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Alexandria, Va. — The summer 2014 issue of GeoSpectrum will make you feel good. You can download your free PDF copy at: <http://www.americangeosciences.org/geospectrum/info>. Stories in this issue highlight how geoscience gives back are featured including the new “Miners Give Back” humanitarian program from Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME), growth of the “Geoscientists without Borders” program to help communities in Haiti, Sweden and Benin from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists’ (AEG) efforts to help provide the Shisasari community in western Kenya clean drinking water. The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) contributed a story about mapping the impact Hurricane Sandy had on coastal soils – which coincides well with the “iCoast” citizen science program launched by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The geosciences are also giving back to their own professional community by expanding their online archives, such as the Geological Society of America (GSA).

GeoSpectrum also highlights ways scientists were involved and can make a difference in the future with their societies! Meet winning student teams from American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the Association of American Geographers (AAG), and the SSSA. The science and the sweets from the Geological Society of London’s (GSL) “Great Geo-BakeOff” are sure to make you drool and ponder ways to bring geoscience to your kitchen. Bring geoscience to your community this fall with opportunities including important updates on Earth Science Week celebrations around the world, and global contests like the Best Student Geologic Map Competition hosted by the USGS and sponsored by the Geological Society of America, AGI, The Association of American State Geologists (AASG) and the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) – **deadline to apply is July 29th!**

GeoSpectrum wants early career and student geoscientists to never fear a non-traditional career! AAPG brings the geoscience community an interview with geoscientist-turned-Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. The Public Affairs Director from the Association for the Science of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), Adrienne Sponberg shares her experiences pursuing a career in geoscience policy and AAG brings you Dr. James Chan who shares how he made his geography degree work for him in business.

Most importantly, geoscience inspires wonder. The Friends of Mineralogy (FOM) brings the geoscience community some eye-catching and unique mineral pseudomorphs to ponder, and Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) shares a fun post to chew on – the origins of mammalian carnivores in the fossil record, and the Environmental and Engineering Geophysical Society (EEGS) starts an important discussion about using unmanned aerial systems in the geosciences. AGI congratulates all scientists recognized in this issue, and hopes you find your place in the spectrum of geoscience.

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