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Ducks Unlimited’s 2026 Third Term record number of future conservation leaders; DU Pres. Rex Schulz addresses students

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – July 20, 2026 – Third Term, the thirteenth annual Ducks University leadership summit, sponsored by Dive Bomb Industries, Alps Outdoorz, Alpha Gamma Rho and Jocko Fuel, was held July 17 and 18 in Memphis.

DU President Dr. Rex Schulz spoke to 340 college students at Ducks Unlimited’s annual Third Term Leadership Summit.

The annual gathering brought together 340 leaders of Ducks Unlimited’s (DU) collegiate chapters from across the country to celebrate conservation successes and work toward a greater impact on North America’s waterfowl and wetlands.

A record-breaking number of representatives from 108 United States Ducks Unlimited chapters and one Canadian chapter attended the event.

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The 2026 conference began with registration at the Memphis Hil-



2026 Third Term participants toured Ducks Unlimited National Headquarters in Memphis. (Photo/Courtesy: Ducks Unlimited)

ton, followed by a trip to Ducks Unlimited National Headquarters for a reception and dinner.

Third Term’s keynote speaker was Devlin “Duck” Hodges, who shared his passion for the

outdoors and stories from his time in the NFL, his journey into entrepreneurship and how he met his wife, country music artist Lainey Wilson.

On July 18, numerous speakers offered detailed glimpses into

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DU operations, including record-breaking conservation achievements, including the overwhelming success of DU’s recently concluded Conservation for a Continent campaign, new programs and the fundraising efforts that drive DU’s wetlands conservation mission.

Breakout sessions gave attendees an in-depth knowledge of the techniques and strategies that helped make Ducks Unlimited the world’s greatest wetlands conservation organization.

For more information about the Ducks University program and Third Term, visit www.ducks.org.

About Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America’s continually disappearing wetlands, grasslands and other waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has restored or protected more than 20 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science, DU’s projects benefit waterfowl, wildlife and people in all 50 states. Learn more at www.ducks.org.

TDEC names Memphis Light, Gas & Water a Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Award recipient at 40th Anniversary of program

MEMPHIS – The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has named Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW) as the recipient of the 2026 Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Award for Energy and Renewable Resources. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards which honors individuals, businesses, and other organizations for their commitment to preserving the state’s natural resources.

The award for Energy and Renewable Resources recognizes advancing the use of alternative fuels and expanding energy efficiency.

MLGW, in partnership with the City of Memphis, Ameresco, and Ubicquia, completed a groundbreaking citywide conversion of more than 77,000 streetlights to high efficiency LEDs equipped with smart, cellular-based con-

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trols. The \$47 million initiative represents one of the most ambitious smart lighting transformations in the Southeast and delivers major environmental, economic, and public safety benefits for residents across Memphis.

The upgraded LED system is already achieving approximately 55 percent annual energy savings, reducing electricity consumption by over 37,000 MWh each year and cutting more than 26,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. These reductions align directly with the Memphis Area Climate Action Plan goal of lowering emissions 51% below 2016 levels by 2035, while enabling the project to effectively pay for itself over time.

In addition to environmental gains, the new lighting improves visibility and strengthens public safety across neighborhoods, business corridors, and school zones for drivers and pedestrians.

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There are ten categories for the Governor’s Environmental Stew-

ardship Awards. Other recipients include:

- Agriculture and Forestry – Cumberland River Compact Building Green – iFixit
- Clean Air and Transportation Solutions – Clarksville-Montgomery County School System
- Environmental Education and Outreach – Clearloop and Jackson-Madison County School System
- Materials Management – Toyota Boshoku Tennessee LLC
- Natural Resources – Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful
- Pursuit of Excellence –

OxyChem

- Sustainable Performance – Carlex Glass America, LLC
- Water Quality – Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency

The Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced at the Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards event in September.

For more information on the recipients and the awards program, visit the Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards website.

The SAF files motion for injunction in Glock ban case...from sports-military 2

those like it that have popped up around the country, are a thinly veiled attempt to ban all guns, one chunk of the market at a time. But the law is overwhelmingly on our side. The Supreme Court has already held that the Second Amendment protects handguns, as they are the ‘quintessential’ firearm of choice for self-defense, and Glock-style pistols are massively popular and commonly used in Maryland and around the country.”

As noted in the complaint, “This case is about whether Maryland may ban Glock and Glock-style handguns consistent with the United States Constitution merely because someone can convert those firearms into

something that they are not.” SAF is joined in *Bathras v. Moore* by Atlantic Guns, the National Rifle Association, Firearms Policy Coalition and two private citizens.

“Laws like this strip peaceable Americans from access to constitutionally protected arms and seek to bully and hold liable lawful manufacturers and sellers for the criminal misuse of firearms,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “This law is the equivalent to banning free speech in the hopes of preventing fraud. It’s bad policy and unconstitutional. We look forward getting it tossed.”

For more information visit SAF.org.

Los Angeles Auto Show to stage next chapter of Chevron with Techron brand ... from sports page 4

site activations, expanded programming and special ticket offers for Southern California families and fans throughout the show’s run. Chevron with Techron will be featured across the show’s consumer campaign, on-site experience, and digital storytelling. Programming and offer details will be shared as opening day approaches.

Built into the fabric of how Los Angeles drives

Both brands share an understanding of what makes Los Angeles different: it is one of the most diverse driving communities in the world, and what connects it is the road. Chevron has one of the largest networks of branded retail stations in the region, and every grade of its gasoline carries the renowned Techron formula. For millions of Angelenos, the brand is part of the daily rhythm of the city, present on the routes they drive every day.

Los Angeles Auto Show celebrates that perspective through All Roads Stories, its original video series spotlighting the people, places and vehicles that help shape Southern California car culture across its many communities.

AutoMobility LA

Chevron with Techron will also have a presence at AutoMobility LA, the industry and media program that opens 2026 Los Angeles Auto Show and convenes automakers, suppliers, designers, technologists, and global press for vehicle reveals, executive presentations, and the forward-looking conversations shaping the industry’s next year. Specific AutoMobility LA programming for Chevron with Techron will be confirmed ahead of the show.

2026 Los Angeles Auto Show runs November 20–29, 2026 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. For the latest on vehicle debuts, special programming, ticket offers, and daily schedules, visit laautoshow.com. AutoMobility LA takes place November 19, 2026; learn more at automobilityla.com.

About Chevron

Chevron is one of the world’s leading integrated energy companies. We believe affordable, re-

liable and ever-cleaner energy is essential to enabling human progress. Chevron produces crude oil and natural gas; manufactures transportation fuels, lubricants, petrochemicals and additives; and develops technologies that enhance our business and the industry. We aim to grow our oil and gas business, lower the carbon intensity of operations, and grow new energies businesses. More information about Chevron is available at www.chevron.com.

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