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## Science teachers explore Shell Chemical Plant

**S**cience lies at the core of breakthroughs in anthropology, space exploration, chemical manufacturing, environmental protection and a host of other fields. Excellent educational programs are essential for preparing the next generation of talented science professionals.

Since science education is an integral part of a well-rounded curriculum, educators must stay abreast of the latest innovations in order to pass along current information to their students. That prompts many Texas teachers to spend a portion of their summer vacation attending the annual Texas Chemical Council's Science Teachers Institute, administered by the University of Houston.

Workshops; meetings with regulatory agencies, industry representatives and medical professionals; as well as field



trips – such as the Shell Deer Park Chemical Plant tour focusing on chemicals and the environment – help build content knowledge that can be shared with students.

Dr. Gene Chiappetta, who spearheads the Institute, says, "Shell Deer Park plays a key role in the Science Teachers Institute. The plant tour offers a close-up view of how a major chemical company treats chemical waste before its release into the environment."

On July 17, 25 secondary education instructors assembled in the Shell Deer Park Conference Center, where they were greeted by Dean Eshelman, Shell Chemical Plant manager,

and Dave McKinney, manager-external affairs. Afterwards, buses transported them to an air monitoring station in Deer Park, a fugitive emissions monitor and the south effluent treaters. Tour guides Louis Brzuzny, Alicia Rather, Terry Harden, Dale Taggart and Gary Hart profiled the air quality monitoring equipment and procedures.

### More emissions from a marker

Hart, air coordinator for the Shell Deer Park complex, has served as a tour guide for several years. Discussing fugitive emissions, he explained how Chemical Plant contract employees monitor valves, pumps and connectors and repair leaks when they exceed the 500-parts-per-million emission threshold. After a teacher asked about the VOC emissions from a dry erase marker during his first presentation, Hart prepared an analysis of the marker for the second group, employing the same equipment used for testing valves.

"The VOC emissions from the marker measured 10,000 parts per million," he says. "This was astounding. The teachers thought it was interesting that the marker's reading was so high and its emissions unregulated, while the plant is required to repair releases of 500 parts per million. The tour revealed how we comply with strict air quality regulations, protect the environment and closely monitor for fugitive emissions."

Teachers also viewed a fire-fighting demonstration directed by Jay Gantenbein and Rhonda Chapmon. They observed how a world-class emergency response team extinguishes chemical fires with high-quality protective equipment.

### Authentic science at work

After lunch, visitors saw a groundwater display by Janice Wendel and a microscope exhibit presented by Dale Taggart. "It's valuable for science teachers to see authentic science practiced, such as our biotreaters with micro-organisms 'eating' chemicals out of wastewater and detoxifying the water," says Taggart. "We took a sample of the bio-mass so that the instructors could see the biotreaters through a microscope. This provided an excellent hands-on experience."

Dr. Chiappetta acknowledges that the tour broadens teachers' awareness of environmental safeguards in chemi-

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## Shell Deer Park employees to join trek for UNCF

Houston-area Shell and Alliance employees will team together at Sam Houston Park on September 22 for a 10K walk aiding 39 member colleges and universities of the United Negro College Fund.

Shell Deer Park employees are joining walkers, sponsors and volunteers all over the city in supporting UNCF, which is ranked among the top 100 charitable organizations in the country. UNCF has raised more than \$1.7 billion in its 57 years of providing educational opportunities.

Last year, 25 Shell walkers rallied to this worthwhile cause that draws thousands annually. The spirited event was infused with celebrities, refreshments, team camaraderie and fun-filled festivities. Spearheaded by team captains Maxine Jones, Charity Wilcox and Jesse Williams, the Shell contingency collected \$17,295.00 which included a corporate matching gift.

This year the group is game for another good time on behalf of deserving students. "We plan to raise even more money this year," declares Ron Coverson, 2001 Shell team captain. "If you can't walk, we'd appreciate your financial contribution."

There's still time to participate. To sign up, pledge or find out more about the UNCF walkathon, contact:

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## Science teachers explore

cal manufacturing. "With what they learn, our teachers can better help students understand how chemicals are manufactured and treated," he says. "Plus, they obtain more knowledge about the environmental concerns of major chemical companies and get a more balanced view of environmental education.

