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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I want to thank the board for my selection and for the opportunity to serve our communities with them.

The truth is I have always been inspired by the leaders of this organization, they have been champions of our industry and region, but more importantly they have taught us the value of community service despite the rigors of our everyday lives.

Early in my career I learned this from mentors like Clifford Smith, Chuck Weaver, and Tony Alford. I see this service every day in this gathering and with the members of this organization.

We are called now more than ever to service because we are living in unique times.

We face unparalleled administrative pressure on our industry... labor issues, supply issues, regulation, etc. We have endured IDA and a pandemic, but we are still strong, ready to adapt and thrive. I am excited to be a part of these changing times and what it will mean for SCIA.

I look forward to the challenge of fighting to protect our industry, our communities, and our workforce. Mostly I look forward to continuing the mission of this organization and the progress we can make together.

Thank you for entrusting me with this honor and for supporting this great organization!

Mitch Marmande

## BOARD MEMBERS



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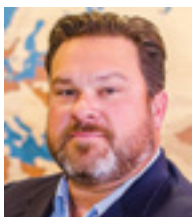
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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It's time to welcome 2022 and kiss 2021 so long!

Although 2021 wasn't exactly kind to us, we were able to host some of our events throughout the year. Even after postponing and rescheduling, all three of our fundraisers were held and deemed a success!

We were able to hold our annual Crawfish Boil in April of this year and after being cooped up for the better part of 2020, it was a welcomed networking event. As always, we were able to hold our Golf Tournament in October, since it was outdoors. And finally, our annual Awards Banquet that we normally hold in June was pushed back to November. Thankfully, our wonderful speaker, Coach Paul Mainieri was able to make the new date and boy, did he give a great speech! We weren't able to host all of our monthly General Membership Luncheons, but we were still working behind the scenes on letters of support, webinars, scholarships, etc.

Although Santa Clause may have some time off, Kathy and I are making our list and checking it twice for membership. If you haven't sent in your dues, this is one naughty list you don't want to be on!

Here's hoping that 2022 doesn't call for cancelations and reschedules of events and life in general!

Christy Alley Zeringue

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Crawfish Boil**  
Jason Bergeron

**Finance**  
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# IIJA POISED TO HELP THE BAYOU REGION

BY CHRISTY ZERINGUE

On November 15th President Biden signed into law the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The original Democratic infrastructure proposal had outlined \$2.6 trillion in spending, including additional sectors such as public housing and research and development. The \$1.2 trillion Senate bill allocated \$550 billion in new spending on transportation, water and power infrastructure, and pollution cleanup, in addition to regular annual spending on infrastructure projects.

U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy calls the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act a “once in a lifetime opportunity” to benefit Louisiana. Cassidy explained that the plan includes north of \$500 billion in new funding that will go toward roads, bridges, coastal restoration, hardening “the grid,” providing reliable high-speed access to every American, and more.

The states to be prioritized are the states that have been hit by natural disasters over the last six years.

Regarding broadband internet, he said that the parishes and counties with no or inadequate high-speed internet coverage are the ones that will be prioritized.

“That includes the Bayou; that includes a lot of Louisiana,” Cassidy said. “And so it’s going to help us tremendously.”

U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy said he believes the Houma-Thibodaux area will benefit as much or more than any other coastal region from the infrastructure bill approved by Congress.

Cassidy, a lead author, said the bill’s passage is a great feeling.

“I truly think that there are families out there whose lives will be better,” said Cassidy

For Terrebonne and Lafourche, Cassidy said the parishes are “front and center” on the issue of losing coastlines. He said the bill includes money for coastal restoration projects and that states recently hit by natural disasters are being prioritized.

“That speaks to these two parishes,” he said, adding that money for ports, waterways and flood-prevention projects is also important to the region.

Cassidy said the measure’s passage shows “Congress is capable of putting the needs of the American people first,” he said.

