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Ascension Parish Finance Department Earns National Recognition

The Ascension Parish Finance Department has been presented with two awards of national recognition, both of which it has received for multiple years in a row. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award was presented for the eighth straight year, and The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded for the tenth consecutive year, announced Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced the Finance Department was presented both awards for the 2018 fiscal year.

“Once again, Chief Financial Officer Gwen LeBlanc and her staff are recognized by their industry peers for providing a budget that is professional and accurate,” said President Matassa. “We are proud of their efforts and commend them for their diligence.”

According to the GFOA, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is a significant achievement that reflects the commitment of Ascension Parish Government and the Finance Department staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the budget award, the Finance Department had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the Finance Department’s budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and as a communications device.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is considered the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

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PICTURE CUTLINE – Front Row, Left to Right: Assistant Treasurer Dawn Caballero, President Kenny Matassa, Treasurer & CFO Gwen LeBlanc, and Assistant Treasurer Amanda Berot. Back Row, Left to Right: Accounting staff members Toni Ourso, Carol Celestin, Laurie Lemoine, Ann Falcon, Juancita Babin, Leslie Daigle, Abbey Roussel, Lynda Timmons, Ashley Barnes, and Sherri Bellina. Not pictured is Celeste Harris.