Applying this information to their science courses, Institute teachers prepare a mini-unit for their curriculums. Some of the units focus on water quality, health risk, parts per million and parts per billion."

While it appears that the teachers had much to gain from the plant tour, so did Shell Deer Park, according to Lois Guthrie, community relations representative and a member of the tour planning team. She notes, "Not only is our participation a good way to support the Texas Chemical Council, of which Shell is a member, but hosting the tour strengthens our relationship with Texas' educational leaders. By showcasing our extensive environmental protection procedures, the teachers took part in an educational and practical experience that hopefully left them with a favorable impression of Shell."

## Plant will heighten production power

1.1 billion pounds  
2.86 billion pounds  
per year by late 2003

Shell Deer Park Chemical Plant will invest \$400 million to boost capacity at the olefins plant. By removing production bottlenecks, particularly in a steam cracker, the plant will increase ethylene production to some 1.1 billion pounds annually. New capacity rates are estimated at 2.86 billion pounds per year by late 2003. Plans are underway to refurbish a lower-olefins plant and a fractionation/cold side facility, build a new cogeneration power plant, and recondition furnaces, mechanical and related equipment. The refinements follow the plant's strategy of investing in current operations, where capital cost is only 70 percent of building a new plant. A major portion of the increased output will feed an olefins and detergent development project in Geismar, La., and a butadiene venture in Port Arthur, both to be connected by pipelines to Shell Deer Park.

## Volunteers Help Distribute Food

Three of the 25 volunteers who helped the Pasadena Salvation Army distribute food and clothing to victims of Tropical Storm Allison on June 13, 14 and 15, 2001. The Shell volunteers included employees and retirees of the Deer Park facility. In addition to the volunteers' efforts a collection of food from Shell's annual summer food drive was taken to the Pasadena installation for distribution to those in need.





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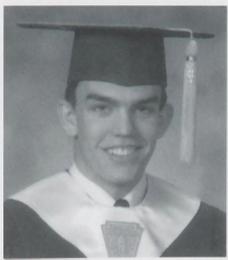
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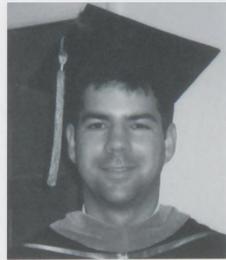
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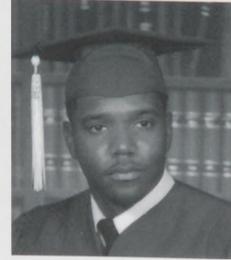
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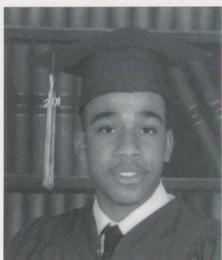
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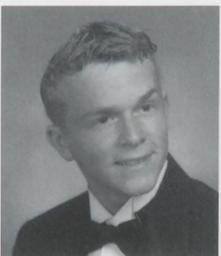
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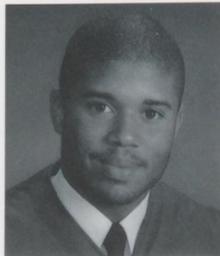
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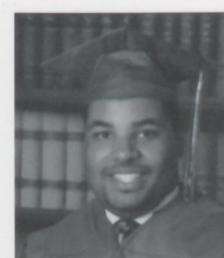
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For May

