

This first week at the National Weather Service has been quite event filled and rewarding with many varied experiences throughout the week. If this is just the first week, I can't wait for the next nine.

At the beginning of the week, I started off with a very personal introduction about the National Weather Service. Not only did we receive a very descriptive tour of the facilities, but we also were taken around to meet all of the employees. This very act alone left us with a feeling of welcome to our environment.

We, Mr. Carter(the other intern) and I, also had a chance to visit two of the official weather station sites where we further received hands on experience with instrumentation. By going along with the experienced worker Gilbert Barton, WFO LIX's Data Acquisition Program Manager, and listening to him explain his duties, we had an idea of what goes on outside of the office.

Towards the middle of the week we had an opportunity to attend a dedication ceremony at the courthouse in St. Charles Parish, LA. It was informative for us as students. We not only learned about the necessity for NOAA's water level monitoring but we also had a chance to talk to the professionals that operate the system such as ST Charles Emergency Management representative. Along with meeting the operators, we also had a chance to meet and greet with the some of the NOAA representatives inclusive of the NOAA Director.

Toward the closing of the week, we had a chance to explore our research topics. My area of research is dealing with the Operational Heat Stress Assessment System (OHSAS.) I took the final days of the week to explore and read up on topics that deal with and are related to my subject. Presently I am learning how to correctly collect and record the data so that it is used effectively.

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