AMS LOCAL CHAPTER AFFAIRS

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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA

Students in the AMS Southwest Pennsylvania Chapter just started back to school but are already hard at work. Discussions are in place to purchase a new weather station that will be added to the SAI Farm. The students are also participating in the WxChallenge. The students who can forecast better than their professor, Dr. Majcen, will receive a whole letter grade bump to their final grade at the end of the semester. On Monday, September 10th, four students, Vice President Dillion Gaudet, Secretary Nick Wilkes, Daulton Lochran, and Jordan Morley, flew a drone over areas of California, Pennsylvania, that were being affected by flooding due to the remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon. A state of emergency was issued for the borough as several homes along Pike's Creek were damaged by the flooding. On Thursday, September 13th, our members set up a table at the CalU involvement fair to recruit new members. ■



From left to right: Vice President Dillion Gaudet, Daulton Lochran, Jordan Morely, and Secretary Nick Wilkes operating the drone.



A view of the flooding at the mouth of Pike Run and the Monongahela River in California, PA.



Picture taken by secretary Nick Wilkes of the flooding in the Rotary Park in California as Pike Run overflowed its banks.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

The American Meteorological Society Student Chapter at North Carolina State University hosted their Annual Beginning-of-the-Year Picnic on August 29th. This event brought together both new and returning students, welcoming them to the chapter and the Meteorology program as a whole. This chance for new students to meet and discuss their major in the first few weeks of the semester is always one of the main goals of the event. Along with enjoying the catered taco bar, students were able to participate in the inaugural run of the chapter's Cornhole Tournament. The club looks forward to hosting other events which highlight professionals within the field throughout the year. ■



UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO - MAYAGUEZ

On September 2018 the students of the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez campus, went on their first weather observation field trip to the Maricao state forest. They started off early in the morning. The idea was to see, from the mountain tops, the cloud formation due to local effects of sea breeze, and topography. These clouds are responsible for daily showers received at Mayagüez. The experience provided an opportunity to explore one of the mechanisms that dictates weather patterns in the sub-climatic region of Puerto Rico. This initiative followed similar extracurricular activities the Geology department in our university offers to its students.

On the other hand, during our first semester of college, the weather demonstrations committee actively collaborated with the EcoExploratorio Museo de Ciencias de Puerto Rico organization on their tour visiting malls all around Puerto Rico. Different organizations participated of the science tour, on which, our chapter offered interactive weather demonstrations. The demonstrations helped people get a better understanding of some of the weather phenomena that affects us daily. ■

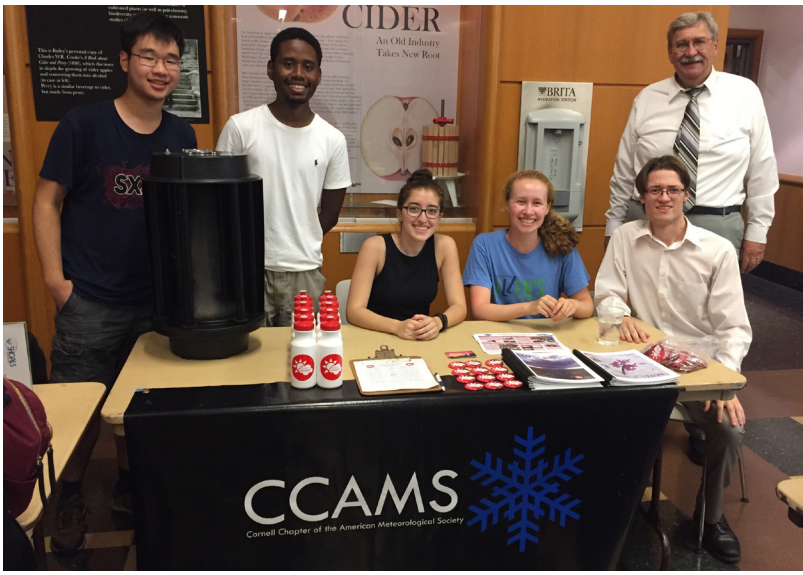




CORNELL

The Cornell Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (CCAMS) has been busy spreading the word about its chapter throughout the semester thus far. Taking part in a handful of tabling events throughout campus has led to an increase in the size of the society while also spreading the word about the importance of meteorology. A tornado machine is put on display during tabling events which gives members the opportunity to show those interested in the weather how tornados form and dissipate. A weather trivia game has also been created by one of CCAMS's members, with questions for all age groups. This allows for an interactive setting and education aspect to our outreach events.