“There’s so much politics in Washington that people vote against, good legislation, because they don’t like the politics of the people who are promoting it,” he said. “The way I look at it, we should put the American people first and politics second. The infrastructure bill puts the American people first.”

Gov. John Edwards said that the Infrastructure Act is a “big win” for Louisiana as it will allow the state to advance long-overdue and much-needed major road and bridge projects, as well as help expand high-speed internet access.

“These bipartisan investments will be nothing short of transformational,” Edwards said.

Over the next five years, he said, the investment will create a “more resilient transportation system that can better withstand disruptions from extreme weather.”

“Louisiana’s aging infrastructure will receive improvements that create a better overall quality of life for all users, expand the economy and provide a more reliable transportation system for citizens and businesses in Louisiana,” Edwards said.

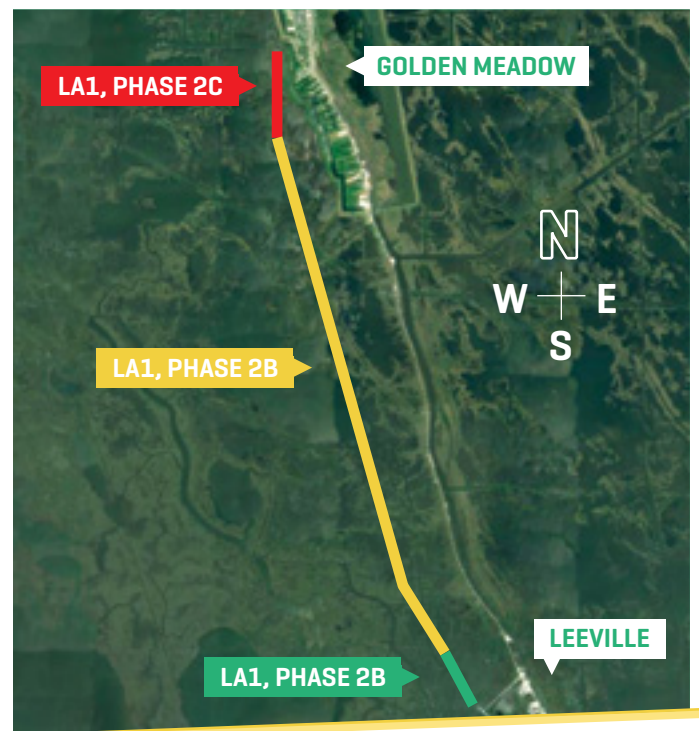
# CONTRACT AWARDED TO JAMES CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE 2 OF THE LA 1 PROJECT

LA DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson executed a \$463 million contract last month between the state and James Construction for construction of the much-anticipated 8.3-mile elevated highway from Golden Meadow to Leeville, known as Phase 2 of the LA 1 Improvement Project. (Highlighted in red, yellow and green in map below.)

DOTD expects to issue the Notice to Proceed to James Construction by January 31, 2022. Following an assembly period, the contracted construction period of 1,740 calendar days will begin. On this schedule, the highway could be open in fall 2027. The LA 1 Coalition will provide updates on the construction timeline in 2022 and beyond, and the Coalition plans to host a groundbreaking ceremony in 2022 when construction begins.

"The execution of a contract for construction of Phase 2 is a milestone achievement for the Coalition, Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Lafourche Parish, the State of Louisiana, and all of the industry stakeholders who depend on a safe and reliable LA 1 to fuel and feed our nation. **Thank you to Governor Edwards, Secretary Wilson, our federal and state delegation, and many local and industry partners who have worked with us for over two decades to make construction of this elevated highway between Golden Meadow and Leeville possible,**" said LA 1 Coalition Chairman Chett Chiasson.

In 2020, the LA 1 Phase 2 Project received a \$135 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's INFRA Grant Program for Phase 2 construction. Another \$150 million of construction funding will come from BP Economic Damage monies which was committed in Act 443 of state's 2019 Regular Legislative Session. Additional funds were pledged through the state Capital Outlay Program, from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, from Lafourche Parish Government, from local landowners, several oil and gas companies, and the LA 1 Coalition.



