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Local Chapters Recognized at 2014 AMS Annual Meeting

Approximately 140 individuals representing 21 student chapters and 10 regular chapters attended the Local Chapter Officers' Breakfast on 4 February 2014 at the AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Outgoing AMS President J. Marshall Shepherd announced the Honor Roll chapters and presented awards to the Chapter of the Year and Student Chapter of the Year. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all participants!



North Florida
Chapter of the Year, 2012-2013



Iowa State University
Student Chapter of the Year, 2012-2013

Chapter Honor Roll

Millersville University; Southwest Pennsylvania; University of Georgia; University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez; West Central Florida

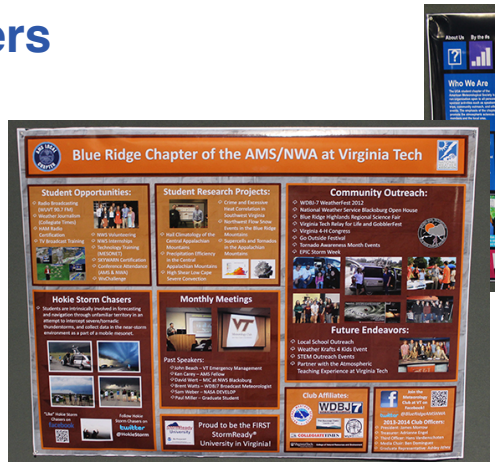
Chapter Poster Winners

Regular Chapter Poster Winners

1st place – Blue Ridge
2nd place – District of Columbia
3rd place – West Central Florida

Student Chapter Poster Winners

1st place – University of Georgia
2nd place – Concord-Carlisle
3rd place – Lyndon State College





News from AMS Headquarters

Science Fairs

Science fairs have already started and we want to remind you that "Certificates of Outstanding Achievement" are available through AMS Headquarters free-of-charge. If you would like to order certificates, please contact Katelyn Angland (kangland@ametsoc.org). We also encourage you to submit a summary of winners when the fairs have ended. The summary should be written in paragraph format and should include the name(s) of the fair winner(s), grade and school attended, project title, and award won. A summary of winners will be published in the December issue of BAMS. Please send them electronically to Erica Callahan at (ecallahan@ametsoc.org).

Chapter of the Year Award Applications

The deadline for the local chapter of the year awards is 1 May 2014. Applications must be received by this date. Award applications and information may be found on the AMS Web site at http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/index.html#awards. For guidance on what the committee is looking for when judging for the award, please see http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/awardguidance.html.There is also a sample Chapter of the Year Application available at http:// www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/LCAC

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Call for Topics and Volunteers for the 2014 AMS Summer Community Meeting

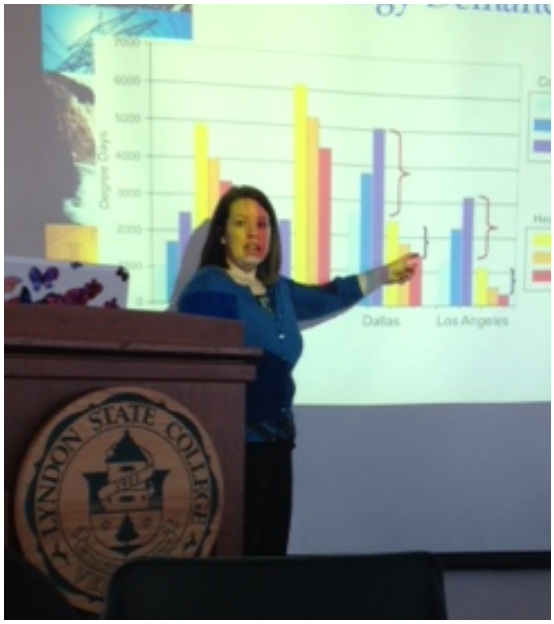
The AMS Summer Community Meeting is a vibrant, important forum for the public, private, and academic communities to come together to address critical issues for the weather, water, and climate community. In the past two years we've addressed the state of the enterprise, renewable energy, social media, greenhouse gases, and transportation, to mention a few of the topics.

