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2023 Louisiana Envirothon held at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens

BATON ROUGE - For the 17th year, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) partnered with other Louisiana organizations to host the Louisiana Envirothon, an environmental problem-solving competition, at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. On Wednesday, March 1, 13 high and middle school teams participated in the environmental competition that included testing in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current issue and an oral presentation. The 2023 current issue was Adapting to a Changing Climate. Winning teams received recognition, plaques, medals and cash prizes. The first place team will represent Louisiana at the National Conservation Foundation-Envirothon.

Participating schools included Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Caddo Parish Magnet High School, Doyle High School, Kenner Discovery, Live Oak High School, Scotlandville Magnet High School and St. Anthony School.

Winners:

First Place and Highest score winners in Aquatics & Soils: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Tree Huggers. The team members are James Xu, Sarah Thomas, Andrew Z. Wang, Brandon Lin and Louisa Zhu.

Second Place and highest score in Orals: Caddo Parish Magnet High School – the Hue Manatees. Team Members are Anika Alla, Soren Cate, Marshall O’Callaghan, Mason Sater and Alston Zhang

Third Place and Highest Score in Current Issues and Forestry: Baton Rouge Magnet High School – Bulldog Bites. Team members are Emily Chen, Keya Chanda-Rastogi, Bethiel Weldeghiorghis, Sebastian Schoegl and Sameen Enam.

Highest score in Wildlife– Baton Rouge Magnet High School – Darwin’s Bulldogs. Team Members are Payton Cooper, Estrella Vazquez, Ben Beauford, Kate Lee and Nuha Syed.

Major Sponsor of Envirothon is LSU AgCenter Botanic Garden. Patrons who sponsor the Envirothon are the Louisiana Environmental Health Association and the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts. Louisiana Envirothon partnered with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Southern University – Urban Forestry Program, LSU School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences, LSU Superfund Basic Research Program, Shreveport Aquarium and Louisiana Environmental Education Commission. to host the competition. For more information on Envirothon, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon or follow Louisiana Envirothon on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Louisiana-Envirothon-143476735949/>.