About the Imperial Barrel Award
AAPG's Imperial Barrel Award Program (IBA) is an annual prospective basin evaluation competition for geoscience graduate students from universities around the world. University teams compete to win scholarship funds for their geoscience department and the international recognition that comes from competing or winning in the competition. The program is rigorous and contributes to AAPG's mission of promoting petroleum geoscience training and advancing the careers of geoscience students.

In this global competition, university teams analyze a dataset (geology, geophysics, land, production infrastructure, and other relevant materials) in the eight weeks prior to their local competition. Each team delivers their results in a 25 minute presentation to a panel of industry experts. Students have the chance to use state of the art technology on a real dataset, receive feedback from an industry panel, impress potential employers in the audience, and win cash awards for their school. The judges will select the winning team on the basis of the technical quality, clarity and originality of presentation.

The IBA is a hands-on opportunity for students to experience the creative process and the high-tech science that is the foundation of the Energy Industry.

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The Gulf Coast Section of AAPG thanks all the university teams who participated in the Imperial Barrel Award competition this year.
We thank all our sponsors for their continued support of the Gulf Coast IBA competition. Please include us in your 2017 budgets.
Industry Ice Breaker

Thursday 14 April
At Las Ventanas Restaurant and Cantina
Industry Ice Breaker

Drawing for presentation times
Industry Ice Breaker

Meeting industry sponsors, judges, and volunteers.
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### Final Schedule

12:30  Division A, University of Houston  
1:20    Division B, Texas A&M University  
2:10    Division C, University of New Orleans
Brent Hopkins, Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies President presenting gifts to Judges of the Finals
1st Place

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We wish you well in Calgary!!!
2nd Place

University of Houston
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