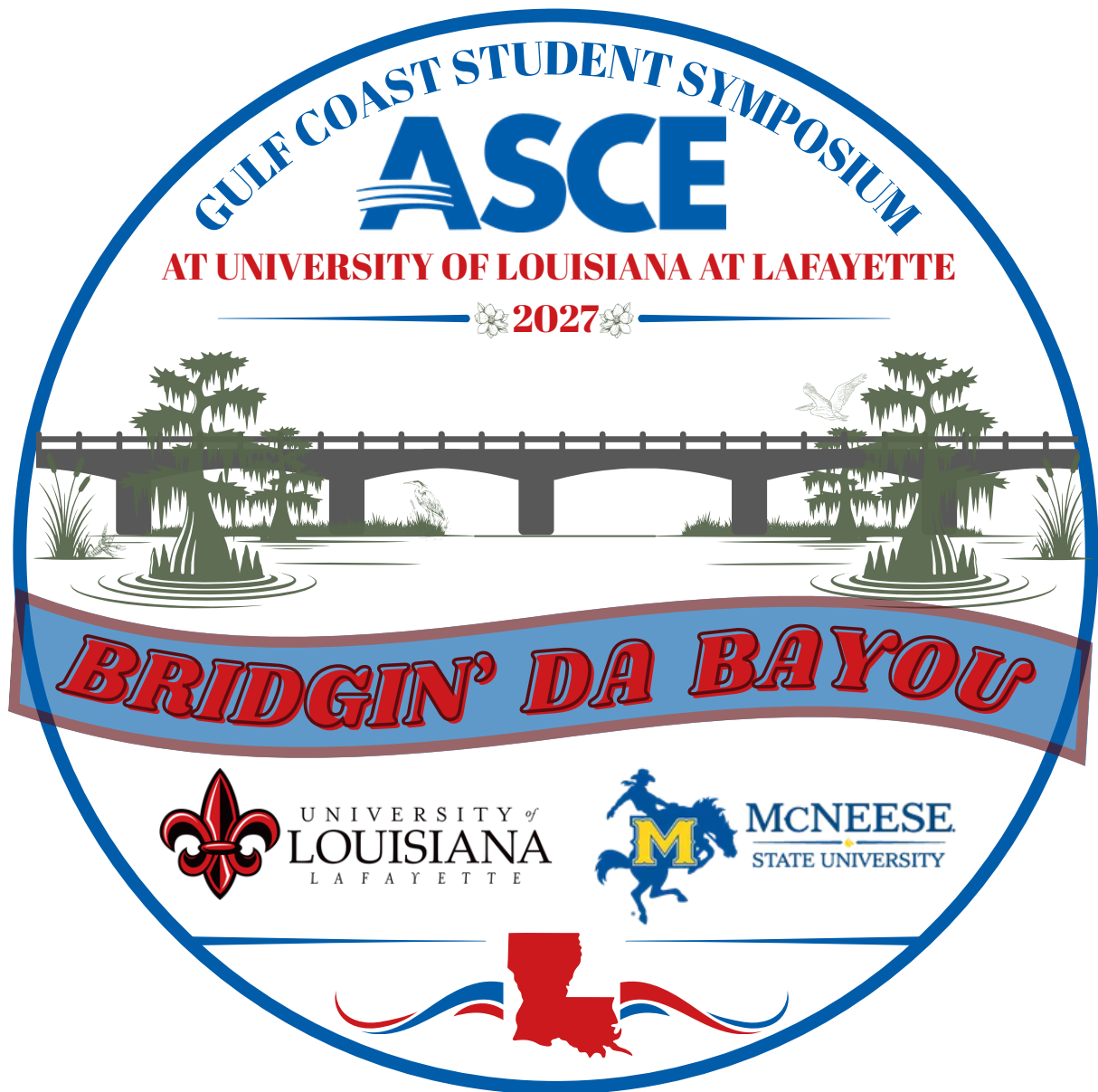


ASCE GULF COAST STUDENT SYMPOSIUM



APRIL 15TH - 17TH

MAILER 1

2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium

Mailer 1: Student Symposium Information and Student Chapter Registration Released October 15, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapters of the ASCE Gulf Coast Student Conference,

This is your 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium Mailer 1, the first 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 1 Receipt Acknowledgement Form,
- Chapter registration information and link,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Society competition intent forms,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE competition eligibility requirements,
- Competition rules and resources
- Tentative student symposium schedule, and
- Hotel accommodations/information.

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, also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership. Together, we'll also commemorate ASCE's 175th anniversary— honoring the past, celebrating the present, and shaping the future of civil engineering.