<b>Thomas Ainsworth</b> Intern Admin	<b>Douglas Keefer</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees
<b>Stacy Anglin</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>David Kepper</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees
<b>Curtis Barnes</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>Thomas Meche</b> Pipefitter-1st Rate Turnaround Plng
<b>Daniel Booth</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>Richardo Ruiz</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees
<b>Donald Brock</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>David Spriggs</b> Pipefitter-1st Rate Turnaround Plng
<b>Gwendolyn Brown</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>Aisha Smartt</b> Intern Health & Safety
<b>Timothy Burchfield</b> Intern TA-Process Engrg	<b>Maurice Uriegas</b> Bus Systems Specialist Systems Dev
<b>Robert Daniels</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>Craig Van Vooren</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees
<b>John Douzat</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>Jeff Van</b> Gnrl Help OUT Trainees
<b>Steven Fechner</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	<b>Donna Walbridge</b> Sr. Office Assistant BMGMT/Feedstock
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<b>Melissa Harlan</b> Intern Env& Compliance	<b>Lynne Woods</b> Mgr Org & Employee Dev O&E
<b>Jeremy Hawkins</b> Intern Process Eng	<b>Raul Zuniga</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees
<b>Christian Johnson</b> Gnrl Help OTU Trainees	

#### Refinery Exits

For May

<b>C Barrs</b> Control Systems Tech Chemical Solvents- Cntrl Systems Transferred to E Maint Cntrl Syst	<b>Alan King</b> Mgr Utilities Equilon Refng- Utilities Transferred to Motiva
<b>Mike Helm</b> Supv I-Tech Proj Engineering *Retired 5-01-01	<b>Ronald Parrish</b> Operator 1st Rate Hydro/Sulfur- Sulfur *Retired 5-01-01
<b>Carl Jackson</b> Operator 1st Rate Utilities-Utilities Prod *Retired 5-01-01	<b>CC Servance</b> Boilermaker- 1st rate Mnt-West Maint- Log/Util/Env *Retired 5-01-01
<b>Edward Johnson</b> Boilermaker 1st Rate East Maint Transferred to Chem Facilities- CMAT/TAS	

#### Refinery Entrances

For June

<b>Stacy Anglin</b> Operator C Lubricants-Mfg	<b>Magly Guillermo</b> OE Student Log-QA Lab
<b>Larry Ayres</b> Planner I-Maint West Maint	<b>Christian Johnson</b> Operator 3rd Rate CC&G
<b>Curtis Barnes</b> Operator #3 West Ops-Alky	<b>Douglas Keefer</b> Operator 3rd Rate CC&G
<b>Daniel Booth</b> Operator C Lubricants- Manufacturing	<b>David Kepper</b> Operator C Logistics-Dispatch
<b>Donald Brock</b> Operator 2nd Rate Hydro-Sulfur	<b>Virginia Martinez</b> OE Student Log-Marine Opers
<b>Gwendolyn Brown</b> Operator c CC&G	<b>Paulita Medina</b> OE Student Lubricants
<b>Kenneth Brown</b> OE Student Health & Safety	<b>F Minix</b> Control Systems Tech East Maintenance
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<b>Mauriciou Cardenas</b> OE Student Utilities	<b>Ricardo Ruiz</b> Operator 2nd Rate Utilities-Systems
<b>Jose Castillo</b> OE Student Human Resources	<b>Maribel Salas</b> OE Student Prod Mgmt-Lt Prods
<b>Robert Daniels</b> Operator 2nd Rate Utilities-Prod	<b>Jeff Van</b> Operator C Hydro-Sulfur
<b>John Douzat</b> Operator C Logistics-Disptch	<b>Craig Van Vooren</b> Operator #2 CC&G
<b>Steven Fechner</b> Operator C West Ops-Distlg	<b>Bonnie Woo</b> Intern Tapis-Control Systems
<b>Amy Gee</b> OE Student Mech Eqpt-Central	

#### Refinery Exits

For June

<b>Roger Balke</b> Operator 1st Rate West-Ops-Coker Transferred to Sepco	<b>Chris Sewald</b> Mgr I-Acct Major Projects Transferred to Motiva
<b>JJ Niklas</b> Mgr II-Maint Central Maint *Retired 6-01-01	<b>Guy Thornton</b> Tinner 1st Rate Central Maint *Retired 6-01-01