# SHELL SENIOR VP PRESENTS TO SCIA MEMBERS

BY CHRISTY ZERINGUE

**At the December SCIA General Membership luncheon, Colette Hirstius, Senior Vice President for the Gulf of Mexico for Shell presented a little history and some future plans to the membership.**

Hirstius, who grew up in New Orleans with family ties to Thibodaux, drew parallels to the bayou region for both she and Shell. She noted that the deepwater business was built on the bayou at the old McDermott site in Amelia over 40 years ago with the delivery of Cognac, the world's first offshore structure in water deeper than 1,000 feet.

Regarding Shell's present, their logistics hub in Port Fourchon at C-Port 2 services all of their Gulf of Mexico operations. This year alone, they transited roughly 1 million tons of cargo to the offshore assets through Port Fourchon. This took over 1,575 vessel trips and nearly 30,000 truck trips to stage the cargo to support their offshore assets and people.

In 2020, they consolidated all of their aviation operations in Louisiana to Houma and now fly the vast majority of their offshore personnel through their aviation partner, PHI, who flies on average 5,600 people to and from offshore each month!

Each day roughly 2,000 people work on Shell's assets offshore in the Gulf. And that's just their Deepwater business! They also have two manufacturing plants, a catalyst facility, retail stations and a pipelines business that connects all of these businesses and the thousands of people who work for Shell across our Working Coast.

Currently, Shell is producing well over 300,000 barrels of oil and gas per day in the Gulf, which accounts for 1 in every 5 barrels of oil and gas produced by Shell across the globe. "Our low carbon footprint will make these barrels the most attractive and most important in our global portfolio so that we can meet our net zero ambition by 2050, in line with society and governments' shared goals for transition to a net zero economy," Hirstius proudly explained. Globally, Shell's purpose toward that future is to "Power Progress Together by producing more and cleaner energy."

Shell group invests approximately \$3 billion annually into operations and even more on new project development. Hirstius went on to discuss some developments with Whale, Vito, Leopard, Powernap and King Embayment. Highlighting Vito, she explained that it is located in more than 4,000 feet of water, about 75 miles south of Venice and it was designed in 2009. Well into the project, oil prices started dropping and

it became clear that the design wasn't compatible with the future of drilling. After re-scoping the entire project, the Vito team reimagined the project, resulting in 70% lower costs. Hirstius said, "Vito shows that we can make the possible, affordable and it speaks to one of our core beliefs: simpler is safer."

Hirstius said, "Our business is more than just the work that has gone on offshore. We work under the premise that the investment they make in this region should help uplift communities and transform lives so we can preserve and protect the unique culture and communities along Louisiana's Working Coast." Since August 29th, Shell has pledged over \$1,000,000 in response assistance through local non profits." Each year, Shell invests nearly \$1,000 dollars in more than twenty-five local non-profit organizations to improve educational opportunities for those in need.

Hirstius thanked SCIA for the work we do every day to be a voice for our energy industry, and our working coast.



**Colette Hirstius**, Senior Vice President for the Gulf of Mexico for Shell



# SCIA 2021

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## ICE Committee hosted HR Workshops

- **June 2021** - Hosted WorkKeys workshop at Fletcher (in person)
- **Nov 2021** - Hosted HR Workshop by Fisher Phillips (in person)

## POWER Committee Hosted Webinars

- **US Senator Bill Cassidy**  
– Royalty Relief & GoMesa
- **US Congressman Steve Scalise**  
– Gulf Lease Sale Moratorium
- **Congressman Bill Cassidy**  
– Infrastructure Bill
- **Hosted pre-Legislative Luncheon**  
for delegation and stakeholders
- **Hosted the Legislative Breakfast**  
at the Capitol for our delegation

## Speakers

- **US Army Corps of Engineers**, Colonel Murphy
- **Richard Heo**, CEO Gulf Island Fabrication
- **Ben Bordelon**, CEO of Bollinger Shipyards
- **Eric Molito**, President of NOIA
- **Coach Paul Mainieri** for our Annual Banquet
- **Colette Hirstius**, Senior VP GOM, Shell

## Crawfish Boil Committee

- 2020 Crawfish Boil – Canceled
- 2021 Crawfish Boil – Success!

