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LAGCOE FUTURE ENERGY PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF STEM FIELDS AT LAGCOE 2017

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Lafayette, La. (August 16, 2017) – Furthering its mission of Fostering Education for and about the energy industry, the LAGCOE organization will again host the Future Energy Professionals (FEP) Tours of LAGCOE’s biennial technical expositions & conferences at LAGCOE 2017.

Geared toward high school juniors and seniors, the FEP tours give students an in-depth look into the ins and outs of a career in the energy industry. Young Professionals of LAGCOE members, along with Engineering Ambassadors from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana State University and South Louisiana Community College will lead students on a guided tour of the LAGCOE 2017 exhibition floor, giving students hands on access.

“The FEP tours are open to students interested in pursuing either a 4 year or 2 year technical degrees. LAGCOE is committed to supporting programs that build a strong pipeline of future workforce, leaders and innovators for the energy industry,” said Angela Cring, LAGCOE Executive Director. “We hope this program leads to these students choosing to further their education and make a career in the energy industry.”

High school juniors or seniors interested in exploring an oil and gas industry career who attend high school in Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, or Vermilion Parishes may apply. Students interested in participating can find more information and the online application by visiting <http://www.LAGCOE.com/FEP-tours>.

Students who participate in the 2017 LAGCOE FEP tours will be eligible to apply for the LAGCOE Future Energy Professionals Scholarship: awarded to goal-oriented students planning to enroll in a Louisiana College in pursuit of a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM)-centric degree. Since 2013, five students have been awarded this scholarship totaling more than \$43,000 following participation in the FEP Tours of LAGCOE’s technical expositions & conferences.

The LAGCOE Future Energy Professionals Program (FEP) was established to support and encourage students to pursue the technical positions which fuel our world in support of the energy industry. The program includes projects to support middle and secondary education STEM curriculum. The program is supported by the LAGCOE Education Fund, a fund at Community Foundation of Acadiana. Learn more at <http://www.LAGCOE.com/organization/LAGCOE-education-fund>.

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LAGCOE is a nonprofit energy industry organization focused on educational programs and a technical exposition & conference. LAGCOE’s mission is to cultivate economic growth of the energy industry by facilitating domestic & global business development and fostering the energy workforce pipeline.