



## Southwest Pennsylvania AMS Chapter Meeting

December 2009

Eberly Science & Technology, California University of PA

On behalf of the Southwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Meteorological society, I am proud to present you with our Chapter's December Submission.

### New Business

- On December 11<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter held our annual Winter Social event. We went bowling at the Meadows Casino and Racetrack in Washington, PA. The Winter Social is a great tradition that our Chapter has because it helps members bond and is a good way to get together before the holidays.
- Our Chapter, the Southwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the AMS, was selected as Chapter of the year for the first time in its history. The Chapter is deeply honored by this selection, especially since the Chapter has only existed for just over seven years. We will be receiving the award at the annual AMS Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- A group of twenty students & faculty have been preparing to travel to Atlanta, Georgia for the annual AMS Conference. Students were competitively selected by submitting a cover letter and resume to the Earth Sciences faculty.
- Our Chapter will be hosting five speakers to come in and talk during our Chapter meetings in the spring semester. The speakers include Brian Fuchs, Neil Barton, Greg Stumpf, Brian Fagan and Neil Barton. Having the speakers visit is a good way to gain information outside of the classroom for students and gain contacts for future reference.
- Our Chapter's event StormFest is quickly approaching. This event takes place at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, PA. It is open to all elementary and middle schools in the area and gives them a chance to learn about earth science through hands on activities taught by members of our Chapter. In the past, this event has been very successful and is growing every year. Members of the Chapter have been busy testing activities to make sure everything goes smoothly.
- The Educational Outreach Committee was very busy in the month of December visiting schools around our area. On December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Committee Chair Caitlin Lawrence visited Carmichaels Middle School in Western Pennsylvania and gave presentations on weather and weather related topics. Members of the committee were encouraged to visit their local middle and high schools while on Winter Break.

### Next Meeting

- The next Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28th at 11am.