



COMMUNIQUÉ

Dr. Jay Clune addresses SCIA members

By Julia Arenstam | Edited by Christy Naquin



Dr. Jay Clune

Dr. Jay Clune spoke at South Central Industrial Association's February meeting in Houma.

A Vanderbilt Catholic High and Nicholls State alumnus, Clune said the local schools gave

him the determination and grit he has needed to succeed.

As Clune nears his third month as president, he outlined some of his goals for the local university.

Establishing Nicholls State University as the intellectual, cultural and economic heart of the Houma-Thibodaux region is the main goal of the school's new president, Jay Clune. Educational achievement through recruiting, retaining and graduating students will be a key pursuit for the school, he said.

With a goal of 8,000 students enrolled and a 75 percent retention rate, Clune said, the school is hoping also to increase its 45 percent graduation rate.

To do so, the admissions staff will put more focus on recruiting adults who have some college hours or associate degrees. Clune said the school also hopes to retain more African-American males through mentoring and advising to combat retention issues that are common across the state.

He said he also hopes to revitalize the physical campus by renovating the library, Peltier Hall, the student union and Babington Hall. Babington Hall already houses what Clune called "a think tank to save our coast," with organizations such as the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, the La. 1 Coalition and Restore or Retreat working under one roof.

Clune said he hopes to expand the idea by including more engineering and other programs.

The Duhe building in Houma should also see more use, according to Clune's goals.

New academic programs will also be added to the campus, including computer science, civil and coastal engineering, health care administration, public health, logistics, special needs education and applied behavior analysis, he said.

"It's a great time to be here," he said. 



SCIA Board Members with Dr. Clune. From left to right: Mitch Marmande, Charles Theriot, Stuart Fauchoux, Cory Kief, Dr. Jay Clune, Robbie Naquin, Chett Chiasson, Bill Blanchard, Paul Danos

Speaker provides Fourchon LNG update

By Andrea Mujjika | Edited by Christy Naquin



Christopher Pope

In March, SCIA members received an update on an ongoing liquid natural gas project at Port Fourchon from guest speaker, Project Director Christopher Pope, of Energy World.

Energy World is investing \$888 million to build an LNG plant in Port Fourchon. The project is estimated to be completed in 2021.

Pope's presentation included photos of Energy World's other LNG plants in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. He showed plans for each phase of construction of the LNG facility in Fourchon and explained the process. "We are going to be taking local methane and making it very cold so that it condenses into liquid, which occupies a smaller capacity so you can take it on a ship and ship it economically to places that need gas," Pope said. "It's a chemical experiment on a very large scale."

See LNG Update pg. 6 



A Message from our President

Hello everyone!

As 2018 grows out of its infancy stage, we begin to see the emergence of a special era. An era born saddled with hope and high expectations. Optimistically, 2018 seems to be shaping up that way.

Although the Offshore Lease Sales in March were nowhere close to what they should be, nonetheless, we see a slight upward trend. Hopefully, this trend will continue with future oil and gas production. Production that will provide funding for our coastal projects that our region and industry depend so heavily upon.

The United States Army Corp of Engineers are streamlining permit applications to sensibly help us to manage our civil projects. Projects relative to coastal restoration, hurricane protection, highway infrastructure, port infrastructure, etc. The urgency of these projects is hard to ignore.

Our tax structure will now help all to take a little more money home. It will also help companies to bring equipment back on line and into service with a greater economic benefit, which is always a financial challenge when trying to ramp up after a downturn.

All sounds good, but...

We need more drilling to increase production...

We need more production to fund our coastal projects...

We need more companies to return and jobs to return to enjoy the tax benefits.

Connect the dots... All ingredients simmering...

A few months ago, I described the oil and gas industry as an infirmed body that was hanging on by a thread, depending on life support. Well, Industry is sitting up in bed now, smelling the simmering ingredients. Industry is hungry and needs the nourishment, but, as we all know, it won't be ready to eat until Mom and Maw-maw says it time!

It's time to make our industry great again!

On another note, a special thanks to Jason Bergeron and all the members of the Crawfish Committee for their hard work and dedication. These individuals, along with our staff, and other volunteers, work extremely hard to make our membership special. They all deserve highest level of recognition. But then, hey, ALL our committees work hard! Sincerely, thanks folks!

In closing, I am writing today from Washington, DC as I, as well as Executive Director Christy Naquin, and other board members, Chett Chiasson, Paul Danos, and Bill Blanchard prepare to attend the National Ocean Industry Association Spring Conference. In Previous weeks, myself and board member, Mitch Marmande, attended the Mississippi Valley Flood Authority Conference in Washington, DC as well. Attendance of these conventions and conferences are a true testament that the South Central Industrial Association IS engaged and WILL be impactful!

May God Bless and keep you always.

