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Recognition of the Recreation Professional of the Year for the Texas Recreation & Park Society East Region (Interim City Manager)

The East Region TRAPS Conference was held on January 12, 2017. The East Region consists of over 50 cities and counties from the greater Houston and East Texas region. Each year, the Regions recognizes one individual for Recreation Professional of the Year that is responsible for exemplary advancement of the recreation and parks profession in his or her locale. During the awards ceremony, Katrina Beecher from League City was recognized as the TRAPS East Region 2017 Recreation Professional of the Year.

Katrina demonstrates passion and excellence in her work and is committed to providing recreational opportunities for League City residents. She took the initiative to add 3 seasonal holiday camps, year round homeschool PE, monthly Kids night at Hometown Heroes Park, School day-out programs, Fencing and special needs programming. These new programs resulted in over $25,000 in new program revenue. She also took on youth baseball and girls ASA softball, and increased enrollment in summer camp resulting in revenue increases of over $50,000 to the department.

She recently received her Master Naturalist Certification, which required monthly training, meetings and volunteer work. As a result, she is has added outdoor education programming at the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Nature Center. Katrina is a member of the Galveston Bay Area Mater Naturalists, and has utilized those connections to secure volunteers for a new program - Bird Watching at the Nature Center, which piloted in November, 2016 with 40 participants. She is one of the very few Recreation Specialists in the state of Texas to hold the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, Master Naturalist and Leave No Trace certifications.

The City of League City is proud to congratulate Katrina Beecher on winning the TRAPS East Region 2017 Recreation Professional of the Year Award.
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