



WEAT

North Texas Section



MEMBRANES AND MUDBUGS

A Melding of the Minds at DWU's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Leadership Message

Message from the **President**

Dear Fellow North Texas WEATers,

It has been a very busy month for our WEAT Section in North Texas. We had two major activities in May and what a great success. I am excited to announce that our new Membranes and Mudbugs event on May 5th was very successful and surpassed our expectations. A lot of people worked hard to make this event possible. Special thanks to Dallas Water Utilities, who did a wonderful job hosting this event. Also, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Lance Phillips and Heather Wootton who worked tirelessly to prepare for it. What a great team effort!!!!

Of course, this success would not be possible without you, our members. We had 230+ people total who attended this event. We are considering incorporating this event in our permanent program in the future given the success we had. We received a lot of positive feedback from you and we will strive to improve this event next year.

In addition, our May facility tour to the City of Fort Worth Village Creek Water Reclamation Biosolids Facility was very informative and well attended. Special thanks to the City of Fort Worth for working with our team to organize this event.

This is my last message to you as your WEAT North Texas Section president. It has been a pleasure serving you this year and it is now time to hand over the baton to Heather Wootton to continue the journey for the next fiscal year.

Our membership is growing, our program activities are very well attended, and new events and ideas are being added or considered. Our local section is truly a very vibrant section. We are counting on your continuous support as always so we can do great things together for the greater good of our industry.

Rami Issa

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Text WEATNTS to 22828
to get started!



WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
6/22/23	June Meeting	TBD
6/30/23	WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Applications Due	N/A
7/20/23	July Meeting	TBD
9/15/23	Daryl Hall Golf Tournament	TBD

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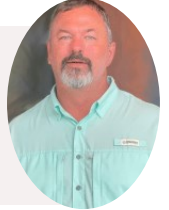
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Scholarships



Apply for a WEAT-NTS or Daryl Hall Scholarship

Deadline is 6/30/2023!

WEAT North Texas Section is committed to the support of higher education through the WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Programs.

The application process is now live for WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarships. Requirements for each scholarship are listed below and on the application form.

[Click here to apply for a scholarship today!](#)

Daryl Hall Scholarship Criteria

Preference shall be given to those:

- ◆ Pursuing a 2-year college degree
- ◆ Degree programs/technical courses in fields directly relative to water/wastewater treatment
- ◆ Maintain a high grade point average
- ◆ Demonstrated special accomplishments or achievements
- ◆ Demonstrated active participation in community service activities

WEAT-NTS Scholarship Criteria

Preference shall be given to those:

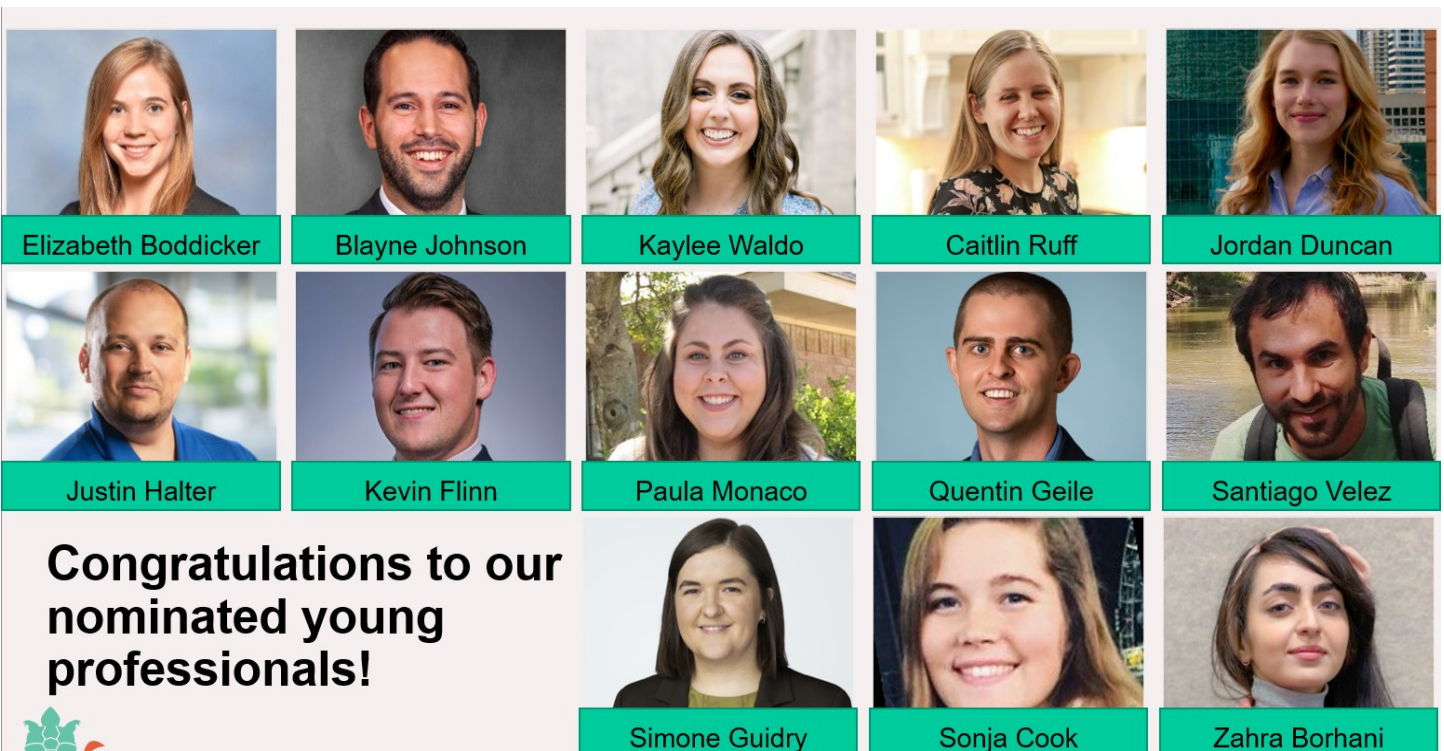
- ◆ Members of WEAT-NTS or dependents of WEAT-NTS members
- ◆ Following degree programs: Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Environmental Sciences (others not excluded)
- ◆ Maintain a high grade point average and have a high SAT/ACT score
- ◆ Demonstrated special accomplishments/achievements, community service, and leadership in extracurricular activities

