

2009 LEHA Award Recipients



Sharon Parker (left); Claudia Richard (Awards Chairman –right)

Outstanding Environmental Professional Award

Sharon Parker began her career as a Medical Technologist within the Louisiana Dept. of Health & Hospitals, and relocated to the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in the mid 1980's. Sharon worked in many capacities at the DEQ in the Underground Storage Tank and Hazardous Waste Divisions, and in DEQ's Regulatory Development group for the last several years. Sharon was involved in regulatory development of regulations for many medias inside the Department and her technical expertise in this area has been a tremendous help to those tasks with revising the regulations.

Sharon has shown professionalism in any work that she has been involved in, whether it was working as an agent of the state or serving in organizations that promote professionalism. She has been a long time supporter of the Louisiana Environmental Health Association. In 1997, she received the Presidential Citation for commitment, professional excellence, and service to the association. She worked on the LEHA Board for many years in many capacities and eventually served as LEHA's President in 1999. After that time, Sharon did not waver in her support of LEHA. She is still working as a Board member, and has been countless LEHA conference committees.

Sharon has also worked in other organizations, evidenced by her receiving the CST of the Year Award from the La. Society of Certified Program Managers in 2002, for her work on the Board: the Louisiana Society of Certified Program Managers, and is a past Audubon Council Girl Scout Leader.

Presidential Citation



Judy McCleary was awarded the Presidential Citation from President Jeff Jackson for commitment, professional excellence, and service to the association, in particular with the 2009 Annual LEHA Conference. Judy has shown professionalism in any work that she has been involved with, whether it was working as a lobbyist with the Louisiana Legislature, the Louisiana Environmental Health Association, or her other endeavors.

She has been a long time supporter of the Louisiana Environmental Health Association, and has been on the Board of Directors at least 10 years. She worked on the LEHA Board for many years in many capacities and is currently serving as President-elect.

Presidential Citation



Beverly Smiley was awarded the Presidential Citation from President Jeff Jackson for commitment, professional excellence, and service to the association, in particular with the work she did for the 2009 Annual LEHA Conference. Beverly has shown proficiency and enthusiasm with any work that she has been involved with, whether it was working as a lobbyist with the Louisiana State Legislature, the Louisiana Environmental Health

Association, or her other endeavors. Beverly has been on the LEHA Board of Directors for a short time, however, has put in many hours and the Association is very lucky to have found her. In fact, we didn't, she volunteered her services, and she is appreciated.

Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship Award (Undergraduate)

The 2009 Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship was awarded to **Erica G. LeDoux**. Ms. LeDoux received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering and a MBA from McNeese State University. She worked in the petrochemical industry for 12 years and later resigned to stay at home with her children. While volunteering at school and caring for an elderly parent she completed her MBA.

She has recently returned to the workforce as an environmental and engineering consultant while completing her graduate studies in Environmental Science. Ms. LeDoux also plans to pursue a doctorate in environmental engineering.