Cory H. Kief

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From the Director's Desk

They say April showers bring May flowers. Let's hope so. If we relate that to the Legislature, it darn well better! The first Special Session debacle was admittedly a waste of time (and money). Will they be ending the regular session prematurely to go into yet another Special Session? No one knows at this point, but if they do, we NEED this one to be more fruitful than the first for sure!

After visiting the State Capitol in March, I can tell you the budget is not just the buzz word, it is an ear-piercing ringing that resonates all through the walls and halls of the century-old building. The state's budget and looming fiscal cliff we face when the temporary tax measurers expire are top of mind for everyone.

As for SCIA, we are happy there was no rain for our April Crawfish Boil. Wow, what a turn out!!! Thank you to all of the sponsors, the committee who worked so hard to make it successful and to all of you for coming out to support SCIA. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We're now planning the banquet, set for Thursday June 14th. We'll be releasing the speaker's name as soon as we have confirmation, but I think you'll be impressed, to say the least! Stay tuned!

Christy Alley Naquin

SCIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCIA co-hosts Scalise Roundtable

By Christy Naquin

SCIA was honored to co-host, along with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Congressman Steve Scalise's 10th Annual Offshore Energy Tour and Roundtable at the end of March. For the past nine years, Scalise has invited lawmakers to Louisiana to learn about offshore oil production that support his district's bayou economy.



Chett Chiasson, Executive Director of Port Fourchon, Rep John Curtis (Utah), Rep Greg Gianforte (Montana), Rep Jodey Arrington (Texas), Dep Secretary Dan Brouillette, Congressman Steve Scalise, Rep Mark Walker, (North Carolina)

House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) hosted colleagues, Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), Rep. Greg Gianforte (R-Mont.), Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah), and Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas), as well as Deputy Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette, on his 10th Offshore Energy Tour. The group visited Shell's Olympus TLP, an offshore drilling platform off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico, before joining the industry roundtable at the GLPC office in Cut Off. The members saw firsthand how vital America's energy independence is to our economy and national security, and the importance of expanding our offshore energy production.

At the roundtable, the group discussed offshore issues that will help our local service providers and revitalize our region's economy. Specific issues included offshore regulatory reform, expanding offshore access, and opportunities around royalty relief to stimulate more capital investments in the Gulf of Mexico. Never far from his side was U.S.

Capitol Police Special Agent David Bailey, the man who saved Scalise's life and, along with another agent, killed the gunman. During a roundtable discussion back on shore that afternoon, a roomful of local business leaders erupted in applause when Scalise introduced Bailey to his constituents.

Before opening the floor to the invited guests of the Roundtable, Congressman Scalise asked his colleagues to give feedback on what they thought of the day's visit. "What you do here is unquantifiable," remarked Congressmen Arrington of Texas. Scalise also talked to his colleagues about coastal erosion, the types of crude oil his district exports to other countries and his desire to open up more of the Gulf to drilling. The members asked officials about regulations that hurt the industry and discussed steel tariff 232 and how it would affect the oil and gas industry as it relates to building rigs, platforms, vessels and other service industries. 🇺🇸



SCIA Board Secretary Jared Toups; SCIA Board Member Robbie Naquin, SCIA Board Member Mitch Marmande; SCIA Board President Cory Kief; Majority Whip Steve Scalise; SCIA Executive Director Christy Naquin; SCIA Past President Bill Blanchard; SCIA Board Member Wynn Radford; SCIA Board Member Stuart Faucheaux; SCIA Vice President Chett Chiasson.

Fletcher works with Shamrock Energy Solutions internship opportunities

By Nicol Blanchard | edited by Christy Naquin

In the December Communique, we reported how Shamrock Energy Solutions was providing professional paid internships to selected students. This is a follow up to that article.

Fletcher has worked diligently in providing students with workforce experiences through its Integrated Production Technologies program (IPT). The IPT program offers non-paid and paid internship opportunities for students who are enrolled in their 3rd or 4th semester and taking IPTN 2500 Careers in the Petroleum Industry class. IPT students are selected based upon credit hours earned in the IPT program and their grade point average in the program. The goal of IPT is to train Deepwater production operators, but the transferable skills allow students to secure job in various oil and gas fields. That is why students can earn credit for work in any oil and gas related company. Fletcher, in particular IPT, recognizes that companies seek applicants who have relevant job experience. Because of that expectation, IPT is constantly creating opportunities for students to train with industry personnel and work in internships that can help students build their resumes while gaining valuable, relevant work experience. Companies benefit as well as they can assess students' knowledge and skills for possible employment.

IPT has had over 16 students participate in internships since spring 2017. This

spring, eight are participating. Shamrock Energy Solutions started a 6 month paid internships program for several regional colleges, including Fletcher, to further students' knowledge, understanding and technical skills in preparation for work offshore. Shamrock partnered with BHP Billiton to place interns on their Deepwater platforms. BHP's participation is in furtherance of their Inclusion and Diversity Program which is designed to make their workforce more reflective of the communities they serve. "IPT is grateful for these companies, and others, who support Fletcher's IPT program and see the benefits of work-based learning opportunities," stated Herbert McCoy, IPT Department Head.

