

# The Monitor

Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

## Outstanding Member Spotlight

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Since 2008, the Air & Waste Management Association has recognized Outstanding Young Professionals (YPs) who are pursuing excellence in their careers and have made valuable contributions to A&WMA by serving in a leadership position. The 2018 Outstanding Young Professionals are some of our very own YPs who have been instrumental in the continued growth, leadership, and development of YP programs locally and affecting the Association as a whole.

Congratulations to A&WMA 2018 Outstanding Young Professionals Paul Algu and Jessica Miller. Paul and Jessica will be recognized for their contributions and as being selected 2018 Outstanding Young Professional during the Honors & Awards luncheon at ACE 2018 in Hartford, Connecticut.

### Getting to know Paul and Jessica:

#### ***How did you get involved with A&WMA both locally and at the international level?***

**Paul:** "I joined the LSU student chapter and served as student chair for two years. I was asked to become a student liaison to the Louisiana Section board and have been serving in that role ever since. In 2011, Laura Cremer asked me to serve as Vice Chair of YPAC's Vitality Committee and I stayed on as Vitality Committee Chair after she moved to Sections and Councils Liaison."

**Jessica:** "I got involved at the student level. I had a teacher that required us to join the association as part of her class. I became involved in the officer positions for the student organization, and helped pull together a resume booklet to give out to professional within the organization a couple of months before graduation. I then also became involved in attending young professional events where I began networking that led to my first job out of college. I wanted to give back to the association and started getting involved with the local section. I helped write articles about YP events and started helping with the YP Golf Tournament. This led to me winning a sponsorship opportunity to attend ACE in Chicago. It was a great opportunity to meet professionals that were involved at the international level. I learned so much about how the association worked, and got involved in helping the YPAC Vitality Committee. This led to me becoming the YPAC Local Host Committee Chair. I also stayed involved at the local level by being the YP Chair from 2013-2016, LA Section Vice-Chair 2017-2018, and will become the Chair of the Louisiana Section in 2019."

#### ***How important has employer support been for your involvement?***

**Paul:** "Employer support is an integral part of my involvement in A&WMA and I am very grateful for the support of RTP as I continue in my membership with the Association. Having employees who contribute to A&WMA and share in information exchange and networking is one of the best value-added benefits for any employer who supports the Association through membership and/or sponsorship."

**Jessica:** "Thankfully I had Employer support the whole time I as growing within the association. It was vital for me to be able to stay so involved and get to the positions I am at now. There was even a point in my career where I started to lose employer support and it greatly affected my ability to stay involved."

### **What's been a highlight of your involvement?**

**Paul:** "I think the friendships I've formed at the local and international level are the most significant highlight of my involvement in the Association. To have a peer group in your area of employment that share the same challenges as YPs and are ready and willing to help you at a moment's notice has been one of the most beneficial things to my career through membership."

**Jessica:** "The people. I have so many people that I count as life-long friends that I first met at an A&WMA event. I have also learned so much from the many people that have befriended me in this organization. It is an amazing thing to have a group of like-minded individuals that I can contact about things that come up in work or even just everyday life. I have also made some wonderful connections that have helped in my work and career path through the organization. I feel that the opportunities I have had in many facets of my career have been due to my involvement in A&WMA."

### **What's the most beneficial lesson learned from your involvement?**

**Paul:** "The extra mile is always worth it. In college this may have meant taking your Thursday night and attending a resume dinner instead of going out with friends. As a young professional this means taking time before or after work to focus on A&WMA deliverables instead of going for a run or winding down at happy hour (or doing a combination of all three if you're really talented). I've found that A&WMA gives back as much time as you put in, and for me that has meant everything from job interviews and travel support to the chance to write and present articles at the Association level. I know the time I spend on A&WMA will be paid back in double by the opportunities I receive because of it."

