

Environmental & Civil Engineering Students Win Awards from National Association of Environmental Professionals

TAMPA, Fla. (April 15, 2014) The National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) national meeting was held in St. Petersburg on April 7-10. USF environmental and civil engineering graduate students participated in the conference and several won awards for poster presentations.



First place was awarded to **Emma Lopez**, doctoral student in environmental engineering and **Laura Rankin** master's student in civil engineering, for their poster titled "Study of Bioretention Systems for Nitrogen Removal Under Field Conditions."

Second place was awarded to **Jorge Calabria** master's student in environmental engineering for his presentation titled "Performance of AnMBR Permeate as Nutrient Source for Hydroponic Applications."

Third place was awarded to **Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez**, civil engineering doctoral student, for her poster titled “Degradation of Taste and Odor Compounds GSM and MIB Using TiO₂-UV Reactor: Application for Recirculating Aquaculture Systems.” Receiving honorable mentions were doctoral students **Trina Halfhide** (engineering science), **Veronica Aponte-Morales** (engineering science) and environmental engineering master’s student **Brad Akers**.

NAEP is a multi-disciplinary association for professionals dedicated to the advancement of the environmental professions and provides a forum for state-of-the-art information on environmental planning, research and management.

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The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is a Top 50 research university among both public and private institutions nationwide in total research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Serving nearly 48,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of \$1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida is ranked at #72 among public institutions by U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 engineering graduate school rankings. The college serves 4,600 students offering ABET-accredited undergraduate degrees in seven programs, as well as eleven master’s and nine doctoral degrees. The College is actively engaged in local and global research activities with foci on sustainability, biomedical engineering, computing technology and transportation and for the fiscal year 2013-14 had \$30.5 million in research expenditures. There are 124 tenured / tenure track faculty and 80 instructors and research faculty.