Looking forward CCAMS has been invited to a local elementary school where members will be teaching students about the importance of meteorology in today's society. A new travel weather station will be used in our education and outreach events to educate the public on how meteorological instruments actually take measurements. As the semester progresses there are many more events that CCAMS will be taking part in! ■



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Rutgers Meteorology Club kicked off the school year at the Rutgers Involvement Fair, where all student organizations on campus line our College Avenue. Students then walk the streets signing up for clubs that are of interest to them. Our club attracted the attention of students with our classic "tornado in a bottle." We then held our first meeting, where former members caught up with friends, and got to know the new members through ice breaker activities, such as an extreme rock paper scissors tournament. Students also shared experiences they had over the summer that were relevant to meteorology. President Erin O'Neill talked about her time out at the NCAR Undergraduate Leadership workshop, Senior Jane Minar told us all that she has learned working as the weather intern at NBC 4 New York, and Vice President Brian Frei told us all about his experience as a Hollings Scholar, working at the National Weather Service in Oxnard, CA. We then got a brief presentation about the upcoming American Meteorological Society Conference, and all eligible members signed up! We are looking forward to the rest of the school year with future meetings and trips already being planned! ■



HIGH PLAINS

In August, the High Plains Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association hosted a Meteorology and Climatology conference in Hastings, NE. The conference started with a Tornado Warning and Improvement Workshop on August 7th in the afternoon. Aaron Johnson (Science and Operations Officer from Dodge City) and John Stoppkotte (Science and Operations Officer from North Platte) led this session by starting with surface analysis and walking attendees through several scenarios of new storm interrogation techniques using dual polarization radar data to anticipate tornado development.

The second day of the conference was highlighted with Keynote speaker Jeff Piotrowski from Storm Productions, Inc., and a Decision Support Panel made up of NWS meteorologist, TV Meteorologist, Emergency Manager and School Administrator. That evening there was a banquet held with Keynote speaker Mark Robertson, an Emergency Management Coordinator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Incident Command System at Memorial Stadium. The last day of the conference was Thursday August 9th with the final talk of the day given by Keynote Speaker Jared Guyer, from the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. ■



NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY OF LYNDON

This past September, the Lyndon AMS Chapter had the honor of hosting SKYWARN training! The National Weather Service office in Burlington, Vermont worked with the Lyndon AMS chapter to put on a training session to educate people on identifying potential weather threats. The training included what severe weather events could look like, what should be observed and how to report it. Despite some technical difficulties, the training went smoothly and timely. The Lyndon AMS Chapter also opened up this event to the surrounding community as well, allowing residents from the Northeast Kingdom to be trained as weather spotters in addition to club members. All attendees are now official SKYWARN certified weather spotters! ■



WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

On September 26, 2018, the West Central Florida Chapter of the American Meteorological Society hosted a meteorologist panel discussion at the University of South Florida. Four speakers invited were meteorologists from different career paths including Mr. Bobby Deskins from Tampa CBS 10 TV channel; Mr. Brian LaMarre, Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service Tampa Bay Office; Mr. Jack Parrish, flight director from the NOAA hurricane hunters; and Dr. Charlie Paxton, a meteorological consultant from Channelside Weather LLC. Our audience included graduate and undergraduate students interested in meteorology, students from a USF film class, and members of WCFLAMS. The topics covered revolved around speakers' experiences on their jobs, what academic milestones they pursued before stepping into the industry, and how each of them were involved with certain weather events. The moderator, Dr. Jennifer Collins, also invited speakers to share their knowledge and thoughts on the historical changes of the communication efforts during severe weather events, and how social media had an impact on the shift. The panel enlightened the audience of different career pathways and highlighted public awareness on extreme weather events. ■





IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Every year, the Iowa State University Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society holds a bonfire event at the local McFarland Park. This event gives students an opportunity to decompress from enduring rigorous coursework, and also allows students a chance to socialize with other members of the chapter. This year, the chapter hosted the event with Iowa State University's Graduate Meteorology Club as a way to build more cohesion between the undergraduate and graduate students in the department. Many activities take place throughout the evening, including the annual ISU AMS bonfire football game, marshmallow roasting, and nature walks, to name a few. The evening ends with a burst of flames, as students gather around the bonfire and simultaneously toss flour into the flames, watching the flames expand and dance into the air. ■



BLUE RIDGE

To kick off the school year, the Blue Ridge Chapter of the AMS participated in GobblerFest and showcased a booth at the event to gauge interest in the Meteorology Club. GobblerFest is an annual festival intended to engage students in campus activities and "is an excellent way for students to meet each other, explore common interests, and become a part of the Virginia Tech community." Overall, the club had a great turnout at the event and was successful in gauging students, until it ended up being postponed due to storms in the area, ironically.

In September, the Blue Ridge Chapter of the AMS held their first meeting of the school year during which the officers of the club went through introductions and mentioned upcoming events for the year ahead. As a result of the success at GobblerFest, this was one of the biggest turnouts that the club has had for the first meeting. The club also held a mini-golf event which serves as a great way to get to know fellow members within the club, and network with meteorologists from the National Weather Service office in Blacksburg who are always welcome to attend.

Most recently, the Blue Ridge Chapter of the AMS held their second meeting for which the topic was Hurricane Florence. Steve Keighton, the Science and Operations Officer from the National Weather Service Office in Blacksburg, was brought in as a guest speaker to describe the collaboration between other NWS offices and procedures for forecasting regional impacts from Hurricane Florence. The Blue Ridge Chapter of the AMS is very thankful to have the opportunity to network with meteorologists from the NWS Blacksburg office and we appreciate Mr. Keighton for taking time out of his busy schedule to come in and speak to the club. ■



DENVER-BOULDER

The Denver/Boulder AMS (DBAMS) Chapter partnered with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) to hold an event in Boulder, CO, on September 26th called, "2013 Front Range Flood: 5 Years Later." The event was open to AMS chapter members and friends, as well as the public, and set a record for chapter attendance of over 100 people. In September 2013, the Front Range area of Colorado experienced record-breaking rainfall, creating devastating floods and damage across the area. The panel-style discussion featured four experts from NCAR, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), NOAA, and the Boulder Office of Emergency Management who discussed the hydrometeorology of the floods, the local and national climatological perspective related to the event, and how the National Weather Service and local emergency management officials responded to the floods. Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive, and attendees reported that they really appreciated the opportunity to hear from an interact with local experts to discuss planning for and responding to flood events.

For more information about the Denver/Boulder AMS local chapter, membership, and upcoming events, check out our Facebook page or send us an email at amsdenbou@gmail.com. ■



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT OSWEGO

The Oswego State Student Chapter of the AMS and NWA hosted the 9th Annual Great Lakes Atmospheric Science Symposium on Saturday, October 13th. This conference originally started in the spring of 2006 as the Lake Effect Conference. In 2010, the conference was renamed to the Great Lakes Atmospheric Science Symposium. Over these years, this conference has continued to grow, as well as expand on the research topics covered. This year, we had a broad lineup of presentations from various schools, and meteorological fields. Students and professionals across the northeast attended and presented at one of our largest conferences. This year, our keynote speaker, Dr. Victor Gensini, presented "Tornadoes: Past, Present, and Future." This picture shows our club officers, along with Dr. Gensini. ■



