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THANK YOU FROM PEP | MAYOR'S LUNCHEON | MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Dear PEP Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to thank you for your membership and support of Partners for Environmental Progress during 2019. PEP's activities and success depends on our members' time, talent and resources. Without you, we cannot achieve PEP's mission of promoting strong economic development balanced with stewardship of our coastal natural resources that make the Alabama Gulf Coast a unique and desirable place to live and do business. We truly appreciate you.

Highlights from 2019 include:

- Our membership remains robust with 220 companies, representing more than 22,000 local employees, providing you a targeted and large audience for networking and brand promotion.
- We announced and awarded the first scholarship through the PEP Science and

Technology Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of South Alabama. This annual scholarship program is exclusively for PEP Member employees and their dependents who are enrolled in college or graduate levels studies in engineering and environmental sciences. Our first recipient of the \$1000 scholarship is Patrick Burden who is enrolled in a Geology graduate program at the University of Lafayette. His father is employed at the Theodore Mitsubishi Polysilicon plant.

- We joined other community leaders, including the City Council of Mobile in taking a stand against and defeating proposed state legislation that would have prohibited local government, cities and counties, in Alabama from regulating, restricting or prohibiting the use and litter of plastic bags, cups, bottles and packaging materials.
- We hosted two half-day Education Seminars this year. The first, Employee Intrapreneurs Seminar, which had been delayed from the previous October, explored ways Member companies are creating a culture of innovation, and shared success stories from local leaders and members. The second occurred as part of the 2019 Reverse Trade Show. Our free and open to the public, Transportation and Logistics Seminar highlighted the newest advancements in multi-modal transportation and the impacts it is having on congestion and crumbling infrastructure.
- Our public relations and education campaign using digital advertising, social media, and our e-newsletter spotlighted the recipients of the 2019 PEP Member Environmental Stewardship Awards and educated our members and the public on topics including Shoreline Erosion, and local e-Recycling opportunities through Ransom Ministries.
- PEP's executive director, Jennifer Denson, represented PEP and our Members in various community organizations, serving on the Executive Steering Committee of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, the Community Advisory Panel for the Mobile Airport Authority Master Plan, the State Affairs Committee of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Natural Resources Committee of Mobile United. She routinely speaks to local community organizations about PEP's

mission, including recently, the LeMoyne Community Advisory Panel.

These are just a few of the accomplishments of 2019 that would not be possible without the support of you and other Member companies and their employees. We are eagerly planning special events for 2020 - PEP's 20th Anniversary!

I hope that you and your family have a blessed holiday season!

Jennifer Denson

Executive Director

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The PEP Board of Directors were pleased to host the recipient of the 2019 PEP Science and Technology Scholarship at the November Membership Breakfast. This scholarship fund was established for employees of PEP member companies and their dependents. The fund will allow PEP to invest in and support educational opportunities in the engineering and environmental sciences to expose students to critical issues involving the Gulf Coast.



This year's recipient, Patrick Burden, a Geology major from the University of Southern Mississippi, spoke to members at the November Membership Breakfast, thanking them for their support of the scholarship fund. Patrick's father is employed by PEP member organization, Mitsubishi Polysilicon. [Learn more about Patrick and the Science and Technology Scholarship via](#)

[this link.](#)

Do you have a student who might be a candidate for the scholarship in 2020?

[Click here to learn more and apply!](#)

This year we celebrated our 5th annual fall membership luncheon featuring Mayor Sandy Stimpson. Mayor Stimpson updated us on the state of the city and his plans for the upcoming year, including progress on Three Mile Creek, public safety and more. Thank you to all of our members who joined us for this annual event, and special thanks to our luncheon sponsor, Spire.



Last month, Mobile District Attorney, Ashley Rich, spoke at the PEP Membership Breakfast. Ashley spoke to PEP members about the crime rates in Mobile and the efforts of her team to ensure violent criminals are sent to prison and stay in prison. She also urged community members to take proactive steps to help prevent crime by becoming involved with the youth in Mobile County. PEP Members have potential to help by mentoring young people in the community



through the [Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama](#) or [Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Alabama](#). Ashley challenges everyone to give one hour a week to make a difference in someone's life, and show our local youth a different way. You never know how your actions can affect others.



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