

The Coastal Waters Consortium Presents:

Scientist Spotlight



Caleb Bourgeois

What is your educational background?

I received both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA.

What inspired you to become a scientist?

I was obsessed with fish as a kid, and always wanted to be a marine biologist. As I got older and developed a more holistic understanding of the environment, I knew that pursuing a scientific career was a no brainer.

Can you describe what you enjoy the most about conducting scientific research?

I think having the opportunity to answer fundamental questions about nature, and to contribute to the global scientific community, is very empowering and inspiring.

What is your role as a scientist for CWC?

I am a Research Associate in Dr. Brain Roberts biogeochemistry lab. I manage field sampling trips, and assist with everyday lab operations.

Can you summarize your oil spill research and describe any surprising findings you have come across?

We are currently working on setting up our big oil spill study. Stay tuned!



The Coastal Waters Consortium's mission is to assess the chemical evolution, biological degradation, and environmental stresses of petroleum and dispersant within Gulf of Mexico coastal and shelf ecosystems.