

Mailer 3 - Final Symposium Information
2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium
Hosted by North Carolina A&T State University
April 2nd – April 4th, 2026



March 20, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Carolinas Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium** Mailer 3, the last of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference.

Please carefully read this information and forward copies to the appropriate members in your ASCE Student Chapter and team members for each team competing at the student symposium. Do not delete this mailer as information given within may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Mailer 3 Confirmation and registration reminders,
- Safety-first culture information,
- Competition safety information,
- Business Meeting information,
- Maps, directions, and parking information,
- Non-competition event information,
- Competition presentation and display information,
- Social network information,
- Final student symposium schedule,
- Final presentation schedules,
- Final deadlines,
- Society and local competition information,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE Society Competition eligibility requirements,
- Sponsor recognition, and
- Hotel information.

*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 3 Acknowledgment Form by **March 31st, 2026**.
Please note the individual registration deadline was **February 20th, 2026**.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at our general student symposium e-mail address, listed below. All symposium information such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our website and are also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

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President, ASCE Student Chapter
North Carolina A&T State University

Elijah Diggs
Conference Chair,
2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/carolinas/
General symposium email address	ncataggiesasce@gmail.com
Instagram	@ncat_asce

Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation & Registration

STEP 1 - Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation - *required*

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation due no later than **March 31, 2026**.

Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation Link – <https://forms.gle/QpDkcoWhN3p5tCbz7>

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

STEP 2 – Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form – *required*

Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form was due by **February 20th, 2026**.

The Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form must be filled out by ALL individuals attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, faculty advisors and staff. The Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form contains liability waiver information required by ASCE that must be reviewed and acknowledged by every individual attending, participating, and/or spectating at the symposium.

****Please note that judges and volunteers have a separate registration form that will be shared from the host university.**

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium, please email ncatasceaggies@gmail.com

Safety-First Culture Information

ASCE and North Carolina A&T State University are encouraging a Safety-First Culture during the student symposium. We encourage all symposium participants to embrace this concept by thinking about safety in their activities coming to, returning from, and while at our symposium. We want **every** symposium participant to return home safe and healthy.

To generate a Safety-First Culture, we have designated Kendrick Mayes as our symposium safety officer. Further, be on the lookout for safety information at or in advance of the symposium, such as the location of first-aid supplies, who in the crowd has first-aid training and Safety Moments.

What is a Safety Moment? A Safety Moment consists of a quick discussion on an activity-specific, site-specific, or general safety topic. The Safety Moment may be presented by the leader of an activity, the symposium safety officer, or a member of the host symposium planning team. We ask that all participants give their undivided attention to the Safety Moment discussion and embrace the safety-first concept.

If an injury does occur during the symposium, it should be reported to the competition head judge, symposium safety officer, or activity leader immediately so that appropriate action can be taken based on the injury. If it is a true emergency, please call 911 first.

Contact information for the symposium safety officer and key host school representatives is listed below. Please keep this list close during the symposium and we encourage you to program the symposium safety officer's phone number into your cell phone.

Head Symposium Safety Officer

Name – Kendrick Mayes

Email – ktmayes@ncat.edu

Additional Symposium Safety Officers

Names – Shayla Sharpe, Desmond Sharpe

Email – shayla@sp3.us , events@sp3.us

Host School Faculty Advisor

Name – Hiba Ahmed, Ph.D.

Email – haahmed@ncat.edu

Closest Hospital/Urgent Care

Cone Health Urgent Care at Greensboro

1123 N Church St, Greensboro, NC 27401

As a best practice, we strongly recommend that faculty advisors keep and maintain on-hand a list of emergency contact information for their university and participating students. ASCE and the student symposium host do not collect emergency contact information from registrants.

In the spirit of a Safety Moment, here are some safe driving habits to keep in mind as you travel to the student symposium:

- Driving at the speed limit has proven to save lives.
- Do not drive when tired. Swap drivers often.
- Minimum of two people awake at all times when wheels are rolling.
- Be aware of how larger/heavier vehicles behave when stopping or turning.
- Be aware of your surroundings when backing up any vehicle, especially trailers. Better yet, avoid backing up at all, if possible.
- Use a spotter to watch when you must back up a vehicle.
- Slow down when the conditions warrant (rain, snow, ice, fog, darkness, pedestrians nearby).
- Perform a circle of safety around your vehicle to identify what is in your blind spots.

