The LSU Coastal Roots Program was honored at a recent Coastal Wetland Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act Dedication Ceremony that was held at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium on October 26, 2007. At this ceremony an 8th grade student at Montegut Middle School who has participated in the Coastal Roots Program, Jeanne, spoke to more than 200 dignitaries about what she has learned about coastal restoration and the importance of restoring and protecting the Louisiana coast.

After the ceremony, Jeanne and four of her classmates, as well as her teacher, Cally Chauvin, Drs. Pam Blanchard and Ed Bush, and parent chaperones, got a personal tour of the salt marsh.