The 2017-18 school year started in Houston two weeks late due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey. Fortunately, none of the four Houston IPAA/PESA-supported Petroleum Academies were seriously impacted. Many activities were still able to be provided for the students in the five IPAA/PESA-supported high school Petroleum Academies, but some needed to be rescheduled to the spring 2018 semester. These activities would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the many companies, organizations and individuals who have helped sustain the work of the IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center.

To prepare teachers for the upcoming school year and to set them up for classroom success, teacher training took place in summer 2017 through the generous support of Core Laboratories, Dale Carnegie Training, Energy Training Resources, LLC, NAPE and Southwestern Energy. Teachers received oil and gas industry overview training, Dale Carnegie professional development training and campus-specific academy training. Additionally, in the summer, our graduates were invited, along with IPAA Emerging Leaders, to participate in the Houston Young Professionals group mixer.

We are very thankful for the involvement of the following organizations that provided field trip sponsorship, locations, camps and support for our students, many on multiple occasions: Consumer Energy Alliance’s Houston Energy Day, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, incoming freshman summer camps, Gulf Publishing’s Women’s Global Leadership Conference, Halliburton, Marathon Oil, Offshore Energy Center Career Day, and the Shell-sponsorship INROADS college support program.

This year, we continued our major competitions starting with the Shell STEM Showdown at the University of Houston with involvement by Rice University, University of Houston, University of St. Thomas, and Texas Southern University, with 840 students participating to date. We are excited to already have Shell’s commitment for the November 2018 competition. The 2018 spring semester will include the annual PetroChallenge competition with sponsorship by Occidental Petroleum, Schlumberger and the Schlumberger company, NExT.
On November 16th, the PESA Explorers of Houston Committee honored Shell Oil for innovation in STEM Education recognizing Shell’s outstanding commitment to STEM and energy education and their long term support of the IPAA/PESA Petroleum Academies.

Bruce Culpepper, Shell U.S. Country Chair & President, Shell Oil Company was selected to receive the 2017 Explorers of Houston Award for Leadership and Innovation in Education. Scott Ballard, Executive Vice President of Human Resources, accepted the award on Bruce’s behalf. Pictured (from left to right): Michael Alvarez, Shell Oil Company, Scott Ballard, Shell Oil Company, Chuck Chauviere, Baker Hughes, a GE Company and Chairman, PESA Explorers of Houston Committee, Leslie Beyer, PESA President.

Summer Teacher Training
The IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center kick-started the 2017-18 school year with our annual training for educators. This training, in three parts, would not have been possible without the generous support of Core Laboratories, Energy Training Resources, LLC, Southwestern Energy, Dale Carnegie and NAPE. Teachers participated in Oil & Gas industry overview training at NAPE, Dale Carnegie professional development training at Southwestern Energy and Academy-specific training.

INROADS Workshop
INROADS is a national college program aimed at teaching STEM and business majors about professional development and career recruitment and placing the students in summer internships with companies around the nation.

Pictured is Omar Talsam with Michael Alvarez and Patrick Ellis (Shell) attending the INROADS information session on Saturday, August 5th.

Southwest High School Leadership Camp
Incoming freshmen at Southwest High School participated in a leadership camp in August. The students enthusiastically participated in activities coordinated by Leadership on the Move and enjoyed a pizza lunch supported by the IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center. All of the freshmen were given a t-shirt recognizing the event that was designed by our own sophomore, IPAA/PESA Petroleum Academy student, Luis Tinoco. Several senior Petroleum Academy students also participated to welcome the incoming freshmen.
Emerging Leaders/Young Professionals in Energy (YPE) Meeting 2017

This past summer, IPAA Emerging Leaders partnered with Young Professionals in Energy-Houston to host a school supply drive for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program. With over $3,000 raised and countless connections made, the evening was a big hit. Graduates of the Petroleum Academies were invited to attend and start building relationships with other like-minded young professionals. From entering the IPAA/PESA Energy Education Program as high school freshmen to shaking hands with professionals from around town, we certainly are proud to see our students shining in their community.

Junior Achievement Educator of the Year

We are pleased to announce that Katricia Conner from the Academy at Southwest High School in Ft. Worth has been awarded the Junior Achievement Educator of the Year. This award is based on teacher support and their willingness to go above and beyond to make the programs work at their highest level. Katricia’s expectations of students uphold a very professional standard, and her students flourish as a result of her dedication. Katricia leads the IPAA/PESA Extern Program on her campus and she was recognized in 2014 as the IPAA/PESA Teacher of the Year.