"Being primarily an oil and gas labor service company, Shamrock Energy Solutions has first-hand knowledge of the talent gap our industry has faced in the last several years. Everyone is in need of qualified and experienced personnel, so Shamrock has partnered with technical schools in our geographical area to do

what we can to help develop this talent. We offer assistance where we can in developing the curriculums, teaching the content, and exposing students to outlooks on careers in the oil and gas industry. Our internship program gives these students a chance to gain experience using the knowledge they have learned in the program. This provides the student with an excellent chance at placement after graduation for a full-time position in his/her learned discipline and ultimately helps grow our industry with the talent we are all looking to find. It is our hope that, when the students can graduate and find full-time employment using their degree, it will also increase enrollment and success of each of these technical school programs," stated Becky McManus, Vice President of Administration at Shamrock Energy Solutions. 🇺🇸



Left to Right: Herbert McCoy, Fletcher Faculty; John Ford, BHP Billiton; Steven Cheramie, BHP Billiton; Tony Billiot, Fletcher IPT Student; Shantel Tanner, Fletcher IPT December 2017 graduate; Sam LeBouef, Nicholls PETS M Student; Beth Schenkel

For more information on the IPT program or to offer an internship opportunity to a student, please contact Herbert McCoy at 985-448-5905.

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SCIA Work It! holds Louisiana Annual Energy Career Expo

By Nicol Blanchard | edited by Christy Naquin

SCIA Work It! Louisiana program hosted their Annual Energy Career Exploration Event at the BP Houma Operations Learning Center in Schriever on March 1st. Eighteen public/private high schools participated in the event from the four parish region which includes Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary and Terrebonne. The event had 434 juniors and seniors with 50 chaperones. The students had the opportunity to listen to speakers from BP, Chevron, Danos, Dow, Falck Safety Services, Island Operating, Morris P. Hebert, Inc., Shell Pipeline and SPOT Safety Systems. The speakers talked about their career pathway and job responsibilities. The purpose of the event is to make students aware of the different career opportunities available in the energy industry. The event was a huge success and will continue to grow. A special

thanks to BP Houma Operations Learning Center for allowing SCIA to use their facility.

Cal McKey of South Louisiana Bank, a long-time Workforce Development Committee member explained how Work It! started, "It all started because our member companies could not find enough workers for their companies because the oil and gas industry was booming. Their wasn't a high enrollment in technical schools at the time to fill the need. So SCIA spearheaded the Workforce Development committee to get local business people involved to and educate the schools about other opportunities. That's how SCIA's Work It! program got started."

Each student was asked to fill out a survey before leaving the BP facility. When asked if they enjoyed their experience at the event, over 98% said yes. One student had this to

say, "I really enjoyed the diversity of the speakers personalities. It made for a very enjoyable and interesting day." Another said, "Was great learning experience, very informative and I now have a lot of options." 



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Gulf Lease Sale 250 yields \$124.7 million in high bids

By Christy Naquin

Live streamed from New Orleans on March 21st, the second offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022 was conducted. The Lease Sale offered 77,318,918 acres in Western, Central and Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning areas including both shallow and deep water prospects off the coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Regional Director Mike Celata of BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Region read aloud the 159 sealed bids on 148 tracts from 27 companies.

While most of the 148 tracts had just one bidder, there were a few with two and a couple with up to three bidders on one tract. The bids ranged from just over \$32,000 to just over \$7,000,000! Chevron, Shell and BP had the total amount of high bids respectfully, with Total E&P bidding the highest on a single block at \$7,000,728.00 for 5,220 acres.

The sale offered a 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75 percent for all other leases. Money received from the OCS Leases including high bids, rental payments and royalty payments are diverted to the US Treasury, Gulf Coast States, the Land & Water Conservation Fund and Historic Conservation Fund.

While companies are proceeding with caution, it is noteworthy to report that both the number of bids submitted, and the total amount of high bids were both up compared to Lease Sale 249 in August of 2017.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) recently announced its plan to auction 77.3 million acres in Gulf of Mexico region-wide Lease Sale 251 August 15, 2018. Lease Sale 251 will offer all available unleased areas in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern planning areas, including approximately 14,474 unleased blocks, located from three to 231 miles

offshore, in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). The sale will be the third offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. 

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This LNG project will bring employment opportunities for local communities and could bring economic opportunity through purchases from local suppliers, Pope said.

"We will be here for about 25 years, so we are going to be supplying LNG to people who need it around here, like offshore supply vessels," Pope said. "Then of course, (there are) all the wages that go through the company and local staff that sort of flushes through the local economy."

