

## The API Teaching Excellence Award Program 2013



The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, a non-profit organization headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana, annually recognizes teachers in each of six (6) parishes in the metropolitan area: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. Tammany. The Teaching Excellence Award Program was established in 1987 by the Delta Chapter to pay tribute to and reinforce outstanding teaching in the local school systems. To date, Delta Chapter has awarded over \$100,000 to veteran and new teachers in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

*The award selection criteria to be reviewed  
by a committee of API Delta Chapter Board members include the following:*

- ★ Commitment to teaching
- ★ Resourcefulness
- ★ Professional involvement
- ★ Community service

To nominate a teacher from your school, please prepare the following items by June 25, 2013:

- Letter of recommendation
- Candidate Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please insure that the letter of recommendation address the previously listed selection criteria. Completed nominations can be submitted via mail or e-mail to either of the contacts below by June 25, 2013:

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The following cash awards will be presented to the winning teachers from each of the six parishes (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. Tammany). Those teachers, their principals and the Superintendent of schools will be invited to attend the August Technical meeting in New Orleans where they will be recognized by the membership and presented with their awards.

- Chairman's Award .....\$500
- Distinguished Teacher Award ....\$300
- Service in Teaching Award .....\$200

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\* Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Social - date to be selected



# Chairman's Message



At the beginning of this year, we had three unfilled officer positions. Our board consisted of a small, but hard working and steadfast group that has served for some time and has already been giving as much of their time as they could to this organization. I put out the call for new officers and new board members. I am truly excited to announce that we have filled the missing officer positions and have added a total of twelve new board members. We have also created a new assistant secretary position to provide more consistency between years especially arrangements for our meetings. I am proud that I work in an industry where we have people so readily willing to help out with our mission. With renewed energy and horsepower, we will be able to increase our efforts in some areas and expand with new initiatives that will be the topic of future chairman's messages.

Recently, I was able to view firsthand a couple of the programs that the API Delta Section supports. The first was the Lego Robotics competition where middle school children learn to program Lego robots to perform various functions in a specified sequence. Their smiles just beamed as they described to me exactly which function would be performed next.

The second was a demonstration of the Bayou Regional Robotics. In this competition, high school students are given six weeks to build a robot to perform a specific task. This year, the task was to pick up a frisbee and toss it through a precise target. I was amazed to watch their robot at work and found it difficult to believe that high school students could complete such a project. It was definitely more complex than my senior project in college as a mechanical engineer. As it turns out, the students could tell me the exact function of each computer chip they used. They were also able to overcome a challenge earlier that day when a key piece broke during transportation. The teacher mentor said they were able to fix it without his assistance.

I was truly astounded by the results of both of these programs and I believe these programs have a significant positive impact on these student's lives. I am proud that the API Delta Section could help provide the resources the teachers needed to perform an amazing accomplishment.

Thanks for your continued support of the API Delta Section.

**Rick Fowler**

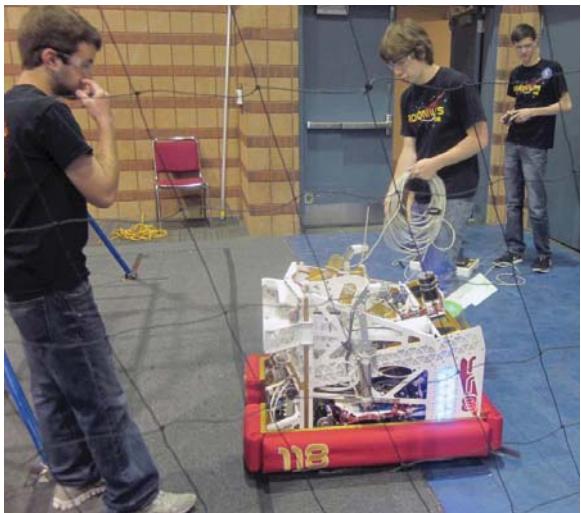
# First ROBOTICS

## Bayou Regional Competition



- A motivational program combining teamwork, competition and FUN
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This year's First Robotics Bayou Regional Competition was held March 21-23 at the Kenner Pontchartrain Center. Students had six weeks to fund, build and program robots to compete in the challenge of "Ultimate Ascent." Robots were remotely controlled to pick, feed and toss Frisbees into goals of different heights. The match ended with the robots attempting to climb up pyramids located in the middle of the field.



