



## AIPG GEORGIA SECTION

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# CONGRATULATION GRADUATES

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to start this news letter congratulating all our graduating student members. The officers of the Georgia Section wish you all the best. I've met quite a few students that plan to go to graduate school. Please remember you can still keep your student AIPG membership. You will need to email AIPG National Headquarters and tell them your email address and university if it changes. For all our graduates that plan to start working or looking for a job, please remember that AIPG has a new membership category called Young Professional that gives you a membership at a reduced cost for three years.

For all our professional members if you have an interest in a student intern for the summer or you may be hiring a new geologist for permanent employment, please let us know. We need to help our student members as much as possible.

During April I drove over 850 miles visiting our universities giving our section's six \$250.00 scholarship awards or presenting the National AIPG \$1,000.00 scholarship award. I was extremely happy when I heard that our students won three of the eight National scholarships.



Jenna Schmidt, from University of West Georgia,  
received our section scholarship and the  
National scholarship



Cheryl Wilkes received our section scholarship and Don Osborne received the National scholarship. Both students attend Columbus State University



Kaley Basile, from Georgia Southwestern State University, along with the department chairman Dr. Sam Peavy received our section scholarship



Na Hyung Choi, from University of Georgia, received the National scholarship

Other section scholarship winners not pictured include Brock Nelson – Georgia Southern University, Joey Flynn – Georgia State University, and Hamilton Goodner – University of Georgia.

I'd like to thank the University of West Georgia for inviting me to attend their second annual career night. Also a special thank you to Dr. Mike Roden at University of Georgia for inviting me to attend their Department of Geology awards ceremony.

I've enjoyed working with all our student chapter officers. Most of the presidents are graduating so I'm looking forward to this fall and meeting the new officers. And last I'd like to thank our members that contributed to our student chapters. We were able to give our chapters \$950.00. Some of this money was used to send students to GSA Southeastern conference and more will be used this fall for the National GSA conference in Charlotte, NC.

We are already planning for the fall. We have our 4<sup>th</sup> conference on September 12-13, 2012, at Kennesaw State University. You will hear more about it in the summer and in the TPG. We're talking with AIPG Tennessee Section of a possible field trip this fall in Tennessee. We have also spoken to Columbus State University of a possible field trip to south Georgia. We also have a proposed symposium at GSA in Charlotte on "Geology Careers for new Geology Graduates." We need a minimum of 12 speakers to have the session. So far we have the commitment of six.

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## LAST MEETING

On April 7, 2012, we had students from Columbus State University spend the weekend camping at Providence Canyon. We met at the visitor's center and walking around the rim of the canyon and then walked up some of the canyons to see the stratigraphic section. We walked to their camp site and had an enjoyable lunch. After lunch we visited a nearby fluvial section.



Providence Canyon



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Columbus State University students

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