The company hopes the project can help with the country's trade balances by increasing exports. 



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About the LSU Center for River Studies

via LSU.edu/river

LSU Center for River Studies is located on the Baton Rouge Water Campus near the banks of the Mississippi River. It is a state of the art tool that uses exhibits and their incredible physical model feature to further the research, education/outreach, and creative vision for solutions in coastal Louisiana. The Center houses one of the world's largest movable bed physical models – the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model.

The river model housed there is 10,000 square feet and based on the topography

and bathymetry of the Mississippi River Delta covering southeast Louisiana. Pumps are used to control the water and sediment injection. More than 18 acoustic sensors coincide with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers river gages on the Mississippi River and measure water levels in the model river. Twenty high-definition projectors illuminate the model and bring the river and coast to life.

The model is able to replicate the flow, water levels and sediment (sand) transport

of the river, where one year of the Mississippi River is simulated in one hour. Scientists, engineers and students can see, experience and conduct research using this state-of-the-art model.

The Center also features museum-quality displays and educational materials. Restore or Retreat's Executive Director Simone Maloz is featured in one of the videos aimed at teaching students about coastal careers. 

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Local leaders meet with Department of Interior

By Cory Kief



Kate MacGregor

SCIA President Cory Kief arranged a meeting with Katherine "Kate" MacGregor on March 7, 2018 during a visit to Washington, DC for the Mississippi River Valley Flood Authority Convention. Kate MacGregor is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management in the Office of the Department of Interior. She answers directly to Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Attendees of the March meeting were, Cory Kief, SCIA President and North Lafourche Levee District President; Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District Executive Director; Reggie Dupre, Executive Director Terrebonne Levee District; Windell Curole Executive Director South Lafourche Levee District; Michael Henry, of Alpine Group, a Lobbying consultant for the Morganza Action Coalition, and DAS MacGregor.

The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on a prior meeting that was held in Thibodaux, La in December of 2017. All of the

individuals listed above (excluding Michael Henry) attended the December meeting along with Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Congressman Garret Graves, Senator Bill Cassidy and a host of other locally elected officials and port directors. The meeting in December, led by Secretary Zinke, was to discuss the idea of streamlining some of the agencies who were involved in the permitting process for our civil projects, and how the Department of the Interior could potentially have a roll in the streamline process.

The follow up meeting that was held in Washington, DC in March, was to help Directors Bourgeois, Dupre, Curole, and Kief to share detailed thoughts of the exercise. DAS MacGregor shared insightful thoughts that fueled productive discussion on the matter. All seemed to walk away with a better understanding of the effort, and what that could potentially mean to for the future of our districts, the potential roll of DOI, and the importance of our infrastructure to support oil and gas activities in our region.

The conversation also led to discussions about the coastal energy ports such as Grand Isle, Port Fourchon, The Houma Navigation Channel (Port of Houma), The Port of Morgan City, and The Port of Iberia, as these infrastructure elements are also very significant to the oil and gas industry and would also be positively affected in potential plan. That discussion will be continued as we progress along for the betterment of our region and industry. 



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Be on the lookout for Crawfish Boil pictures in our next newsletter!

Did You Know...

Update on BOEM's DPP for OCS

By Christy Naquin

In the January issue of *Communique*, you may recall the article about Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Draft Proposed Program which considered nearly the entire US Outer Continental Shelf for potential lease sales for the 5 year plan of 2019-2024. The draft requested public comment, which was due by March 9th. SCIA fully supported the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and offered you several versions of a template letter that you (hopefully) submitted to Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), part of the Department of Interior. You may also recall some states were requesting to be excused from the DPP for various reasons, i.e. Florida beaches felt tourism would be negatively impacted by seeing rigs and platforms off of their coasts, etc. None of this has been completely decided yet, but I did want to give you an idea of where things are.

What Happens Next?

- Now that the public comment period is over, the areas included in the DPP will undergo detailed environmental analysis over the next several months before BOEM issues the Proposed Program (DPP) later this year or in early 2019.
- Following another round of detailed analysis and public comment and meetings, the Proposed Final Program (PFP) is expected to be issued in 2019, followed shortly thereafter by the Final Program.
- Once a given OCS area is excluded in any stage of Program development, it cannot be reinserted.
- Although a given area's inclusion in the DPP does not guarantee its inclusion in subsequent Program stages, it is still extremely important to make sure offshore areas in the Atlantic, Pacific, Alaska and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico remain under consideration.

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Out & About with SCIA

SCIA Members go to Washington D.C.



