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A Monthly Newsletter For The Houston/Galveston Post

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2019

September 4

Harris County Resilience Meeting

Keynote Speaker Benzon John, MS Resilience Planner for HCOHSEM

September 11

General Membership Meeting
Ethics Presentation hosted by the SAME Young Members

October 2019

October 4

YMI – ASIE and SAME Volunteer Event

Join the Young Members and volunteer with Meals on Wheels

October 5

Tailgate with a Hero

Join SAME at the Michael E. DeBakey VA campus for a tailgate with veterans



★ **July 16, 2019**
General Membership Meeting with APWA and Scholarship Awards Lunch
Keynote Speaker Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle

★ **August 7, 2019**
General Membership Meeting
Keynote Speaker Mr. Greg Snider with Texas Department of Transportation

General Membership Meeting with APWA & Scholarship Awards Lunch

By: Ramon Herrera

The SAME Houston-Galveston Post held its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the HESS Club in conjunction with APWA. Our Keynote Speaker was Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle. Commissioner Cagle interacted with many of the scholarship recipients before the event and provided the students with words of wisdom, advice and motivation. For 2019, the Post awarded \$20,000 to 11 different STEM college students with scholarship checks ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. We wish the students all the best as the Fall Semester approach and they go back to their respective colleges and universities to grow, learn and flourish into the engineers and scientists of tomorrow.



General Membership Meeting

By: Yvonne Hernandez

SAME's August General Membership Lunch hosted Texas Department of Transportation's Greg Snider. Mr. Snider presented an Overview of the CDA and Update of Project Progress in Harris County. Challenges and remedies were briefly highlighted such as maintaining the active lanes of traffic during construction and relocating utilities. TXDOT also had to coordinate schedules with along Beltway 8 at 288 with HCTRA during construction. Adaptations had to be made in a few instances. An environmental challenge at interchange at I 6-10 prompted redesign of some of the ponds. Additionally, community involvement resulted in a concept with tree plantings along the new bridge.

The SAME Mentorship Program concluded with seven participants receiving recognition and completion certificates. Scholarship recipient Campers also presented on their experiences from US Airforce Academy, Army and Naval STEM Camp. Campers relayed their experiences working in teams and developing leadership skills through activities such as building and testing a concrete beam and building a cardboard boat.

