

# New Student Reception

Florida Water Environment Association

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The Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) Student Chapter at the University of Florida is dedicated to the ideas and values of environmental engineers and scientists.

FWEA is the Florida Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF). WEF is a not-for-profit educational and technical organization of committed to the preservation and enhancement of the global water environment.<sup>1</sup>

We organize several “Evening with an Executive” events each semester. These events allow students in Environmental Engineering Sciences to become familiar with a variety of engineering companies in a casual and relaxed setting.

We also sponsor a student design course covering water quality and treatment. Those enrolled in this course gain real engineering and design experience by completing an entire design project and competing at state and national levels with other universities.

Last year, our chapter teams won first and second place at the state and national competitions. This year our teams have won both first and second place at state competition and hope to win at the national level again at WEFTEC.

Our chapter also sponsors a site for the “Great Air Potato Roundup.” This annual event throughout the Gainesville area helps to curb the growth of the invasive Air Potato. We also participate in several other community and fundraising events, such as “Green Team,” that help improve our local environment.

If you would like more information, please sign up or visit our website at:

<http://grove.ufl.edu/~fwea/>

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<sup>1</sup>From <http://www.fwea.org/dynamics.asp?id=2>