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LAGCOE Awards Future Energy Professionals Scholarships

LAGCOE is proud to announce the winners of the inaugural Future Energy Professionals scholarship. Recognizing the importance of collegiate majors from disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), the Young Professionals of LAGCOE (YPL) have created this scholarship in an effort to attract professional talent capable of maintaining a high level of technical proficiency within the oil & gas industry. The scholarships are awarded to goal-oriented students planning to enroll into a Louisiana College in pursuit of a STEM-centric Degree.

Emily Nicole Duplechain a recent graduate of Ascension Episcopal School and David Francis LaCour, Jr., a senior at St. Thomas More Catholic High School were selected as the recipients of this award. The scholarship entitles the student to \$1,000 per semester while pursuing a degree in one of the STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics – at a Louisiana university, for up to 5 years. The winners were honored at a reception, hosted by LAGCOE and Community Foundation of Acadiana on Monday, June 2, 2014.

Emily is a graduate of Ascension Episcopal School and will be attending Louisiana State University in the fall, pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. “Math allows me to escape to a whole new world of puzzles to solve. I know that engineering is the right field for me because it is ever-changing, just like my math classes. Attending LAGCOE and ULL’s Engineering Days have helped me to finalize the decision that engineering is the field for me,” Duplechain said.

David recently finished his junior year at St. Thomas More Catholic High School. After graduation next may, LaCour plans to attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to study petroleum engineering. “Working in the oil and gas industry will allow

me to be close to home, near the support of my loved ones, while helping to change our future,” LaCour said in his application essay. “David’s interest in petroleum engineering stems from a deep understanding and appreciation for the role agriculture plays in Louisiana culture. He spends his summers working for his family’s business – F&D Farms farming rice, soy beans and crawfish,” Melanie Lauer, a teacher at St. Thomas More Catholic High School said about LaCour.

LAGCOE Future Energy Professionals Program is managed by the Young Professionals of LAGCOE and supported by the LAGCOE Education Fund, a Fund at Community Foundation of Acadiana. The program was established to encourage and support future industry professionals to pursue technical positions, which literally fuel our world. Included are projects, which work to support the middle, secondary, and higher education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum.

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LAGCOE will be held October 27-29, 2015 at The Cajundome & Convention Center in Lafayette, LA. Celebrating 60 years of continuous operation since 1955, LAGCOE is a first-rate exposition where world class oil and gas industry companies display the latest equipment and services and technical sessions address pertinent issues from across the globe. In 2013, LAGCOE welcomed 416 exhibitors and 17,000 attendees from 47 states and 43 countries. Upcoming events include the [LAGCOE Sporting Clays Tournament](#) August 15-16, 2014 and the [LAGCOE Career Fair](#) October 29, 2014. Learn more at [LAGCOE.com](#).

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