



Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance

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GCPTA endorses 3 more colleges,

Receives \$20,000 grant from Shell

LEAGUE CITY --The Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance (GCPTA) has approved the endorsement of Process Technology Programs at three more colleges.

The colleges are Victoria College in Victoria, TX, Nunez Community College in Chalmette, LA., and Louisiana Delta Community College in Monroe, LA. The three received their endorsements at the quarterly meeting of GCPTA in League City, TX.

Shell Oil Company presented a \$20,000 check to support the GCPTA's public affairs initiative to promote process technology careers to generate student enrollment in high school and college programs.

Monte King, director of the Workforce Development Initiative for Shell, in presenting the check to GCPTA Ronnie Baker of ExxonMobil Refinery in Beaumont, said the company's is pleased with the efforts being made by the organization and is interesting in supporting an enlargement of efforts.

The colleges have met the requirements of the Standards and Quality Committee of the GCPTA to receive its endorsement. Endorsement primarily means the colleges are teaching the standardized Process Technology curriculum and meeting established requirements of the organization -- such as

having at least quarterly meetings of a committee of industrial advisors.

Members of the advisory committees and an officer of the GCPTA audit the programs before endorsement and for endorsement renewal every three years.

The three become the 13th, 14th and 15th colleges in Texas and Louisiana which have met the criteria for endorsement. There are no colleges currently in Mississippi which have the organization's endorsement.

Others on the program included six colleges which had summer institutes as part of a session on best practice reports that have been successful in recruiting more students to their programs. One from Texas State Technical College in Marshall, TX, held a week-long camp to make females in the 10th and 11th grades of high school aware of career opportunities in process technology.

Alvin Community College in Alvin, TX, raised funds locally from companies to hold an open house for parents and prospective students at which more than 70 attended. Other colleges making presentations will be College of the Mainland in Texas City, TX, Baton Rouge Community College in Baton Rouge, LA, and Sowell Community College in Lake Charles, LA.

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Keith Tolleson, an instructor in the Process Technology Program at Nunez Community College (right), accepts a plaque from the Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance, designating the Nunez Community College program for endorsement by the organization. Presenting the plaque are GCPTA Standards and Quality Committee Co-chair Dorothy Ortego of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. Also participating in the presentation on the second row are (left to right) Ed Stiles of Lyondell Houston Refinery and co-chair of the Standards and Quality Committee, Rawlin DeLaughter of ExxonMobil, a member of the program Advisory Committee at Nunez; and J. P. Gonzalez, executive director of GCPTA.



Jackie Johnson, coordinator in the Process Technology Program at Louisiana Delta Community College in Monroe, LA (front-right), accepts a plaque from the Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance, designating the Louisiana Delta Community College program for endorsement by the organization. Presenting the plaque are GCPTA Standards and Quality Committee Co-chair Dorothy Ortego of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. Also participating in the presentation on the second row are (left to right) Ed Stiles of Lyondell Houston Refinery and co-chair of the Standards and Quality Committee, John Hough of Louisiana Community and Technical College System and J. P. Gonzalez, executive director of GCPTA.



Anita Brunsting, coordinator of the process technology program at Victoria College, (second from right), accepts a plaque from the Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance, designating the Victoria College program for endorsement by the organization. Presenting the plaque are (left to right) GCPTA Standards and Quality Committee Co-chairs Ed Stiles of Lyondell's Houston Refining Co. and Dorothy Ortego of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA, and (far right) GCPTA Executive Director J. P. Gonzalez of Baytown.