HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT 2020

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
At the start of the semester it takes some time to contact the different universities to identify the student officers for all our chapters. I have written individual letters to the chapter presidents offering them a one-year subscription to the TPG that our section pays for them. I have also contacted the universities on our scholarships, which will again be for $500.00 to eight different universities. Those winners will also receive the TPG. Without our members support for the scholarships we would not be able to offer all of these scholarships or would have to reduce the dollar amount, so I thank you all.

I’ve included the information for students to apply for our National AIPG scholarships. I emailed this information to our student presidents and university contacts. Hopefully we will have some winners and it gives me a chance to present the award in late April or early May to the students.

Next March 20-22, 2020, we have GSA Southeastern/Northeastern Conference in Reston, VA. Mike Lawless and I are co-chairs on a technical session titled “Geoscience Careers for New Geoscience Graduates”. This will be my fifth time that I have co-chaired this session. The students get a great deal of information from these talks. We have speakers that will talk on careers in petroleum, mining, environmental consulting, and state government. We will also have a few additional talks on how to prepare and how to develop skills for the future. AIPG will also have a booth at the conference, so we will need volunteers to man the booth.

On April 7-8, 2020, will be our 9th Conference on: Innovative Environmental Assessment and Remediation Technology. It will again be at Kennesaw State University Continuing Education Building. We plan to start contacting exhibitors and we have a list of potential speakers.

All licensed Georgia PGs have until the end of the year to renew their license!
GSA SOUTHEASTERN AND NORTHEASTERN SECTIONS
ANNUAL MEETING
Reston, Virginia
March 20-22, 2020
Co-chair Mike Lawless and Ron Wallace
T28: Geoscience Careers for New Geoscience Graduates
Description: This session will have a number of speakers in different areas of employment that will describe what a new graduate should expect from large to small companies, private, public and government. Will have geologist that have hired entry level geoscientists and geologist that are young professionals.

Early registration ends February 18, 2020
Hotel deadline February 26, 2020
Go to: https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Events/Section_Meetings/GSA/Sections/se/2020mtg/techprog.aspx

The Deadline for AIPG National Scholarships is February 1, 2020.
For 2019 we had one scholarship winner from Georgia State. AIPG National gave out 13 undergraduate and two graduate scholarships. Below are the application requirements. I encourage all our student members to consider applying.

AIPG National Undergraduate Scholarship
Purpose
To assist students with college education costs and to promote student participation in the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). Up to ten scholarships will be awarded to declared undergraduate geological sciences majors who are at least sophomores. Details for applying for these scholarships are provided below.
Scholarship Awards
Scholarship awards in the amount of $1,000.00 - $3,000.00 each will be made to eligible students attending a college or university in the U.S. Scholarships are intended to be used to support tuition and/or room and board.

Eligibility Requirements
Any student who is majoring in geology (or earth science), is at least a sophomore, and is attending a two-year or four-year accredited college or university in the U.S. can apply. Also, the student must be either a student member of AIPG or must have applied for student membership at the time the application for the scholarship is submitted.

Each student who is awarded a scholarship agrees, by accepting the scholarship, to prepare a 600 to 800 word article for publication in The Professional Geologist. The subject of the article must be related to a timely professional issue.

Application Process

1. Submit a cover letter introducing yourself and tell us what you have done outside of the classroom such as research projects, officer in club, or outside activities within the community. Address your career goals in near term and longer term. Provide your academic objectives: If you are attending a two-year institute do you plan to continue to a four-year institute and complete a degree? If you attend a four-year institute do you plan to attend graduate school?

2. Submit a one-page (800 words strictly enforced, 12 pt, times new roman, 1 inch margins, left justify) essay on “Why I Want to be a Geologist”.

3. Submit a copy of your transcript (unofficial) and documentation that you are a current student. Requisite standards to apply are a minimum GPA of 2.8 (on a 4 point scale) and a minimum of 12 semester credits of geology/geoscience courses with a 3.0 GPA in these courses completed at time of application.

4. Submit a letter of recommendation from a geology/geoscience professor that provides an emphasis on your performance and activities in the classroom, in the department, and your character in how you work and help other students.

