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## North Texas Section

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DWU's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant



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# Leadership Message

## *Message from the* President

### **A Grateful Farewell to the WEAT-NTS Water Family,**

As I write my final message as President of the North Texas Section, I'm filled with gratitude, pride, and a deep sense of honor. Serving this Section—the largest in WEAT—has been one of the most meaningful professional experiences of my career. To have had the opportunity to help lead, support, and learn from this community is something I will always carry with me.

What makes WEAT-NTS special isn't just our size—it's our heart. Over the past year, I've watched our Section continue to grow not only in membership and engagement, but in the ways we show up for one another and for the broader water community. From technical programming and operator-focused training, to scholarships, outreach, and mentorship, WEAT-NTS continues to be a place where professionals at every career stage feel supported, valued, and connected.

I'm incredibly proud of the outreach we've strengthened and expanded—whether that's introducing students to water careers, supporting operators and young professionals, or creating spaces where engineers, utilities, consultants, and regulators come together as one water family. The impact of this Section reaches far beyond our monthly meetings, and that's because of the volunteers who give their time, energy, and passion so generously.

To our Executive Committee, committee chairs, volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and members—thank you. Your willingness to raise your hand, share your expertise, and support one another is what makes this Section thrive. Every event, every program, and every connection is the result of people who care deeply about water and about each other.

While my term as President is coming to a close, my pride in WEAT-NTS and confidence in its future has never been stronger. This Section is well-positioned to continue growing, innovating, and leading with purpose—and I'm excited to watch what comes next.

Thank you for trusting me with this role and for allowing me to serve such an exceptional community. It has truly been an honor.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Paula Monaco, PhD, PE  
President, WEAT-NTS



# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
4/9/26	WEAT Collection Systems and UCTA Happy Hour	Manhattan Project Beer Co. 2215 Sulphur Street Dallas, Tx 75208
4/17/26	Membranes and Mudbugs	DWU Central WWTP 1020 Sargent Rd Dallas, Tx 75203
4/21-30/26	Texas Water 2026	Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center 900 E Market Street San Antonio, Tx 78205
5/12/2026	YP Happy Hour	Sidecar Social 5100 Belt Line Road Addison, Tx 75254
5/21/26	WEAT-NTS May Lunch Meeting	TBD
6/11/26	WEAT-NTS June Lunch Meeting	Euless

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Join us for a bug fueled feast featuring aeration bugs and crawfish. The day will begin with a vendors corner to learn about different technologies featured and available for treatment and end with an in-depth tour of the facility.

## Location:

DWU Central WWTP  
1020 Sargent Rd  
Dallas, Tx 75203

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# Call for Nominations

The WEAT-NTS is looking for nominations to fill the Deputy Treasurer and Section Representative position. Nominations will be accepted through April 30, 2026. The nominations committee will make a recommendation of filling these positions at the WEAT-NTS May 21st meeting.

- ◆ **Deputy Treasurer** - Supports the Treasurer by assisting with financial tracking, sponsorship coordination, event payment processing, and timely reimbursement and reporting activities for WEAT-NTS.
- ◆ **Section Representative** - Represents the North Texas Section at Executive Board meetings of WEAT. Prepares summary of section activity and serves as the liaison between WEAT and WEAT-NTS. Compiles and manages TCEQ CEU applications for programs

If you have someone you would like to nominate for either position, or wish to nominate yourself, please complete the form [HERE](#).

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# February Seminar Recap



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## 2026 FEBRUARY SEMINAR

*WATER IN THE BALANCE: NAVIGATING DEMAND,  
DIRECTIVES, DOLLARS, AND A DYNAMIC WORKFORCE*

*February 10, 2026  
Hurst Convention Center*

The 2026 WEAT-NTS February Seminar took place on February 10, 2026, at the Hurst Conference Center in Hurst. The theme, ***Water in the Balance: Navigating Demand, Directives, Dollars, and a Dynamic Workforce***, set the tone for a full day of insightful discussions, knowledge sharing, and meaningful collaboration across the water industry.

Nearly 200 professionals attended this one-day event, engaging in conversations about how the industry is meeting the challenges of growing demand, regulatory pressures, funding limitations, and an evolving workforce. The February Seminar continues to serve as an essential forum for exploring emerging trends, introducing innovative practices, and addressing the critical challenges faced by the water industry.