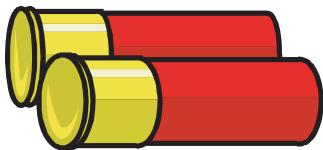
API-Delta helps sponsor this event and allocates a \$1500 scholarship toward a student participating in the event and pursuing a degree pertaining to the petroleum industry. Through this event, students learn skills in relationships, teamwork, finance, time management, fund raising, budgeting research, community outreach and project management. This year there were 15 teams from the Greater New Orleans Area, each team involving 15 or more high school aged students. The competition consisted of 55 teams from 11 different states.

Special thanks goes to Oceaneering International for bringing their ROV Simulator to the event. Students

were able to actually "drive" the ROV and experience how their education in robotics can be applied to actual job opportunities within the oil industry.

For more information:  
[www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) and [www.bayouregional.org](http://www.bayouregional.org)





# 9th Annual Father-Son & Family Sporting Clays Tournament

On April 26th, the API Delta Chapter celebrated its 9th annual Father/Son & Family Sporting Clays Tournament. We had great support from our sponsors, shooters, and volunteers. Forty teams competed on a great weekend at Covey Rise Lodge in Husser, Louisiana. We were blessed once again this year with beautiful weather. Average temperatures combined with a nice breeze made for a comfortable day. API Delta Chapter was very pleased to offer a fun and safe event for our industry families. As always, it is rewarding to see parents and their children spend quality time together while competing with friends and colleagues.

The tournament has become a unique event to the oilfield community in Southeast Louisiana. It emphasizes and encourages participation from all members of the family. In addition to the Father/Son teams, the tournament also awards top shooters in the Ladies Class, Individual, and Four Man teams. Our annual clay shoot and golf tournament provide the Delta Chapter with the majority of its funding. Consequently, industry support is vital to our philanthropic efforts. The past successes of these two events have allowed our Chapter to increase donations to a variety of opportunities and needs in the community, including our scholarship awards program which places special emphasis on education related to the oil field industry.

Much appreciation goes to our industry supporters. Obviously, an event like this cannot succeed without their financial support. This year we had 2 Gold, 8 Silver, 11 Bronze, and 3 Shirt Sponsors along with 18 food & station sponsors. Similarly, we recognize and thank the many volunteers who made this event fun and safe for the rest of us. Just as important are these behind-the-scenes volunteers who handle the work of cooking, registering, scoring, and picking up.

This year's tournament was directed once again by Bob Bailey. He and his tournament committee volunteers, most of whom have contributed to past tournament success, faithfully carried on our established tradition. Special recognition goes to Barbara Edmonds, our Tournament Secretary. Each year she helps the committee handle the vigorous challenges of registration that an event this size presents. In Bob's own words, "This year's tournament was once again quite a success due to the efforts of the committee along with great support from the many sponsors and participants. It was a beautiful day for shooting sports and I am grateful to everyone who came out to participate. Fun was had by all. My sincerest thanks to everyone whose involvement helps make this a great tournament."

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# Fetch!

# OIL AND ENERGY!

The energy industry's sixth annual return to the La Children's Museum for their energy **FETCH Saturday** is slated for **August 3, 2013**, this year.

Thanks to all of you and your society participation, this has turned out to be one of the premiere events for the Louisiana Children's Museum. Please plan your society participation for this year's event. All you need is 2-4 volunteers to be present **Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.** to highlight a part of your discipline and society to children and their parents. As in the past, parents learn as much as the kids about our industry.

Last year the museum had 800 people in attendance throughout the day. **The event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Please let me know if you can participate and if you will provide volunteers to help man your table or other tables.

With your help and participation we can duplicate our past successful efforts. This is an awesome event with all societies coming together for a good cause!!!

