Laodis Etienne "L.E." Menard Jr. of Lafayette was selected to represent Louisiana at a 10-week work seminar at the "Secrétariat Permanent des Peuples Francophones" (SPPF) or "Permanent Office of French Speaking Peoples" in Quebec.

Menard's appointment was through the combined efforts of Louisiana and Quebec.

The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) and the Delegation of Quebec in Lafayette picked Menard for his Louisiana-French background and fluency in French.

Menard, 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Laodis Etienne "L.E." Menard Sr. of Lafayette was born in New Iberia, studied in Montpellier, France for one year and will graduate from USL in French this August.

In Quebec, Menard will work with other young French-speaking North Americans, 18 to 25 years old.

The group will create a new association, "L'Association des Jeunes Francophones d'Amérique du Nord" or "Association of Young Francophones of North America."

Menard will also write a 20-page document on the geography, sociology, climate, history and present-day lifestyle in Louisiana.

His work will be used as a future reference for those North American interested in visiting the state.