**Jessica:** "To me this is the toughest question. I have learned so many valuable lessons and I feel that I continue to learn from every new opportunity I take within the organization. I've learned that I truly enjoy working with people from all age groups, backgrounds, and level of experience. I like to teach while I continue to learn. I have also learned that you can have a whole family of people that can turn any new place into a welcoming environment when you only see each other once or twice a year."

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### **Are you involved with any other volunteer efforts outside of A&WMA?**

**Paul:** “Education initiatives have been a big part of my life ever since working as an outreach volunteer with the National World War II Museum’s Red Ball Express in high school. In addition to working with the children’s ministry department at my home church of First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, I have served as a volunteer science teacher at the Gardere Community Christian School, Nepris virtual classroom, and STEM curriculum advisor for the West Baton Rouge Museum. A&WMA has taught me that no volunteer position is too large or too small for someone to make a significant impact. We are all capable of serving and no matter what the capacity, the impact is tremendous.”

**Jessica:** “I remain involved in my church and activities we do, but I am not currently involved in other professional organizations.”

### **Association President one day?**

**Paul:** “I would be honored to serve as President of the Association and I would hope to emulate the leadership and approachability of Presidents that have served during my time as a member. A&WMA has done so much for me personally and professionally and to lead it one day would be an incredible privilege.”

**Jessica:** “It would be a huge honor to one day be counted among the accomplished individuals that have been President of this association.”

## **Upcoming Events**

### **July Lunch Meeting**

Thursday, July 19, 2018  
Mike Anderson’s, Gonzales

### **ACE Annual Conference & Exhibition**

June 25-28, 2018  
Hartford, CT

### **LA Section Annual Conference**

October 24-25, 2018  
L’Auberge Hotel and Casino, Baton Rouge



The Air & Waste Management Association’s 111th Annual Conference & Exhibition will be held in Hartford, Connecticut June 25-28, 2018. Information about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, along with the preliminary program is available on the Conference Website. To take advantage of the early registration cost savings, please register by May 23, 2018. This year’s Honors & Awards Luncheon (Thursday, June 28, 2018) will recognize Paul Algu and Jessica Miller as the 2018 A&WMA Outstanding Young Professionals.

### **Louisiana Section Highlights:**

Reminder, the Louisiana Section’s new website is now available. Please visit the website and let us know if there is anything you would like to see added. Visit our [website](#).

The 2018 LA Section Annual Conference will be held October 24-25, 2018 at L’Auberge Hotel and Casino in Baton Rouge. Planning for this year’s conference is underway. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on the 2018 Annual Conference.

## LA Section 8th Annual YP Golf Tournament

Caitlin Morrison

The Louisiana Young Professional group hosted its 8th Annual Young Professionals Golf Tournament at Pelican Point Golf Course and raised over \$6,000. Proceeds are being used to sponsor young professionals attending the Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) in Hartford, Connecticut June 25 through 28, 2018. The tournament also raised over \$800 from mulligans to support a Louisiana science teacher and their school science project.

The event was a beautiful fun-filled day, featuring door prizes, great food, awards and of course, golf at Pelican Point Golf Course. We would like to thank Association President Elect, Michele Gehring for attending the tournament for her second year in a row. Every year we incorporate contests including longest drive, closes to the pin, and the hole-in-one contest with the prize of \$10,000. We also give a prize for the Most Golf Balls Lost, for those players that are just out to have a good time. Join us next year for your chance to win one of the contests or the tournament!



Thank you to all of our sponsors and players that made the 2018 YP Golf Tournament a success!



## Scholarship Awards & Adopt-A-School

Corey Gautreaux



The Louisiana Section of the A&WMA is busy taking applications for the annual Scholarship Awards to be presented in mid-June. These annual scholarships are presented to three college students that show a strong interest in environmental awareness. While the Class of 2018 is busy wrapping up graduation celebrations and teachers are eager to start their summers, the Education Committee will be busy promoting the Adopt-A-School Program just in time for the new school year. Keep your eyes out for the Adopt-A-School qualifications to be sent to your email in the coming months. Until then, congratulations to the Class of 2018 and have a great summer!

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- 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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