Texland Petroleum

Jim Wilkes and Kelly Jordan from Texland Petroleum spoke to freshmen students at IPAA/PESA Petroleum Academy at Southwest High School in September on Engineering & Petroleum Engineering. This is also the fifth year that Jim and Kelly have spoken to our petroleum academy students. Jim is the President, Director & Co-Owner of Texland Petroleum. Kelly is an Operations Engineer at Texland. Both of them hold Petroleum Engineering degrees from Texas A&M University. Texland is also an extern host company.

XTO

Danielle Baldino and Randi Bleeker, from XTO spoke to the Southwest High School Petroleum Academy juniors in November. Both are from the marketing department and explained scheduling the pipelines in order to move natural gas from one location to another. The details of the process and the problem solving involved was fascinating and it kept the students attentive and engaged.

Barnett Shale Energy Education Council

Ed Ireland became the founding Executive Director of the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council in 2007, an organization that provides energy education in the Barnett Shale region of North Texas. Ed has been the first to speak to the Freshmen students that have joined the Petroleum Academy at Southwest High School for the past five years. He provides great foundational knowledge about gas drilling and production in the Barnett Shale region. The students were inquisitive and the talk proved to be engaging to the students at the beginning of their journey of learning about the oil and gas industry.

Homecoming Parade

Southwest High School celebrated 50 years during Homecoming Week celebrations with numerous activities planned including a parade. Student representatives from the IPAA/PESA Petroleum Academy at Southwest High School participated in the parade. Pictured from left to right: Vanessa Diaz, Margaret Green-Wallace, Francia Valdez Moreno, and Rachelle Harris.

Fort Worth Natural History Museum

Energy Blast at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History was the prime focus of the field trip taken by freshmen in late October. The exhibit featured interactive stations for the students to explore, including a 50,000-pound seismic vibroseis truck, a 30-foot model of a drilling apparatus and a model city where students used renewable and non-renewable resources to “power” the city. The students also embarked on a "Journey to the Center of the Barnett Shale", by viewing and experiencing the 4-D film. The video explained how natural gas formed within the shale deposits of North Texas. The field trip concluded with the Coral Reef Adventure at the Omni.
Shell STEM Showdown

On September 29th, 120 high school students who participate in one of the five Petroleum Academies, supported by the IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center gathered at the University of Houston to compete in a nationally acclaimed Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) competition. This event was generously powered by Shell Oil Company and developed by Great Minds in STEM. Each team worked alongside college students from local universities who are majoring in STEM fields and had the opportunity to interact with professionals from Shell who helped mentor throughout the competition. The competition had two primary challenges, creating a self-made robotic arm from a variety of basic supplies, which was judged on its ability to function and designing a foam rocket, judged on its trajectory and accuracy. Students left feeling fired-up after understanding how STEM parallels exciting careers in math, science and engineering.

Winners are as follows:

Showdown Champions – $3,500 grant will be awarded to the high school to develop or enhance a STEM Club, Energy Institute High School & University of Houston

2017 Runner-Up Partnership – $1,500 grant will be awarded to the high school to develop or enhance a STEM Club, Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy & Rice University

1st Place Winners – Energy Institute High School & University of Houston High School [Tablets] | College Captains [$1,000 Scholarship] Scholarship Recipients

2nd Place Winners – Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy & Rice University [Syma X5C Explorers Quadcopter Drones]

3rd Place Winners – Energy Institute High School & University of Houston [Fujifilm Instax Mini 9 Cameras]

Spirit Award Winners – Westside High School & Texas Southern University [Thump Bluetooth Speakers]

Safety Award Winners – Southwest High School (Ft. Worth ISD) & University of St. Thomas [Virtual Reality Goggles]

Guest Speaking Lecture Series Conference at Westside

Over 200 freshmen, sophomore & seniors at Westside High School participated in the third annual Guest Speaking Lecture Series Conference in early October. Students learned about different careers and opportunities in the energy industry from the keynote speaker, Jim Eisterhold, IPAA/ PESA Education Board Member and former Vice President at Newfield Exploration. Speaking to students on the energy panel were engineers from Newfield Exploration, who exposed the students to all the opportunities available by sharing their experiences in the field and on the importance of working in teams.
Guest Speaking Lecture Series Conference at Milby

About 150 sophomores and juniors participated in the Guest Speaking Lecture Series Conference at Milby High School in early November. Milby seniors facilitated the conference by introducing the keynote speaker and IPAA/PESA Education Advisory Board founding member, Lane Sloan, and moderating the speaking panel. They also spoke about their externship experience. Lane’s passion is leadership mentoring. His eclectic background includes 29+ years at Shell Oil Company with 15 years in Senior Management, five years as an Executive Professor teaching Strategic Leadership, and over a decade as a Silver Fox Advisor. The panel was comprised of Weatherford professionals Jessica Lovorn, Sarah Richard, Charity Kohl, Laura Muth and Shanta Eaden. The Education Center is very grateful for the time these professionals have so graciously given to provide Milby students with possible opportunities available in their futures.

