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### **2020 Louisiana Envirothon held at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens**

**BATON ROUGE** – For the 15th 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 Saturday, Feb. 15, nine high school teams participated in the environmental competition that included testing in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current issue and an oral presentation. The 2020 current issue was Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions.

Winning teams received recognition, plaques, medals and cash prizes. Participating schools included Baton Rouge International School, Caddo Parish Magnet High School, Calvin High School, Live Oak High School, Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy, University Laboratory School, Vinton High School and Winnfield High School.

#### Winners of the 2020 Louisiana Envirothon:

First Place: Caddo Parish Magnet High School (*Leah Sullivan, Diya Desai, Ashini Modi, Savannah Green and Olivia Horrell*)

Second Place: Winnfield High School – Future Farmers of America (FFA) (*Lauren Poole, Peyton Little, Annie Heard, Joy So and Gracelyn Chevallier*)

Third Place: Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy (*Olivia Guerra, Merrick Crosby, Emily Kraus, Ella Grindstaff and Ahmed Farhoud*)

#### Highest Scores in Testing Areas:

Caddo Parish Magnet High School School (*Leah Sullivan, Diya Desai, Ashini Modi, Savannah Green and Olivia Horrell*) scored highest in Forestry, Current Issue and Orals.

Live Oak High School – Environmental Club (*Ariana Milner, Harley Bowman, Ernogene Stringer, Lauren Rogers and Kelsey Overman*) scored highest in Soils and Wildlife.

Winnfield High School – Future Farmers of America (FFA) (*Lauren Poole, Peyton Little, Annie Heard, Joy So and Gracelyn Chevallier*) scored highest in Aquatics.

LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens was a major sponsor of the 2020 Louisiana Envirothon. Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts sponsored as patron level sponsors. Louisiana Environmental Health Association and Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association sponsored at the supporter level. Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, The Kolache Kitchen and Bluewing Civil Consulting all sponsored at the friend level. Learn more about sponsorship opportunities by visiting <http://bit.ly/Envirothon2020Sponsorship>.

Louisiana Envirothon partnered with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Louisiana Environmental Education Commission, LSU School of Plant, Environmental & Soil Sciences, LSU Superfund Basic Research Program and Southern University and A&M College – Urban Forestry Program to host the competition.

For more information on Envirothon, please visit [www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon) or follow Louisiana Envirothon on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Louisiana-Envirothon-143476735949/>.



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