



## LAGCOE Announces 2015 LAGCOE Looey

*Mr. Leon Charles Moncla, Jr.*

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**LAFAYETTE, La. August 3, 2015** – This year the [Louisiana Gulf Coast Oil Exposition](#) (LAGCOE) honors Mr. Leon Charles Moncla, Jr. as the 2015 LAGCOE Looey in recognition of his 45 plus years of service in the oil and gas industry. LAGCOE Looey recipients have shaped the oil and gas industry through years of devoted hard work while continuously giving back to their community. This year's commendable recipient is no different.

"LAGCOE Looey 2015 epitomizes the qualities of a true Southwest Louisiana Oil Man: entrepreneurial risk-taking, perseverance during tough times, and enjoyment of life to the fullest," comments LAGCOE 2015 Chairman, Steve Maley, "In the end, you pay it forward by giving back to the community and bringing the next generation along. These are the values of LAGCOE, and these are marks of the character of Mr. Charlie Moncla."

A luncheon was held Monday, August 3 to announce and honor Mr. Leon Charles Moncla, Jr. as the 35<sup>th</sup> LAGCOE Looey. The luncheon, held at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette, was led by LAGCOE Executive Director, Angela Cring, and LAGCOE 2015 Chairman, Steve Maley. Two former LAGCOE Looeys were also in attendance, Mr. Donald Mosing (1997) and Mr. Al Thomas, II (2013). The LAGCOE Looey luncheon served as the kick-off event for LAGCOE 2015. In addition to the announcement of Looey's identity, new LAGCOE programs were introduced and the LAGCOE 2015 commemorative poster, designed by Tony Bernard of Tony Bernard Studio, was unveiled.

LAGCOE will be held October 27-29, 2015 at The Cajundome & Convention Center in Lafayette, LA. Celebrating 60 years of continuous operation since 1955, LAGCOE is a first-rate exposition where world class oil and gas industry companies display the latest equipment and services and technical sessions address pertinent issues from across the globe. In 2013, LAGCOE welcomed 416 exhibitors and 17,000 attendees from 47 states and 43 countries. Upcoming events include the [LAGCOE Sporting Clays Tournament](#) August 14-15, 2015 and the [LAGCOE Career Fair](#) October 29, 2015. Learn more at [LAGCOE.com](#).

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## **Biography of Mr. Leon Charles Moncla, Jr.**

Mr. Leon Charles Moncla, Jr. was born in Lafayette La. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 1996 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, in 1970. Moncla dove head first into the oil and gas industry, working at Pelican Well Service during the summers while attending college.

Upon graduation, Mr. Moncla accepted a position in Houma, La. with McEvoy Valve Company, a division of Rockwell Manufacturing, where he worked for two years as a field representative. Between the years of 1972 and 1984, he worked from the ground up at Pelican Well Service. He began as a roughneck, and by the end of the 12 years, was the company Vice President.

In November of 1984, Mr. Moncla began his own business, Moncla Well Services, Inc. The company began with one rig and six employees. By the time Mr. Moncla would sell his company to Key Energy Services, Inc. in 2007, it would be home to 953 employees and 53 rigs.

After a brief retirement, Mr. Moncla became CEO of Platinum Energy Solutions, Inc. in 2011. As the CEO at Platinum Energy Services, Inc., he oversaw the operations and administration of the company. In 2014, Platinum Energy Solution was sold. He now works alongside his three sons, two brothers, and two nephews at Moncla Companies. Mr. Moncla enjoys working with his children and family members and has enjoyed watching them grow into the strong team that they are today.

Throughout his career Mr. Moncla has actively participated in professional associations including the United States Junior Chamber, the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association, the Association of Energy Service Contractors, and the Clean Energy Technology Association.

As a proud alumnus of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Mr. Moncla continues to serve the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as an Executive Board Member of the Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation. In remembrance of his parents, Leon and Catherine Moncla, Mr. Moncla helped the University fund and build the Leon Moncla Indoor Practice Facility.

Mr. Moncla is married to the former Rhonda Daigle of Rayne, La. He has three sons, Mike Moncla, who is married to Cathy, Marc, who is married to Ashley, and Matt, who is married to Lacey. He has four stepchildren, Brittany, Taryn, Peyton, and Michael and six grandchildren. Mr. Moncla is known for being a dedicated, dependable supporter and sponsor of LAGCOE. His devotion to his family, his community, and the oil and gas industry are admired by all who come across him.

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