Go Cajuns and Go Pokes!

Hallee Gardner

Co-Chair, 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Symposium
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette ASCE Student Chapter

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Co-Chair, 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Symposium
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***Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Form by October 30th, 2026.
Please note the school registration deadline is December 1st, 2026.***



MAILER 1

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Click Here

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Form by October 30th, 2026.

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium, please indicate that on the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form.



STUDENT CHAPTER REGISTRATION

Student Chapter Registration is due by December 1, 2026.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/gulf-coast/> to register your chapter for the 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium.

Student Chapter Registration is \$300 per chapter. Registration form (online) and payment are due by December 1, 2026. Late Registration is available at \$450 per chapter until February 26, 2027.

Click Here

Make check payable to:

UL ASCE Student Chapter
Mail checks to: Department of
Civil and Environmental
Engineering, PO Box 42291,
Lafayette, LA, 70504-42291

Venmo Username:
@UL_ASCE

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium, please indicate that on the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form.



A REQUIREMENT TO COMPETE

Statement of Intent and Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements must be filled out for **EACH** ASCE Society Competition to compete.

Please click the links below to fill out the intent form the competitions your chapter plans to compete in. **Society competition rules can be found at:**

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

SOCIETY-WIDE COMPETITIONS

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition	ASCE UESI Surveying Competition	AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition	ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
<u>INTENT FORM</u> Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET	<u>INTENT FORM</u> Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET	<u>INTENT FORM</u> Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET	Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET
Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in mid-February to the team captain.	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the Design Survey project. ASCE will send links in early February to the team captain.	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive your SSBC stipend.	<u>Submission of Proposal and Qualifications Package</u> Please visit the 2027 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules to review the required forms and submission information. (Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the reference document folder .)

SOCIETY PILOT COMPETITIONS

ASCE Construction Institute Competition	Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition	ASCE 3D Printing Competition Statement of Intent
<u>INTENT FORM</u> Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET	<u>INTENT FORM</u> Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET	<u>INTENT FORM</u> Due Nov. 2 2026 at 5pm ET
Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the project deliverables.	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in early February.	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.



LOCAL COMPETITIONS

We are excited to present 16 local competitions at the 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium! Please complete the form below to indicate which competitions your university plans to participate in. You must submit this form to be eligible to compete.

If your team later decides not to participate in a competition you previously selected, please email ullafayette.asce@louisiana.edu to update your response.

All local competition rules will be posted on our website by November 1, 2026, and the intent form will be due December 1, 2026.

Intent Form - Due December 1, 2026

Prestress Concrete Beam Design and construct a precast, prestressed concrete beam using bass guitar strings in place of traditional seven-wire steel strands. Cast and test the beam.	T-shirt Competition Design and create an original T-shirt that showcases creativity and school spirit, following the specified design guidelines.	Hurricane Simulator Coastal Louisiana is in the storm's path! Using a provided map of the impacted area, teams will design an evacuation route that moves the most people in the least time. Judged on traffic flow and overall effectiveness.	Stressed Concrete Competition Design and cast an original concrete figure or structure before the symposium, within the given dimension limits. Entries will be load-tested on site and judged on strength, structural soundness, creativity, and aesthetics.
Team FE Speed Exam Competition Think fast! Teams race the clock to correctly solve FE-style problems across civil engineering topics. Speed and accuracy both count, so the quickest team with the most correct answers takes the win.	Quiz Bowl Answer a variety of civil engineering themed questions. Topics will vary, challenging teams to think like they're taking the ultimate FE exam.	Pickleball Tournament Grab a paddle and represent your school! Teams face off in a bracket-style pickleball tournament, testing coordination, strategy, and teamwork. May the best team advance to the championship round.	Ping Pong Tournament Fast reflexes and sharp angles win the day. Competitors battle it out in a bracket-style ping pong tournament, with the last player standing earning bragging rights and points for their school.
Swampy Waters Each team will pre-construct a homemade water filter system. Items that function solely to treat or purify water will not be allowed in the competition.	Crawfish Eating Competition A true Louisiana tradition! Competitors race to peel and eat as many crawfish as possible within the time limit. The most crawfish devoured wins, so come hungry and bring your best peeling technique.	Water Resources Pipeline Design A rainfall simulator will model runoff through different land conditions and pipe networks. Teams will use the pressure loss data to perform calculations and find the correct results.	Bridgin' Da Bayou Using the university's river table, teams will build a bridge from provided scrap materials to span the flowing bayou. Bridges are judged on performance under the river's conditions as well as creativity of design.
Team Video Show us your school spirit on screen! Each team will submit an original video showcasing their chapter, members, and personality. Judged on creativity, humor, production quality, and adherence to the video guidelines.	Tug of War Put your understanding of static equilibrium to the test! Teams will apply opposing tensions along the rope, using friction and optimizing distribution of forces to overcome $\Sigma F=0$.	Concrete Cornhole Are you sure you understand dynamics? In this projectile motion bracket tournament, you'll need to achieve the perfect angle and velocity to achieve the perfect launch.	Mystery Design Solve a surprise challenge revealed, testing creativity, adaptability, and teamwork under time constraints.