# February Seminar Recap

We extend our sincere thanks to the 23 presenters who shared their expertise and insights. Sessions covered a wide range of topics, including collaboration, growth and planning, operations, innovation, and other key issues shaping efforts to provide safe, clean water to North Texas communities and waterways. Their contributions were instrumental in making this seminar both informative and impactful.



During the seminar, the **2025 WEAT-NTS Project of the Year Award** was presented to the **City of Cleburne's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Indirect Reuse Program**. Representatives from the City of Cleburne and Freese & Nichols were in attendance to accept the award.

Thank you to our 10 Seminar Sponsors, four Booth Sponsors, Breakfast/Break Sponsor, and Reception Sponsor! Together, their generous support helped raise approximately \$7,000. This Seminar would not be possible without them!



## Seminar Sponsors



# February Seminar Recap

This was truly a team effort. From early planning meetings and speaker coordination to sponsor outreach and day-of logistics, it took collaboration, flexibility, and a lot of behind-the-scenes work to make this seminar a success. Thank you to the Seminar Planning Committee for the time, energy, and commitment you invested in bringing everything together so seamlessly.

## 2026 February Seminar Planning Committee



**Archana Sharma**  
(Mead & Hunt)  
Co-Chair



**Megan Martin**  
(Carollo)  
Co-Chair



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(Carollo)



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(Freese & Nichols)



**Jackson Coleman**  
(Wade Trim)



**Rachel Macias**  
(NTMWD)

Seminar presentations and the CEU/PDH certificate are now on the WEAT-NTS Website! Click here to download.

[February Seminar - WEAT North Texas Section](#)

# YP Update

Our YP Committee kicked off the spring with a great Happy Hour at HG Sply Co. in Fort Worth on March 10th! The photo below captures most of the crew who came out to connect, unwind, and enjoy the sunshine after the cold snaps.



Mark your calendars—our next event, open to all YPs and the young at heart, will be on **May 12th** at **Sidecar Social** in Addison, TX. We hope to see you there!

If you're interested in attending or helping organize upcoming events, feel free to join our new GroupMe!"



# WEAT COLLECTION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE & UCTA HAPPY HOUR

Join WEAT and UCTA for an evening of drinks  
and networking!

1 drink ticket per person!



**When:**  
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
From 5:00 - 7:30 PM

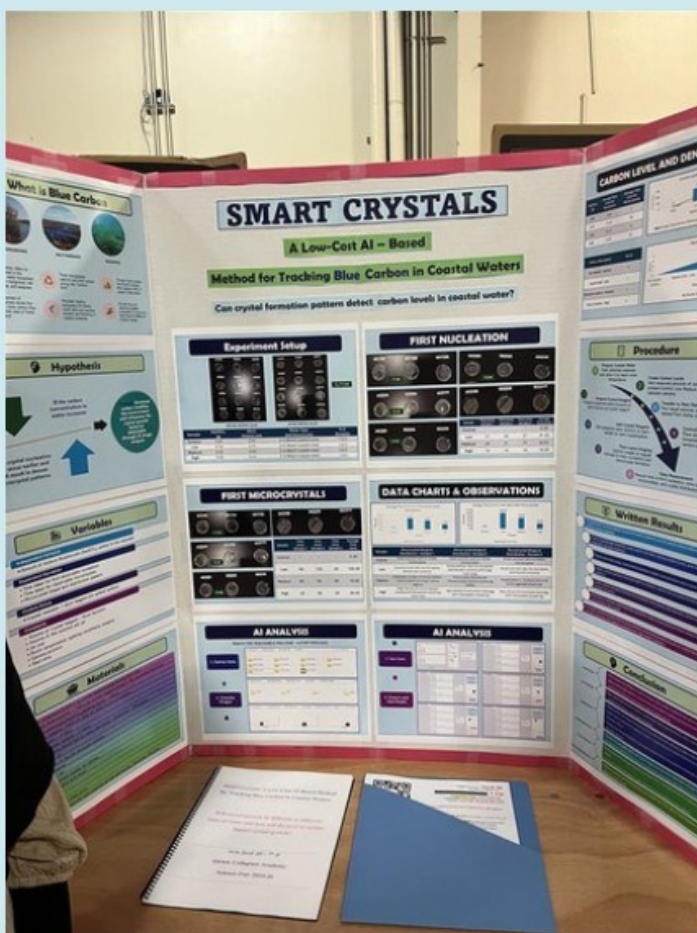
**Where:**  
Manhattan Project Beer Company  
2215 Sulphur St.  
Dallas, TX 75208

