

# WILD DOG TALES

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STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been a cold winter, but we have continued our momentum from last quarter into this one! Preparation for this year's conclave is on our minds, and we have been busy finding lodging and practicing events. The club had multiple fundraisers with restaurants and a Valentine's fundraiser on main campus. We have gotten a lot of experience this quarter with volunteering events and trips. Special thanks to our friends and alumni from Louisiana Quail Forever for helping us! Also, professional development has been on the officer team's mind; we are planning more workshops in the future and would love to hear from alumni. Almost done with the year, and I am pleased with how much our club has been done this year.

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## LaTech TW\$ Kept Learning Despite the Winter Quarter Cold!

We kicked off our winter quarter with a Christmas-themed party where our members learned about the rapid urbanization of wildlife habitat and how this can negatively influence wildlife (i.e., we watched *Over the Hedge* while enjoying holiday junk food). Some of our members attended a trapping course hosted by the Louisiana Trappers' Association Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (pictured below). These students learned the proper techniques and ethics of trapping wildlife and ended the day being Level 1 Certified Trappers.



Some of our members teamed up with Delta Waterfowl for the University Hunting Program that gives students the opportunity to experiences their first hunt. On January 20, these students back several ducks and a great time on their first hunt!



## LaTech TWS Teams Up with Louisiana Quail Forever to Promote Habitat Conservation

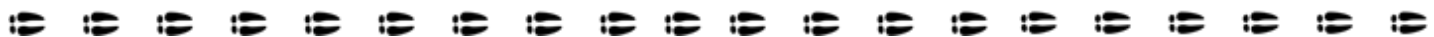
Louisiana Quail Forever biologists Annabeth Rawls (LaTech Class of '22) and Cade Taylor (LaTech Class of '24) met with our chapter on January 28 to offer resume and interview tips that could help them get jobs post-graduation (possibly with Louisiana Quail Forever). Some of our members (pictured right) decided to “pay it forward” by assisting the Bastrop Quail Forever Chapter with their annual fundraising banquet on February 7. Louisiana Quail Forever is a great organization to get involved with – join LaTech TWS as we work to *Save the Habitat* and *Save the Hunt!*



## LaTech TWS Helps with Deer Management at the Louisiana Ecological Forestry Center



The Louisiana Ecological Forestry Center, or LEAF Center “strives to promote conservation of a diverse ecosystem dominated by longleaf pine through restoration, enhancement, and education.” Located in Florien, Louisiana, the LEAF Center has hosted Louisiana Tech Forestry students for many years during their annual forestry summer field session (aka, summer camp). During the weekend of February 21, LaTech TWS helped return the favor by assisting LEAF Center manager Mr. Rodney McKay with deer management on the property grounds. For two days, students helped mix high-protein feed for the deer, cleaned and filled deer feeders, and searched for antler sheds.



## LaTech TWS Helped “Spread the Love” with Main Campus Fundraiser



Our Valentine’s Fundraiser was a great success! We generated a good profit, got great publicity for our student organization, and made some new friends! Be on the lookout for more fundraisers this spring!



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