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LSU Continuing Education hosts LACHE Annual Meeting

BATON ROUGE – More than 25 continuing education professionals from across the state attended the Louisiana Association for Continuing Higher Education, or LACHE, annual meeting on April 29.

This year's meeting featured keynote speakers Courtland M. Chaney and Victor Canada. Several representatives from LSU, LSU Eunice, LSU Alexandria, University of Louisiana at Monroe, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LSU Shreveport, Grambling State University, Louisiana Board of Regents, Nicholls State University and Capital Area Technical College and Northwestern State University attended the meeting.

"Continuing Education departments in Louisiana have a long and important history of serving the public and private sectors," said Chaney, a retired LSU faculty member who now provides consulting services with Human Resource Management Associates, Inc. "Many individuals who attend continuing education programs do it to improve their lives and also their communities."

Social media strategist Victor Canada spoke about 2011 social media trends and how they are creating an environment that can be very beneficial for continuing education.

"I predict that as individuals become more reliant on mobile technology, education will need to adapt to leaner expectations and become more accessible as well," Canada said.

LACHE is a statewide group of continuing education professionals. All public and private four-year and two-year colleges and universities in Louisiana that have continuing

education, workforce development or outreach units are eligible to attend the annual meeting and other activities sponsored by the organization.

"LACHE is an organization that is dedicated to providing continuing higher education opportunities for the citizens of Louisiana," said Darlene Williams, vice president of technology, research, and economic development at Northwestern State University and a former president of LACHE. "Being a part of the organization provides an opportunity for individuals affiliated with continuing education to get to know their counterparts, hear about current and future trends in continuing education and share their own experiences. While the group hosts an annual meeting, there are opportunities for engagement throughout the year to discuss important issues affecting the institutions and their constituents."

During the meeting, LACHE also elected its 2011-2012 board of directors. David Pulling, of LSU Eunice was elected president, Paula Thornhill of University of Louisiana at Monroe will serve as vice president, Tisha Taylor of LSU Shreveport was elected treasurer and Melissa Stafford of LSU will serve as secretary.

For more information about LACHE, visit www.lache.info.

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SUGGESTED CAPTION: Social media strategist Victor Canada speaks during the 2011 Louisiana Association for Continuing Higher Education annual meeting held at LSU. Canada spoke about new social media trends and how they can benefit continuing education divisions in Louisiana.