**RSVP**



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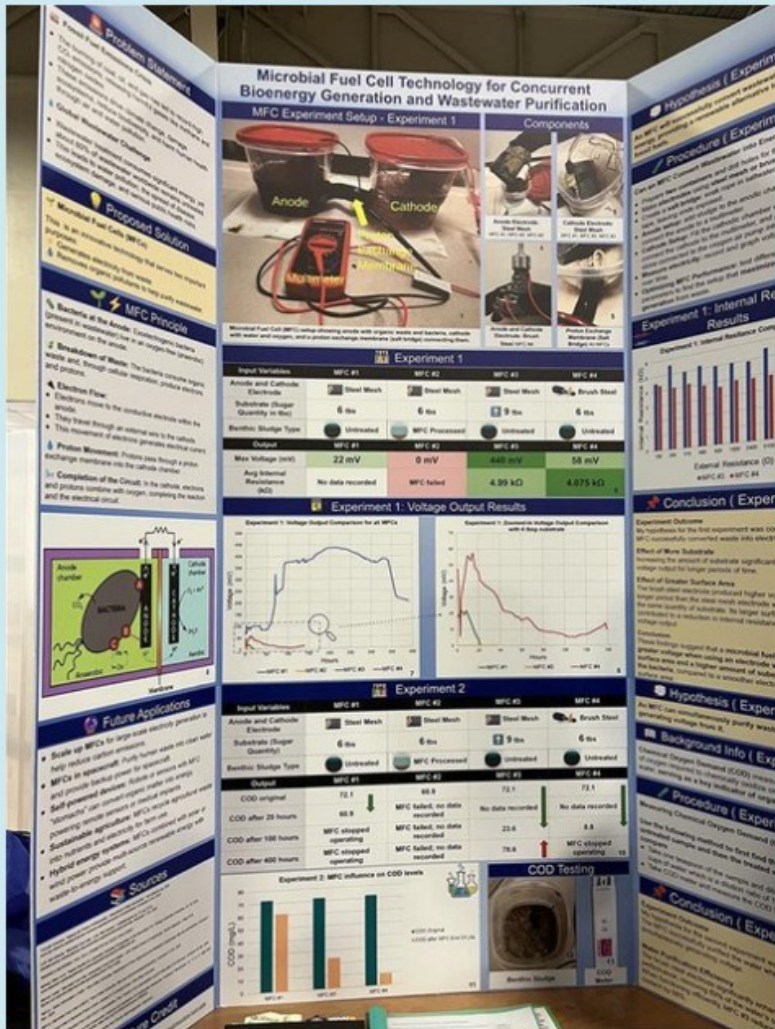
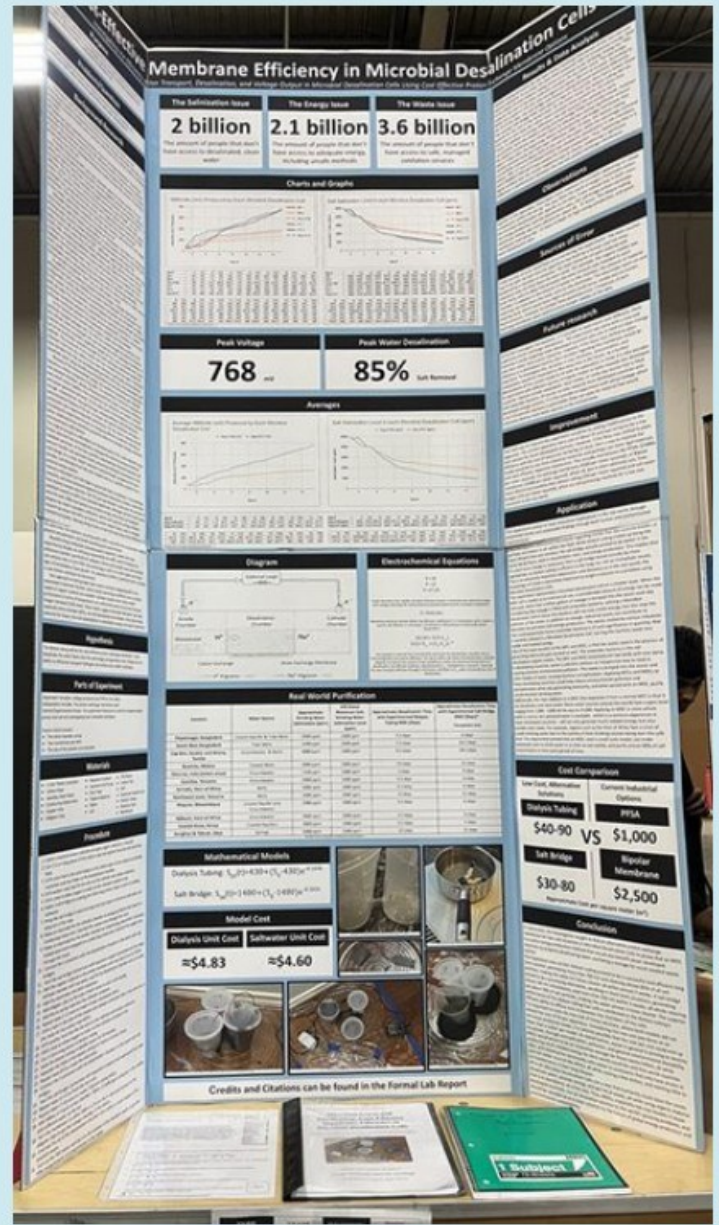


