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The Grapevine invites you to submit
This year, we would like to focus on
government, their accomplishments
your experiences. Articles can be
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articles of interest to our membership.
the managers and supervisors in State
and achievements. We want to share
submitted to

CPTP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The web site has been updated with the latest offerings of the CPTP program.

Sam Breen attended the CPTP Graduation ceremony on December 14, 2006. This is the first graduation ceremony in several years. Sam arranged for a lovely reception in the Claiborne building after the awards were presented.

There was one CPM graduate this year, Peggy Miller Brandes. Peggy's story is one which will give courage to those of us who may have delayed completing the steps toward the CPM designation or who have not quite completed that project.

The names of graduates and their departments are listed below.

[Sam Breen](#) [CPTP Administrator \(as recorded by the editor\)](#)

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

Robert J. Krieg

Corrections Headquarters

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

Jack Warner

Office of Cultural Development

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

Thomas H. Patterson

Office of Management & Finance

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE:

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| Elizabeth A. Altazan-Dixon | Office of Environmental Services |
| Patrick B. Augustine | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Linda M. Brown | Office of Environmental Assessment |
| Jay Carney | Office of Environmental Assessment |
| Mark A. Chrisman | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Cynthia Clark | Office of Environmental Services |
| Michelle Morgan | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Terry A. Dedon | Office of Management & Finance |
| Leigh Gauthreaux | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Hassan Ghosn | Office of Environmental Services |
| Claire D. Greer | Office of Management & Finance |
| Vennetta T. Hayes | Office of Environmental Services |
| Jackie S. Heber | Office of Environmental Assessment |
| Bennett J. Juneau | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Ronnie Kay | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Greg McCarty | Office of Environmental Assessment |
| Bonnie S. Meaux | Office of Environmental Assessment |
| Charles J. Melchior | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Keri Cason Meyers | Office of Management & Finance |
| Tommy Perryman | Office of Environmental Compliance |

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE (cont'd.):

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| Scott B. Pierce | Office of Environmental Services |
| Otis J. Randle | Office of Environmental Compliance |
| Judith A. Schuerman | Office of the Secretary |
| Christopher W. Smith | Office of Environmental Services |
| Jean B. Wiesepape | Office of Environmental Assessment |
| June Zhu | Office of Management & Finance |

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

Mary H. Carter

Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits

Kimberley M. Garcia

Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits

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| Pamela D. Lachney | Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits |
| Melissa G. Mayers | Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits |
| Holly M. Swicegood | Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits |
| Sylvia Manual Theriot | Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits |
| Shawnica D. Turner | Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits |

CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

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| Gale M. Perry | Div. of Administration/Office of Group Benefits |
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Dawn R. Veillon | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
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CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

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| Wes Arnold | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| Danielle D. Chretien | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| D'wayne J. Davis | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| Linda Frazier | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| Judy B. Gwin | Office of Mental Health |
| Tricia S. Hensarling | Office of Mental Health |
| Margaret M. Huguet | Office of the Secretary/Medical Vendor Administration |
| Gwen Monistere | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| Karen Navarro | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| Cynthia L. Parro | Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities |
| Ilana Reisin | Office of Mental Health |
| Cary C. Quiet | OMH/Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System |
| Lorraine M. White | OMH/Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System |

LSU HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION:

CERTIFICATE FOR BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMS:

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| Brenda Ray | Huey P. Long Medical Center |
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CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Brenda Ray | Huey P. Long Medical Center |
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CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

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| Graciana Q. Breaux | University Medical Center |
| Judy L. Greig | University Medical Center |

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Wanda F. Rachal | Dept. of Revenue |
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CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

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| Angela Dunn | Dept. of Revenue |
| Bernice Taylor | Dept. of Revenue |

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Sarah O. Sanks | Office of Family Support |
| Vickie C. Saucier | Louisiana Rehabilitation Services |
| Raj Singh | Office of the Secretary/Management & Finance |

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER:

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| Peggy C. Brandes | Management & Finance |
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CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Peter E. Maggiore | Engineering & Operations |
| Susan Pellegrin | Management & Finance |

CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

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| James F. Bourgeois | Engineering & Operations |
| Danny C. Corrent | Engineering & Operations |
| Michael Elliott | Engineering & Operations |
| Treba S. Patin | Engineering & Operations |
| Jon K. Stone | Engineering & Operations |
| Jon A. Wiggins | Engineering & Operations |
| Kerry L. Williams | Engineering & Operations |

LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING WORK:

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| Danny E. Veals | La. Housing Finance Agency |
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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Janice K. Sudduth | Office of Financial Institutions |
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OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFICATE FOR MANAGING PEOPLE:

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| Bertram Small | Jetson Center for Youth |
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CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING & LEARNING:

Emily A. Williams

Bridge City Center for Youth

PROFILE: PEGGY MILLER BRANDES

A conversation with Peggy Miller Brandes, recent CPM graduate by way of e-mail:

Congratulations on your recent CPM graduation. I am the editor of the Grapevine, newsletter for the CPM society. I am going to list all the recent graduates and their awards. In talking to Sam Breen, he mentioned that you had been working on your CPM for many years. I would like to include a little story in the newsletter about your journey. If you wouldn't mind, I would like to include your daughter's name. Sam said her initials are CPM.

