

Program

Saturday, April 20, 2002

- 2 pm: STUDENTS ARRIVE, ON-SITE STUDENT REGISTRATION —*Main Lobby*
- 2 – 6 pm: STUDENT ORIENTATION AND WORKSHOPS
- 3 – 6 pm: EARLY REGISTRATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES —*Main Lobby*
- 2 – 2:30 pm: WELCOME, CONFERENCE OVERVIEW AND ORIENTATION: —*Embassy Room*
Roger Rivera, NHEC President, and
Manuel Hernandez, NHEC Chairman
- 3 – 6 pm: EARLY REGISTRATION (for all attendees)
- 2:30 – 3:15 pm: * **Trends in Environmental Hiring: Where are the Jobs?**
Meagan Cocke, Internship Program Coordinator,
Environmental Careers Organizations
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm: * **Graduate School and You:
What You Need to Know**
Dr. Virgilio Minino, Geologist
Dr. Doris Roman, Student Affairs Liaison Officer,
Arizona State University
- 4:15 – 4:30 pm: BREAK
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm: * **Effective Interviewing/Resume Writing Skills**
Nancy Marienau, Human Resources Specialist, NRCS
Other Human Resources representatives
- 7 – 9 pm: STUDENT MEET AND GREET —*Forum (on main level)*

Sunday, April 21, 2002

- 8:30 am: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST —*Empire Foyer*
- 9 am – 6 pm: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION —*Lower Lobby*

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- 9 am – 6 pm: **ENVIRONMENTAL SITE TOURS** (for students) *—Empire West*
Visits by students to environmental facilities/sites in the Tucson area. Students will travel by bus to these locations, and return to the Radisson at the end of the day. A box lunch will be provided to students. See the Program for detailed descriptions of the sites to be visited.
- Sites include:
- * **Cultural , Anthropological, and Natural Resource Tour**
Hosted by the National Park Service
 - * **Desert Ecosystem and Park Management Tour**
Hosted by the National Park Service
 - * **Maricopa Agricultural Center Tour**
Hosted by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - * **Sabino Canyon, A Sonoran Desert Oasis**
Hosted by the USDA Forest Service
- 7 – 9 pm: **WELCOME RECEPTION** *—Empire Central*
Opening Reception for all Conference attendees.
- 9 –10 pm: **STUDENT MEET AND GREET** *—Forum*
For those students being sponsored to the Conference by NHEC. This is an informal, student event, where students can socialize, share experiences, and learn from one another.

Monday, April 22, 2002

- 7:30 am – 6 pm **REGISTRATION** *—Lower Lobby*
- 8 – 9 am: **OPENING GENERAL SESSION:** *—Empire West*
Opening the Doors of Opportunity in the Environmental Field
Welcoming remarks by NHEC and senior officials from the major Conference Sponsors.

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Speakers include:

Robin Nimura, Director Civil Rights Region III, U.S. Forest Service
Ernest Ortega, Superintendent, Santa Fe Support Office,
National Park Service
Jose Acevedo, Dept. Assoc. Chief for Programs, NRCS

9 – 10 am: **4 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:**

- * Environmental Education and Hispanics —Regency
- * Careers/Internships/Scholarships at the USDA's Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Agricultural Research Service —Embassy
- * Urban and Community Forestry: Bringing Trees to People —Orpheum
- * Minority Environmental Organizations: Profiles In Environmental Activism —Broadhurst

10 – 11 am: **4 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:**

- * Careers/Internships/Scholarships at the U.S. Dept. of Interior —Forum
- * Water is Life: Preserving and Managing this Vital Resource for the Future —Embassy
- * Honoring Cesar Chavez: The Push for A National Historical Site —Orpheum
- * Environmental Technology and Sustainable Development —Broadhurst

11 – 11:15 am: **BREAK**

11:15 – 12:15 pm: **GENERAL SESSION:**
Environmental Justice: A Status Report

—Empire West

12:30 – 2:15 pm: **LUNCHEON**
Keynote Speaker: To be announced

—Empire East

2:30 – 3:30 pm: **5 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:**

- * Careers/Internships/Scholarships at the U.S. Dept. of Energy —Forum
- * Water, Land, Wildlife, and Parks: Key Laws and Policies Governing Our Natural Resources —Embassy

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- * The U.S. – Mexico Border: Environmental Challenges and Solutions —Orpheum
 - * The Recreation Arena: Opportunities for Hispanics —Regency
 - * Whose History? National Parks and Hispanics —Broadhurst
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm: 5 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:
- * Careers/Internships/Scholarships at the U.S. EPA —Embassy
 - * Ecotourism and Hispanics: Birding Along the Border —Regency
 - * Environmental Polls and Hispanics: The Numbers Dispel the Myths —Orpheum
 - * A Problem Without Boundaries: Air Pollution, Health, and Minority Americans —Broadhurst
 - * The National Forest System in America —Forum
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm: GENERAL SESSION:
- Profiles in Excellence: Hispanics In Environmental Positions Who Are Making A Difference —Empire West
- 7:30 – 8 pm: RECEPTION
- 8 – 10 pm: GALA AWARDS BANQUET —Empire East and Center
- Keynote Speaker: *The Honorable Craig Manson*, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, U.S. Dept. of Interior
- NHEC Leadership Awards Presentations:
Jose Acevedo, Deputy Associate Chief for Programs, USDA NRCS

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Tuesday, April 23, 2002

- 7:30 am – 4 pm **REGISTRATION** —Lower Lobby
- 7:30 – 8 am: **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** —Empire Foyer
8 – 9 am: **GENERAL SESSION:**
Natural Resource Management and Hispanics: —Empire West
Changing Priorities for Changing Demographics
- 9 – 10 am: **GENERAL SESSION:**
Environmental Justice, Health Issues, and Hispanics: —Empire West
Facing Disproportionate Risks
- 10 – 11 am: **STUDENTS PACK, CHECK-OUT OF HOTEL**
- 11:30 – 5 pm: **EXHIBIT AREA/CAREER FAIR OPEN** —Empire
- Noon – 4:30 pm: **SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:**
A Series of hour long sessions by major Conference sponsors,
oriented to students, describing each sponsors' mission and
programs, as well as the employment, educational, and internship
opportunities at these agencies. Exact times and room location to be
announced.
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm: **BOX LUNCH FOR STUDENTS IN THE** —Empire
EXHIBIT AREA
- 5 pm: **CONFERENCE ENDS**