

IGNITE ZONE

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SERIES

This student engagement series seeks to integrate the needs of students as they prepare to transition to the workforce with those of potential employers. The series of 30-minute workshops held throughout the conference will focus on creating career networking opportunities. The Ignite Zone will provide additional academic and career enrichment through sessions on science communication, resume workshops, interview skills, media relations, interaction with plenary speakers, and social media best practices. See below for information about these sessions.

WEDNESDAY

10 A.M. **Student Kick-off**
Students get an overview of conference opportunities available to them from talks, workshops and prizes.
Alyssa Dausmann, The Water Institute
Kim Reyher, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
Robert Twilley, Louisiana Sea Grant

10 30 A.M. **Career Ignite**
Organizations and firms provide engagement on career opportunities and desired candidate skills and experiences.
Jonathan Hird, Moffatt & Nichol
Scott Kilpatrick, Coast Builders Coalition
Shaye Sable, Dynamic Solutions, LLC

11 30 A.M. **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

1 P.M. **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

4 30 P.M. **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

5 30 P.M. **Career Ignite**
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Shannon Cuniff, Environmental Defense Fund
Curtis Thomas, Shell
Mark Wingate, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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FRIDAY

10 A.M. **Career Ignite**
Organizations and firms provide engagement on career opportunities and desired candidate skills and experiences.
Gary Cecchine, RAND Gulf States Policy Institute
Pat Forbes, Office of Community Development
Ken Krauss, United States Geological Survey

THURSDAY

9 30 A.M. **Sharing Your Message: Media Engagement**
Journalists and communicators OLshare 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

10 30 A.M. **Career Ignite**
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Patrick Banks, LDWF
Michael Ellis, CPRA
Nancy Powell, Arcadis

11 30 A.M. **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.

1 P.M. **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

4 30 P.M. **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)