

# Kudos & Congratulations!

The U.S. Tourism Quality Index ranked Lake Charles as #2 in the entire nation for the “experiential quality” for small destinations. The sentiments that were measured include culture, entertainment, sightseeing, sports, adventure, culinary and lodging. The rankings are based on the analysis of the number of products or experiences marked as “very good” or “excellent” by consumers. The top 10 small destinations include: Tallahassee, Fla.; Lake Charles, La.; Bend, Ore.; Dothan, Ala.; Augusta, Ga.; Greenville, S.C.; Greensboro, N.C.; Mesa, Ariz.; Pensacola, Fla.; and Hot Springs, Ark. The LC/SWLA CVB works diligently to showcase the best of the area through public relations efforts, hosting travel writer conferences as well as implementing hospitality training seminars and social media community trainings. For more information, go to [www.VisitLakeCharles.org](http://www.VisitLakeCharles.org), follow VisitLakeCharles on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, YouTube, Instagram, or subscribe to the VisitLakeCharles blog.



Gov. Edwards appointed Avrie Celestine of Lake Charles to the Governor's Advisory Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Governor's Advisory Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention serves to encourage and assist the state, units of local government, and private non-profit agencies in the comprehensive improvement of the juvenile justice system in the State of Louisiana. Celestine is a native of Lake Charles, LA, and a recent graduate of Barbe High School. Celestine was a member of The Leadership Center for Youth's Youth Advisory Council where she served as Community Impact Chair during the 2015-2017 school year and Vice Chair of the Council during the 2016-2017 school year. Celestine has been an active participant in The Leadership Center's initiatives since 2014. She is currently enrolled at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



Magnolia LNG recently presented a \$1,000 sponsorship to Boy Scouts of America, Calcasieu Area Council. The investment will help fund scouting programs, assist with expenses related to maintaining Camp Edgewood and provide valuable resources for scouts and adult leaders. For more information about Boy Scouts of America, visit [www.CalcasieuBSA.org](http://www.CalcasieuBSA.org). For more information on Magnolia LNG, visit [www.MagnoliaLNG.com](http://www.MagnoliaLNG.com).