### ABOUT

The Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair (DRSEF) is an exciting non-profit organization that hosts an annual science fair for students in grades 6th through 12th from public, charter, private, and home schools across Texas Education Agency Region 10. The fair spans Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties, as well as parts of Henderson and Van Zandt counties. Since its first event in 1957, DRSEF has proudly been affiliated with the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, inspiring young minds to explore science and engineering!

# WEAT-NTS INVOLVEMENT

Our roles as Judges at the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair (DRSEF) were absolutely essential to making the fair a success this year! It was so inspiring to stand alongside many local companies, organizations, and societies that generously provided Special Awards for the event. What an exciting opportunity it was to be part of this incredible community effort!



# JUDGES TAKEAWAYS

Judging at the Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair was a rewarding experience that highlighted the curiosity, creativity, and confidence of students across grades 6–12. From a judge’s perspective, it was inspiring to see how thoughtfully students approached real-world problems and clearly communicated their ideas. Equally impactful was the strong community support—from local companies and organizations to Special Awards sponsors—which reinforced the importance of encouraging and investing in the next generation of scientists and engineers.

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# Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the January 2026 – December 2026 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:

- WEAT-NTS and Darryl Hall Scholarship Funds
- Dinner Meetings
- Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

## Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250

- ✓ One Dinner Meeting
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  - Display of (name of firm) digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
  - Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at beginning of the meeting

## Gold Sponsor \$1,250

- ✓ Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall BBQ Cook-off) for the price of five
- ✓ Recognition of the Gold Sponsors is the same as Classic Sponsors at all six meetings

## Platinum Sponsor \$1,950

- ✓ Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor at ALL six meetings (including the Fall BBQ Cook-off)
- ✓ Recognition of the Platinum Sponsors is the same as Gold Sponsors, plus:
  - Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and Company Link on WEAT-NTS website
  - Display of (name of firm) digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
  - Recognition of Platinum Sponsors by President at the beginning of each meeting
  - Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events
  - Recognition as WEAT-NTS Scholarship fund contributor

## Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

- ◆ Fall Opstoberfest BBQ Cook-Off: \$250
- ◆ Sporting Clays: Options starting at \$150
- ◆ WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contribution: \$100
- ◆ Daryl Hall Scholarship Fund Contribution: \$100
- ◆ NTS Newsletter Business Card Ad (6 issues) and website link: \$150
- ◆ NTS February Seminar: \$300
- ◆ NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor: \$500
- ◆ NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor: \$1,000
- ◆ NTS February Seminar Reception Sponsor: \$1,000
- ◆ NTS Young Professionals Sponsor: \$100

- ◆ Recognition of Individual Sponsors includes:
  - ◆ List of sponsors in newsletter announcement
  - ◆ List of sponsors in event reminder emails
  - ◆ Display of (name of firm) digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint