

Phosphorus Forms of Lake Pontchartrain Sediments Prior to Opening of the Bonnet Carré Spillway in 2011

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I was offered a great opportunity by the LSU Sea Grant to conduct a research project this past summer. This experience has taught me the understanding of a researcher's daily tasks and working in a laboratory environment. Working closely with my research professor, Dr. John White, is something that I have valued the most. Not only have I broadened my educational understanding but I have also gained intellectual skills that will help me to become a better person. I also get the opportunity to meet other colleagues and peers that share the same interest as I do. The UROP experience also motivated me to continue the current research and potentially going to graduate school. My primary career goal in life is to improve myself as an individual and to assist others. In the future, my plan is to attend graduate school and work on a research that is closely related to my project this past summer. I want to investigate biogeochemical cycles that affect the ecology of aquatic and wetland ecosystems and to understand how the physical and chemical environment influences biota and how biotic activities alter ecosystems. This UROP experience had created a pathway for me to get involved with research and I have learned great skills as a student and as an individual.