Energy Day

This past October, the Consumer Energy Alliance and the Consumer Energy Education Foundation hosted their annual Energy Day in Houston, Texas. Students from the Energy Institute, Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy, Milby High School, and Westside High School all attended this interactive event showcasing how important careers in energy are to our city. Students spent the day intermingling with nearly 70 booths that provide hands on learning to help bridge how science, technology, engineering and math provide the foundation of the energy industry. This year, the IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center was proud to sponsor the winning award for the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston.

Offshore Land Game

Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy participated in the Offshore Land Game led by Alicia Elias, Senior Offshore Landman at Apache and IPAA/PESA Education Advisory Board member. Grouped as technical teams for different oil and gas companies, students went through the bidding process to obtain a lease from the government, including learning how to take risks and partner with the other companies.

Jamie Vazquez Guest Speaker

IPAA/PESA Education Advisory Board member, Jamie Vazquez, presented to over 100 students at Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy about what it is like to be a woman in the energy industry. The girls learned how important it is to commit themselves to studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to stay confident and believe in their skills.
Women’s Global Leadership Conference

Students and teachers from the Energy Institute High School and the Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy attended the 15th annual Gulf Publishing Company Women’s Global Leadership Conference in Houston. Their participation was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Gulf Publishing Company and this brings to date 120 senior female high school students from the IPAA/PESA sponsored Petroleum Academies who have participated in the conference. We are very grateful to Gulf Publishing for hosting their annual silent auction as part of the conference, a fundraiser for the petroleum academies.

Offshore Education Center Career Day

This past December, 350 of our Petroleum Academy students attended the annual Career Fair at the OceanStar, Offshore Drilling Rig Museum and Education Center in Galveston, Texas. While at the museum students had the opportunity to tour a retired drilling rig and learn about career opportunities in the energy industry. A variety of exhibiting organizations, including service, drilling companies, operating companies, and universities and colleges took the day to speak with our students and encourage them to continue their STEM education.

Southwest High School Alumni Guest Speakers

Dustin Bynum, from EOG Resources and Blaine Gamble from Norwood Land Services, LLC spoke to the Southwest High School Petroleum Academy sophomores about what it is like to be a landman. Both were able to share a lot of their unique experiences from working in the industry. Neither of them even knew what a landman was when they started college! Blaine, an alum of Southwest High School, spoke about how there are different concerns in different regions when negotiating for mineral rights. Dustin and Blaine were able to describe how different their job is from day to day while giving the students a good overview of what to expect in the life of a landman.

Interactive Engineering From Lockheed Martin at Southwest

Alicia Grabiec and Marco Hanna from Lockheed Martin presented to the Southwest High School Petroleum Academy seniors on October 18th. They provided a hands-on interactive engineering activity for the students to design and build a rocket that would travel the furthest. The students had to build a rocket out of construction paper and create air to propel the rocket out of a bottle and PVC pipe.

Burger Sales Fund Scholarship

The IPAA/PESA Petroleum Academy at Southwest High School team of teachers gives a $500 scholarship every year to one deserving senior. In order to raise money for this scholarship, In-N-Out Burger offered to sell hamburgers to the students and in return Southwest High School received 75% of the sales to go towards the scholarship. We are very pleased to announce that we raised $825. We are looking forward to awarding an IPAA/PESA Petroleum Academy senior this Spring. Thanks so much to In-N-Out Burger for their generosity.
IPAA firmly believes that EDUCATION is important in EVERY stage of life, whether you are new to the industry or have had a successful career and just need a refresher.

IPAA and the Petroleum Equipment & Services Association (PESA) are committed to educational outreach through the Houston-based IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center. For over a decade, the Center has inspired students in enhanced STEM curriculum and has prepared the next generation for successful careers in our industry. The Center supports five engineering, geoscience, and leadership academies at high schools in the Houston and Fort Worth Independent School Districts. Today, more than 2,600 students have graduated from a Petroleum Academy through the IPAA/PESA Energy Education Center and 1,500 are currently enrolled. Two-thirds of the student population is under-privileged and 40% are female.

INDUSTRY TRAINING
IPAA offers an in-person Oil & Gas Industry Overview Course several times throughout the year and has partnered with Energy Training Resources, LLC to launch a series of industry-focused eLearning courses that are available online. Proceeds benefit the IPAA Educational Foundation.

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