

June 2025 Newsletter

STUDENT CHAPTER OF CENLA



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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

As we step into the summer season, I want to take a moment to reflect with deep appreciation on how far our student chapter has come—and how much promise the road ahead holds. Though our chapter is still growing, the energy and encouragement from community members, educators, families, and supporters like you has been nothing short of inspiring.

In the past few weeks alone, we've shared meaningful experiences—welcoming the school board and Bessie Board to Tioga High School to tour our AG Department, and representing our chapter at the State FFA Convention, where we connected with so many amazing students, teachers, and partners from across Louisiana. These moments reaffirm the value of what we're building together.

This newsletter is just a snapshot of all that's unfolding. From launching our very first internship opportunity, to preparing for a board vote that could establish our chapter as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the momentum is real—and so is the opportunity to make a lasting impact on our students and their futures.

Whether you've just learned about us or have supported our mission from day one, please know your involvement matters deeply. Every kind word, shared resource, or gesture of support contributes to creating something powerful for these students and their families.

Thank you for believing in what we're doing. I'm so grateful to have you on this journey with us.

With appreciation,

Michael C Bolen

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you can expect:

Highlights from
May

FFA State
Convention

Summer Safety
& Health Tips

Call to Action

The Last 30 Days: Moments That Moved Us Forward



Welcoming Our Boards to Tioga High School

In early May, we were honored to welcome members of the School Board and the Bessie Board for a walk-through of the AG Department at Tioga High School. They had the opportunity to explore the hands-on spaces where students are actively developing skills in mechanics, agriculture, and leadership.

This visit was more than a tour—it was a meaningful moment of recognition and support for the work being done every day. We're grateful to everyone who made this visit possible and proud of the students who showed what AG education is all about.



Connecting at the 2025 State FFA Convention

Just this week, we wrapped up an inspiring experience at the Louisiana State FFA Convention. It was a chance to connect with educators, students, and industry leaders from across the state—and a proud moment to represent our student chapter among such passionate advocates for agricultural education. Meeting new faces, hearing success stories, and celebrating shared goals left us energized for what's next. Thank you to everyone who helped make this experience one to remember!



Staying Safe & Healthy This Summer

Summer is a time for fun, growth, and well-earned rest—but it's also important to stay mindful of health and safety. Whether you're working outdoors, traveling, or just enjoying the sunshine, here are some quick tips for keeping yourself and your family safe this season.



Stay Hydrated

Drink water regularly—even if you're not feeling thirsty. Avoid sugary drinks and be sure to hydrate before, during, and after any outdoor activity.



Protect Your Skin

Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher, and reapply every two hours. Don't forget ears, hands, and the back of your neck!



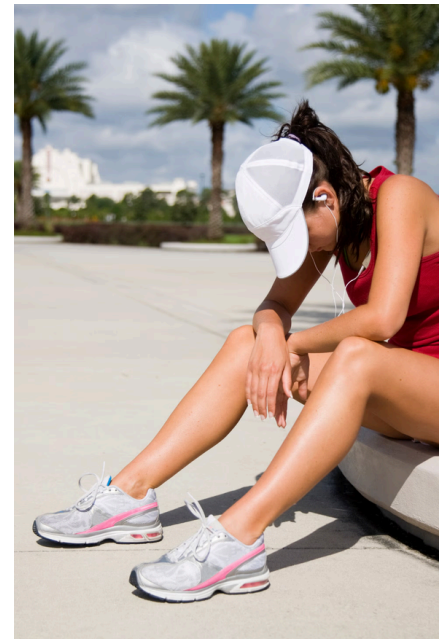
Take Breaks from the Heat

Try to schedule outdoor tasks earlier in the day or later in the evening. Take regular breaks in the shade or indoors.



Travel Smart

If you're hitting the road, make sure your vehicle is in good condition, keep an emergency kit handy, and always buckle up.



Mental Wellness Matters

- Take time to unplug, rest, and recharge. Whether it's reading, journaling, or just stepping away from the screen—your mental health matters too.
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Help Us Take Our Student Chapter to New Heights

This month, we're taking a bold step forward: our student chapter will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

This isn't just a formality—it's a game-changer. Becoming a nonprofit would open doors to more funding, community partnerships, and long-term support for the students who are driving this program forward.

If you've seen the impact this chapter has had—or believe in the vision we're building—we would be honored to have your support.

Submit a Letter of Support

We're inviting community members, families, educators, and friends of the chapter to submit short letters of support that we can bring before the board.

Your voice matters, and your words could help shape the future of this chapter.

✉ Email your letter to:
michael@nextgenerationinsulation.com
📅 Board vote happening end of this month

Thank you for standing with us as we work to create a lasting legacy for students and their families.

Thank you for reading!

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