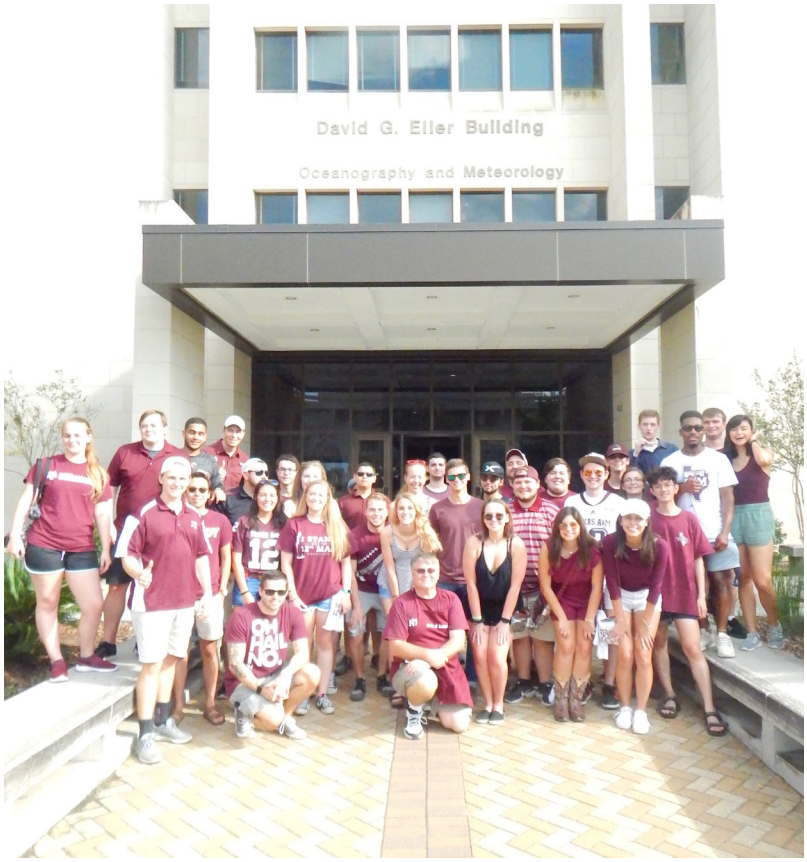
CENTRAL VIRGINIA

The Central Virginia Chapter of the American Meteorological Society met on July 12, 2018. Dr. Jeremy Hoffman, Climate & Earth Scientist, Science Museum of Virginia, spoke about the Richmond, Virginia, Urban Heat Island Effect. Hoffman presented data showing how Richmond is warming faster than several rural sites. He showed that dew point temperatures are increasing for a given temperature, influencing heat indices. Data analyses determined that males from 40-59 had the most heat-related issues in the area from April through mid-July 2017. On July 13, 2017, the Richmond Urban Heat Island Consortium measured air temperatures via automobile and bicycle routes within the city. The Consortium identified census areas of the city where with the greatest daily temperature change. Urban Heat Island Vulnerability was identified as those areas with many impervious surfaces, low tree canopy, high temperatures, and high poverty. Data from the Richmond Ambulance Authority indicated that the same areas with high vulnerability matched well with the areas of greatest ambulance response due to heat-stress calls. Specifically, four of the same zip codes showed the greatest vulnerability based on ambulance responses and hospital visits.

The chapter met again on September 16. John Boyer, Meteorologist for the Richmond Times Dispatch newspaper, spoke about the August 1993 F4 tornado which struck Petersburg, Virginia. There were fatalities, over 250 injured, and $50 million (1993 dollars) in damage. That tornado was one of 18 tornadoes in Virginia that day among 17 counties and 8 cities. It was one of two F4 tornadoes in Virginia since 1950. Boyer presented his interview with Jason Laney (now at NWS San Antonio but then on-air meteorologist for the NBC affiliate (WWBT) in Richmond, Virginia). Laney went over what occurred at the station that day as reports came in of the destruction in Petersburg. He also discussed the technological limitations at the time. Boyer proceeded to give a synoptic pattern overview of that day, noting a speed max aloft, considerable sheer, but relatively low cloud tops and little lightning. At the time, that day had the most tornadoes in a day and ultimately there were a then-record 28 tornadoes that year in Virginia, surpassed in 2004. ■

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

On Saturday, September 15th, the Texas A&M AMS Student Chapter (TAMSCAMS) hosted the University of Louisiana at Monroe's AMS Student Chapter (ULMSCAMS) for the TAMU vs ULM football game. Members of the ULMSCAMS were welcomed with tours of Texas A&M University's atmospheric science facilities followed by a joint-tailgate. Members of both chapters developed friendships while they enjoyed great food and games! Pictured are members of both TAMSCAMS and ULMSCAMS in front of the David G. Eller Building, home to the oceanography and meteorology departments. Both chapters were excited for the opportunity to have a joint-tailgate and look forward to collaborating in the future to host more unique events for our members! ■



MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

The Millersville University Chapter of the American Meteorological Society began the 2018 Fall Semester with public outreach and education. MU-AMS was delighted to again promote our in-major program the Met-mentor Program. Through which older students volunteer to help incoming freshmen acclimate to campus life. Several outreach events were hosted on campus, notably Preparedness Day and MU Outbreak. Both events allow students to learn about the collegiate clubs offered at Millersville. During Preparedness Day, students are encouraged to explore the "who, what, where, when, and why" of hazardous weather and the teams of volunteers and employees who respond when disaster strikes. However, we did not limit ourselves outreach on campus.



During the month of October, the chapter took Millersville Meteorology to two local schools. On October 2nd, our chapter president and vice president visited Penn Manor High School and presented to a 9th grade science class. The presentation centered on several aspects of meteorology such as atmospheric basics, weather instruments, severe weather, forecasting, and future careers. They completed the presentation with the classic "crushed can" demonstration. The second presentation of MU Meteorology was on October 4th, the president, vice president, and another chapter member visited the Landisville Intermediate Center, this time presenting to a 5th grade class. Public outreach is one of the most exciting responsibilities of the chapter and we are always looking forward to bringing knowledge and fun to adults as well as high, middle, and elementary school students. ■

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

On October 2nd, the Penn State Branch of the American Meteorological Society had the great privilege of meeting Dr. Greg Forbes and listening to him talk about his career covering severe weather. Dr. Forbes is an alumnus of Penn State, where he received his bachelor's degree, and then went on to obtain his masters and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He is most well-known for his coverage of severe weather on The Weather Channel, including tornadoes, hail storms, and flash flooding, but recently retired this July. He was very happy to return to Penn State and spend the day talking to students and faculty. Coincidentally, October 2nd was when Pennsylvania had a severe weather outbreak with over 14 tornadoes across the state, so Dr. Forbes was able to talk about this during our meeting that night. Over 50 meteorology students came out to meet and hear from Dr. Forbes, with a long line forming after his talk to take pictures with him. His talk that night was mainly focused on the major severe weather events and tornado outbreaks that he covered during his time at The Weather Channel. He went in-depth with his discussion of some these events, teaching the students some things that they did not know of before. This was our first special guest speaker of the semester that we've invited, and we could not have been happier with the success of this event. ■



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

zotCAMS, The Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society at UC Irvine, is back in action and ready to take on the new school year with lots of events and activities! On September 24th, our chapter participated in UCI's Anteater Involvement Fair, a place where new and current students can come and learn about a vast variety of campus organizations. We added a tabletop spinning wheel to our booth, which was a hit! Many students came up to our booth, spun the wheel, and answered weather trivia to win candy or a reusable metal straw. We had our first meeting of the year on October 4th and had a wonderful turnout of over 30 students - our biggest so far! Our upcoming events this Fall include weather forecasting seminars, remote guest speaker - Tim Cermak from the NWS office in Mobile/ Pensacola, and our 2nd annual weather precipitation forecast challenge. ■



NEWS FROM AMS HEADQUARTERS

UPDATE YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORY LISTING

We are very happy to announce our new Chapter Directory. This improved system makes updating your Chapter's information easier than ever. Check out our new instructions and then make any needed changes to your chapter's information! If you have any questions, please reach out to Katelyn Angland. ■



LOCAL CHAPTER POSTER DEADLINE REMINDER

If you will be displaying a poster at the Annual Meeting, please email a jpeg file of the final poster to Jordan Stillman by **December 28th**. Winning posters will be displayed on screen at the Chapter Officers' Breakfast.

As a reminder, the Local Chapter poster display will be held in Hall 4 of the Phoenix Convention Center. Display panels will be available as well as pushpins. Each chapter will be allotted a 4' x 8' poster space to display a poster related to their local chapter history and recent activities.