BUILDING LEADERS BRICK-BY-BRICK

Leadership Skills Development presented by the Committee on Student Members

Don't miss the opportunity to collaborate with peers from different universities, applying engineering design and construction skills in a hands-on engaging team competition. Learn your role and apply leadership, communication, and teamwork to outwit other challengers. No preparation needed. Look for more details in upcoming mailers.

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DEADLINES

2026 Deadlines

October 30 - Mailer 1 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter

November 1 - All rules for local competitions posted

November 2 by 5:00 pm Eastern Time - Statement of Intent & Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements Form due from each team intending to compete in a Society-wide or Society Pilot Competition – Concrete Canoe, Student Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, Surveying, Construction Institute, Timber-Strong, and 3D Printing.

One form is required for each competition and must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. The online form* must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each person will submit a separate form. (See previous pages for intent form links.) * Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the [reference document folder](#).

December 1 - Student Chapter registration is due (see instructions on page 3) and Intent form for local competitions due.



DEADLINES

2027 Deadlines

January 5, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time - Surveying Competition Design Survey Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the [ASCE UES! Surveying Competition Collaborate Site](#).

January 15th - Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter

January 29th - Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.

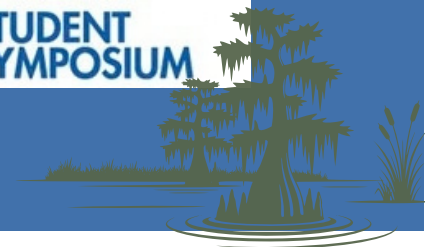
February 1st by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time - ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. (More information on Annual Reports can be found [here](#). If you have questions on your Annual Report, email student@asce.org). Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an [eligibility requirement](#) to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the [eligibility requirements](#) for details.

February 1st - ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an [eligibility requirement](#) to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the [eligibility requirements](#) for details.

February 3rd - ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Member Form is due. Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.

February 11th by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time - Concrete Canoe Project Proposal Deliverables: Design Narrative, Construction Drawings, Calculation Package, and Materials Notebook due. (Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)

February 19th - Timber-Strong Design Build Phase 1A & 1B Project deliverables and ladder safety training certificates are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)



DEADLINES

February 26th - Surveying Competition Design Survey Project Plans due by 5:00 p.m. EST (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)

March 1st - Timber-Strong Design Build Final Material Request Form due.

March 1st - Student Symposium Paper Competition due to submission form.
(see instructions on page 9)

March 5th - Attendee Registration is due and Volunteer Registration Due

March 5th - Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due. (A unique and secure submission link was sent to each team for Phase 1A & 1B submittals and that same link will be used by teams for this submittal.)

March 22nd - Sustainable Solutions Competition Grant Application, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Poster, Social Media Post and Sketchup files are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)

March 29th - Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.

April 7th - Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation Due

April 10th - Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. (A unique and secure submission link was sent to each team for Phase 1A & 1B submittals and that same link will be used by teams for this submittal.)

April 15th - April 17th - 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast 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 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium Paper Competition:

Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic: Engineering for the Unprecedented: Evaluating the Civil Engineer's Professional and Ethical Duty to Design Infrastructure Beyond Minimum Standards.

[Click here for details.](#)

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2027, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. The student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Daniel Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official overall winner announced in May 2027.

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 2027 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions and the SSBC National Finals. Competitions at our student symposium **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.

Submission deadline: March 1st, 2027
Submission link: [Click here!](#)

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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 with 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 REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for Student Symposium Competitions

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

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

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:

