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Corpus Christi Area Measurement Society

Awards for students attending schools

The CCAMS Board of Directors recently awarded several students financial scholarships to assist in paying for the costs of higher education at colleges, universities, and trade schools. Based on several factors, the Board selected 49 students to receive scholarships that totaled \$64,500. A full list of recipients will appear in the next newsletter. Good luck at school students!

Remember to save the date for school

The CCAMS Board is planning next year's Measurement School to be held February 19-20, 2019. As in years past, we bring together measurement industry professionals to teach, collaborate, and raise money for student scholarships. Also, do you have experience and knowledge you can pass on to others? Instructors are always needed to share their experience and skills, so volunteer to teach a class. Help spread the word by telling work colleagues and clients, and we'll see you there!



Mr. & Mrs. Bob Duke pose with several members of the CCAMS Board of Directors in February 2018.

Measurement society grew out of necessity

Recently, CCAMS spoke to one of its founders, Bob Duke, to learn about the organization's beginnings and the path towards its role in the oil and gas industry. Duke founded Duke Controls, a Corpus Christi company that specializes in oilfield equipment and service.

CCAMS started as an outgrowth of the Houston Measurement Society. The Houston group had organized to bring various individuals from the measurement industry together as a forum to exchange best practices.

Many members were from Corpus Christi and *Continued on page 2*



Student spotlight



In May, CCAMS Scholarship recipient, Alicia Cotsoradis, graduated from DePauw University with a bachelors degree in biochemistry. She was awarded CCAMS scholarships from 2014 through 2017. While in school, she pursued volunteer opportunities at a local hospital, as well as tutored prison inmates on attainment of their GEDs. Additionally, she traveled to the Dominican Republic to volunteer her time for a medical mission and studied abroad in New Zealand and Viet Nam. Cotsoradis is currently working for the Maui Brewery Company. Way to go, Alicia!

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believed that a similar organization would serve the area well. Therefore in 1964, several people came together to form the "Corpus Christi Area Measurement Society." The group quickly formed a board of directors to guide the new organization.

Duke recalled that the first board consisted of Tiny Ledbetter (City of Corpus Christi Gas Superintendent), Don Darris, Henry Hubbert, Toddy Schulty, Herbert Goodenough, Bob Nickens, Howard Schultz, and Joe Vest. With a board in place, the organization blossomed into a group of approximately 25 members.

Another key period was 1989-90 when the Board decided to begin a measurement school. Of the 7 members of the Board at the time, each led a committee to organize the event.

At a cost of \$75 per student, training would include the areas of "gas measurement, controls, valves, and related measurement products." Vendors from companies that supplied the measurement industry displayed their products and were charged \$100 to attend.

The first school was held at the Corpus Christi Water District offices on Holly Road. Approximately 75 students attended, as well as approximately 100 vendors who set up in a large room "almost end to end."

And thus began a conversation within and outside the industry that has lasted 54 years. The story will continue in upcoming issues, so stay tuned!



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