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UCTA GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWS YOU CAN USE

UCTA awards 2020 Scholarships

MIKE SHELTON, GULF COAST VP

Each year UCTA Gulf Coast Chapter organizes a Clay Shoot and a Golf Tournament benefiting the UCTA Scholarship Fund.

The fund provides scholarships for full time post-graduate or undergraduate study for children of full-time employees of member companies of UCTA.

Due to COVID-19, our scholarships were sent out directly to our winners, instead of presenting at a lunch meeting as we have done in years past.

For more information on the scholarship process please talk to any UCTA board member.

In 2020, we provided a total of \$7,000.00 to the following worthy applicants:

- Aidrain Herrera
- Nina Kilambi
- Rahul Kilambi
- Sajid Khan
- Zakir Khan
- Aerod Wyre



Last Year's UCTA Gulf Coast Scholarship Winners
From Left to Right: Sajid Khan, Zakir Khan, Emily Rose, Katlyn Vavrecka, Jessica Vera



2020 UCTA Clay Shoot Participants and Volunteers

Successful Clay Shoot Event!

DARCY DERKOWSKI, EVENT CHAIR

The annual UCTA Gulf Coast Clay Shoot, held on August 14, 2020, looked a little different than last year. It served to be the first in person networking event hosted by UCTA post COVID introduction.

The clay committee worked tirelessly to reschedule the event from April to the middle of August to fit this invaluable fundraising event in this year. The clay committee's hard work bought us favor in the weather, and the day could not have been a more perfect, breezy sunny day to enjoy the outdoors and friends and colleagues at an appropriate social distance. Leading up to the event, the committee worried about turnout and the ability for companies to sponsor in such an uncertain time. We also worried about volunteer turnout and having enough hands on deck to run a smooth event. To combat our worries, we were careful to cut costs wherever

we could, which was a major contributing factor to the success of the event.

UCTA membership stepped up across all categories! Participants opened their wallets for the raffle to benefit our scholarship fund. We recruited new volunteers who will be returning participants, and could not have asked for more from the efforts of the committee, volunteers, sponsors, and participants. Thanks to your help we raised funds to cover all scholarships this year.

It is my belief that we all needed this event to enjoy some fresh air and the networking climate that has been stolen from us this year. I was more than encouraged to see everyone and to see the continued commitment to the future of our industry. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped make this my favorite "work day" of the year!

Gulf Coast Lunch Meetings



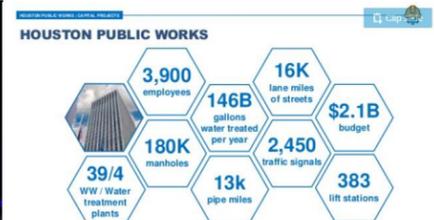
If COVID-19 polices allow, our Dec. luncheon will feature Michael Ereti, Director of Capital Projects, City of Houston.

TESA CORNETT, AM PARTNERS

UCTA general membership meetings feature a keynote speaker to address the local underground construction industry. If COVID-19 policies allow, lunches will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy located at 2019 Post Oak Blvd 77056.

Upcoming Gulf Coast Chapter meeting dates:

- December 8, 2020
- Wednesday, April 7, 2021
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021



Lunch sponsorship cost is \$300 per meeting. Sponsors receive:

- Two complimentary lunch reservations
- Company sponsorship recognition in two email blasts to UCTA's database
- Signage at the general meeting with company's name
- Recognition and thanks announcement at meeting by president

Contact Tesa Cornett at tesa@ampartner.net to sponsor a lunch meeting.