Membranes and Mudbugs Recap



On Friday, May 5th, Dallas Water Utilities Central Wastewater Treatment Plant hosted the Inaugural Membranes and Mudbugs Event. Nearly 250 operators, engineers, project managers, sales representatives, and Young Professionals (YPs) gathered for a day full of networking, awards, technical talks, and coolers full of crawfish. The event was a resounding success, with a spotlight fixed on the enthusiastic and vibrant community of young professionals.

This year we wanted to better recognize our outstanding Young Professionals that support the North Texas Section. We asked you to nominate a YP you'd like to recognize for their achievements and professional growth. We had 13 YPs nominated for recognition:



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Membranes and Mudbugs Recap

Our committee reviewed the nominations and awarded two awards:



YP of the Year—Consultant
Simone Guidry, Kennedy Jenks



YP of the Year—Utility
Kaylee Waldo, UTRWD

Our technical presentations and plant tour counted for 4 hours of TCEQ credit with our presentations being presented by YPs from the consulting firms.

Presentation Title	Speaker
Activated Sludge Influent Pump Station (ASIPS) Rehabilitation Project Rehab	Isabella Boddicker, Carollo
Complex A Activated Sludge Project Recap	Cat Turner, Garver
Construction Lessons Learned	Archer Western
Electrical and Main Power Distribution at the Central WWTP	Josh Felger, Gupta
Security Master Plan	Jordan Duncan, Kimley Horn
Blower Replacement and New Building Project Recap	Alex Yoffie, Jacobs
Plant Presentation and Tour	Dan Halter, Dallas Water Utilities

Thank you to our Committee and Volunteers that helped bring this event to life:

- ◆ Lance Phillips ◆ Dan Halter ◆ Sarah Beth Yates ◆ Jeremy Trott
- ◆ Heather Wootton ◆ Paula Monaco ◆ Jordan Duncan ◆ Hunter Phelan
- ◆ John Bennett ◆ Andy Paulson ◆ Kaylie Hitch
- ◆ Phil Spitzer ◆ Simone Guidry ◆ Tanner Henson

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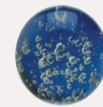
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May Meeting Recap



North Texas WEAT members came together for our second facility tour in May at the Fort Worth Biosolids Processing Facility. The \$59 million project has provided a long-term and sustainable solution by replacing the existing belt filter presses/lime stabilization process with a centrifuge dewatering and drum drying process that has elevated the Village Creek WRF biosolids from a Class “AB” standing to a Class “A” pelletized biosolids product. Steve Nutter presented on the history of solids management for the City of Fort Worth and the path to the pelletized product. Attendees first gathered at the Texas Star for lunch and then travelled to the facility to see it in action.



Next Meeting:

June 22, 2023

Location TBD

We hope to see you there!

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TRASH BASH



On April 22nd, members of WEAT participated in the TRWD Trash Bash to help remove litter throughout the community and local waterways.



Contact Santos.Sotelo@kimley-horn.com if you wish to be involved in future Public Outreach events!

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WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2021 – June 2022 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:


- WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Funds
 - Dinner Meetings
 - Section Activities (Fall BBQ and Sporting Clays Tournament)
 - February Seminar
 - Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

<p>Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •For One Dinner Meeting •Recognition of Classic Sponsors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting - Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm) - Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint - Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting
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WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$100
Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
NTS February Seminar	\$300
NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000

<p>Gold Sponsor \$1,250</p> <p>Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (for the price of five)</p> <p>Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at ALL six meetings</p>
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<p>Platinum \$1,950</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings, including the fall BBQ •Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and link on website - Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint - Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of each meeting - Recognition as February Seminar Sponsor including logo display in advertising and at event - Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events - Recognition as WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship fund contributor 	
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