



# *Parish of Ascension*

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## **Donaldsonville High School Teacher of the Year Recognized at Parish Council Meeting**

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DONALDSONVILLE – Donaldsonville High School teacher Brian Richardson was recognized during the Parish Council meeting on Feb. 7 for being chosen “2011 – 2012 Teacher of the Year” at the school.

Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez presented a parish Certificate of Achievement to Richardson who is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as an educator. Richardson teaches African American Studies and American History, while also coaching basketball, football and track.

Following a standing ovation by audience members, Richardson pointed out U.S. Army and World War II veteran Joseph Matassa who had just received a parish proclamation with his wife Bena.

“I’m truly humbled at this meeting because I teach American History and we always study World War II,” Richardson said. “To have a real-life World War II veteran here, he truly deserves the standing ovation. I am humbled to be in his presence.”

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Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez (left) presented a parish Certificate of Achievement to Donaldsonville High School teacher Brian Richardson (center) while Parish Councilman Oliver Joseph looked on.

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