The guideline for the poster award competition as well as information on the poster judging processes can be viewed on the Chapter Awards site. Chapter Poster setup is Monday, January 7th from 9 AM to 6 PM and tear down must be completed by 6 PM on Wednesday January 9th. If you would like to have your poster judged by the committee for the poster awards, please have it up by 11 am on Monday January 7th. ■

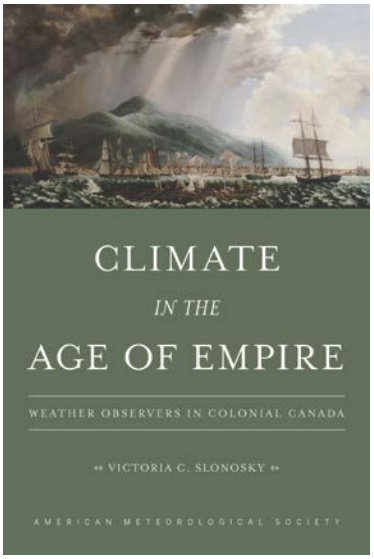
COMMUNITY LOCAL CHAPTER HIGHLIGHT THREAD

The AMS Community is happy to announce the launch of the Local Chapter Highlight, a monthly Community discussion thread that will give our diverse array of Local Chapters the ability to share their activities directly with the AMS general membership using the AMS Community. This will allow you to share not only successful past events (as we have been doing with these quarterly newsletters), but also upcoming events, encouraging members to participate and get involved!

Please note that as the AMS Community is a member benefit, the opportunity to participate in the Local Chapter Highlight thread is only open to active national AMS members. If you would like to submit news, keep an eye out for the thread on the first Tuesday of every month and simply reply to the discussion! If you would prefer to submit a message to be posted on your behalf, please reach out to Jordan Stillman. I hope you will participate and join us in the AMS Community! ■

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NEW RELEASE FROM AMS BOOKS!



Climate in the Age of Empire

Weather Observers in Colonial Canada

by Victoria C. Slonosky

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Though efforts to understand human-caused climate change have intensified in recent decades, weather observers have been paying close attention to changes in climate for centuries.

This book offers a close look at that work as it was practiced in Canada in colonial times. Victoria C. Slonosky shows how weather observers throughout Canada who had been trained in the scientific tradition developing in Europe built a regional scientific network and amassed a remarkable body of detailed knowledge about Canada's climate and its fluctuations, all rooted in firsthand observation.

Covering work by early French and British observers, including the most assiduous colonial weather observers, King's Physician Jean-Francois Gaultier (1706-1756) and McGill Observatory founder Dr. Charles Smallwood (1812-1873), the book presents excerpts from weather diaries and other records that reveal, more than the climate itself, colonial attitudes toward it.

Victoria C. Slonosky studied climatology at McGill University and the Climatic Research Unit in the UK.

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VOTE NOW!

Voting for the 2019 AMS President-Elect and Council is now open to all AMS Voting Associates and full Members (full members include Members, Fellows, Members with Student Privileges, Members from Countries with Developing Economies, and Honorary Members). The elected leaders of AMS are charged with advancing AMS's goals in the areas of weather, water, and climate. We value and appreciate your vote. The deadline to vote is November 7, 2018. Vote today: https://www.ametsoc.org/govote.cfm. ■



STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

Being an AMS Student Member connects you to a vital community of professionals and students working in the fields of weather, water, and climate. It provides you with valuable access to student meetings, rewarding job and internship opportunities, journals and publications, and other important resources as you move into an exciting career within the atmospheric, oceanic, and related hydrologic sciences. Annual dues for students currently enrolled in a university or college at least half-time is just $20!

Tell your fellow chapter members about the benefits of AMS membership! Learn more at https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/membership/memberships-for/students-early-career. ■

AMS JOURNAL PRODUCTION TIMES REACH RECORD LOWS!

The AMS Publications Department is proud to announce that as of October 2018 the median time to publication (from acceptance to online posting in finished form) has reached a historic low of 44 days for our professional journals, with record lows being set across all titles. This is great news for current and future AMS authors, and we encourage you to submit your next paper to one of our well-respected, high-quality (and now faster than ever!) journals. We look forward to being a partner in spreading the results of your research to the weather, water, and climate community! ■

THIRD AMS CENTENNIAL MONOGRAPH CHAPTER IS NOW AVAILABLE!



American Meteorological Society: 100 Years of Supporting the Scientific Community by Keith L. Seitter, Jinny Nathans, and Sophie Mankins, American Meteorological Society, was released on August 21st. This chapter concentrates on support for the scientific research community provided by the American Meteorological Society (AMS) over its first century.

