Chapter News

December 2010

Activity: Weather Today

The chapter’s Weather Today committee invited meteorologist Jesús Figueroa from the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office at San Juan to share his perspective on the global warming issue. On December 7, Figueroa gave an entertaining and informative talk about climate change, its relationship to hurricanes, and its potential impacts on Puerto Rico and the USA. The talk concluded with a discussion of professional opportunities at the NWS. Figueroa then answered one-on-one questions over refreshments.

Monthly Meeting:

Thirty members attended the last meeting of the semester on December 9 (10:45 am). The chapter officers summarized past activities and encouraged the group to become even more engaged in future events. They also discussed creating a survey to gather anonymous feedback on the activities. Finally, they announced the upcoming gatherings and the plans for spring semester.

Activity: Blood Drive

On December 20, the chapter hosted a blood drive at the UPRM Student Center as part of its community outreach mission. The event was promoted around all school buildings and the participants were very enthusiastic about helping save others’ lives.

Activity: Christmas Dinner

The chapter’s traditional end-of-semester dinner was held on December 22. The attendants enjoyed an appetizing meal while getting to know each other better in a fun and relaxed environment. A Christmas-themed decoration, music, and karaoke were some of the treats of the evening. The final touch was given by a gift exchange among members.
Activity: Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Geosciences

Six students prepared presentations about undergraduate internship and scholarship programs to share with the chapter members on December 23. These were: the internship managed by the UPRM Physics Department’s Atmospheric Science and Meteorology program, the Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes (CMMAP), Research Experience in Solid Earth Science for Students (RESESS), Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science (SOARS), and the NOAA Educational Partnership Program Undergraduate Scholarship Program. The talks included a brief description of each program, their requirements, and guidance for the application process. The students also shared pictures of their diverse experiences to motivate the attendants to apply.

Activity: Hot Dog / Pizza Sales

A total of 3 sales were held for fundraising. This month the menu’s main course changed from hot dogs to pizza.