From left to right: Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of the Terrebonne Levee District; R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (recent appointment by President Trump); Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District, and Cory Kief, SCIA Board President, President of the North Lafourche Levee District and President of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana. Photo courtesy of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC



Reggie Dupre, Dwayne Bourgeois, and Cory Kief have discussions with Assistant Secretary of the Army, R.D. James about his new appointment and assignment with the United States Army Corp of Engineers. The delegates pictured were attending the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Conference in Washington DC in March. Photo courtesy of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC



Pictured from left to right: Congressman and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, Whip Staffer Dennis Nalls, South Lafourche Levee District Executive Director Windell Curole, SCIA President and North Lafourche Levee District President, Cory Kief; and Morganza Action Coalition President Jay Walker discuss the Morganza Flood Control System. Photo compliments of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC



Pictured left to right: Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director of North Lafourche Levee District; Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of Terrebonne Levee District; House Majority Whip Congressman Steve Scalise; Windell Curole, Executive Director of South Lafourche Levee District discuss the Morganza Levee and Flood Control System. Photo courtesy of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC



» Washington D.C. continued



Pictured from left to right: Cory Kief SCIA President and North Lafourche Levee District President; Congressman Ralph Abraham, Representative of Louisiana District 5; Jay Walker, Morganza Action Coalition President; Windell Curole, Executive Director of South Lafourche Levee District; Mitch Marmande, SCIA Board Member; Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director of North Lafourche Levee District, discussing the Morganza Levee and Flood Control System. Photo courtesy of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC.



Morganza Action Coalition delegates meeting with Congressman Scalise during the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Conference held in Washington DC in March. Pictured left to right: Reggie Dupre, Executive Director Terrebonne Levee District; Jay Walker President of the Morganza Action Coalition; Cory Kief, SCIA President and President of the North Lafourche Levee District; Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director North Lafourche Levee District; Ronald Callais, President of South Lafourche Levee District; Windell Curole, Executive Director South Lafourche Levee District; House Majority Whip Congressman Steve Scalise; Mitch Marmande, SCIA Board Member. Photo courtesy of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC



Morganza Action Coalition Delegation and Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition meeting with Senator John Kennedy to discuss the Morganza Levee and Flood Control System and National Flood Insurance Program. Pictured left to right: Ronald Callais, President of South Lafourche Levee District; Jay Walker, President of Morganza Action Coalition; Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director of North Lafourche Levee District; Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of Terrebonne Levee District; US Senator John Kennedy; Mitch Marmande, SCIA Board Member; Windell Curole, Executive Director of South Lafourche Levee District; Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC; Cory Kief, SCIA President and North Lafourche Levee District President. Photo courtesy of Senator Kennedy's Staff.



Morganza Delegation speaking to Congressman Garret Graves about the Morganza Levee and Flood Control System and funding opportunities. Pictured from left to right: Congressman Garret Graves; MAC President, Jay Walker; North Lafourche Levee District Executive Director Dwayne Bourgeois. Photo courtesy of Melissa Cloutet of Lori LeBlanc, LLC

» Washington D.C. continued



Pictured left to right: Senator Bill Cassidy; Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of Terrebonne Levee District and Jay Walker, President of Morganza Action Coalition having a conversation about the Morganza Levee and Flood Control System.



Delegates from the Morganza Action Coalition and the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition also met with Congressman Clay Higgins' Staff Member Ward Cormier to discuss both topics. Pictured are Jay Walker, President of MAC and Ward Cormier as they discuss the Morganza Levee and Flood Control System.

LMOGA meets in Washington



From left to right: Ken Jackson with Cox Oil LLC; Lori LeBlanc with Lori LeBlanc, LLC; Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Taken during a recent LMOGA meeting in Washington, DC.

Legislative VIP Reception



SCIA attended the Louisiana Legislator's VIP reception at the Old Governor's Mansion in February. Pictured left to right: LABI President and CEO, Stephen Waguespack; SCIA Executive Director, Christy Naquin; SCIA Board Member, BP Communications & External Affairs, Wynn Radford.

Terrebonne Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Katy Bourg, 2018-2019 Terrebonne Parish High School Teacher of the Year. Katy teaches at South Terrebonne High School and received recognition at the February SCIA luncheon, along with a gift certificate to Copelands, compliments of Gordon Dove. Pictured: Katy Bourg, Teacher of the Year; Cory Kief, SCIA President.

Coastal Day at the Capitol



Coastal Day at the Capitol was held earlier this month, and Restore or Retreat submitted photos from the event.

Left: Governor Edwards addresses attendees of Coastal Day at the Louisiana Capitol

Below: Stephen Barnes of LSU, Steve Cochran of Restore the MS River, Simone Maloz of Restore or Retreat and Chip Kline Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities.



Leaders meet with new BP executive



Several community leaders were invited to the BP facility in Schriever to meet with Starlee Sykes, newly appointed regional president for the Gulf of Mexico and Canada with BP. A round table discussion was facilitated by Wynn Radford, Communications and External Affairs for BP and SCIA Board Member to introduce stakeholder to Sykes and provide her with a greater understanding of the region. Attendees were also able to address specific issues with Sykes and welcome her to South Louisiana.

