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Chapters of the Year

We are happy to announce the Chapter of the Year Award winners for 2010-2011. Every year the Local Chapter Affairs Committee is tasked with choosing the winners for this award (both student and regular chapters) and once again this year's applicants were outstanding. With so many impressive applicants, the job of selecting winners for this award was a difficult one.



Omaha-Offutt "for increasing membership diversification, communicating membership information in unique ways, and continuing community outreach with a myriad of activities including the support of student research."



University of Puerto Rico of Mayaguez "for building a regional community of Weather Awareness through communication with educators, contributions to a variety of local charities, outreach, and novel approaches to membership integration."



Iowa State University; Millersville University; Ohio University; Oklahoma University; Southwest Pennsylvania; University of Alabama-Huntsville; West Central Florida

Thank you to all the chapters who submitted applications for the award! The nomination deadline for the 2011-2012 awards is 1 May 2012.

Hurricane Presentation

On November 8th, 2011 at 2pm eastern, the West Central Florida Chapter of the American Meteorological Society in conjunction with the Environmental Science and Policy Program at the University of South Florida will be hosting a presentation by PhD student David Roache.

If you would like to attend, you have the option of joining remotely via livestream (please contact Matt Bolton mbolton4211@yahoo.com to express interest and receive information on this) or you can join in person (the presentation will be held at the Patel Center room 136 at USF).

TOP 10 REASONS WHY IT'S GREAT TO WORK IN THE FIELD OF METEOROLOGY

Always a weather weenie--get paid to follow your love of weather.

Meteorological phenomena we observe, study, and predict are constantly evolving. There is still so much to discover, learn, enhance our understanding of, and improve forecasts for these many phenomena.

Share our "laboratory", the planet Earth, with everyone. We all can experience our science first-hand, at anytime, anywhere on the planet.

Meeting and talking about the weather-- it isn't just small talk.

Employment for meteorologists is projected to increase approximately 11% from 2006 to 2016.

Making a difference…we provide useful information, guidance, and advice to friends, organizations, and communities so they may take appropriate actions to protect life and property.

Be the public face of science, and are able to communicate the beauty, wonder, and ubiquitousness of weather.

Everyone wants to know more about the weather--we're popular at parties!

Remember, our forecast challenge is new every day-- there's no "ordinary" day at the office.

Shine during "bad" weather!

News from AMS Headquarters

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the 2011 AMS fellowship and scholarship programs. The AMS encourages fellowship and scholarship applications from women, minorities, and disabled students, traditionally underrepresented in the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The fellowship and scholarship programs are supported by AMS members, corporations, and government agencies nationwide. Detailed information and applications can be found on the AMS web site student resource page http://www.ametsoc.org/amsstudentinfo/index.html

In addition to having local chapters help with the distribution of information concerning the minority scholarship program, we have asked six AMS Local Chapters to assist with the collection and initial screening of the minority applications. Each year the application form lists the local chapters that will receive the scholarship applications. If your chapter is interested in assisting with the initial review process in the future, please contact Donna Fernandez at 617-226-3907 or at dfernandez@ametsoc.org.



AMS has teamed with Meltwater, Inc., to produce a weekly electronic newsletter and scrolling RSS newsfeed highlighting relevant news items from sources around the world. The newsletter, called "AMS News You Can Use", is sent to all AMS members each Tuesday. The RSS feed appears on the home page of the AMS Web site (www.ametsoc.org). The intention is to provide a sense of how AMS and topics in meteorology and related sciences are being portrayed in the mainstream media and to give AMS more visibility throughout our community. Please direct questions and comments to Ken Heideman (kheideman@ametsoc.org; 617-226-2923).

UPCOMING DEADLINES

22 November 2011 - Registration deadline for chapter representatives attending the chapter officers' breakfast meeting AND registration deadline to reserve poster space. Please mail, fax, or email the following form http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/bkfst2011attach.pdf to Kelly Savoie.

22 November 2011 - Deadline to submit a chapter abstract for publication in the Annual Meeting Program. Please send abstracts to Kelly Savoie by email (ksavoie@ametsoc.org).

Chapter News

All chapters are encouraged to share their activities, newsletters and other interesting events with other AMS members through the "Chapter News" section of the AMS Web site as well as the "Chapter Channel" Section of the AMS Bulletin (BAMS). The majority of chapter news submissions submitted to Headquarters are featured on the AMS Web site (http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/news.html). Please email your news to chapnews@ametsoc.org. We ask that you submit your news in paragraph format.

The Chapter Channel Section, which is part of Nowcast in BAMS, focuses on particular topics or events that readers will find both fascinating and useful to some degree. Although all chapter submissions are not published in BAMS, a complete summary will be posted to the AMS Web site each month. Please note that chapter news is posted as received and is not edited.

Chapter Directory

The online Chapter Directory (http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/newdirec/) lists all AMS local chapters along with the contact information for each officer. Chapters' are responsible for keeping their own listings up-to-date. Since news and information from AMS Headquarters is sent to the email addresses referenced in the online chapter directory, it is crucial that your information remain current. If you need to update your listing, please contact Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org) for your chapter account number. You may update and access your listing through the AMS Web site at http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/chapdirupdate/index.cfm. Please keep your chapter account number and instructions on how to update your listing on file and be sure to pass it along to incoming officers each year.

FEATURED CHAPTER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS

By Alex Neigher

Secretary/Treasurer

UC DAVIS 2011-2012

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Greetings from the University of California Davis student chapter! We have been busy these last few months, and have undertaken some pretty cool challenges. Most recently, we have elected new chapter officers as: myself as secretary/treasurer, Allison Ellis as vice president, and Kenny Doss as President. This last school year we took on the challenge of trying to photograph the upper atmosphere, (on a college student budget) and did so with great success... Twice throughout the school year, once in Fall, and the other in Spring, we sent a weather balloon carrying a small payload of an assortment of navigation gear as well as a digital camera high into the stratosphere. We used a GPS enabled cell phone in addition to HAM radio navigation to track our balloon, and were graced with a 100% retrieval rate. Our first flight took a track from Napa, California, high up into the coastal mountains, before landing in Knights Landing, Ca in the middle of the central valley. While our second flight launched from Paradise, Ca, which is up in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, back down into the valley just north of the Sutter Buttes. We were able to time our spring launch on a day with active convection occurring all around us, and as a result received some absolutely fantastic thunderstorm photos.



This school year finds us planning new and exciting challenges to better ourselves from last year and further push the boundaries of what a student chapter of the AMS can accomplish!

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for taking the time to check out our Newsletter! Let us know how we can help your Chapter better engage your membership and foster collaborations between other Chapters. We may not have all the answers but we can certainly point you to other AMS members who may lead you in the right direction. AMS Chapter interaction shouldn't just be relegated to the AMS Annual Meeting...it can happen all year long. Contact us for further information!

LOCAL CHAPTER MISSION

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.

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If your chapter would like to announce upcoming events, Webinars, conferences, etc. in the next issue of the Newsletter, please email the information to amschaps@ametsoc.org by January 15, 2012.