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LRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2010 PROSTART® EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

METAIRIE, La.—The Louisiana Restaurant Association Education Foundation (LRAEF) has named Andrea Kuhn of John Ehret High School in Marrero as the 2010 ProStart® Educator of the Year.

Kuhn, John Ehret's ProStart® instructor for nine years, was bestowed the honor during the LRAEF's 9th Annual ProStart® Student Competition Awards Ceremony, March 3, 2010 at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center. The competition showcased the culinary and academic talents of ProStart® juniors and seniors from 25 high schools from across Louisiana.

“Teaching ProStart® has enriched my life as much as the course enriches the lives of my students,” said Kuhn. “The program makes such a positive impact on my students that the benefits spill over to positively affect our entire school.”

Under Kuhn's direction, John Ehret High School's culinary team took third place in the 2010 competition.

Kuhn continued, “Being selected as LRAEF ProStart® Educator of the Year is such an honor, because I know first-hand how hard Louisiana's ProStart® teachers work! I very much appreciate this because it recognizes the time, energy, and effort dedicated to my students and to our community. I look forward to living up to this award for years to come.”

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ProStart® is a two-year, culinary management program for high school juniors and seniors with a curriculum designed to teach students culinary techniques as well as restaurant management skills. ProStart® is in more than 50 high schools statewide and nearly 1,300 students participate in the program.

The Louisiana Restaurant Association is one of the largest business organizations in the state, representing more than 7,500 restaurant operations and related businesses. The restaurant industry in Louisiana is the state's largest private employer with 140,000 employed directly and another 55,000 indirectly employed. Restaurants in Louisiana are expected to generate sales of \$4.86 billion in 2010.