Pictured left to right: Wynn Radford, SCIA Board Member; Chett Chiasson, Director of Port Fourchon and SCIA Board Member; Julie Pellegrin, Director of the Haven; Jimmy Cantrell, Lafourche Parish President; Lori LeBlanc, Lori LeBlanc, LLC; Starlee Sykes, President of US Gulf of Mexico and Canada Regions BP; Christy Naquin, Executive Director of SCIA; Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President; Roger White, Project Manager for Edison Chouest Offshore; Dr. Kristine Strickland, Chancellor of Fletcher Technical Community College; Gary Chouest, CEO and President of Edison Chouest Offshore; Hank Danos, Chairman of the Board of Danos.

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T. Baker Smith opens its doors on the north shore

Earlier this year, T. Baker Smith, LLC held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new office opening in Covington, LA.

Kenneth Wm. Smith, P.E., P.L.S., FACEC, President and CEO stated, "At TBS, we really are a people business—it's all about our folks, and we love the Northshore. We are excited to be here and look forward to filling this place up."

Ricky C. Galloway, P.E., one of TBS' top performing Lead Professionals, is currently serving as the Office Manager. Our Covington office is currently occupied by six permanent professionals with the desire to grow and enhance the Northshore.

Fletcher offers assistance for contractor licensing

Proprietors of construction companies and entrepreneurs who want to become licensed general contractors may be eligible for tuition assistance to the Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute.

The institute, a Fletcher Technical Community College program, is broadcast at community colleges throughout the state over a six-week period. The class offers information about construction management and preparing for the business law portions of the state licensing exam.

Limited tuition assistance is available to those who potentially qualify as disadvantaged business enterprises.

The Terrebonne Economic Development Authority will also offer technical assistance to aid graduates with strategic business planning, completing contractor's qualification statements and profiles, registration with Central Contractor Registration, certification as a disadvantaged business enterprise and registration with various public agencies issuing project contracts.

Program applicants should email TEDA at dhenry@tpeda.org or call 873-6890 to request an application packet.

Danos reaches safety milestone with Shell

Recently, Danos' materials management service line supporting Royal Dutch Shell's onshore and offshore production operations in the United States achieved one million man-hours without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration recordable incident, the company said in a news release.

Danos, based in Gray, provides materials management services to a number of Shell's facilities supporting its offshore operations, including terminals in Morgan City and Harvey.

The scope of work includes central receiving, management of critical spares, purchase order expediting and warehouse management, performed by material specialists located across four onshore locations and seven offshore platforms. There are 47 Danos employees working on these crews for Shell.

BP names new president of US Gulf of Mexico and Canada regions



Starlee Sykes

BP announced the appointment of Starlee Sykes as BP's regional president for the Gulf of Mexico and Canada.

"Starlee is uniquely qualified to take on this important role, with more than 20 years of upstream experience across project management, offshore operations, subsea engineering and finance and a proven track record as a leader," said Bernard Looney, BP's Upstream CEO. "She is the right person to lead these two regions into the future."

Sykes will serve as the chairman of BP Exploration & Production Inc. and will be a member of the board of directors for BP America Inc. She also will serve on the board of directors for the Center for Offshore Safety and on the industry advisory board for Texas A&M's Department of Petroleum Engineering. Elsewhere, Sykes is the executive sponsor for BP's annual Houston United Way campaign, and she is recognized as an advocate for women in engineering and advancing careers for women and girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Nicholls named a leader in online education

By Holly Duchmann

Nicholls State University was named a leader in online education in Louisiana by an online higher education website.

Nicholls was graded a 95.45 out of 100 by AffordableCollegesOnline.org, which evaluated public, not-for-profit colleges and universities on regional accreditation, tuition and fees, percentage of students receiving institutional financial aid, number of available online programs and student-to-teacher ratio.

Thirty-six percent of students enrolled in Nicholls' online program receives financial aid, and the program has a 19:1 student-teacher ratio, according to the website. The graduation from the online program is 42 percent, and counseling and placement services are available.

Nicholls has nine online undergraduate programs and four graduate degree options.

"Our online programs are annually ranked among the best and most affordable in the country, so it's no surprise to us that we would be a leader in Louisiana," said Andrew Simoncelli, director of distance education and associate professor of mass communication. "At Nicholls Online, we keep our tuition affordable all while providing a high-quality education."

SCIA Members In the News

Bollinger announces executive appointments

Lockport-based Bollinger Shipyards has announced two executive appointments.

Jerome Eymard has been named director of human resources and Rachael Battaglia has been named general counsel, the company said in a news release.

Eymard, who joined Bollinger in 1999, has a bachelor's degree in human resources and a Master of Business Administration from Nicholls State University. He received his senior professional certification in human resources in 2012.