## Golf Tournament Committee

- 2020 Golf Tournament - 44 teams
- 2021 Golf Tournament - 42 teams

## Other Events

- Hosted networking event at Danos
- BBQ Lunch at Southdown after Covid was behind us in 2020 (we thought)
- Co-hosted Frank Macchiarola, VP of API

## Letters of Support and Templates to Aid Our Members

- Oil & Gas Moratorium letter to Delegation
- OCS Leasing letter to President Biden
- Support of Leeville Marsh Creation Project
- Support of Bulkhead at LUMCON
- Support of Fourchon Bridge & Connector
- Support of Terrebonne Parish against Legacy Lawsuits
- Wrote op-ed opposing Legacy Lawsuits in Terrebonne Parish
- Support of Lafourche Parish against Legacy Lawsuits
- Support of 2022 Appropriations Request for Morganza to the Gulf Levee System
- Support of RISEE (Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems) for dedicated funding streams for coastal infrastructure and resiliency

## OF NOTE

- **GAVE A \$1,500 NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIP TO NICHOLLS STUDENT IN 2021**
- **GAVE A \$1,500 NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIP TO FLETCHER STUDENT IN 2020**
- **GAVE OUT 6 \$1,000 MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHILDREN OF MEMBER COMPANIES**
- **BROUGHT IN 25 NEW MEMBERS IN 2021**
- **BROUGHT IN 5 NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS IN 2021**
- **HAD THE FEWEST MEMBERS NOT RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HISTORY OF SCIA!**

# AWARDS BANQUET



SCIA HOSTED IT'S **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**,  
RECOGNIZING SPECIAL SCIA MEMBERS AND GUESTS!





# 2022 MEMBERSHIP

**Thank you for being a member of South Central Industrial Association (SCIA). We remain committed to supporting industrial related businesses and the communities we serve. It is through your support that we can provide scholarships, contributions, excellent workshops, events, and general membership meetings with dynamic speakers for our member companies.**

Membership renewal is \$350.00 per year, due at the end of January of each year. This \$350.00 fee includes regular membership for *all* employees within the entire company. We are proud to maintain such high standards for our member companies—*our rates have never increased since our inception in 1997!*

Aside from our regular membership, SCIA offers several worthwhile corporate membership packages. Corporate membership provides a comprehensive opportunity to be involved in all facets of SCIA activities as a valued sponsor. Additionally, the SCIA Board of Directors is offering all corporate members the option to bring in one new regular member per year at no charge for the 2022 year! We've also included a new Bronze tier this year for the challenging times.

**Please call the SCIA office at 985-851-2201 for more information about our Corporate Membership Packages.** Please contact us to update any information like contact names, addresses, emails, phone, etc.

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- Workshop Event Signage
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- Reserved table of 8 with complimentary meals at all monthly SCIA General Membership Meetings
- Half page advertisement in **all** printed Communique SCIA newsletters
- Featured article on company in one printed Communique SCIA newsletter

# PACKAGES

## GOLD CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP / \$10,000 PER YEAR

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- **Banquet Ruby \$5,000.00 Sponsor:** VIP Table of 10, recognition in banquet multi-media presentation, recognition on SCIA website and in the annual banquet program
- Major Golf Sponsor and **one** team (4-man scramble at \$1,000.00 per team)
- 12-Foot Corporate Flag at SCIA events—banquet, golf tournament and crawfish boil
- Signage at monthly SCIA GM meetings
- Eight (8) tickets to the annual Crawfish Boil (a sell-out event!)
- Includes regular membership for all employees within the entire company with emphasis on workforce development initiatives, high-level networking opportunities, and HR workshop participation for all employees
- Four (4) complimentary meals at all monthly SCIA General Membership Meetings
- Quarter-page advertisement in **all** printed Communique SCIA newsletters
- Featured article on company in one printed Communique SCIA newsletter

