## WILD DOG TALES THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LOUISIANA TECH STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm proud to say we've had a member great turnout this quarter compared to past membership. Not only have we had active club participants, members have taken responsibility to help find and plan events! We've had great social events, such as bonfires, pumpkin carving, and a trip to a reptile pet show. The club has also done multiple volunteering events at various places, such as Black Bayou Lake and Red River wildlife refuges. We were also present at conferences like The Wildlife Society Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Louisiana Assoc. of Professional **Biologists' Research Symposium** in Lafayette, where officer Holly Eubanks won 1st place on her poster presentation. It's been a busy quarter, but we're only getting started!

> Mikail Bowen, Class of 2025 Forestry Major | Wildlife Habitat Mgt. Conc.

## LaTech TWS Kept Busy during Fall Quarter!



We kicked off the school year by recruiting new members during the School of Ag. Sci. & Forestry's Annual Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 17. On Sept. 28, we participated in National Hunting & Fishing Day festivities at Black Bayou Lake NWR by helping kids "fish for candy." That evening, we hosted an evening social with dinner and a bonfire. Oct. 3-4, Mikail Bowen and Holly Eubanks represented our chapter at the state wildlife meeting in Lafayette. On Oct. 19, we participated in fall celebrations at Black Bayou Lake *and* Red River NWRs, where kids got another opportunity to "fish for candy" or learn about wildlife at our storybook corner. Throughout the quarter, we also held regular meetings to learn about certification through The Wildlife Society and Delta Waterfowl's University Hunting Program, as well as begin planning for the 2025 Southeastern Student Wildlife Conclave.







## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Student Wildlife Conclave

#### March 27-29, 2025 • Univ. of Tennessee-Martin

The Louisiana Tech Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is sending a delegation of 20 students to attend this year's conclave. Registration cost per student is \$125. If you would like to help a student attend this fun and educational event via a tax-deductible donation, please contact either our Conclave Chair (Holly Eubanks, hae007@latech.edu) or our Treasurer (Laiden Broadway, leb051@latech.edu) before Dec. 31, 2024. We thank you in advance for supporting our student chapter!





# DELTA

### Delta Waterfowl's "University Hunting Program" comes to Louisiana Tech for a Second Year

Delta Waterfowl is teaming up with the Louisiana Tech Wildlife Society again this winter to facilitate their University Hunting Program. According to Aidan Flores, a DW regional coordinator for the program, the mission of the program is to give college students who have never been hunting the opportunity to get that experience. This is especially important for students who are pursuing careers in wildlife biology and/or management. This year our chapter will be teaming up with the student chapter from the University of Louisiana-Monroe and our very own Dr. Joshua Adams will lead a hunter's education course on South Campus.



#### LaTech TWS South Campus Homecoming

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On November 7, the Louisiana Tech Wildlife Society competed against other South Campus student organizations in this annual event. While we were unable to defend last year's first place title, we had tons of fun coming together as an awesome team!

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...our Conclave Chair, Holly Eubanks, won First Place in the poster contest at the annual research symposium of the Louisiana Association of Professional Biologists! Holly's presentation, "Ground-truthing Louisiana Waterthrush

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Habitat Suitability Model by Louisiana Tech Students in a Service Learning Course," was co-authored by Janine Antalffy (Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture), Dr. Heidi Adams (LaTech Ag. Sci. & Forestry), and Dr. Terri Maness (LaTech Biological Sciences). Congratulations, Holly!



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