Competition Safety Information

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Safety gear (closed-toe water shoes and Personal Floatation Device (life jacket)) for each paddler is the responsibility of each team. ([Exhibit 8: Race Regulations & Safety](#))

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Personal protective equipment is the responsibility of each team. During all construction activities, builders must wear hard hats and protective eyewear or safety goggles ([Section 10.1.6](#)). During all loading activities, competitors must wear hard hats, protective eyewear or safety goggles, work gloves, and steel toe or composite work boots that extend above the ankle. Steel or composite toe caps over leather work boots are acceptable. ([Section 11.2.1.3](#)). The hardhats must meet ANSI standard Z89.1, and the protective eyewear or safety goggles must meet ANSI standard Z87.1

Surveying Competition: Team members are responsible for providing their own required safety equipment including closed-toe shoes and safety-colored shirts or vests to participate in the field tasks. ([Section 6: Safety](#))

Timber-Strong Design Build Competition: [Section 5.4.3 Safety Gear](#) – Each team is responsible for bringing their own tools, safety gear, and personal protective equipment (PPE) including but not limited to construction hard hats, safety glasses, gloves (tips of gloves may not be cut off), closed-toed shoes, long pants, and safety vests or high-visibility shirts. Long hair needs to be tied back at the construction site. Please see [Section 5.4.3 Safety Gear](#) for information on power tools and [Section 4.5](#) for addition safety information.

ASCE 3D Printing Competition: Teams are responsible for providing their own eye protection, work gloves, and closed-toe shoes, which must be worn by all active participants handling the bridge and during loading and testing. [Section 5.4.3: Safety](#)

Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, at 4pm.**

The draft business meeting agenda is in attachment to Mailer 3. If you have additional agenda items and/or motions that your student chapter would like to be included in the agenda, please submit them to our symposium planning committee at ncataggiesasce@gmail.com by **March 31st, 2026.**

Note that the business meeting is officially the business meeting for the Student Conference Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates consists of two student delegates (preferably a senior or junior in an ASCE leadership position and a sophomore in or aspiring to an ASCE leadership position) and the faculty advisor from each student chapter. Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and the Society. Each student chapter in the Student Conference has one vote.

At least one member of your ASCE student chapter must participate in the Business Meeting as part of the eligibility requirements to advance to finals for Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, and Surveying.

[Click here for ASCE Eligibility Requirements](#)

Maps, Directions, and Parking Information

Thursday, April 2 - [NCAT Parking Map](#)

Ronald E. McNair Hall/Lawn (Registration & Welcome Social location) is #35 under the Academic section on the map. Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex (Meeting locations) is #71 under the Academic section on the map.

◆ Charter Buses

- ◆ Please pull into the metered parking spaces along 1455 E. Market St to drop off conference attendees. From there, you will be directed to park at War Memorial Stadium, 510 Yanceyville St, Greensboro, NC 27405. This is Lot #65 under the Parking section on the map.

◆ Trailers & U-Hauls

- ◆ Please park in the Ronald E. McNair Lot, 1455 E. Market St. This is Lot #16 under the Parking section on the map.

◆ Personal Vehicles

- ◆ Please park in the Obermeyer Parking Deck, 102 North Laurel St, Greensboro, NC 27401. This is #43 under the Student Support section on the map. The deck is self-pay.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT PARK IN ANY RESERVED SPOTS

Friday, April 3

◆ **Lake Brandt Marina - Concrete Canoe, Thor's Hammer & T-Shirt Judging Competition**

- ◆ 5945 Lake Brandt Rd., Greensboro, NC 27455
- ◆ Charter Buses, Trailers, U-Hauls & Personal Vehicles may park at Lake Brandt Marina.
- ◆ Once parking is at capacity, overflow parking is at Jesse Wharton Elementary School.

◆ **Jesse Wharton Elementary School - Overflow Parking & Surveying Field Tasks Competition**

- ◆ 5813 Lake Brandt Rd, Greensboro, NC 27455

◆ **Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex – Meeting location**

- ◆ Charter Buses
- ◆ Please park in the Ronald E. McNair Lot, 1455 E. Market St. This is Lot #16 under the Parking section on the map.
- ◆ Personal Vehicles
- ◆ You may park in front of the Martin Complex. This is Lot #37 under the Parking section on the map.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT PARK IN THE MASON LODGE LOT.

Saturday, April 4 - [NCAT Parking Map](#)

Corbett Sports Center is #14 under the Student Support section on the map.

Student Center is #55 under the Student Support section on the map.