Battaglia has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Nicholls State University and a juris doctorate degree from Loyola University. She has over 13 years experience in the legal field within the public and private sectors. She joined Bollinger in 2011 as a staff attorney and was promoted to senior counsel in 2016.

Houma Attorney Rachel South Boquet joins Duval Law Firm



Rachel South Boquet

The law firm of Duval, Funderburk, Sundbery, Richard and Watkins in Houma, Louisiana, welcomes attorney Rachel South Boquet to the firm. A life-long Houma resident, South Boquet offers legal representation to individuals, families, and small businesses in the areas of estate planning, successions, special needs trusts, and continuing tutorships. She also supports the firm in its general civil practice.

"Rachel South Boquet's legal knowledge and experience, as well as her commitment to our community and its people, are tremendous assets to this firm and our clients. She expands our estate planning and succession services and strengthens other areas of our practice, such as business, admiralty, environmental, and real estate law," says firm partner Berwick Duval. "We are delighted to have Rachel on our team."

Boquet earned her law degree from the Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, where she served as Managing Editor of the Loyola Law Review and was recognized with the Warren E. Mouldoux Editor-in-Chief's Award for outstanding service and dedication. She was a Judicial Extern for Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll and Clerk for the Honorable John R. Walker of the 32nd Judicial District Court before entering private practice specializing in estate planning and successions. Boquet joined the firm of Duval, Funderburk, Sundbery, Richard and Watkins in 2017.

Hank Danos recognized for safety leadership, innovation



Hank Danos

Danos Chairman Garrett "Hank" Danos has been named to the National Safety Council's "CEOs Who 'Get It'" list for 2018. The annual recognition is presented to safety leaders who go above and beyond to protect employees both on and off the job. Danos is one of eight executives featured in the February 2018 issue of Safety+Health magazine.

President of Danos since 1990, Hank Danos led the company to steadily improve and refine its safety procedures and training. He has overseen a wide range of new safety initiatives, from quarterly, safety-focused town hall events to hazard scavenger hunts. He has made accountability for safety a company-wide, top-to-bottom priority, encouraging feedback and innovation at every level.

"We are a family-owned company, and nothing is more important to us than making sure our employees return home safely to their families every day," says Danos. "We realize that safety is the first and the most basic responsibility that each of us must share in, and it is at the core of who we are and all that we do."

Danos' focus on safety includes everything from mobile hazard reporting and field inspections to customer safety meetings and weekly safety roundtables. "As our partner service providers and clients have come to embrace a common focus on safety, we have been able to work together to achieve even better results," Danos observes.

Shell names Gulf vice president

Rick Tallant has been appointed vice president of Shell's Gulf of Mexico operations.

He will lead eight Shell-operated production hubs and co-ownership of two oil and gas producing assets, the company said in a news release.

Shell said Tallant will help to increase production of its Gulf operations by over 100,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day by 2020 while protecting the environment and its employees.

He previously was asset manager for Shell's operations in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and operations manager for the company's Ram Powell platform. He is a member of the New Orleans Business Alliance and supports local nonprofit organizations.

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Danos completes offshore facility turnaround in West Africa

Danos has successfully completed a turnaround comprising four client offshore facilities in Equatorial Guinea. Though estimated to require 10 days of downtime, Danos completed the work ahead of schedule, with production resuming after only seven days.

The project required approximately 70 skilled craftsmen who were mobilized from 10 different cities and then transported to West Africa, plus a crew of workers from the Philippines with specialized expertise in British Standard Scaffolding. In total, Danos logged more than 45,000 man-hours preparing for and then executing the turnaround in sequence at the four facilities.

“Because of our extensive experience performing this type of work, we’ve developed long-term partnerships with our clients who rely on our integrated services to operate their gas processing plants and offshore platforms in the area,” said Mark Danos, owner and executive over project services.

Danos has been working in West Africa since 1992, supporting maintenance needs and shut-in projects for on- and offshore facilities. The company also offers project management, construction, automation, scaffolding, fabrication, and operations support services to clients in the area.

Five banks united as one

Louisiana Community Bancorp (LCB) announced that its five subsidiary banks have officially united and are now Pedestal Bank.

The existing charters of the Louisiana-based banks -City Savings Bank, Coastal Commerce Bank, Kaplan State Bank, Teche Bank and Trust and Tri-Parish Bank have combined into one charter with a new bank name.

The newly named Pedestal Bank is under the same ownership with same local management team and board of directors.

“As we first communicated last year, our banks have shared common management and ownership for more than three years, this transition merely combines our five banks into one,” said Mark Folse, CEO of Pedestal Bank. “Operating as five separate brands hindered our ability to deliver our full resources to our customers. Our new integrated brand will allow us to offer an even better customer service experience and enhanced technology and products – the right size with the right service,” Folse said.

With approximately \$1.2 billion in assets, Pedestal Bank becomes one of the 10 largest banks rooted in Louisiana. The bank’s expanded network will offer 24 locations serving 11 parishes.