## SILVER CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP / \$5,000 PER YEAR

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- **Banquet Sapphire \$2500.00 Sponsor:** Table of 8, recognition in banquet multi-media presentation, recognition on SCIA website and in the annual banquet program
- Major Golf Sponsor and **one** team (4-man scramble at \$1,000.00 per team)
- 12-foot Corporate Flag at SCIA events—banquet, golf tournament and crawfish boil
- Signage at monthly SCIA GM meetings
- Five (5) tickets to the annual Crawfish Boil (a sell-out event!)
- Includes regular membership for all employees within the entire company with emphasis on workforce development initiatives, high-level networking opportunities, and HR workshop participation for all employees.

## BRONZE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP / \$2,500 PER YEAR

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- **Banquet Opal \$800.00 Sponsor:** Seating for 4, recognition in banquet multi-media presentation, recognition in the annual banquet program
- Choice between either a Golf Sponsor with one team (4-man scramble at \$1,000.00 per team) OR 12-foot Corporate Flag at SCIA events - banquet, golf tournament and crawfish boil
- Signage at monthly SCIA GM meetings
- Two (2) tickets to the annual Crawfish Boil (a sell-out event!)
- Includes regular membership for all employees within the entire company with emphasis on workforce development initiatives, high-level networking opportunities, and HR workshop participation for all employees

## CONGRESSMAN VISITS AREA **POST-IDA**

**U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, House Whip, toured Bollinger Shipyards Lockport facility in mid-October to see first-hand the ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Ida's landfall as a powerful Category 4 storm in late August.**

Bollinger's facilities in Lockport, Port Fourchon, Larose and Houma suffered significant damage as a result of the storm. After only 25 days post-Hurricane Ida, Bollinger Shipyards announced that all 11 of its facilities are now open and operational.

"We were honored to host Congressman Scalise and that he spent time in Lockport this week touring our facilities and meeting with some of the 650 employees that support our operations here. On behalf of the men and women of Bollinger, I thank Congressman Scalise for his continued support, recognition and leadership he provides on maritime issues, and especially on the Fast Response Cutter program."

Bollinger's Lockport facility is home to the U.S. Coast Guard's Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutter (FRC) program, which directly supports 650 jobs.

"Each year brings a new storm season, and with it, its own unique set of challenges - this year has been no different. But to know our workers is to understand the strength and resiliency of the Cajun people. I'm incredibly proud of our workforce for their dedication to getting all of our facilities back up and running safely so that we can continue delivering for our customers. In spite of record storms or the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, America's Maritime Defense Industrial Base is unmovable."

## CONGRESSMAN GRAVES **HELPS THE BAYOU REGION**

**Before, during, and after Hurricane Ida's landfall, Congressman Graves has been there for the Bayou Region.**

He continues to work with local officials to ensure unmet needs are met and help make our communities more resilient than before. His office continues to help folks get resources and information to aid their recovery. For example, in the photos: He lead members of Louisiana's congressional delegation down to Port Fourchon for a briefing with port officials and checked in with first responders that were working tirelessly to serve our communities. He additionally visited several times parish emergency operation centers and served meals in lower Terrebonne Parishes with Bishop Fabre and Catholic Charities.



Congressman Garret Graves (left) meets with **Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson** (right)

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## DANOS WINS ESG AWARD

Danos has been honored for leading the way in its environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices as a recipient of Hart Energy's 2021 ESG Top Performers Award.

"There is a growing focus on ESG in our industry right now, but we've been a top performer in this area for a long time. We're honored to be recognized as an industry leader in ESG," said CEO Paul Danos.