#### Refinery Entrances

For July

<b>Shafiq Ahmad</b> Sr Staff Eng- Process Tapis-Process Engineering	<b>David Ellis</b> Operator #2 Cat Cracking/Gas- Operator #1
<b>Thomas Boxie</b> Operator C Utilities-Util Prod- Operator #1	<b>David Galloway</b> Operator C Hydroprocessing- Operator #1
<b>Dale Bragg Jr.</b> Operator #2 Cat Cracking/Gas- Operator #1	<b>Michael Hallum</b> Operator C Cat Cracking/Gas- Operator #1
<b>Jon Bryan</b> Operator C West Distilling- Operator #1	<b>Rhoman Hardy</b> Manager Utilities-Admin
<b>Timothy Butler</b> Operator #2 Utilities-Util Prod- Operator #1	<b>Sergio Ochoa</b> Operator C Hydroprocessing- Operator #1
<b>James Colvin</b> Operator C Utilities-Util Prod- Operator #1	<b>Joseph Phillips</b> Sr Eng-HS&E Tapis-Enviro & Compliance
<b>Sandra Defoe</b> Operator C Lubricants-Lube Manufacturing	<b>Alex Rivera</b> Operator #3 Hydro/Sulfur- Sulfur-Operator 1
<b>Donald Dobson II</b> Operator C Coker/GOHT Operations	<b>Dave Turpin</b> Operator #1 Logistics-Docks
<b>Mack Elam</b> Operator C Lubricants-Lube Logistics	<b>Camille White</b> Operator C Cat Cracking/Gas Operator #1

#### Refinery Exits

For July

<b>Chad Alexander</b> Major Projects Transferred to Shell Global Solutions	<b>Dan Yoder</b> Investment Planning Transferred to Equiva Services
<b>Ernie Ellison</b> East Main *Retired 7-01-01	
<b>Chris Richards</b> E&C Project Engineering Transferred to Westhollow Tech Center	

#### Chemical Entrances

For May

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<b>Sylvia Holden</b> Business Intregation- Procurement
<b>Sharon Keller</b> PE/CS/QA-Enviro Eng

#### Chemical Exits

For May

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<b>Alvin Massey</b> Solvents-A/G Dept-Operator #1 *Retired 5-31-01

#### Chemical Entrances

For June

<b>Patrick Connor</b> Business Integration
<b>Steven Hansen</b> PE/CS/QA-Environ Eng

#### Chemical Exits

For June

<b>Stephen Matza</b> Resins-Major Resins *Retired 6-30-01
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#### Chemical Entrances

For July

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<b>Bruce King</b> Tech-Eng Support-Pressure Equip-Phenol
<b>Eugene Sera</b> Tech-Eng Support-Pressure Equip-Olefins
<b>Tiffany Williams</b> Opns Business Supt-Chemical

#### Chemical Exits

For July

<b>Steven Reeves</b> BPA MTCE *Retired 7-31-01
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Graduate of  
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**Top students earn  
Shell Foundation scholarships**

Four children of Shell Deer Park Chemical Plant employees were awarded a coveted Shell Oil Company Foundation scholarship. The academic luminaries include Mark Castanon, son of Jesse Castanon (Phenol); Shannon Reeves, daughter of Brent Reeves (Phenol); Claire Rodriguez, daughter of Richard Rodriguez (Olefins); and Robert Rosenbaum, son of Dale Taggart (Quality Assurance).

About 21 guests, including parents, gathered June 16 at Damian's Cucina Italiana restaurant to honor the four-some. Each recipient earned a four-year scholarship – ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year – to an accredited university.

The Chemical plant winners are among 54 children selected by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to receive Shell Foundation scholarships. Taggart, staff analytical chemist, says, "I'm sure the other parents are as justifiably proud of their child as Dara and I are of Robert. We're delighted that Shell so generously recognized his educational accomplishments. It was thoughtful of Shell Deer Park management to sponsor a recognition event for these bright students."



*Left to Right, Roger Daver, Jesse Castanon, Mrs. Castanon, Mark Castanon, and Dean Esbelman*



*Left to Right, Robert Anzick, Richard Rodriguez, Mrs. Rodriguez, Claire Rodriguez, and Dean Esbelman*



*Left to Right, Roger Daver, Brent Reeves, Mrs. Reeves, Shannon Reeves, and Dean Esbelman*



*Left to Right, Rob Costelloe, Dale Taggart, Dara Taggart, Robert Rosenbaum, and Dean Esbelman*

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