◆ Charter Buses

- ◆ For the competition & banquet, please access John W. Mitchell Dr. 1403 John W Mitchell Dr, Greensboro, NC 27405 from N. Benbow Dr. to drop attendees off. From there, you will be directed to park at War Memorial Stadium, 510 Yanceyville St, Greensboro, NC 27405. This is Lot #65 under the Parking section on the map.

◆ Personal Vehicles, Trailers & U-Hauls

- ◆ For the competitions, please park in Lot #20 under the Parking section on the map.
- ◆ For the banquet, please park in Lot #22 under the Parking section on the map.

Map of Student Center (1) / Corbett Sports Center (2) - 1403 John W Mitchell Dr, Greensboro, NC 27405



Map of Martin Complex (3) / Ronald E. McNair Hall/Lawn (4) – 1455 East Market St, Greensboro, NC 27411



Map of Lake Brandt (5) - 5945 Lake Brandt Rd, Greensboro, NC 27455



Map of Jesse Wharton Elementary School (6) - 5813 Lake Brandt Rd, Greensboro, NC 27455



Non-Competition Event Information

Registration: Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, from 3:30pm-5pm in the Ronald E. McNair Hall 2nd Floor Lobby – 1455 E Market St, Greensboro, NC 27401.

Welcoming Ceremony/Company Mixer: Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, from 5pm-8pm. Participants will enjoy cookout style food and will have the opportunity to network with company professionals and sponsors of the student symposium. This event will take place on the Ronald E. McNair Hall Lawn – 1455 E Market St, Greensboro, NC 27411.

ASCE Information Table: Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, from 5pm-8pm. Stop by the table to learn more about ASCE.

Banquet/Awards Ceremony: Saturday, April 4th, 2026 at 6pm in the Deese Ballroom (Student Center 2nd Floor) - 1403 John W Mitchell Dr, Greensboro, NC 27405. Attire is **business casual**.

Business Meeting: Thursday, April 2nd, 2026 at 4pm. By invitation only, see page 5.

Social Network Information

Text **ASCE26** to **866-540-1088** to opt in to event weekend text messaging.

Note: Text line will open at 12:00PM on April 2nd, 2026.

Competition Presentation & Display Information

All Competitions: Each student team that presents is required to bring their digital presentation on a USB. The host will provide laptop and projector equipment.

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the display portion of the competition. ([Section 7: Prototype Display Requirements](#)).

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the aesthetic display portion of the competition. ([Section 6.2.1](#))

Surveying Competition:

Topographic Map Display: It is the responsibility of each team to bring one (1) 24-inch by 36-inch paper copy set of the topographic mapping project to the symposium and give to the student symposium host at check-in, which will be used for public display at the student symposium ([Section 7.3, Paper Copy Submittals](#)). The sheets of the paper copy must match the electronic submission.

(This copy is for the public display and does not replace the required online submission due on **February 23, 2026, by 5:00 pm EST.**)

- Teams are encouraged to bring a standard 6ft tablecloth displaying your school's name, logo, or chapter name for the Topo Map Display Session (*not required*).
- Teams should plan to stay with their topo map public display to discuss their project with spectators.

Field Task Equipment: Please refer to [Appendix D, Equipment List, in the rules](#) for a full list of required items for the competition. All items must be supplied by each individual team at the symposium competition.

Sustainable Solutions:

Poster Session: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the poster presentation. You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

- Teams will be expected to stay with their poster during the display to discuss their project with spectators.

ASCE 3D Printing Competition: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the poster presentation. You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

ASCE Construction Institute Competition: All teams should come prepared with a laptop. Laptops or computers will not be provided at the competition. [Section 8:3](#) of the rules state: *Teams may bring reference materials, templates, laptops, and planning tools.*

Timber-Strong Design Build Competition: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the visual aid at the build site, as outlined in [Section 9.2 of the rules](#). You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

Student Symposium Paper Competition: See above in red

Final Student Symposium Schedule

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events.

