



## **LAGCOE ORGANIZATION EXPANDS TO REFLECT STRATEGIC GROWTH**

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**LAFAYETTE, La. (Feb 21, 2017)** — LAGCOE, a nonprofit energy industry organization focused on educational programs and organizer of a technical exposition and conference, has expanded its mission to reflect its 62 years of strategic growth.

LAGCOE the organization has strategically expanded to more holistically serve the global energy industry through focused initiatives surrounding generational industry education, introductory and ongoing career development and networking events.

Angela Cring, executive director, LAGCOE, explained, “The oil and gas industry is familiar with our biennial technical expositions and conferences, but there is much more to LAGCOE. LAGCOE’s mission is to cultivate economic growth of the energy industry by facilitating domestic and global business development and fostering the energy workforce pipeline.”

Through the LAGCOE Education Fund, 501(c)(3) funding for projects and programs supporting educational efforts for or about the energy industry is provided. The Future Energy Professionals program has provided five students with more than \$43,000 in higher education scholarships. LAGCOE has established additional scholarships and endowed professorships at both University of Louisiana at Lafayette and South Louisiana Community College. In addition, STEM education support programs are currently being expanded to further generational industry education.

LAGCOE offers a Young Professionals of LAGCOE (YPL) membership. This group’s mission is to provide career development and networking opportunities to young professionals looking to become the next industry leaders. This is achieved through a continuous program of industry networking events, mentor programs and active fundraising in support of the LAGCOE Education Fund.

“YPL is the future of the oil and gas industry and the next generation of LAGCOE. Their involvement and commitment to nurturing newcomers to this industry at all ages is crucial to establishing the next leaders of this organization and the industry,” Cring continued.

The cornerstone of LAGCOE’s support to the energy industry is its biennial technical exposition and conference. LAGCOE 2017, held October 24-26 in Lafayette, La., USA, will offer the energy industry an international and innovative event to explore new technology, products and services; conduct business-to-business meetings and make lasting connections for long-term success.

“LAGCOE remains committed to promoting commerce, fostering education and

connecting people within the energy industry. Our initiatives are centered on innovation, education, workforce development, volunteers and community. Both individual and corporate participation is available. We as an organization are proud of our growth throughout the last 62 years and we look forward to continuing to support the energy industry and its people,” Cring concluded.

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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. LAGCOE’s vision is to be a robust, sustainable community of energy companies and volunteers that promotes energy education and awareness; connects businesses with opportunities and showcases the Gulf Coast’s technical innovations to the world. LAGCOE 2015, the biennial technical exposition and conference featured cutting edge oil and gas equipment, services and technical sessions, welcomed 450 exhibitors and more than 16,400 attendees from 49 states and 40 countries. LAGCOE 2017 will be held October 24-26, 2017, at the Cajundome & Convention Center in Lafayette, La., USA. Learn more at [LAGCOE.com](http://LAGCOE.com).

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