Fletcher's Students participate in the Global Hydrology Collaboration Study Abroad Program

Fletcher Technical Community College is sending two students, Britney Barrios and Jessica Delger to Amsterdam, Netherlands to participate in Global Hydrology Abroad Collaboration Study Abroad Program. The students will be immersed in the co-curricular and cultural activities within Amsterdam. They will visit the Museum of the National Floods, the “Living with Water” exhibit in Rijksmuseum, Waternet - Amsterdam Rainproof, Maeslantkering – a storm surge barrier, and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment. The students will also have an overnight excursion to Rotterdam a major port city which is known for its ship history and modern architecture.

Students are scheduled in an Introduction to Water Management from the United States and the Netherlands Perspectives course (HUMN 2000) and they will earn 3 credit hours for successfully completing the course. The course objectives are to examine the history, use, management, and conservation of water and water resources in the U.S. and the Netherlands. It further discusses the environmental, economic, and social implications of floods, droughts, dams, and water usage as well as current issues in water quality, water pollution, and water resource regulation. Students will gain an understanding of the environmental, societal, and political impacts of water, water resources, and changes in water supply and availability, and they will be introduced to current and emerging trends in water resource issues, development and technology.

This program is new to Fletcher and it will broaden the College’s focus on water management, coastal restoration and protection. The College is working closely with the local governmental entities to provide training in coastal restoration and protection with intentions to form a Water Management Institute. It is predicted that in the next 10 years the “Super Region” as defined by GNO Inc. to include Terrebonne Parish will have more than 30,000 job opportunities available in the areas of water management, coastal protection and coastal restoration.

The cost of the Global Hydrology Collaboration Study Abroad Program was over \$ 1,700 per student. Fundraising efforts through the Fletcher Foundation were initiated in the fall to cover the students travel expenses and thanks to private donations; both students travel expenses were covered. SCIA is proud to be a sponsor for this unique and important learning opportunity!

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Susan Dio appointed Chairman and President of BP America, Inc.



Susan Dio

BP announced that Susan Dio has been appointed Chairman and President of BP America Inc., BP's chief representative in the United States.

Dio succeeds John Mingé, who will move to chair a study by the National Petroleum Council (NPC) into CCUS technologies and their potential deployment. He will retire from BP in March 2019.

Susan Dio, a chemical engineer by training, has been chief executive of BP Shipping for the past three years, responsible for BP's shipping business worldwide, including its fleet of over 70 operated and time-chartered vessels. In this time, she led the review and reset of the organization's strategy and operations and oversaw the ongoing renewal of the fleet – the largest such program in BP's history. Previously during her 33-year career with BP and heritage companies, she held a series of senior commercial and operating roles in the US, UK, and Australia.

ConocoPhillips donates \$4,000 to Fletcher Technical Community College's Integrated Production Technologies Program



Pictured from left to right: Tandra LeMay, J.D., Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Integrated Production Technologies and Chandler LeBoeuf, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement.

ConocoPhillips presented a check to Fletcher Technical Community College (Fletcher) for \$4,000 Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at their Houma Office on Bayou Black Drive. This investment will be allocated towards IPT BOOST program for students enrolled in Fletcher's Integrated Production Technologies (IPT) program. For three years, ConocoPhillips has donated to the

Integrated Production Technologies program totaling \$14,000. Their contribution to IPT program has helped many students with scholarships and realistic workforce experience through BOOST. Since 2013, ConocoPhillips has made contributions totaling \$35,000 to the College. Fletcher truly values its partnership with ConocoPhillips.

Fletcher's Chancellor, Dr. Kristine Strickland, said "Fletcher Technical Community College is grateful to ConocoPhillips for their generous gift. Business and industry's continued commitment to educating and training the future workforce of Louisiana is vital to our future. We look forward to our continued partnership in helping our students achieve their goals."

Bollinger delivers patrol boat to Coast Guard

By: Mike Hill

Bollinger Shipyards delivered its newest patrol boat to the U.S. Coast Guard in Key West., Florida, and it will be commissioned in Washington, D.C., in July.

The USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal is the 28th fast response cutter the company has made as part of the 58 boats it has a contract for with the Coast Guard. The contract is expected to keep 800 people employed into 2020.

"This FRC built by Bollinger Shipyards will be the second FRC to be stationed in Atlantic Beach, N.C.," Bollinger President and CEO Ben Bordelon said in a news release.

Previous cutters have been stationed in Florida, Puerto Rico, New Jersey, Alaska, Mississippi and Hawaii. They have been used for drug seizures, apprehension of illegal aliens and rescues.

"We are extremely proud that the Fast Response Cutters built by Louisiana craftsmen here at Bollinger Shipyards are having such a major impact on our country's safety and security," Bordelon said. 🇺🇸

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