

Chemical Engineering Student Selected as Recipient of LEHA's Frank L. Dautriel Memorial Scholarship



From Left: John Koury, Jr., Owner/President of KourCo and Board Member of LEHA; Mark E. Zappi, Ph.D., P.E., Dean of Engineering; Vaughn Hulin, Scholarship Recipient; and Jeff Jackson, Environmental Scientist Supervisor of DEQ's Small Business/Small Community Assistance and Past President and Board Member of LEHA

Michael Vaughn Hulin, a UL Lafayette junior majoring in chemical engineering, was recently competitively selected by the Louisiana Environmental Health Association (LEHA) as the recipient of this year's undergraduate Frank L. Dautriel Memorial Scholarship Fund Educational Award.

LEHA is a state affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association and is dedicated to helping environmental health professionals meet the demands made on them for the effective control of environmental hazards. LEHA was conceived in 1947 by six charter members to address environmental concerns in the State of Louisiana. Present members include personnel from local government throughout the state, state government, academic institutions, industry, military

services and consulting agencies in all areas of environmental management. The scholarship is named in honor of Frank L. Dautriel, who served as president of LEHA in 1976 and as treasurer for 17 years, and who was instrumental in developing the scholarship program. Each year LEHA competitively awards one undergraduate and one graduate scholarship. For additional information about LEHA visit their website at <u>www.LEHA.net</u>.

Vaughn has been active in bioprocessing research since his freshman year as a participant in the College of Engineering's Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program. Under this program, high caliber students are selected by the Scholarship Office to participate as student workers in their major departments. The College of Engineering utilizes these students in research activities. Each student is assigned to a mentor and trained to assist in ongoing research in his/her field. Students hold these jobs as long as they qualify academically for their scholarship. This program allows students the opportunity to become involved in meaningful research and to develop skills and knowledge of research methodology which will be useful to them if they pursue graduate degrees or enter the workforce after graduation. The program stresses responsibility, development of a work ethic and training students in research techniques. LEHA Board Members John Koury and Jeff Jackson took a brief tour of some of the bioprocessing laboratory facilities when they visited the College of Engineering to award the scholarship to Vaughn.