Danos' commitment to protecting, preserving and restoring the natural environment is evidenced in its partnership with Natrx. Together, the companies are impacting coastal resilience and restoration by installing nature-based infrastructure solutions that reduce carbon emissions. The companies' first joint project involved the placement of "Cajun Coral," an innovative 3D-printed infrastructure, to establish a new reef in the Golden Meadow marshland area. The installation will provide more substantial protection from erosion for this vital coastal wetland.

Danos has also expanded its portfolio of projects to include work in the renewable energy sector. Most recently the company has done this through maintaining, repairing and installing solar panels, with projects in Arizona, Utah and Texas.

In the area of social responsibility, Danos is charting a unique path through the Danos Foundation. Funded primarily through employee donations and Danos corporate contributions, the Foundation has given more than \$600,000 to help 80 organizations and more than 400 employees in need since its launch in 2017.

"The work of the Foundation is a manifestation of our company's purpose, 'Honor God. Solve big challenges for our customers and communities,'" said Danos.

The Foundation leverages three programs to provide support for communities where Danos employees live and work: GIVES, a grant-giving component, WORKS, a volunteer initiative, and CARES, which aids employees who have needs arising from unexpected events.



Operations Manager **Melanie Hill** (left), CEO **Paul Danos** (center) and Vice President of Marketing, Strategy and Community Affairs **Renee Piper** (right)



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## STEM KIT TREATS GIVEN AT FLETCHER HALLOWEEN EVENT

Chevron and the LaSTEM Region 3 partnered with Lafourche Education Foundation, Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence and the Bayou Country Children's Museum for a Halloween-themed drive-through event at Fletcher Technical Community College.

School supplies and 500 "Spooky" STEM activity kits for K-12 students were distributed at the event, along with to-go food plates provided by the Meyer Financial Group and Halloween goodie bags donated by the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

LaSTEM Region 3 services Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption parishes, and Grand Isle.



**Left Photograph:** Pictured from left to right: **Dr. Clint Coleman** Program Administrator of LASTEM and Cybersecurity for the LA Board of Regents, Senator **Sharon Hewitt**, **Dr. Kim Hunter Reed**, LA Commissioner of Higher Education, **Dr. Kristine Strickland**, Chancellor Fletcher Technical Community College, and **"Troper" Reed**

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## DANOS ONBOARDS EXECUTIVE ACCOUNT MANAGER FOR CHEVRON

Danos has hired Isaac Villarreal to serve as its newest executive account manager. A thirty-year industry veteran, he will be responsible for overseeing and growing Danos' 74-year relationship with Chevron.

"Isaac is an excellent addition to our team," said CEO Paul Danos. "He brings a wealth of industry knowledge and a long career at Chevron, perfect for overseeing the relationship that dates to 1947 when Chevron became Danos' first customer."

Villarreal retired from Chevron in December 2020 after a twenty-year career with the company. At Chevron, he worked in both upstream and downstream business units and held multiple management roles in operations, aviation and marketing. His geographical areas of responsibility included Hawaii, the Bahamas, California, Colorado, and Texas.

Villarreal holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from California State University Long Beach. A native of Los Angeles, California, Villarreal resides in Houston, Texas, where he has lived for over fifteen years with his wife Diana and two sons.



**Isaac Villarreal**

## MORRISON HIRES WIND & RENEWABLES VETERAN TO SPEARHEAD EXPANSION

Chet Morrison Contractors, LLC (Morrison), a leading energy service company for the oil and gas industry, announces the hiring of Kirk Meche as Director of Renewable Energy. With more than three decades of experience as a thought-leader in the energy industry, Meche is responsible for propelling expansion into the wind and renewables sector. Meche has gained national attention for his role in pioneering the entrance of oil and gas fabricators into the wind energy business.

