Environmental Engineering Department News

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

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EVEN Highlights

Student Achievements

Excitement filled the air on December 16th—Commencement Day! Environmental Engineering had the most students ever graduate in one semester—two Doctoral and ten Masters! Doctorate of Philosophy were: Dr. Celina Camarena and Dr. Josue De Lara Bashulto. Masters of Science were: Marcelo Arreola, Ashutosh Deshpande, Revathi Eti, Nereyda Facundo-Torres, Juan Garcia, Kiran Kembhavimathada, Jose Leal, Hernandez Lugo, Martha Muniz, and Adebayo Oyediran.

Nereyda Facundo-Torres is continuing her education to obtain her PhD in Environmental Engineering with us.

Dr. Venkatesh Uddameri, Director and Rose Rodriguez, Assoc. Director of CREST-RESSACA held a “Congratulations on Graduating” party for all December Graduates! December 5, 2011.

The department held a “Welcome Luncheon and Orientation” for new Fall/Spring graduate students for six doctoral and six master students. January 26, 2012.

BS students Natalie Rocha and Eric Faust took part in a meeting with the Provost and Task Force personnel to work on improving the time for students to achieve their degree. January 27, 2012.

Undergrad News

A big Welcome goes to two new students who transferred in this semester—Randy Ibanez and Sebastian Winkler!

The Environmental Engineering department is actively collecting data from the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters to submit to the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Committee with expectations of being accredited by Fall 2013.

Organizations

The American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE) Organization is very active with meetings, group participation and community service. If interested in joining the AAEE please contact Jonathan Gorman (BS) the President at jlgorman13@yahoo.com. Dr. Lee Clapp oversees this organization.

The Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA) Organization is also active with 24 members and growing. They have monthly meetings, group participation, and play a large part in community service. If interested in joining the AWMA Organization please contact Nereyda Facundo (MS) President at neyney_2005@yahoo.com. Dr. David Ramirez oversees this organization.

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Alumni News

Chengjue Li (MS EVEN Class of “10) is an Environmental Engineer with Weston Solutions Shanghai, Ltd., Co. in China.

Dr. Muthu Kuchanur (PhD EVEN Class of ‘06) is a Geology Supervisor with Division Services—Land Quality Division, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Don’t forget to check out the Javelina Alumni Association website. Alumni & Friends: www.alumni.tamuk.edu.

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***LinkedIn is a great way to stay in touch with our Alumni—please connect with Cathey Allen when you can.

Faculty / Staff News

Dr. Alvaro Martinez traveled to Medellin, Columbia and presented results from his U.S. EPA Project on Education and Research as well as his research on Mercury Control. Dr. Martinez also met with several potential graduate students who are considering applying to TAMUK. November 30—December 2, 2011.

Dr. Venkatesh Uddameri and Dr. Kartik Venkataraman traveled to San Francisco, CA to present at the AGU Fall 2011 Meeting. They presented a paper titled “Impacts of Sea Level Rise caused by Climate Change on Saltwater Intrusion into the Gulf Coast Aquifer of South Texas”. Dr. Lee Clapp also attended, presented a poster, and met with people from Pacific Northwest National Lab to discuss collaborations on an NRC-funded project. December 5-9, 2011.


Dr. David Ramirez participated as a judge at the Regional Science Fair held in Corpus Christi. January 21, 2012.

Six doctoral and six master students attended the department’s “Welcome Luncheon and Orientation” for all new Fall/Spring graduate students.
The Lower Rio Grande Valley 14th Annual Stormwater Management Planning Conference will be held at Pearl South Padre, South Padre Island, Texas on March 28—March 30, 2012. For hotel information go to: www.pearlsouthpadre.com

For more information regarding abstract deadlines and poster presentation please contact:

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The CREST-RESSACA Environmental and Energy Sustainability Conference will be held at the Intercontinental Houston, Houston, Texas on April 26-27, 2012. For more information regarding abstract deadlines and poster presentation please contact:

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