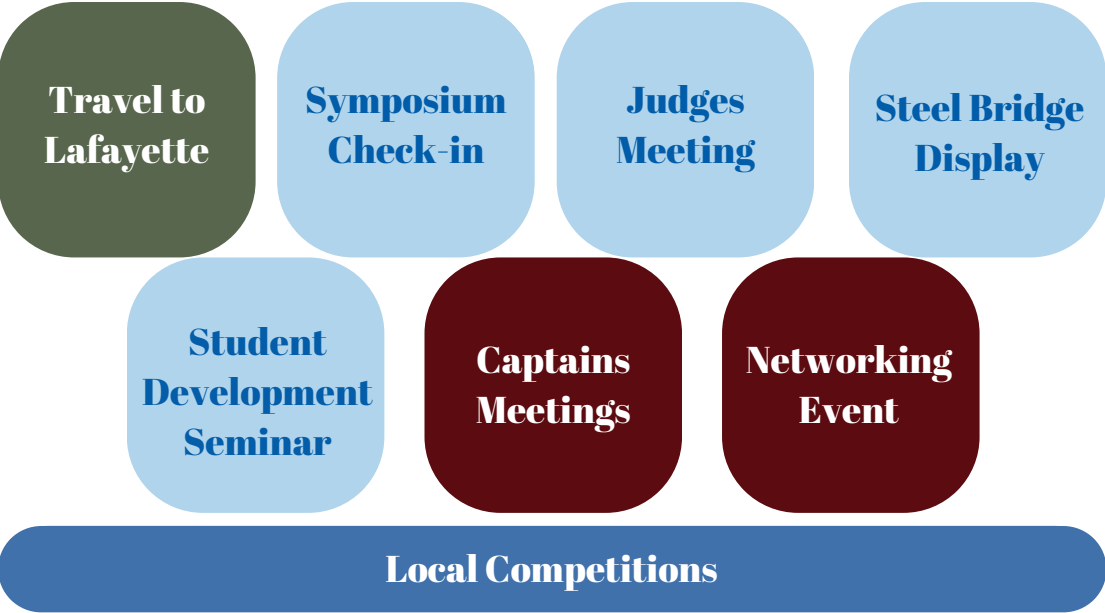
- a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's **full Annual Report, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST, and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100.** Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify to advance to competition finals; 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 student 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 student 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.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to student@asce.org.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday



Friday



Color Key: Morning Midday Night All day



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday

Steel Bridge

Timber
Strong

Construction
Insitiute

Sustainable
Solutions

3D Printed
Bridge

Awards
Banquet and
Ceremony

Presentations and Poster Displays

Local Competitions

Schedule is subject to change.

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events: The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events.

Color Key:



Morning



Midday



Night



All day

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HOTEL INFORMATION

The following hotels are recommended by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. We are currently working on getting Group Codes for Gulf Coast 2027. Look out for updates from ullafayette.asce@louisiana.edu. If you need help finding other hotels please email ullafayette.asce@louisiana.edu. We are planning to have space to park trailers on campus so trailer space at hotels was not considered while researching.

1. Home2Suites

2131 W Willow St, Lafayette, LA 70583
\$134 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
10 minutes; 4.1 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

2. Drury Inn

120 Alcide Dominique Dr, Lafayette, LA 70506
\$130 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
10 minutes; 2.8 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

3. Wingate

702 E Kaliste Saloom Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508
\$97 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
5 minutes; 1.6 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

4. La Quinta

1321 W Pinhook Rd, Lafayette, LA 70503
\$100 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
6 minutes 1.6 mile from UL Lafayette Campus

5. Hampton Inn

1910 S College Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508
\$140 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
7 minutes; 1.8 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

6. Spark

2144 W Willow St, Scott, LA 70583
\$79 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
11 minutes; 4.1 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

7. Fairfield

1606 W Pinhook Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508
\$136 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
5 minutes; 1.3 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

8. Comfort Suites

114 Rue Fernand, Lafayette, LA 70508
\$139 per night - Double Queen+Sofa
Breakfast Included
5 minutes; 1.4 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

9. Courtyard

214 E Kaliste Saloom Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508
\$114 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
5 minutes; 1.4 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

10. Holiday Inn

210 Kaliste Saloom Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508
\$190 per night - Double Queen
Breakfast Included
8 minutes; 1.9 miles from UL Lafayette Campus

Become a Sponsor of the 2027 Gulf Coast Student Symposium

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Sponsorship Levels

- **Acadiana Champion** – \$25,000: Symposium presented by your company, premier logo placement, and the chance to judge or present awards
- **Bayou Partner** – \$15,000: Sponsor a key event (Reception, Fais Do-Do, or Banquet) with priority recruiting access
- **Cypress Sponsor** – \$10,000: Sponsor a national competition and engage directly with competing teams
- **Lagniappe Sponsor** – \$5,000: Logo on materials and signage, plus networking reception access
- **Joie de Vivre Partner** – \$2,500: Logo recognition and an invitation to networking events

Interested? Contact Katherine Kennedy Burlette at katherine.kennedy@louisiana.edu for the full sponsorship packet.

Have a professional service or expertise to share? We're also looking for volunteers. Contact Wayne Sharp at wayne.sharp@louisiana.edu.