Prior to joining the Morrison team, Meche worked for over 23 years at Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (Gulf Island), a fabricator of complex steel structures and modules to the industrial and energy sectors. A publicly-traded company with a rich history in oil and gas, Gulf Island was the fabricator for Block Island, the first wind farm to be established in the U.S. Meche served in multiple leadership roles at the company, including board member and President/CEO. Meche also serves as the Executive Consultant to the Vice President of Nicholls State University.

“We are extremely proud to have Kirk join our team,” said CEO Chet Morrison. “His vast knowledge of the industry coupled with the strong relationships he has built amongst its key players make him an invaluable asset to oversee our growth in wind and renewables.”

Wind is the largest source of renewable power in the United States, with offshore energy pipeline development increasing 24% over the past year. Furthermore, the Biden Administration has also announced a goal to produce 30 gigawatts of offshore wind power by 2030. Morrison is

committed to remaining an integral part of the supply chain to deliver alternative solutions for sustainable U.S. energy in the coming years.

Morrison has over 38 years of experience serving as a preferred contractor and fabricator for many leading energy companies, including Shell, Chevron, ExxonMobil, BP and others. With fabrication facilities in the U.S., Mexico and the Caribbean, Morrison is well-positioned to fabricate substations, jackets and ancillary components for large-scale projects. As a highly experienced shallow water shore approach and onshore pipeline installation contractor, Morrison is pursuing opportunities to utilize its experience and proficiency in this area to perform cable lay from substations to the onshore power grid.

“We fully understand the necessity to obtain clean and affordable energy solutions,” said Meche. “Morrison is proud to be a part of these efforts and is eager to facilitate a better tomorrow for the future of our nation.”

Morrison has also joined the Business Network for Offshore Wind Development to further grow its presence in the industry. The Business Network for Offshore Wind is a nonprofit, educational organization with a mission to develop the offshore wind renewable energy industry and its supply chain. The goal of the supply chain is to create and sustain jobs to benefit local economies and ensure a cost-effective clean energy portfolio.

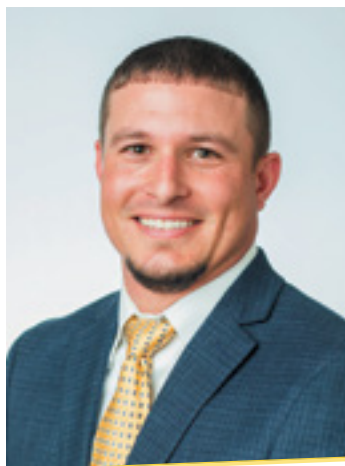
## DANOS NAMES SHAWN PORTIER GENERAL MANAGER OF ENERGY SYSTEMS

**Shawn Portier has taken on the role of general manager of energy systems at Danos.** As general manager of energy systems, Portier will oversee Danos’ automation, instrumentation and electrical, mechanical maintenance, power generation, and valve and well head service lines. He will assume this leadership position while maintaining his current role as instrumentation and electrical (I&E) operations manager.

“Shawn has shown himself to be a key asset with our I&E services group, bringing a proven track record of customer satisfaction,” said CEO Paul Danos. “We’re confident he will lead our energy systems teams in continuing to deliver the quality service that our customers have come to expect.”

A 17-year industry veteran, Portier joined Danos in 2008. In 2019, he was named operations manager of Danos’ I&E service line. A 2002 graduate of South Terrebonne High School, Portier began his career through Terrebonne Vo-Tech, a technical training program for high school students.

Portier and his wife Tori live in Bourg, Louisiana, with their three daughters, ages 13, 11 and seven.



**Shawn Portier**

## FLETCHER NAMED BEST COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN LOUISIANA

**Intelligent.com**, a trusted resource for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning, has included Fletcher Technical Community College to its list of the Best Community Colleges in Louisiana in 2022. The research identifies 13 top programs in the state based on flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation.

Fletcher Technical Community College was awarded Best for STEM on the final list. Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each university according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. Researchers compared 63 programs from 28 colleges in the state of Louisiana.

