

Eastern Michigan University
AIPG Student Chapter Annual Report

Our 2017-2018 school year has been very productive. Our chapter leadership was robust, with Emily Nowacki as President; Amber Rose-Cassidy as Vice President; Max Fraleigh as Secretary; Rachel Merz as Treasurer. In the beginning of April we held elections for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year, and we welcome our new officers: President Rachel Merz, Vice-President Emily Nowacki, Secretary Leah VanLandingham, and Treasurer Jean Butchart. In addition, our previous faculty advisor, Dr. Christine Clark, has been succeeded by Dr. Christopher Gellasch. We congratulate all of our new officers on their positions.

We held weekly meetings, generally lasting from half an hour to one hour consisting of a discussion of current events, upcoming field trips, student chapter fundraisers and other extracurricular events in the area. We had 28 meetings during the 2017-2018 semester. In addition, we have awarded two of our chapter members with \$500 scholarships funded by the Michigan Section of AIPG. Congratulations to scholarship winners Kayla Bicknell and Emily Nowacki.

Some of the on campus events that we participated in included Fajita Fest, Winter Fest, guest speaker Meghan Humphrey Environmental Geoscience professional talk, and outreach to introductory geology classes to recruit new members. Members of our chapter embarked on two independent field trips this year, along with several course-related field trips that were led by faculty. The two chapter-funded field trips that we took were to the Chicago Field Museum in November, and to Kelleys Island Glacial Grooves Site in northwest Ohio in March. Students thoroughly enjoyed viewing the gem room at the Field Museum, and the grandeur of Sue the T-Rex. The Kelleys Island field trip was also a great success, as students were able to view the effects of surficial processes from a more recent time.

Our members were also active in the community as they attended 40th anniversary AIPG Michigan Section meeting in Ann Arbor; Student and faculty representation at 2017 GSA Annual Meeting in Seattle; chapter members attended an internship fair on the EMU campus with employers including USGS, MI Dept. of Environmental Quality, several environmental consulting firms (Mannik And Smith, TetraTech), and others. In addition, we also had consistent attendance at the weekly University of Michigan Smith Lecture Series. Finally. We congratulate several of our members who presented their departmental research at the 38th annual EMU Undergraduate Symposium: Emily Nowacki, Maximilian Fraleigh, Amber-Rose Cassidy, Jacob Kowalczyk, Leah VanLandingham, and Kayla Bicknell.



Kelley's Island Glacial Grooves, Ohio (March 31st, 2018)



Students Collin Bogoski (left) and Maximilian Fraleigh (right) observing the local geology on Kelley's Island, Ohio (March 31st, 2018).



Student Maximilian Fraleigh standing in front of Sue the T-Rex at the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois (November 18th, 2017).



Student Tyler Bexton analyzing an outcrop in Maryland (Global Tectonics field trip, September 2017).

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Student Chapter Accounting for 2017-2018 Year

This year our chapter has used the funding provided by the AIPG Michigan Section as follows:

\$150 for field trip to Kellys Island, Ohio: Four of our chapter members attended this trip, where they observed the local geology and visited the glacial grooves that are well-preserved on the island.

\$175 for field trip to the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois: Four of our chapter members attended this trip, and it was a great opportunity for them to learn about geology outside of the classroom. The Field Museum has the most complete T-Rex skeleton ever uncovered, a gem room, and an expertly curated geology hall that our students thoroughly enjoyed.

\$380 for water bottles: These water bottles were sold to chapter members and alumni, where the money we made on return will be used for field trips and possible scholarships next school year.

\$400 for hats: These hats are being sold to chapter members and alumni, where the money we make on return will be used for field trips and possible scholarships next school year.

(2) \$500 scholarships: These scholarships were given to two students who expressed financial need for continuing their education in geoscience. These scholarships will be used for funding field school, graduate school applications, HAZWOPER training, and other education expenses.