The Board on Enterprise Communication, which is charged with organizing the Summer Community Meetings is looking for topic ideas for the August 2014 meeting, to be held in State College, PA, as well as AMS members, including student members, who are interested in helping plan the meeting. Please contact Betsy Weatherhead chair of the Board on Enterprise Communication at (betsy.weatherhead@noaa.gov) and copy Gary Rasmussen (grassmussen@ametsoc.org) on the AMS staff, if you have topic suggestions or are interested in being a part of the planning team.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Lyndon State College

The Lyndon State College AMS Club hosted Dr. Manda Adams on December 12th, 2013. Dr. Adams is a professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is also a distinguished lecturer with the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG). During her visit to Lyndon, Dr. Adams gave her presentation "Keeping the Lights On: Understanding the interplay between weather, climate in the US electricity grid" to our club members as well as several other students and faculty members. Dr. Adams' trip was funded through a grant we were able to receive from AWG, which covered up to $800 of the expenses to bring her to Vermont. It was a very informative talk, and explained just how dependent the electricity grid is on weather.



East Carolina University Chapter

We are excited to announce that the first official meeting of the new East Carolina University Chapter was held 15 January 2014. To encourage student attendance at the meeting, we posted weather trivia cards around campus for students to collect and bring with them to the first meeting for the chance to win prizes. Since this first meeting, our chapter has grown to twenty-three members (11 undergraduate, 6 graduate, 6 staff).

The goal of the chapter is to provide members with information and opportunities in the atmospheric sciences to prepare them for a career in meteorology. Additionally, we hope to take advantage of being based out of a Geography department by extending our reach and educating those in other disciplines about the atmospheric sciences. Planned activities for this spring semester include a Conference 101 session, bowling, “Grad Student Experience” talk series, tutoring at local high schools, a trip to the Greenville, NC airport, a trip to Morehead City NWS, and a kayaking adventure.

We are especially appreciative of the faculty and staff within the Geography, Planning, and Environment Department. Their support and generous donations have provided the initial funding for the successful start-up of the ECU AMS Chapter. We are very excited about the new ECU AMS chapter and have grand visions for the chapter. We would love to hear any ideas and suggestions you may have!

Contact for club and suggestions (ecuamschapter@gmail.com)

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Treasurer: Robbie Munroe
Secretary: Stephanie Hoekstra
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Rosana Nieto-Ferreira

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Cornell University



The Cornell Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (CCAMS) had a very successful fall semester in 2013! In September, CCAMS stormed the quad on campus for the annual campus AG day. Several of our members participated during this event, helping raise money for our annual snowfall contest. Our snowfall contest is a fundraiser that raises money for our club by allowing participants to guess when the first inch of measurable snow will occur at the Ithaca weather station. We also promoted the Cornell Weather Facebook and Twitter pages by handing out QR cards. Weather Woman made a surprise appearance and used her allure to coax unsuspecting students to our table. In addition, one of our members created a trivia contest for AG day visitors to learn about how weather and agriculture during the fall season relate to one another in upstate New York.

Symposium for Spotters and Weather Enthusiasts

March 15, 2014
Central Indiana Severe Weather Symposium
http://www.crh.noaa.gov/news/display_cmsstory.php?wfo=ind&storyid=40755&source=0

This biennial all day symposium is geared toward providing advanced training for spotters and weather enthusiasts. With attendance growing, it now will be held at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. Meeting co-sponsors: Indiana Chapter of the American Meteorological Society, and the Indianapolis National Weather Service.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for taking the time to check out our newsletter! The next newsletter will be published in late April. If your chapter would like to announce upcoming events, Webinars, conferences, etc. in the next issue of the Newsletter, please email Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org) no later than April 1. To view prior newsletters, see http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/newsletters.html

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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