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Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

Louisiana Section Annual Conference



The Louisiana Section Annual Conference will return to L'Auberge Casino & Hotel, October 18-19, 2017. This year's conference will host changes to the Day 1 afternoon session, featuring a new session – Public Participation & Agency Information Exchange. The Conference Committee received an impressive 19 abstracts for review and consideration for the conference, with several being accepted to round out the preliminary program. Day 2 will include the very well attended Young Professional (YP) Sessions, returning for a full day, a morning Hot Air Topics Session and an afternoon session of Multi-Media, Waste and Remediation. And as the conference comes to an end of Thursday afternoon, the YP Group

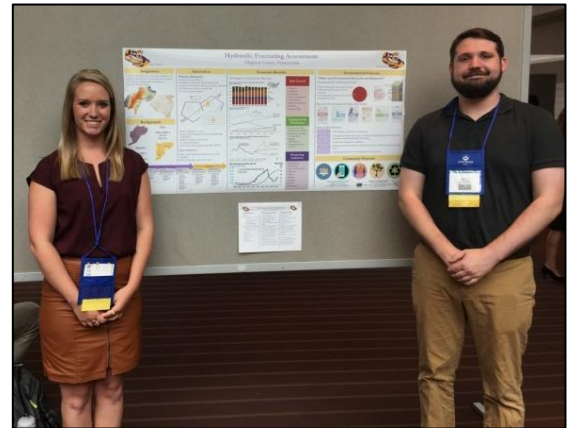
will host the YP Conference Unwind at the Stadium Club downstairs from the Conference. This year's conference offers great opportunities for professional development and networking, throughout the two days.

Exhibitor registration is now open! [Please register here.](#)

Environmental Challenge International Competition

Vanessa Beall

The ECi competition allows for students to apply what they have learned through core studies to real-life site conditions and events. By participating in the challenge, students were able to develop very valuable skills that will stick with them for a lifetime. Working as a team, Jay and I developed a complete understanding of the problem, given the information provided, and produced three solutions. We evaluated each and presented the one we determined to be the best. The other competition was very knowledgeable and had wonderful ideas as well, which encouraged us to keep our heads up and be confident in the work that we did. Our efforts and optimistic attitude led us to receiving first place! It



was an achievement that LSU had set a goal for eight years ago and we are so happy that we were able to reach it!

We greatly appreciate the opportunity A&WMA gives their student members to experience a professional setting and real-world issues. We plan to continue to enter the ECi competition in future years and be a team that encourages others to work hard and think outside of the box!

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LA Section Golf Tournament

Caitlin Morrison

The Louisiana Young Professional group hosted its 7th Annual Young Professionals Golf Tournament at Pelican Point golf Course and raised over \$5,000. Proceeds were used to fund the continued growth of the Louisiana's Sections YP Group and support Louisiana's YP participation on an international level within the association. We also raised money from mulligans to support a Louisiana science teacher and their school science project through DonorsChose.org.

The event was fun-filled day, featuring raffle prizes, great food, awards and of course, golf at one of the area's established courses. Every year we incorporate contests into the tournament including longest drive and closes to the pin. This year we added a hole-in-one contest sponsored by Ramboll Environ, where a lucky winner could have taken home \$10,000! There were a lot of great shots, but no one took home the cash prize, join us next year for your chance to win.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and players that made the 2017 YP Golf Tournament a success!



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Student Spotlight

Aamani Kura



Jay Thibodeaux joined the U.S Marine Corps in 2009 after graduating high school. He served as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Defense Specialist stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. In 2011, he was one of 15 marines in his field sent to Japan on a humanitarian mission responding to the Fukushima disaster. After leaving the Marine Corps in 2013, he was accepted to Louisiana State University. He graduated with a degree in Environmental Management Systems in May. He was hired by Terracon Consultants as an assistant scientist. Jay hopes to continue working as an environmental consultant and continue his education while pursuing a graduate degree in a natural science. During the summer, Jay and Vanessa Beall placed first in the ECi competition at ACE 2017 in Pittsburgh.

2017 Louisiana State Science Fair

Corey Gautreaux

Each year the Louisiana Section awards students who exhibit exceptional projects in the environmental field at the state level of the Science and Engineering fair in the Junior Division. This year was no exception! The winners were as follows:

First Place (\$300) Sarah Gad of Alexandria Country Day School – “Antacids for Coral Reefs: Year Two of Study”

Second Place (\$200) Eshaan Tandon of Caddo Parish Middle Magnet - "Can I increase the power output of a single chamber microbial fuel cell (MFC) by varying the surface area of the anode?"

Third Place (\$100) Rex Kilpatrick of Mandeville Junior High – “Oysters: Janitors of the Sea”

We would like to congratulate all of our winners and encourage them to continue their environmental studies.



A&WMA Scholarship Winners

Corey Gautreaux

The Louisiana Section of the Air & Waste Management Association is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients. Not only do these students show an interest in the environmental discipline, they must also meet the following requirements to be eligible for the award:

1. Must be a full time student during the year of the scholarship award attending a college or university or law school located within the geographical region of the section. (Louisiana and the Sabine River Region of Eastern Texas)
2. Must be at least a Junior and no higher than Master's level graduate student during the year of the scholarship award (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018).
3. Must have at least two semesters (or three quarters) of schooling remaining at the time of the award (Minimum Fall 2017 and Spring 2018).
4. Must be pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree with the major in engineering, physical or natural science, or public health. (Note: Those pursuing a degree in computer science are not eligible.) Students pursuing a law degree are eligible. Doctoral candidates are not eligible.
5. Must show through course work, projects, personal interest, etc., a desire to promote air pollution control and/or solid or hazardous waste management.
6. Must have at least an overall 3.00 or higher on a scale of 4.00 including all coursework through the last completed semester.
7. Must be interviewed by Louisiana Section representatives. The interview will be scheduled by the Section after the application deadline.

This year's winners are:

Aamani Kura (\$5,000) – Undergrad in Chemical Engineering at LSU
 Patrick Holden (\$3,500) – Undergrad in Chemical Engineering at LSU
 Colleen Slade (\$2,000) – Undergrad in Chemical Engineering at LSU



Congratulations to these outstanding students! In addition to the scholarship awards, each will receive a complimentary membership to the organization. We look forward to seeing each of them at upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

September Lunch Meeting

Thursday, September 21

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LA Section Annual Conference

Wednesday-Thursday

October 18 – 19

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- Networking opportunities with leading professionals in the environmental field.
- Access to cutting –edge professional, scientific and technological resources.
- Opportunities for professional training and development.
- Full online access to both The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association and EM, A&WMA's monthly magazine for environmental managers.
- Free access to the A&WMA Career Center where careers and candidates come together.
- Access to the [local Section](#) and Chapter events.

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