

Literacy Breakfast

"The only thing stupid would be giving up on myself," proclaimed Gearldine Scott, a former special education school drop-out at age 15.

Scott, now a "Student of the Year" with Adult Literacy Advocates, addressed the crowd Dec. 5 at the Greater Baton Rouge Literacy Coalition's Community Leadership Breakfast held at Boudreaux's.

Her story along with that of Buster Burns accompanied a moving video, and all three pointed to the grave importance literacy can have on one's life and a community's livelihood.

Among other tidbits, the video displayed the significance that building literacy can have on Baton Rouge, which faces a staggering 28 percent illiteracy rate.

Mayor Kip Holden and Louisiana Workforce Commission executive director Tim Barfield also preached the virtues of helping the city and state establish a more competent, thorough workforce.

To view the organization's literacy plan, visit the Web site at www.gbrliteracy.org.

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Dr. Lisa Vosper, Tim Barfield & Charlotte Placide



Kyle Beall with Geraldine Scott



Phyllis Heroy, David Farrar & Jane Beyer

DAVID FARRAR, new East Baton Rouge Parish Library executive director, was recognized at the Patrons of the Public Library's annual meeting Dec. 4. Phyllis Heroy, Jane Beyer and John Carnahan were elected to the board of directors.

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