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## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS RECOGNIZED DURING APRIL 2013 COMMISSION MEETING

During the Port of South Louisiana Commission meeting held on April 16, two local high school basketball teams were honored for their achievements during the 2012-2013 season.

West St. John High School girls' basketball team, the Lady Rams, earned the runner up spot in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A championship after ranking on top and finishing with a 30-2 record for the season. Coach Lester Smith was presented a congratulatory plaque from Commission Treasurer Louis A. Joseph for the team's accomplishment.

Riverside Academy High School boys' basketball team, the Rebels, won its third Louisiana High School Athletic Association Class 2A state championship in four years. Coach Timmy Byrd was also presented a congratulatory plaque at the meeting from Commissioner Joseph Scontrino.



Pictured: PSL Commission Treasurer Louis A. Joseph (L) and West St. John High School Basketball Coach Lester Smith



Pictured: PSL Commissioner Joseph Scontrino (L) and Riverside Academy High School Basketball Coach Timmy Byrd

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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