

Eastern Michigan University  
2018-2019 AIPG Student Chapter Annual Report

The EMU Chapter's main goals in the 2018-2019 school year were to increase involvement with alumni, formalize our processes as an organization, including updating documents and creating formalized applications for scholarships and executive board positions, and increasing efforts to find scholarship, internship, job, and networking opportunities for members and alumni. The leadership of this chapter include President Rachel Merz, Vice President Emily Nowacki, Treasurer Jean Butchart, and Secretary Leah VanLandingham. Elections were held in April, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. The new executive team includes President Kelly Brown, Vice President Leon Bryson, Treasurer Collin Bogoski, Secretary Rachel Merz, and Member at large Leah VanLandingham. The chapter officer, Dr. Christopher Gellasch, presided over the election process. Nominations were submitted to Dr. Gellasch, and he sent the applicant's campaign information out to the students within the EMU AIPG Student Section. These students voted on the incoming E-board. We are looking forward to another successful year with the new eboard.

Biweekly meetings were held throughout the year. These meetings lasted an hour. Students would share networking and job/internship opportunities at the meetings, and we would also discuss planned activities and monthly goals that the group wanted to accomplish. These goals included going on off-campus excursions, hosting a speaker each semester, reaching fundraising goals, and getting more students engaged in geoscience, especially those in studies outside of geoscience. We hosted 13 total meetings throughout the semester, not including excursions and study sessions. The meetings were held biweekly, with some weeks missed due to scheduled university closings and multiple days of severe weather. At the end of the semester, we awarded one \$500 scholarship to a member of the EMU AIPG Section funded by the Michigan Section of AIPG. Congratulations to scholarship winner Emily Nowacki. Additionally, we hosted a raffle for a field camp preparedness kit. To be eligible to enter the raffle, the student had to attend chapter meetings. Each meeting attended corresponded to one entry in the raffle. The kit includes a backpack, rain coat, sunscreen, rock hammer, hand lense, pens, a field notebook, and an EMU AIPG Section hat and water bottle. Member Jon Harris is the recipient of the field camp preparedness kit. Congratulations to Jon and we hope this kit will be useful at field camp!

We feel as though we achieved the goals we set for ourselves in the beginning of the Fall semester. Our organization constitution and bylaws have been edited and are being continually updated and approved by the incoming eboard, alumni were engaged through the grand opening of Strong Hall and through email, multiple students are graduating EMU from the AIPG section with job and internship opportunities at local environmental consulting firms, including

Environmental Testing Consultants, Romulus; Tetra Tech, Ann Arbor; and Mannik & Smith, Canton, and with the state through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Our students and their geology-related research were represented at the GSA National Conference in Indianapolis, IN, the AIPG meeting at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, and the EMU Undergraduate Symposium in Ypsilanti, MI. The representation of geoscience students at the EMU Undergraduate Symposium noticeably increased this year. Our chapter worked tirelessly to motivate students to engage in research projects and to present at research conferences. The students who presented at GSA included Kayla Bicknell, Emily Nowacki, and Maximilian Fraleigh. The students who presented their posters at Weber's Inn included Emily Nowacki and Maximilian Fraleigh. The students who presented their research at the EMU Undergraduate Symposium included Emily Nowacki, Rachel Merz, Kelly Brown, Leah VanLandingham, Shawn Steckenfinger, and Steven Ogden. Additionally, we had many students from our chapter attended the GSA conference, AIPG meeting, and undergraduate symposium who did not present research. This summer, our chapter is sending Kelly Brown and Leah VanLandingham to present their posters and research at the AIPG Technical Workshop. Also, Kelly Brown, Leah VanLandingham, and Rachel Merz will be applying to present their research at this year's GSA conference in Phoenix, AZ.

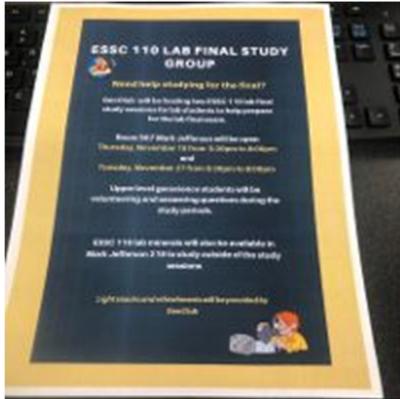
We are very proud of what our chapter has been able to accomplish this semester. We have engaged students of other disciplines and built bridges between the environmental science students and geology students. We have fostered lasting connections between students and industry professionals, which in some cases have led to jobs and internships. We hosted numerous study sessions throughout the semesters for intro level students and upper level students and have received positive feedback, where students indicated that these events contributed to their understanding of geologic principles and assisted in successful exam performance. We are very excited for the coming year and expect the momentum of our chapter to continue.



EMU AIPG Students on an excursion to the Chicago Field Museum



Rachel Merz, President, mentoring and introductory geology student at a study session



An example of the introductory lab final study session flyer.



A snapshot of our update board.