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Helix recognized for its impact in the Baker community



Helix Community Schools was recently honored as the Non-Profit of the Year by the Baker Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented during the chamber's Annual Members Award Banquet at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge.

"A big thank you to the Baker Chamber of Commerce for recognizing us," said President and CEO Preston Castille. "We are so proud to be embraced by the community in such a special way and I am grateful to be surrounded by an amazing team of educators and staff who pour their all into the children we serve. Special thanks to the City of Baker School System for this amazing opportunity."

In 2025, Helix entered into a partnership with the Baker school system to manage and operate Baker High School and Park Ridge Achievement Academy. Just one year later, the school system is ranked number one in the state for academic growth, according to the **2026 LEAP (Louisiana Educational Assessment Program) test**. This outstanding achievement reflects the partnership's commitment to academic excellence, student success, and expanding educational opportunities for children and families in the Baker community.

For more pictures, go to our [**Facebook page**](#).

Key Club hosts Second Annual GEAUX PINK walk



Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy (HMMA) students, staff and supporters marched through the streets of downtown Baton Rouge in a parade of support to help in the fight against breast cancer.

The Second Annual GEAUX PINK Walk which was hosted by the Key Club in partnership with the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at Our Lady of the Lake included a walk from Mentorship to the levee and back. As part of the walk, the Sound of Downtown Marching Band performed along with the cheerleaders, dance team and flag team.

"This event is about much more than wearing pink," said Sgt. Jerrod Webb, HMMA's Family Engagement Coordinator. "It is about standing together, spreading awareness, supporting those who are fighting breast cancer, and reminding our community that no one has to face this fight alone. I'm so proud of my Key Club kids."

The students also raised \$800 for Mary Bird Perkins through donations and selling lemonade and bracelets.

“Thank you to Helix students and staff for such an amazing event,” said Victoria Faulkner, Associate Director of Philanthropy for Mary Bird Perkins. “We are so grateful for your partnership.”

For more pictures, go to our [Facebook page](#).

Celebrating our Principals!

HELIX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

HAPPY NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

Dr. Galvin Nicholas,
Executive Director,
Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy

Dr. Charles Natt,
Dir. of Culture and
Associate Principal, Helix
Mentorship & Maritime
Academy

Sharessa McKinsey,
Associate Principal of
Instruction K-12, Helix
Mentorship & Maritime
Academy

Jennifer Gordon,
Founding Principal of
Helix AI & Medical
Academy and Helix
Community Schools
Chief Academic Officer
for the Acadiana
Region

Tyler Solete,
Assistant Principal
of Helix AI & Medical Academy

Marvin Mercer,
Principal,
Harmony and
Justice program

Ashley Taylor,
Co-Principal, Baker
High School

Senobia Smith,
Principal, Park Ridge
High School

Latoya Northern,
Principal, Park Ridge
Achievement Academy

Jessica Moore,
Associate Principal K-8,
Park Ridge Achievement
Academy

Eleanor Smith,
Lower elementary
associate principal
PreK4-2nd grade
Park Ridge
Achievement Academy

Guybrielle Hall,
Associate Principal
of Instruction,
Harmony and
Justice program

Nick Richard,
Principal, Helix
Aviation
Academy

Jonothan Edwards,
Associate Principal,
Helix Aviation High
School

Attallah Flucas,
Associate
Principal 3-8,
Helix Aviation
Academy

Erica Jackson,
Principal, Helix
Aviation Academy's
PreK4- 2nd grade

HELIX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

HELIX MENTORSHIP & MARITIME ACADEMY

HELIX AVIATION ACADEMY

HELIX AI & MEDICAL | HELIX MENTORSHIP & MARITIME ACADEMY | BAKER | PARK RIDGE

October is National Principals Month and Helix proudly celebrates our awesome administrators for their unwavering leadership, dedication, and commitment to student success. Every day, you inspire excellence, empower educators, support families, and create opportunities for students to thrive. Thank you for leading with passion, purpose, and heart. Your leadership really does make a difference! Happy National Principals Month!

SAVE THE DATE



The graphic is a vibrant promotional poster for the Helix Community Schools Expo. At the top, the Helix Community Schools logo, featuring a DNA helix, is positioned above the word "EXPO" in large, bold, black letters with yellow outlines and radiating lines. Below this, a blue brushstroke banner contains the text "COME OUT AND SEE ALL THAT Helix Community Schools Offer!". The event details are presented in a dark blue section: a calendar icon next to "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 10 A.M. - 2 P.M." and a location pin icon next to "HELIX AVIATION ACADEMY 4400 AIRPARK BLVD BATON ROUGE, LA 70807". A yellow banner below this reads "EXPLORE ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS". Underneath, five colored boxes represent different schools: Helix Aviation Academy (PreK4-12, blue), Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy (6-12, green), Helix AI & Medical Academy (K-7, purple), Park Ridge Achievement Academy (PreK4-8, orange), and Baker High School (9-12, red). Below these are three sections: "LIVE PERFORMANCES" (Enjoy performances from all schools!), "LEARN MORE" (Discover programs, opportunities, and pathways for your child.), and "CONNECT" (Meet staff, explore offerings, and see what makes Helix Community Schools special!). A yellow banner at the bottom states "REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ONSITE TO ASSIST WITH CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE ENROLLMENT." and the website "www.helixcommunityschools.org" is at the very bottom.

HELIX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

EXPO

COME OUT AND SEE ALL THAT
Helix Community Schools Offer!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

HELIX AVIATION ACADEMY
4400 AIRPARK BLVD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70807

EXPLORE ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	GRADES
HELIX AVIATION ACADEMY	PreK4 - 12
HELIX MENTORSHIP & MARITIME ACADEMY	6 - 12
HELIX AI & MEDICAL ACADEMY	K - 7
PARK RIDGE ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY	PreK4 - 8
BAKER HIGH SCHOOL	9 - 12

LIVE PERFORMANCES
Enjoy performances from all schools!

LEARN MORE
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CONNECT
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The Helix Community Schools Expo will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Helix Aviation Academy hangar, 4400 Airpark Blvd., in Baton Rouge.

The expo will bring our entire network together to showcase everything Helix Community Schools has to offer. Current families will have the opportunity to explore programs, resources and future pathways available across our schools. Prospective families will be able to experience the Helix community, meet our teams and learn what makes each school unique.

There will also be music, food, and games for the kids.



We know great things are happening at Helix so please share your success stories, student achievements, innovative classroom projects and community involvement. Email your story ideas **here**. Your idea could be our next lead story! Please send pictures too.

About Helix Community Schools

Helix Community Schools is a homegrown charter school network headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana area which includes Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy, Helix College & Career Academy, and Helix Aviation Academy. In Baker, Helix is partnering with the City of Baker School System to manage and operate Baker High School and Park Ridge Achievement Academy, both Helix Fintech & Performing Arts Academies. Helix opened Helix AI & Medical Academy in Opelousas, Louisiana, in August 2025, and is scheduled to open Helix Agriculture & Energy Academy there in 2027. At Helix, we are committed to exposing students to innovative college and career pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) and the law. For more information, visit helixcommunityschools.org.

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