If you could give me a few details and your permission, it would be appreciated.

Again, congratulations

Ms. Brandes replies:

How delightful that you are interested.

Sam Breen and I were colleagues when the CPTP program started in 1979. At that time, it was a joint program between the Dept of Civil Service and LSU/Continuing Ed. I was at Civil Service at the time and our staff handled all the registration for the CPTP. I was the first Secretary to the CPTP Board and very involved in the National CPM Consortium, along with Sam, that was transferring the CPM program that the state of Georgia had started. It was quite exciting work. As the program grew, our staff grew, and I had a real need for the training that was part of the CPM program.

As each level was added, I took it. Finally, the first class of CPMs was ready to take the last week of level 6. The class was in late February, 1984. I was pregnant--very pregnant. I really thought I was going to make it, since I was having a C-section. On the morning of the last day of class, March 1, nature took its course, and Cynthia Paige Miller was born just as class started. Everyone in the class had become very close friends. One of the instructors, Dr. Bob Anderson, showed up at the hospital with a videotape of the last day, assuring me that I would get credit for the class. Needless to say, it was a while before I actually watched the tape. I laughed and told everyone that I had already earned my CPM, meaning the baby!

To make this short, the first class of CPMs sent me a lovely gift certificate and I bought my little CPM a fancy dress for her to wear to the first CPM graduation. Naturally it was monogrammed "CPM." Cynthia had many adopted uncles and aunts that special day in 1984.

I left state government in 1986 and did not return until 1996. With a lot of encouragement from Nancy DeWitt, I decided to finish my last requirement so that I could get my CPM. I submitted my project in December of 1999. However, prior to hearing anything about it, I was re-engineered out of state government. I sort of gave up on getting this other CPM. As luck would have it, I returned to state government in 2005 and thank goodness, Dr. Joyce Loudon had kept a copy of my project. I also have to thank Dr. Sharon Naquin for finding it. So, 22 years later (my daughter is 22), I am a real CPM.

I was very disappointed that I could not attend the ceremony due to illness. I am thrilled of your interest. Please call me at 379-1245 after Christmas if you need anything else.

I also have my application for the LA Society and the National Academy in my desk. I can't wait to send it in.

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LSCPM Annual Conference in January 2007!

Our theme will be based on the four R's: React, Respond, Rebuild, and Rebirth. The conference is a one-day event featuring a number of outstanding speakers on leadership challenges and responses to rapidly changing environments. Lunch will be included. The information for the conference is stated below. The registration fee is \$85 for Society members and \$100 for non-Society members. Registrations are now being accepted. If you have questions about the conference please contact Sharon Parker @ 225-219-3559 or by email at Sharon.parker@la.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

LSCPM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Management Styles: Traditional vs. Crisis

January 18, 2007

Claiborne Conference Center, Room 136

1201 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2007

Nominations are now being requested for the 2007 officers and board members. Election of officers for 2007 will take place through email. Nominations are needed for President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and all of the Directors at Large. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot or would like to nominate someone for an office, contact Mike Steinkamp.

AACPM News

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC PLANS ITS NEXT CONFERENCE IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

The AACPM president is Greg Hyland from Arizona. Even though it seems like a long way off, Greg and the national society board of directors has already made plans for the next national convention. This one will be held in Madison, Wisconsin. There have been several messages from the president urging anyone who plans to attend to get hotel reservations now. There will be a national Iron Man competition the same week as the AACPM convention and it will be a good idea to secure a room well in advance.

One of the features of the national convention is its awards program. A banquet is held on Tuesday night which includes the presentation of AACPM national awards. The awards include a scholarship for continuing education in professional management, the Askew awards for outstanding CPM projects, a president's special award for outstanding contributions to the Society, and the prestigious Henning award. The local Society can submit nominees for these awards. The previous winners of these prestigious awards are posted on the national AACPM web site.

The next conference will be held at Madison, Wisconsin, September 9-11, 2007. Reservations at the Madison Concourse Hotel (608-294-3013) are being taken now. It is recommended that you make reservations now; they have a 48 hour cancellation policy. The host CPM chapter expects hotels to be booked during that week due to the Iron Man event, so book early. This is an excellent conference with great management training in the breakouts. They say there's lots to see and do in Madison, so put it in your to-do list. It should be fun.

Calendar of events:

AACPM National Conference
Madison, Wisconsin
September 10-12, 2007 (plan ahead)

LSCPM Board Meetings
Jan 16, 2007
February 20 2007
March 20, 2007
3:45 PM
Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge

RESCHUEDULED: LSCPM Annual Conference

January 18, 2007
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Claiborne Building,
1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge

Membership Committee
Mike Steinkamp, chairman

The time has come for membership renewal. The application for membership can be found on the web site:

www.lscpm.org. Please forward you membership renewal to:

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