



Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

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SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter 2014 Scholarship Recipients

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This year, 2014, marks the 25th year that the Mid-Atlantic Chapter has offered the Scholarship Program - "A Silver Jubilee"!

The Chapter received four applications for the 2014 Scholarship Program and the amounts received by each applicant are noted below:

<u>Cat.</u>	<u>2014 Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Education (College)</u>
1	Benjamin Corfield Ramsey	\$2,000	Clemson University
1	Olivia Abigail Blades	\$1,000	University of Delaware
1A	Kristen Eshoe Fawole	\$1,000	Cornell University
3	Ashley Victoria Evans	\$ 750	Chapel Hill University Kenan-Flagler Business School

Benjamin Ramsey received the highest score by the Chapter Evaluation Committee and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. His application was forwarded to the International Committee for consideration for the Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Award. As a category 1 winner, Benjamin plans to major in Biological Sciences at Clemson University. He is the son of Amy and Thomas Ramsey, Associate, Geosyntec Consultants, Columbia, MD. Ashley Evans' application was also forwarded to SWANA International for consideration for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Award for Category 3.

Following are excerpts from Benjamin's essay: *"The future solid waste management employees of my generation ought to be entering higher education with the goal of finding new ways to turn trash into resources for less money. An advantage that we have is that we have grown up in the "green" movement. The market for eco-friendly products has been booming my entire lifetime. My generation will enter college already aware of the goals and challenges of solid waste management, and public interest in solid waste management has never been higher than it is now. That is why I am optimistic about the future direction of solid waste management."*

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"Advancing the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management in North America."

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The Chapter has invited all scholarship recipients to attend the Thursday lunch on June 19, at the MRN/SWANA-MA 2014 Annual Conference, 12:15—1:30 p.m. where each will be awarded their check to assist in defraying some of their college expenses.

The Chapter is also looking for a sponsor to replace the former Office Paper Systems Award. To sponsor the highest scoring candidate, the Chapter will accept an annual sponsorship of either \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000. In other words, the new sponsor would not have to meet the previous \$2,000 scholarship amount. The sponsor can be any organization (consultant, contractor) and can suggest a name to be given to the award.

Supporting Solid Waste Careers for Generations X and Y

By: *Lynsey Kocenko, P.E.*
Delaware Solid Waste Authority

SWANA has created a new special interest group which focuses on the next generation of solid waste professionals. This YP group promotes membership involvement in SWANA and provides YPs with the knowledge, connections and resources needed to succeed in the solid waste industry.

At WASTECON® 2013 in August, SWANA's Young Professionals group held its second annual YP networking event. The primary purpose of this event is to enable the attendees to learn more about the YP interest group, expand their professional networks, make new friends and share ideas. This year the event was modeled after speed dating. The "Minute Mentoring" event focused on quick exchange of information, time-efficient networking and the pursuit of matching a mentor and a YP. A representative from each technical division, including Aamod Sonawane, P.E., BCEE, past president of the Landfill Management Technical Division, served as a mentor to share career knowledge and work experience. Not only did the "Minute Mentoring" engage the YPs with an organization leader, participants also had an opportunity to learn about the benefits of SWANA and each technical division. Due to its success, "Minute Mentoring" will be held again at WASTECON® 2014 in Dallas, Texas.

The current goals of the YP group are:

- (1) Identify current YPs within SWANA and engage them in a dialogue to understand their needs and desires
- (2) Offer networking opportunities as a platform to connect YPs with each other, as well as to connect

them with more established industry professionals, to assist them with overcoming hurdles and achieving their goals

- (3) Develop resources and tools that provide YPs with the information and contacts needed to succeed in their careers
- (4) Provide feedback to the SWANA leadership on the YPs' vision for the future of the Association and
- (5) Offer suggestions to the SWANA leadership and staff on ways to recruit and retain new YP members.

So, at this point, you may be asking yourself, "Do I qualify as a YP?" For SWANA's purposes, a YP is defined as an individual who is 35 years of age and under.

For the YP group to be a success, we need everyone's help to promote participation in the group. Give YPs within your organization an opportunity to participate. Encourage them to join SWANA; encourage their participation in online and on-site meetings and conferences. Any way in which current SWANA professionals are willing to support the YP group is greatly appreciated and beneficial.

If you are interested in becoming a YP member, know someone who would be interested in becoming a YP Member or are interested in being a mentor at WASTECON® 2014, please **contact Lynsey Kocenko (lbk@dswa.com)**, SWANA Landfill Management Technical Division YP Representative and SWANA YP Region 4 Representative.

MRN/SWANA MA Joint Annual Conference The Road to Zero Waste...What Lies Ahead June 19 and 20, 2014

*By: Thomas C. Hilton, P.E.
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As the Maryland Department of the Environment has just issued its draft Zero-Waste Plan, and other States have already followed suit, the conference planning committee decided to focus this year's conference on Zero Waste. We have a great selection of presenters lined up for the conference, discussing such topics as the development of zero-waste plans; commercial and multi-family recycling; organics diversion practices and processing facilities; and available alternative technologies with the subsequent marketing efforts needed to attract these technologies to the mid-Atlantic region. We will also have a presenter from Mecklenburg County North Carolina, who will discuss their first-hand experience with the planning and implementation of a zero-waste program. Additionally, we should expect a beneficial roundtable discussion on various zero-waste topics between regulatory officials and local recycling and solid waste managers.

For those who have not attended in the past, the Joint annual conference is a great opportunity to listen to a host of interesting and relevant solid waste and recycling topics pertinent to the mid-Atlantic region. We typically have between 150 to 200 solid waste and recycling professionals attend along with numerous exhibitors. As an added feature, we are trying to have some outside exhibits in the parking lot this year. The conference is a great opportunity to network with your peers and to bring back some ideas to your place of work.

The SWANA mid-Atlantic Chapter is happy to announce it will again offer a discount to all SWANA members as it recognizes that budgets remain tight for many agencies and companies.

For information on the conference program and registration, please visit the website at:
<http://www.marylandrecyclingnetwork.org/2014-annual-conference-program>

We hope to see you there!

Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O

Friday, June 6, 2014

at

**Maryland Environmental Service
Midshore II Regional Solid Waste Facility
12236 River Road, Ridgely, MD 21660**

**For additional information, please visit the website
at: <http://www.swana-midatl.org/rodeo.htm>**

Save the Date!

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Annual Meeting & Crab Feast**

September 18, 2014

Location to be determined

Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ **“Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.**
- ◆ **Important Websites to Remember:** www.swana.org, www.swana-midatl.org and www.mdrecycles.org.
- ◆ **Training the Trainers:** Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ **SWANA Web Sessions:** If your organization presents e-Sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU’s. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ **Job Vacancies in your Organization:** Contact swright@nmwda.org for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- ◆ **Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.:** Contact swright@nmwda.org to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Scholarship Sponsors:** Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi or Hallie Clemm.
- ◆ **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Tim Ford tford@menv.com or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website www.swana-midatl.org or SWANA’s website www.swana.org.
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- ◆ **American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists:** If you are an environmental engineer or environmental scientist, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. See www.swana-midatl.org or www.aaees.org.

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SWANA Guiding Principle:
“Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems.”