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GCPTA grants awards to member colleges

The Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance (GCPTA) has received \$23,000 from the National Science Foundation through the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology at College of the Mainland in Texas City for career awareness activities and has made sub-awards to five Texas and Louisiana colleges.

The awards for college members of GCPTA are for the educational providers to present open houses for parents, students, teachers and counselors to raise their awareness of career opportunities and to familiarize them with the colleges' Process Technology programs and their capabilities to present a quality education preparation for students.

They also will fund four summer camps for female high school students. The summer camps are designed to raise the awareness of job opportunities in science and how it applies to Process Technology.

Recipients of the awards for Open Houses are Alvin Community College in Alvin, TX, and Victoria College in Victoria, TX. The Alvin open house, being coordinated by PTEC Program Director Mark Demark, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, June 17. Victoria College will hold its open house from, 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 8, coordinated by PTEC Program Director Anita Brunsting.

The four colleges receiving grants for career awareness summer camps for females are Baton Rouge Community College in Baton Rouge, LA, Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, TX, Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, TX and McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA.

Baton Rouge's workshop, coordinated by Dr. Sharon Flanagan, will be held Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10. Students will stay overnight in the BRCC dorms. The dates and coordinators of the other workshops are Brazosport, June 9-13, Cathie Hanson and Gerri Powell, coordinators; Lamar Institute of Technology, July 21-25, Vickie Rowlett, coordinator; and McNeese State University, June 9-13, Dorothy Ortego, coordinator.

The awards are designed to assist colleges in raising the awareness of career opportunities in Process Technology. Industry anticipates losing half of its Process Technicians to retirement by 2010.

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