

# AIPG Student Chapter Annual Report / Student Chapter of the Year Award

AIPG STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD – DUE April 15th

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The AIPG Student Chapter of the Year Award (<http://aipg.org/studentchapteraward>) replaced the AIPG Student Chapter Annual Report since it covers the same information. It is still a requirement for all chapters to provide this information to the AIPG National Headquarters with this submittal form or send to [aipg@aipg.org](mailto:aipg@aipg.org) by May 1st.

Annual Reports received by April 15th are eligible for the AIPG Student Chapter of the Year Award.

The submittal for Student Chapter of the Year Award will consist of this submittal form or a written report (send to [aipg@aipg.org](mailto:aipg@aipg.org)). Photos documenting chapter activities are strongly encouraged (send to [aipg@aipg.org](mailto:aipg@aipg.org)). The submittal should cover the period from the beginning of the Fall Semester to the end of the Spring Semester and include the following as a minimum.

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**Name of Student Chapter \***

American Institute of Professional Geologists Student Chapter

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**Names of Student Chapter Officers and the office they hold (President, Vice President, etc.) \***

President - Josh Cichy. Vice President - Megan Miller. Secretary - Lindsey Stone. Treasurer - Jayson Olivera

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## Names of Student Chapters Officers for the following academic year and the office they hold (President, Vice President, etc.) \*

President - Chelsea Thibodeau. Vice President - Lindsey Stone. Secretary - Chelsea DeBoutte.  
Treasurer - Jayson Olivera

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## Number of AIPG Student Members in the Chapter \*

20

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## Number of Chapter Meetings per Year \*

29

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## Programs to recruit new members

Our organization pushes hard in the first month of school to try and get our name out there to people who may be interested in joining the AIPG. We have our student chapter officers go to all the classes that are teaching geology and we ask to speak in front of the class for a brief time to inspire people to come to our organization meetings and consider joining. This has had great results, this year we gained three new members all because of this action!

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## Activities within the department (seminars, guest speakers, field trips, career day, mentoring, etc.)

Our organization is quite embedded in the fabric of our department. We have "Meet the Professor Night" which was made for new faculty members to come and speak at our organization meetings to try to get to know us and for us student to start to know them better. It has been a huge success in creating a positive atmosphere for the students and faculty, by getting to know the professor not only on the professional level we build camaraderie.

This year we had one guest speaker, Montana Krukowski, who is a Central Michigan University alumni and works for the MDEQ doing contamination investigation. He visited us on our first organization meeting this year and it was fantastic. The students who are interested in getting into the environmental field of Geology asked many questions and have kept in contact with him.

Another activity that we are proud to boast about is our Field Camp Preparation Day which was held on two days, March 24th and March 30th. Our Vice President, Megan Miller, created this idea and ensured it happened for our members who will be attending field camp this summer. They went over what to pack, how to use a Brunton, topographic map review, Stereonet plots, and general advice for those who participated. The students who attended this event were very happy and felt like they were positively impacted and more prepared for their field camp. Lastly, we invited one of our department advisers to come and give a small presentation regarding research opportunities we have and how important they are for us undergraduates. We find it very important to share information in our organization which can positively benefit our members college experiences and lives.

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## Fundraisers

This year we have held four Rock'n Bake Sales where we sold; Rocks, Minerals, Baked Goods, and Vinyl Records. They were all very lucrative and gave us multiple opportunities to interact with people from our university and share with them what we think is beautiful and intriguing. Our treasurer, Jayson Olivera, truly helped our organization make more money during these events because he was able to get an iPad and Square Credit Card Processor. Utilizing this technology we itemized all of our products online and was able to generate more money on our last 3 Rock'n Bake Sales because we could now accept credit cards. Since we are in college many people do not have cash on them so this was a fantastic method of ensuring we can generate money at all times.

We have also just completed our newest fundraiser which was ordering department themed Flannels and geology T-shirts. It was a hefty investment but it has paid off because we have generated money and created long lasting memories for our members and department overall.

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## Activities within the university (geology awareness, recycling, sustainability awareness, Earth Day, etc.)

This upcoming week our organization will be participating in our universities Earth Week Awareness events with the Student Environmental Alliance. We are going to spend time in the Bovee University Center trying to remind our students and community members how important our Earth is and what it provides while giving some insight to Geology since that is what our organization is geared towards.

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## Activities with the community

Before school started this year we were invited to participate in the "Thrilling Thursday Mad Science Fair" on July 20th. Four members of the AIPG attended this event and it was surprising how much fun we had and how much fun the people of the community had. Our organization showed off rocks and minerals and had a volcano demonstration. There was a competition between the people and organizations that competed and we got voted second place out of five! This was one of my most favorite activities we have ever done in the community.

Another event we were registered to attend for our community was the Soaring Science Spectacular on April 15th, but horrible weather came to Mount Pleasant and it was canceled unfortunately. This event was created from the Recreation Programs and Events team and it was geared directly towards all fields of science and to have positive interactions within our community.

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## Interactions with professional geologists and the local AIPG Section

This year I am proud to announce that our chapter has been extremely involved with our state and national organization. In the fall of last year our student chapter took five members down the AIPG National Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Some of our members had been to national conferences before, but only for GSA so we had no idea what to expect from the AIPG National Meeting. Despite that, all five of us were so satisfied with this event we did not want to leave when it came time to go. Being able to meeting professional geologist from the AIPG was immensely helpful and made us proud to be members of this organization. This national conference was very welcoming too, the atmosphere there was light and energetic. I am proud that I brought the most students out of all the other universities that attended.

Also this year I am proud to state that our student chapter has attended the most local Michigan Section Meetings in our organizations history. This year we went to Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, and attended the section meeting here in Mount Pleasant. After attending the AIPG National Meeting and bragging about how much fun and helpful it was it inspired more of our student members to want to be immersed in this organization. Going to these difference state section meetings we helpful because we got to interact with the Michigan Section Officers and have fun opportunities to network with professionals from Michigan. This organization has been so beneficial for not only myself, but all the student members who participate.

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## Other significant activities that the chapter considers important to the mission of AIPG.

Our student chapter holds weekly tutoring for all students going through courses in geology on Sunday evenings in our department building, Brooks Hall. This has not only benefited the students who come for help in their classes, but for us tutors because this gives us the opportunity to try and effectively communicate geology and keep up with all the things we have learned.

If you like what you've heard look for our Annual Report, it will have photos from our adventurers over the year!

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