Thanks,  
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## Covington Country Club

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### Annual API Delta Chapter Golf Tournament - 4 Man Scramble

**Friday, September 20, 2013**

Registration at 6 a.m. • Tee-off at 7 a.m. Morning Round and 1 p.m. Afternoon Round



Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), food, drink, and door prizes.

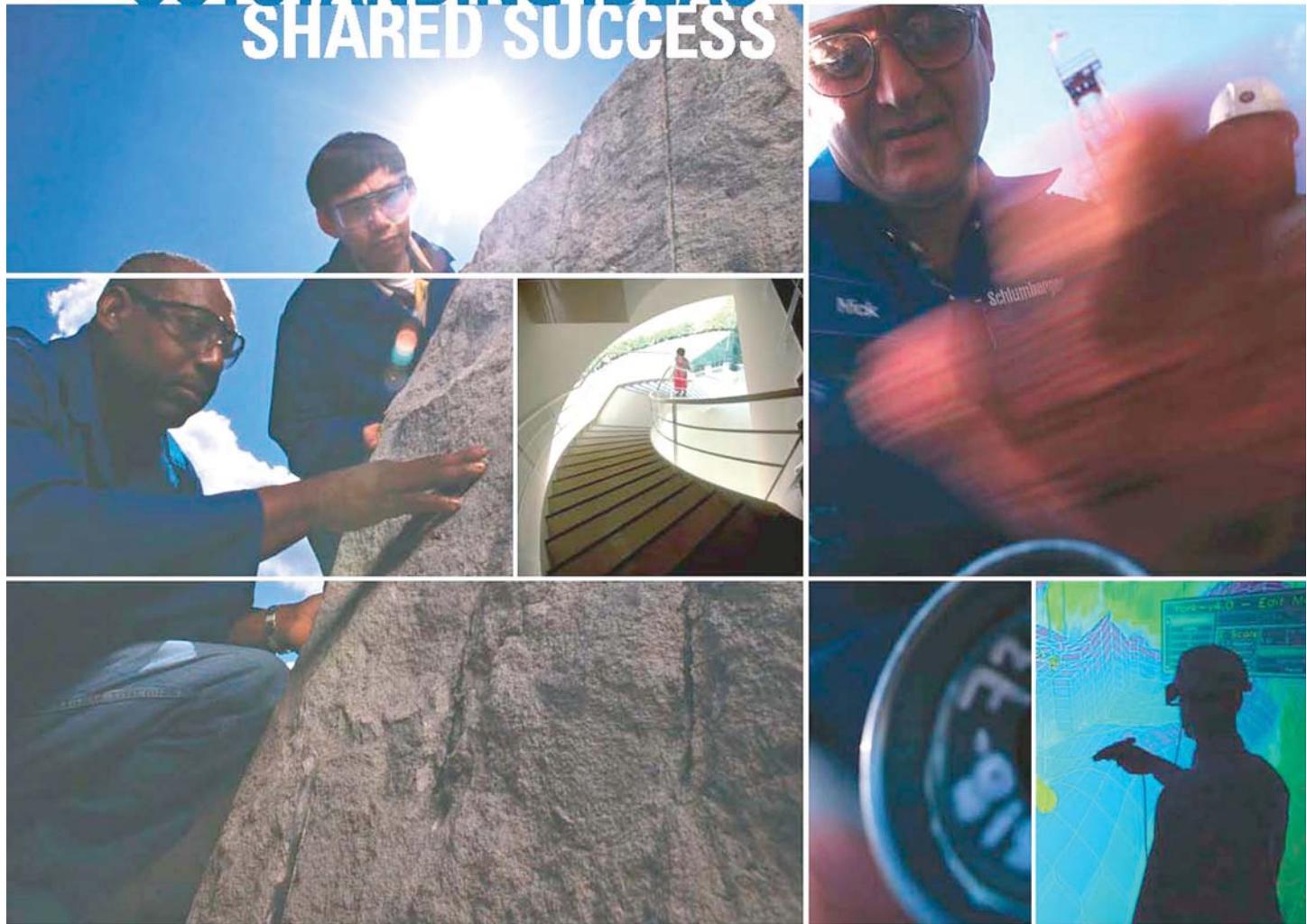
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