

## 2004 LEHA Award Recipients

### Lifetime Achievement Awards



**James D. Miller** has been an active member of the Louisiana Environmental Health Association for many years and was elected as Treasurer for the last several years, creating an access database that is used to maintain and track: finances, membership status, the Board of Directors positions and length of service for historical purposes; sponsorship and scholarship information, etc. He implemented the awarding of attendance certificates to participants for the conference and workshop even before he was elected to the Board, which he still handles each year. While on the Board, he implemented the awarding of plaques to the scholarship recipients and the speakers and is still performing that duty. He has helped with each conference in many capacities since he has been a member of the LEHA Board, including conference registration. He was instrumental in the LEHA donation of the paint can opener to the DEQ Recycling Section for use at the Household Hazardous Waste Day, as well as making recommendations for monetary help to provide cold drinks to the workers each year.



**Jodi G. Miller** has been an active member of LEHA since the middle 1980s, and has served on the Board since 1991. She has worked in many capacities over the years as Membership Chair, Awards Chair, Conference Chair, President Elect, President, Past President, LaELP Adhoc Committee appointment, and currently is Secretary. She is also the current liaison to the webmaster and is instrumental in maintaining accuracy and

updates of the web. She has also helped with many LEHA conferences, purchasing supplies for the conference, putting the folders with information together, helping with the speakers, plaques, name tags, and equipment, and acting conference photographer, and moderator.

### **Outstanding Registered Sanitarian Award**



**Claude Lewis** received the 2004 Outstanding Sanitarian Award. He has recently retired with a distinguished career in the Louisiana Department of Health. Claude has served the Louisiana Environmental Health Association and the State of Louisiana for many dedicated years. Claude served LEHA for many years as a Board member, Conference Coordinator, President-Elect, President, and Past President.

### **Outstanding Environmental Professional Award**



**Dr. James H. Brent** is the recipient of the 2004 Outstanding Environmental Professional Award. He has played a key role in drafting and promulgating numerous environmental regulations which have directly enhanced public health and the natural environment in our state. Dr. Brent earned a Ph.D. from Northeast Louisiana University in Toxicology/ Pharmacy. He has held various leadership positions at DEQ as well as working as an Adjunct professor at Tulane University in the Department of Environmental Health. He has represented DEQ as the ex-Officio Board member on the Louisiana Board of Solid Waste Operator Certification since 1999. He holds membership in numerous professional organizations. He has also served LEHA in many capacities for several years, as Board member, Conference Coordinator, President-Elect, President, and Past President.

## Presidential Citation



**Truman McDaniel** is a Sanitarian with the Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals and serves as a LEHA Board Member, and has helped the President on special projects during the year.

Monica Montero is employed by KourCo and has been very instrumental this past year in creating the LEHA Newsletter. Monica has stepped in and helped as a volunteer when we needed her, performing a key duty for the association.

Claudia Richard is employed by LDEQ, Environmental Technology Division and she is a LEHA board member and conference committee planner. Claudia has helped in many capacities of the association for many years, volunteering even before she was elected to the Board. Claudia is currently Awards Chair, as well as helping with the Hospitality, Conference Registration, and acquiring music for the conference reception.

## Graduate Scholarship Recipient



**Bryan Riche** has a BS in Horticultural Science and is working on his Masters Degree in Environmental Science at McNeese State University. Bryan's thesis research is on "Salinity as a Detergent to the Ovipositional activity of *Aedes albopictus*," a mosquito that is ubiquitous in Louisiana, and is suspected to be a vector of the West Nile

virus. He is interested in study and finding ways to control the spread of deadly mosquito viruses and other diseases.

### **Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients**

**Jessica Miller** is majoring in Environmental Science and is currently attending McNeese State University. She is a leader among her peers and often serves as group mediator and synthesizer of different approaches provided by the group. Jessica is interested in pursuing her education in Environmental Engineering. She is active in McNeese's Biological and Environmental Sciences Society, MDA, and Rainbow Camp.



**Jwill Sim** also received an undergraduate scholarship. He is majoring in Environmental Science at McNeese State University. Jwill is a leader among his peers, and is adept at both theoretical and applied aspects of environmental areas. He active in McNeese's Biological and Environmental Sciences Society, was on the President's Honor Roll, and was selected for Seniors Honor Thesis.