Fletcher Technical Community College offers flexible distance learning that appeals to busy adults or hybrid models that include on-campus and online formats. Experts at Intelligent.com assessed programs in Best Community Colleges in Louisiana that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for a variety of in-demand positions.

"We are honored to be recognized as the Best STEM program in the State of Louisiana" stated Fletcher Chancellor Dr. Kristine Strickland. "We continue to strive to respond to the needs of employers and to provide students with opportunities to secure education, training and employment in many of the most in-demand occupations. Our future workforce will be heavily focused on STEM careers and this recognition serves as a signal to our community that Fletcher is leading the way in preparing students for these jobs."

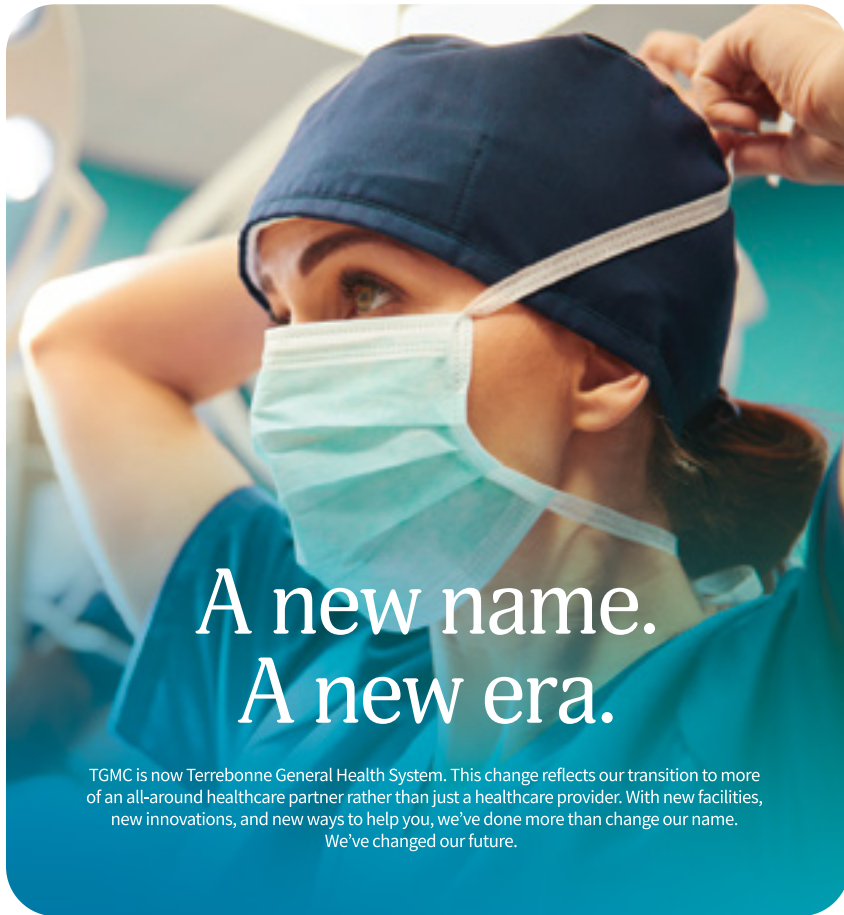
"STEM training plays a vital role in shaping the world around us; we are grateful, at Fletcher, to forge ahead and shape the workforce for a better and brighter Louisiana" commented Fletcher Interim Dean of STEM Jacqueline Richard. "Developing STEM programs and training provides new opportunities for members of our community of all ages, races, and abilities, to help Louisiana gain a more secure footing to fight coastal land loss and improve the health of our estuaries for all who depend on them."

Studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, degree holders earning 84% more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED. The percentage difference in earnings continues to grow with higher learning degrees such as masters, doctoral or professional degrees, with the unemployment rate decreasing to as much as 1.1% for those with a doctorate.

**"OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE WILL BE HEAVILY FOCUSED ON STEM CAREERS AND [...] FLETCHER IS LEADING THE WAY IN PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THESE JOBS."**

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