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
Thursday, April 2 nd	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	Registration	Ronald E. McNair Hall 2 nd Floor Lobby
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Business Meeting	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Chevron Room 244
	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Welcome Social	Ronald E. McNair Front Lawn
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Captain's Meeting: Concrete Canoe	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Room 245/246
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Captain's Meeting: Surveying	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Chevron Room 244
Friday, April 3 rd	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Concrete Canoe Set-Up/Swamping	Lake Brandt Marina
	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast (grab and go)	Lake Brandt Marina
	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Racing	Lake Brandt Marina
	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Surveying Field Tasks Competition	Jesse Wharton Elementary School
	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Thor's Hammer Judging	Lake Brandt Marina
	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch (grab and go)	Lake Brandt Marina
	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	T-Shirt Contest Judging	Lake Brandt Marina
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Thor's Hammer Competition	Lake Brandt Marina

	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Captain's Meeting: Steel Bridge	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Chevron Room 244
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Captain's Meeting: Sustainable Solutions	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Room 245/246
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Captain's Meeting: Timber-Strong	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Chevron Room 244
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Captain's Meeting: 3D Printed Bridge	Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research and Innovation Complex Room 245/246
Saturday, April 4th	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Steel Bridge/Timber Strong Set-Up	Corbett Sports Center
	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast (grab and go)	Student Center Deese Lobby 2 nd Floor
	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Steel Bridge/Timber Strong Aesthetics Judging	Corbett Sports Center
	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Steel Bridge/Timber Strong Competition	Corbett Sports Center
	10:00 AM	2:30 PM	3D Printed Bridge Competition	Student Center Stallings Lobby 1 st Floor
	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Sustainable Solutions Presentations	Student Center Room 342
	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Student Symposium Paper Presentations	Student Center Room 385
	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Freshmore Competition	Student Center Study Room 303
	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch (grab and go)	Student Center Deese Lobby 2 nd Floor
	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Surveying Presentations	Student Center Room 342
	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Transportation Presentations	Student Center Room 385
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions & Surveying Topo Map Displays	Student Center Room 232
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Displays	Student Center Room 232

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	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Presentations	Student Center Room 342
	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Quiz Bowl	Student Center Room 385
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Banquet/Award Ceremony	Deese Ballroom Student Center 2 nd Floor

Final Presentation Schedules

Student Symposium Paper Presentations Date: April 4th Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM Location: Student Center 385	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Citadel	11:00 – 11:10 AM
North Carolina A&T State University	11:10 – 11:20 AM
North Carolina State University	11:20 – 11:30 AM
Horry Georgetown	11:30 – 11:40 AM
UNC Charlotte	11:40 – 11:50 AM
Break	11:50 AM – 12:00 PM
University of South Carolina	12:00 – 12:10 PM
Clemson	12:10 – 12:20 PM
Duke University	12:20 – 12:30 PM

Sustainable Solutions Presentations Date: April 4th Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM Location: Student Center 342	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Clemson	11:00 – 11:15 AM
Citadel	11:15 – 11:30 AM
Horry Georgetown	11:30 – 11:45 AM
North Carolina State University	11:45 AM – 12:00 PM
North Carolina A&T State University	12:00 – 12:15 PM
UNC Charlotte	12:15 – 12:30 PM

3D Printing Presentations Date: April 4th Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM Location: Student Center Stallings Lobby	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Horry Georgetown	11:00 – 11:10 AM
UNC Charlotte	11:10 – 11:20 AM
North Carolina A&T State University	11:20 – 11:30 AM
Clemson	11:30 – 11:40 AM
Break	11:40 – 11:50 PM
University of South Carolina	11:50 AM – 12:00 PM
Citadel	12:00 – 12:10 PM
North Carolina State University	12:10 – 12:20 PM

Surveying Presentations Date: April 4th Time: 12:30PM – 2:00PM Location: Student Center 342	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
North Carolina State University	12:30 – 12:40 PM
Horry Georgetown	12:40 – 12:50 PM
UNC Charlotte	12:50 – 1:00 PM
North Carolina A&T State University	1:00 – 1:10 PM
Break	1:10 – 1:20 PM
Citadel	1:20 – 1:30 PM
University of South Carolina	1:30 – 1:40 PM
Clemson	1:40 – 1:50 PM

Transportation Presentations
Date: April 4th
Time: 12:30PM – 2:00PM
Location: Student Center 385

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
North Carolina A&T State University	12:30 – 12:40 PM
Citadel	12:40 – 12:50 PM
Horry Georgetown	12:50 – 1:00 PM
North Carolina State University	1:00 – 1:10 PM
Break	1:10 – 1:20 PM
Clemson	1:20 – 1:30 PM
UNC Charlotte	1:30 – 1:40 PM
Duke University	1:40 – 1:50 PM
University of South Carolina	1:50 – 2:00 PM

Concrete Canoe Presentations
Date: April 4th
Time: 2:00PM – 4:15PM
Location: Student Center 342

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
University of South Carolina	2:00 – 2:15 PM
Duke University	2:15 – 2:30 PM
UNC Charlotte	2:30 – 2:45 PM
North Carolina State University	2:45 – 3:00 PM
Break	3:00 – 3:15 PM
North Carolina A&T State University	3:15 – 3:30 PM
Citadel	3:30 – 3:45 PM
Horry Georgetown	3:45 – 4:00 PM

Clemson	4:00 – 4:15 PM
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Final Deadlines

We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.

