



Margaret A. Davidson
Coastal Career Development Program
December 4, 2022
Final Agenda

- 7:45am CT** **Attendees arrive at the Hilton Riverside Hotel, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 79130)**
(alternative for more local attendees – drive separately to Docville)
- 8:00am CT** **Buses depart for Docville (5124 E. St. Bernard Highway, Violet, LA 70092)**
- 8:45 – 9:00am CT** **Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introductions – Tom Bigford, The Coastal Society**
- 9:00 -- 10:00am CT** **Opening Talks: Coastal Career Opportunities and Inspiration Stories from Coastal Leaders (ALL ATTENDEES)**
Kristi Trail, Executive Director, Pontchartrain Conservancy
Angelle Bradford, Sierra Club, Delta Chapter
Jessica Henkel, Deputy Director to the Chief Scientist, Water Institute of the Gulf
Don Davis, Scholar and Director of Oral History, Louisiana Sea Grant and Charter Member of The Coastal Society

After the opening talks, registrants will split into two groups: “Coastal Careers” (Group #1) will be upper-class college students, graduate students, and graduates. “Coastal Futures” (Group #2) will be high school students, community college students, and college freshman and sophomores. Speakers and topics are customized for each group.

Group #1: Coastal Careers

- 10:00 – 11:00am CT** **Professional Skills and Strategies, Session I**
Lightning Presentations (5 minutes for each break-out leader)
Break-outs (15 minutes for each topic, then rotate to others)
A. Cover Letters and Resumes – Jonathan Hird, Moffatt & Nichol
B. Navigating USAJobs – Gina Mason, NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources
C. Effective Networking – Kim Acker, Jean LaFitte National Historic Park and Preserve



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11:00 – 11:15am CT Break and Networking (Groups #1 and 2 separately)

11:15 -- 12:15pm CT Professional Skills and Strategies, Session II

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Break-outs (15 minutes for each topic, then rotate to others)

D. Effective Mentorships – Kim Corcoran, NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources

E. Coastal Fellowships – Maeesha Saeed, National Academy of Science

F. Think of the Possibilities – Don Davis, Louisiana Sea Grant Scholar and Director of Oral History

Group #2: Coastal Futures

10:00 – 11:00am CT Coastal Career Opportunities, Needed Skills, and College Preparation, Session I

Lightning Presentations (1 minute for each of our panelists; 5 minutes for our speaker)

Rotate in small groups through stations (25 minutes each)

1. Candid Conversation with a Panel of Young Researchers – Theodore Hilton, NAS Science Policy Fellow, EPA Gulf of Mexico); Allison Snider, NAS Science Policy Fellow, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council; Cassie Glaspie, past Fellow, now at Louisiana State University; and Thomas Moorman, NAS Science Policy Fellow, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
2. Community College as a Stepping Stone: Skill training on GIS and drones – Jacqueline Richard, Nunez Community College

11:00 – 11:15am CT Short Energizer Break



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11:15 – 12:15pm CT Coastal Career Opportunities, Needed Skills, and College Preparation, Session II

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1. MLODS Activity – (TBD, speaker invited)
2. UNO-PIES Activity – Dinah Maygarden, University of New Orleans

Following lunch at Docville Farm in Meraux and welcoming comments by our host, we'll begin our tour of sites that showcase the breadth of academic pathways to becoming a coastal professional. Along the way, we'll see some of the environmental issues discussed by our opening speakers and meet local experts who will brief us on the huge challenges faced in the bayou.

12:15 – 1:00pm CT Lunch at Docville's Arlene Meraux River Observation Center

1:00 – 1:30pm CT Overview of Meraux Farm Activities and Visit to Plant Propagation Site

Comments by Blaise Pezold, Meraux Foundation

1:30 – 1:45pm CT Overview of Diversion Projects in Coastal Louisiana

Comments by Andrew Wilson, Milling Benson Woodward LLP and TCS Board of Directors

1:45 – 2:00pm CT Bus to Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana's Restoration Headquarters (6251 E. St. Bernard, Violet, LA 70092)

Comments on one bus by Seth Blicht, The Nature Conservancy and by Corey Miller of CRCL on the second bus

2:00 – 2:30pm CT Learn about CRCL's oyster shell recycling and native plants programs

Overview by Corey Miller and CRCL staff



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- 2:30 – 3:00pm CT** **Bus to Caernarvon Diversion (next to EBI Cranes, 900 St. Bernard Park Way, Braithwaite, LA 70040)**
- 3:00 – 3:30pm CT** **Tour Diversion Facility**
Comments by Mike Bengé, Delacroix Corporation
- 3:30 – 3:45pm CT** **Final Wrap-up**
Tom Bigford (The Coastal Society) will lead Q&A, note the evaluation form, and close the day
- 3:45 – 4:00pm CT** **Prepare for return to buses**
- 4:00 – 5:00pm CT** **Buses to Docville to discharge those who drove to Docville (5124 E. St. Bernard Highway, Violet, LA 70092) and then to the Hilton Riverside Hotel, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 79130) for all others**

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