

IGNITE ZONE

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SERIES

This Ignite Zone integrates the needs of students with those of potential employers. The program focuses on workforce development of the water industry. This student engagement series provides academic and career enrichment through sessions on science communication, resume workshops, interview skills, media relations, interaction with speakers, and social media best practices.

WEDNESDAY

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A.M.

Student Kick-off

Students get an overview of conference opportunities available to them from talks, workshops and prizes.

Alyssa Dausman, The Water Institute
Kim Reyher, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
Robert Twilley, Louisiana Sea Grant

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Career Ignite

Organizations and firms provide engagement on workforce development of the water industry and desired candidate skills.

Jonathan Hird, Moffatt & Nichol
Scott Kirkpatrick, Coast Builders Coalition
Shaye Sable, Dynamic Solutions, LLC

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Science Communication Workshop

Professional development experience on science communication tips for social media and networking.

Aimee Hollander, Nicholls State University
MB Humphrey, Louisiana Sea Grant
Beth Stauffer, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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Student Funding Opportunities through Sea Grant

Louisiana Sea Grant details the funding opportunities they have from fellowships, internships, travel awards and field trips.

Melissa Daigle, Law and Policy Program Research Associate
Dani Dilullo, Communications Coordinator
Niki Pace, Sustainability Coordinator

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Building Career Leadership

Industry and university professionals share ways to further develop professionalism and leadership throughout a career.

John Ettinger, RESTORE
Denise Reed, University of New Orleans

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Shannon Cunniff, Environmental Defense Fund
Curtis Thomas, Shell
Mark Wingate, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Gary Cecchine, RAND Gulf States Policy Institute
Pat Forbes, Office of Community Development
Ken Krauss, United States Geological Survey

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Sharing Your Message: Media Engagement

Journalists and communicators share tips on how to successfully use scientific information to engage the public.

Steve Hardy, The Advocate
Mark Schleifstein, NOLA.com, The Times-Picayune
Amy Wold, The Water Institute

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Patrick Banks, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Michael Ellis, CPRA
Nancy Powell, Arcadis

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Career Development Workshop

Practice and receive guidance on job hunt tools - there will be resume review sessions, interview practice, and LinkedIn profile assessment and feedback.

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Plenary Speaker Ignite

Students interact with plenary speaker Jason Clay for a deeper dive into the topics of his presentation and work on food sustainability.

Jason Clay, World Wildlife Fund

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Academic Ignite

Faculty share their academic and research backgrounds, discuss future research needs, and offer guidance.

Navid Jafari, Louisiana State University (Engineering)
James Nelson, University of Louisiana Lafayette (Ecology)
Carol Wilson, Louisiana State University (Geosciences)

THURSDAY