March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to ncataggiesasce@gmail.com
March 7	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Three Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
March 12	Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
March 26	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 28	Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals are to be uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
March 31	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
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Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE **CAROLINAS** STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Society-wide Competitions

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition



ASCE UESI Surveying Competition



AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition



ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition

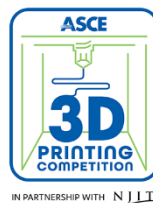


Society Pilot Competitions

ASCE Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition



ASCE 3D Printing Competition



Society competition rules can be found at:

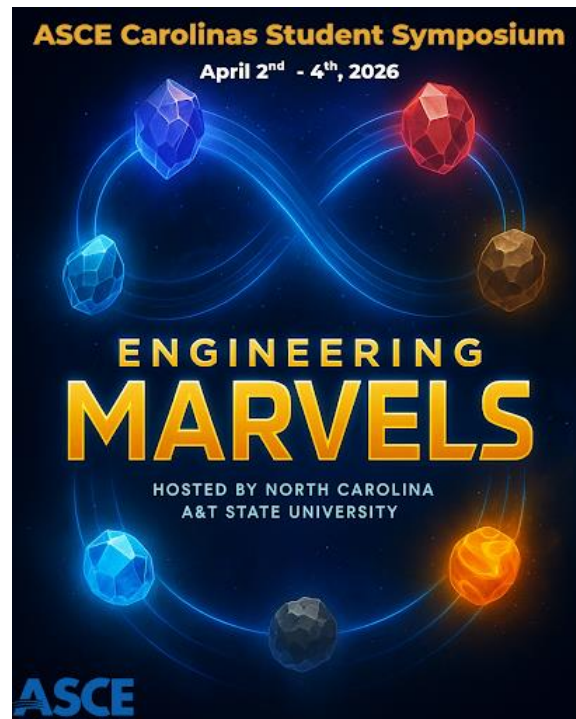
<https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/rules>

Local Competition Information

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE CAROLINAS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Student Symposium Paper Competition] <i>Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals</i>	Thor’s Hammer	Freshmore	Transportation
The Superhero in Us: Video Competition	T-Shirt Competition	Quiz Bowl	

Local Competition rules can be found on our [website!](#)



Student Symposium Paper Competition

The ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition emphasizes the importance of being able to write and present a paper as essential communication skills for all engineers and often necessary for advancement in your career. The competition consists of a paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium.

The topic for the **2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic** – [click here for topic.](#)

- **Submission deadline: March 1, 2026**
 - *Papers submitted after the March 1st deadline will be accepted and permitted to present at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction and will not be eligible for consideration for the National Daniel W. Mead Prize for Student Competition, regardless of final placement at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction.*
- **Submission email/link is: ncataggiesasce@gmail.com**
- **Rubric: [Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric](#)**
- **Time Limit for Presentations: 5 min presentation + 5 min Q&A**

****All papers must have a statement at the bottom attesting that, except where otherwise cited, the submission is the work of the student author and not AI or NLP. Submissions without this statement will not be considered for recognition.**

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2026, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. A separate submission to ASCE is not required for the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Competition, as the student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official national winner announced in May 2026.

*****SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT*****

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the **2026 ASCE Carolinas Student Symposium** that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions and the SSBC National Finals. Competitions **requiring** participation include:

- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition, and
- AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition.

Note: Any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide Finals Competition include the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, and ASCE UESI Surveying Competition. The AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition advances to the SSBC National Finals and follows the eligibility requirements below. See [SSBC Rules](#) for more information.

The purpose of student competitions is to provide student members career-enrichment opportunities to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase the engineering and professional skills of student teams. As such, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the Society-wide finals competitions/ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in sanctions, disqualifications, and loss of invitations. Please note that the requirements for eligibility for Society-wide finals competitions are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT SYMPOSIUM COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, **no later than the start of their Student Symposium.**
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form **no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

ELIGIBILITY FOR ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to advance to the ASCE Society-wide Finals Competition:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's **full Annual Report, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST, and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100. Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify** to advance to finals competition; and
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
 - a. On-time attendance and active participation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.
 - b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

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