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**Caroline Dormon Junior High Receives National Blue Ribbon Award in Washington, D.C.**

Caroline Dormon Junior High administrators, Jennifer Bordelon and Sarah Butler, along with the district's Acting Middle School Director, Mollie Fontenot, proudly attended the National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. last Friday, where they accepted the official Blue Ribbon Award on behalf of the school. This prestigious recognition honors schools for their overall academic excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps.

This year, only 356 schools across the country received this honor, and Caroline Dormon Junior High stands as one of just seven schools recognized in the state of Louisiana.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, established in 1982, recognizes the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content.

Jennifer Bordelon, principal of Caroline Dormon Junior High says, "It is an incredible privilege and honor for myself and every member of the CDJH family to receive this award. Students, teachers, parents, and community members work together every day to ensure we have a safe, loving, and educational environment where everyone can thrive. This award acknowledges the hard work and dedication of our school community."

Collaboration among families, communities, and educators is a key component of their success.

Superintendent Jeff Powell says, "Having a school in our district earn this outstanding distinction is such an accomplishment. It's a testament to the relentless work of the school's administrators, teachers, and families. We are so proud of the standard that CDJH sets; their commitment to elevating their students and community to their maximum potential is evident!"

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