The application packet should be submitted to:

American Institute of Professional Geologists
Attn: Education Committee Chr.
1333 W. 120th Ave., Suite 211
Westminster, Colorado 80234-2710
(303) 412-6205 or e-mail: aipg@aipg.org.

If you are submitting your application materials by email, please format the subject line as follows: AIPG Scholarship - Type of Scholarship (Undergrad or Grad) - Last Name - Submission. For example, AIPG Scholarship - Undergraduate - Doe - Essay. You may submit all application materials in one email, and, if necessary, one file.

Application Deadline and Award Date
Applications must be received by midnight Mountain Standard Time (MST) on February 1st, which is to say, before on February 1st. Awarded the month of May.

Basis of Awards
Awards will be based on the cover letter, recommendation, transcript and the content and
creativity of the essay as judged by the Education Committee. The decisions of the Education Committee are final.

Miscellaneous
Application requirements for student membership to AIPG: Student must be currently enrolled in a geological science degree program (as defined by the American Geosciences Institute).

AIPG student membership is available online or applications can be obtained from:

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1333 W. 120th Ave., Suite 211, Westminster, Colorado 80234-2710
(Application forms are also available on the AIPG website http://www.aipg.org)

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Foundation of AIPG William J. Siok Graduate Scholarship Program

Purpose
To assist graduate students with college education costs and to promote student participation in the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). One scholarship will be awarded to a declared graduate student in an accredited geoscience program with an emphasis in environmental geoscience and/or hydrogeology. Details for applying for this scholarship are provided below.

Scholarship Awards
Scholarship award is in the amount of $1,000.00 to an eligible graduate student attending a college or university in the U.S. Scholarships are intended to be used to support tuition, room and board, and/or research.

Eligibility Requirements
Any graduate student who is majoring in the geosciences in the U.S. can apply. Also, the student must be either a student member of AIPG or must have applied for student membership at the time the application for the scholarship is submitted.

The student who is awarded the scholarship agrees, by accepting the scholarship, to prepare a 600 to 800 word article for publication in The Professional Geologist. The subject of the article must be related to a timely professional issue.

Application Process

1. Submit a cover letter introducing yourself and tell us what you have done outside of the classroom such as research projects, officer in club, or outside activities within the community. Address your career goals in near term and longer term.
2. Submit a one page (approximately 750 words) essay on a topic the AIPG Education Committee will decide on annually. The 2020 scholarship essay topic is:

   Focus on a single theme of your choice, and explain how the profession of geology, over the coming decade, should best contribute to addressing a problem
for the well-being of the public. In your essay explain (1) Why your theme choice is significant and (2) How professionals educated in geology are essential to contributing successfully to addressing the problem. Try to be as specific as possible in addressing Item #2.

3. Submit a copy of your transcript (unofficial) and documentation that you are a current student. Requisite standards to apply are a minimum GPA of 2.8 (on a 4 point scale) and a minimum of 12 semester credits of geology/geoscience courses with a 3.0 GPA in these courses completed at time of application. Those credits can come from previous grad or undergrad studies.

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Awarded the month of May

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REMEDIATION SITE VISIT IN ATHENS
On November 13, 2019, we had a field trip to a former gasoline station that was demolished and a CVS is located on the property. Deepak Mandavia with EnviroPro gave a tour of the remediation system and the history of the site.

DEKALB SEMINOLE ROAD LANDFILL
On November 20, 2019, a group from Berry College had a tour of the landfill. They were given the history and how it operates by Roger Young, landfill superintendent, and Ms. Sowmya Bulusu, PE, SCS Engineers, works for the environmental firm dealing with compliance and monitoring the methane. Ms. Martha Carr, PG, Geosyntec Consultants, also helped with the history of the landfill. The students had questions after questions and had a lively discussion. After the talks they used a landfill vehicle to tour the facility and to see the different areas and operation. It was a very successful visit and would very much like other students to visit.
Roger Young second from right and Martha Carr far right

DeKalb Seminole Landfill new cell being built

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