Individual monograph chapters will be available online as they are released, while a bound version of all chapters will be published as part of AMS's centennial celebration in 2020. ■

AMS MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

- Save the Date for the Fifth Annual Speed Networking Event for Students and Early Career Professionals: 7 Jan 2019.
- Make plans to present and/or attend the 18th Annual Student Conference.
- Make plans to attend the Seventh Annual Early Career Professionals Conference.
- Looking for additional funding sources to attend the 99th Annual Meeting? Some conferences are still accepting applications for their Student Travel Awards - Apply Today!
- Save the Date for our 2019 Specialty Meetings. ■



2019 AMS MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Meteorological Society is pleased to announce the 2019 AMS Minority Scholarships. Now entering its twenty-sixth year, the scholarship is intended to help support college education for minority students traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, and Native Hawaiian Students, who intend to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The two-year scholarships, funded through donations made by members to the AMS 100th Anniversary Campaign, are for $3000 during the freshman year and $3000 during the sophomore year (sophomore year funding depends on successful completion of the freshman academic year). Minority students who will be entering their freshman year of college in the fall of 2019 are eligible to apply.

Thanks to your assistance, we have had a successful twenty-five years. Since the inception of the program, we have awarded the scholarships to over one hundred fifty outstanding students. I hope that all of you will assist us again in distributing information about this valuable program. Access to the information and application can be found here: https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/information-for/students/ams-scholarships-and-fellowships/ams-minority-scholarships/

We have also asked AMS Television and Radio Sealholders and teachers, associated with the AMS K-12 programs, to help with getting the word out about the minority scholarship program. Information for all AMS fellowship and scholarship programs can be found here: https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/ams-scholarships-and-fellowships/

Thank you for your time and support! If you have any questions, please send Donna Fernandez an email at dfernandez@ametsoc.org or call directly at 617-226-3907. ■

JOIN THE 99TH AMS ANNUAL MEETING EVENT COMMUNITY

Are you attending the 99th AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix? Then don't miss out on joining the meeting's event community! The 99th AMS Annual Meeting Event Community is your online space to gather and talk about the meeting and whatever else comes up on our forum's discussion boards as well as connect with fellow attendees ahead of the meeting. If you want to be on the pulse of all things Annual, we encourage you to participate! Questions? Reach out and we'll get you involved. ■

AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Local Chapter Affairs Committee has been working hard over the last 7 months to contact each local chapter. Our efforts were directed towards updating the local chapter directory as it has been quite some time since the last update. We are hoping to continue to have updated contact information for each chapter as we move our goals towards strengthening the relationships between the local chapters and the national AMS. We would like to remind everyone to update their local chapter directory at least once a year. Also, remember to pass along the log-in information to any new incoming officers. We look forward to the many relationships we will be building in the next year with each of you. If you have not heard from us about this issue it means we do not have current/accurate contact information. Please contact us! Be sure to keep a look out for messages from us in your inbox as there are many exciting changes coming your way soon! Remember, we are here for you. If you have any questions, concerns, or anything else we might be able to help with, please do not hesitate to reach out to us! ■

The next newsletter will be published in February. If your chapter would like to announce upcoming events or submit a write-up on a specific activity that was successful, please e-mail Jordan Stillman no later than January 15th.
To view prior newsletters, **click here**.

Local Chapter Mission	**Committee Leadership**	**Follow Us on Facebook and Twitter**	**AMS Local Chapter Affairs**
The AMS Local Chapter Affairs Committee serves as a link between local student and professional chapters and the national AMS. The committee exists in order to provide guidance and support in the mission of all local AMS chapters.	Sally Ricardi, Chair Amber Liggett, Chair-Elect Jordan Stillman, AMS Liaison **AMS Headquarters** 45 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108	**www.facebook.com/AMSLCAC** **@AMSLCAC**	This newsletter is constructed by members of the American Meteorological Society's Local Chapter Affairs Committee in conjunction with AMS Headquarters. The LCAC meets at every AMS Annual Meeting to help foster the growth of the local chapters. E-mail the committee at **amschaps@ametsoc.org**.