The 2017 LAHPERD board has an incredible convention for you! Visit LAHPERD.org to see what all is coming to your convention this year. Hurry and register if you haven't, and don't forget to book your hotel room at the Crowne Plaza using the discount code HPE. Deadline for the discount is October 7.
We can't wait to see you there! Bring your physical education friends!

A Few Notable 2017 Convention Highlights

Pre-Convention Workshop with Chip Candy

Chip Candy will be the presenter for the Pre-Convention Workshop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

If you haven't attended one of Chip's sessions, you won't want to miss his all-day workshop. If you have attended one of Chip's sessions, you know what a wonderful presenter he is, and you will be there with your shoes laced and ready for action! Chip will be pulling activities from his "Bag of Tricks," and his bag is deep! He will also be presenting adventure activities focused on Fitness. He promises lots of new stuff to keep you moving.

Tennis Association In-Service

The Tennis Association will put on a one hour in-service one afternoon. Check the program for details.

General Session with Paul Mainieri

This year's general session will be one that you won't want to miss. Get your seats early, and be ready to listen to LSU head baseball coach Paul Mainieri!

Paul is currently the fourth winningest active coach in all of college baseball with 1376 career wins. He has taken six different teams to the College World Series, and took the LSU Tigers to #2 in the 2017 polls.

Along the way, Coach Mainieri's teams have performed in the classrooms and in the community at a higher level greater than at any point in LSU baseball history. This spring, besides the amazing on field accomplishments, the 2017 team set the all-time record for highest GPA ever by an LSU baseball team!

Come hear Paul speak about coaching winners and how to develop those young men into championship ballplayers.

A Note from Your President

Bonnie Richardson

Summer is ending. Labor Day is right around the corner. We are all back in school or back to work at our jobs. I, for one, am looking forward to some cooler temperatures and less humidity. November is right around the corner also and so is our 2017 LAHPERD Convention. This year's theme is LAHPERD Strong! We have done so many things this year to demonstrate just how strong we are as an organization. Many of our LAHPERD members were involved with the revising and updating of the Louisiana Physical Education Standards. LAHPERD members have worked with BESE to have health and physical education included in the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan. LAHPERD hosted a very successful 2017 Southern District Conference.

Mark your calendar and put in for your professional leave for November 1-3, 2017. This year's convention will be jam-packed with great physical education, health, dance, sport/leisure and general sessions to attend.

Chip Candy from New Jersey will be our pre-convention presenter with many great activities for all. He will also have sessions during the Convention that you will want to attend.

Paul Mainieri, the LSU baseball coach, will be our keynote speaker at our general session Thursday morning. He will have inspiring words and stories to share with all in attendance. You won't want to miss his talk!

Many people from LAHPERD have put in much work and effort this year to get our new Physical Education Standards ready for our teachers. We will have sessions for elementary,
middle, and high school to show teachers how to implement the new standards.

As my presidency nears its final days, I would like to thank all who have been so helpful. I could not have done it without our wonderful LAHPERD members. We are only as strong as our weakest link, and I have not found any weak ones. I'm truly grateful for all the hard-working members who have served as vice presidents, served on different committees and showed up to help when help was needed. I would love to see many more step up and be on a committee or put their name in for vice-president of one of our divisions. I would like to leave parting words of "Be Fit, Be Healthy and Be Happy"! LAHPERD Strong!! Thank you, LAHPERD!!!