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PRESS RELEASE
American Petroleum Institute
Delta Chapter
\$25,000 donation to St. Bernard Public Schools
for Freshman Science Labs

The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, a non-profit organization headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana, is pleased to support the rebuilding of the St. Bernard Parish Public Schools by donating \$25,000 for freshman science labs. API-Delta Chapter has recognized outstanding teachers in the metropolitan New Orleans area annually for the past 25 years. St. Bernard Parish public school system exemplary teachers have been recipients of these API-Delta Chapter teacher awards with more than \$20,000 being distributed to St. Bernard teachers during that time.

Post-Katrina, Delta Chapter has endeavored to continue its commitment to teachers by establishing a mini-grant program to assist teachers in the six parishes it serves. It has responded to teacher requests and awarded over \$8,000 directly to teachers for classroom materials/equipment since the storm.

In addition to teacher support through mini-grants, Delta Chapter chose to direct some of its fundraising efforts to St. Bernard Parish Public Schools, having been impressed with the dedication of the Board and the system's administration in being the first system to reopen following the devastation of the storm.

In seeking to assist St. Bernard Parish Public Schools, it came to the attention of the members of Delta Chapter, through communication with St. Bernard's administration, that freshman science labs were in need of equipment and materials. In response, the Delta Chapter Board of Directors enthusiastically voted to approve the request for science lab assistance and earmarked funding in the amount of \$25,000 for three freshman science labs.

It is with pleasure that API-Delta Chapter's Chairman, Jan Catalano, and Vice-Chairman, Ken Meyers, provide a check in the amount of \$25,000 to the St. Bernard Parish Public Schools for three freshman science labs.

In addition to providing support to teachers and school systems, API-Delta Chapter recognizes students whose projects are energy related at the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair held annually in March. Students, their teachers, and their schools receive framed certificates and monetary awards totaling \$1200.

It is the intent of API-Delta Chapter to continue its long-standing commitment of over 25 years to public education by holding a fundraising event annually to support the work of public school systems and their dedicated teachers/staff who deliver quality education to students.