

Mailer 2 - Individual Registration & Symposium Information
2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium
Co-Hosted by Southern Illinois University Carbondale and
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
April 9th – April 11th, 2026



January 19, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Mid-America Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium** Mailer 2, the second 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:

- Individual Registration and Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Business Meeting,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition,
- ASCE Society Competition information,
- Local competition information,
- Tentative Symposium Schedule,
- Tentative Presentation Schedule,
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- Hotel information, and
- Points of Contact

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment Form by January 30, 2026.

Please note the individual registration deadline is February 13, 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 Mid-America Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Cordelia Lemons
President, ASCE Student Chapter
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Cordelia Lemons
Chair, 2025 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/
General symposium email address	siusymposium@gmail.com
Linkedin and Youtube	https://www.linkedin.com/company/school-of-civil-environmental-and-infrastructure-engineering/posts/?feedView=all https://www.youtube.com/@ThisIsSIU

Individual Registration Form & Payment

STEP 1 - Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form - *required*

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due no later than January 30, 2026.

Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form Link – <https://forms.gle/ApvUYeVrK5ZDeP9g8>

STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form - *required*

Individual Registration Form is due before February 13, 2026.

Please visit our symposium website at [Individual Registration - Mid-America](#) to register for the 2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium.

The Individual Registration Form must be filled out by ALL individuals attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, and faculty advisors. The 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.

STEP 3 - Individual Registration Payment - *required*

Individual Registration is \$55 per person. Registration form and payment are due by February 13, 2026. Late registration fee is \$75 per person due February 28, 2026.

Make check payable to Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Attn: Jennifer Langin
1230 E Lincoln Drive, Engineering D Rm. 108 - MC 6603
Carbondale, IL 62901

For Online Payment, Payment portal is setup at [SIUC Events and Outreach](#) at

<https://dce.siu.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?&course=26D0901202>

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium, please email siusymposium@gmail.com

Important Upcoming Deadlines

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

2026 DEADLINES

ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!	<p>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, and 3D Printing.</p> <p><i>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 entity will submit a separate form.</i></p> <p><i>* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules. Concrete Canoe forms submitted after November 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm Eastern will be considered late submissions and subject to deduction.</i></p> <p><u>There is still time to complete a Statement of Intent Form to compete in an ASCE Society Competition!</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Steel Bridge</u> <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Surveying</u> <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Sustainable Solutions</u> <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p><u>Statement of Intent to compete for 3D Printing</u> <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p>
January 5, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site .
January 19	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 30	Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.
February 1 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 <i>eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time	ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. <i>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.</i>

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February 13 (postmarked by)	Attendee Registration is due.
February 13	Volunteer Registration is due
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. <i>(Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)</i>
February 13	Concrete Cornhole Mix Design Spreadsheet Due (Email to siusymposium@gmail.com ; the subject line must include "University name – Concrete Cornhole Competition Mix Design")
February 13	Concrete Bowling Mix Design Spreadsheet Due (Email to siusymposium@gmail.com ; the subject line must include "University name – Bowling Competition Mix Design")
February 15	Hotel Reservation Cut-off
February 23 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>
February 28 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Late Registration for Individual Registrations Cut off.
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to siusymposium@gmail.com
March 1	Design Report Submission due for Geowall Competition. (Email to siusymposium@gmail.com ; the subject line must include "University name – Geowall Competition Design Report")
March 3	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 19	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 13	Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.
March 20	Final Date for Late Registrations
April 9-11	2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium
Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.	

Business Meeting (*Eligibility Requirement*)

The Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on 04/09/2026. Watch for the draft business meeting agenda that will be distributed via email to student chapters for review before the symposium.

The business meeting is the annual 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.

The draft agenda will include such items as any unresolved discussion topics from the 2025 Business Meeting, the host rotation, new business, discussion of the Conference Policy and Procedures document as needed, and other topics specific to the ASCE Mid-America Student Conference.

Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and ASCE. 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](#)

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 Mid-America Student Symposium** Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic – [click here for topic.](#)

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email/link is: siusymposium@gmail.com

Rubric: [Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric](#)

Time Limit for Presentations: 5 minutes per presentation with 5 min of Q&A from Judges

****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. Submission 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 Mid-America 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 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 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 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 member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.

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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.

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

Tentative Symposium Schedule (subject to change)

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
04/09 Thursday	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Registration	Shryock
	3:00 PM	3:50 PM	Welcome	Shryock
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Speaker	Student Center
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Dinner	Student Center
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Concrete Bowling	Student Center
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Captain's Meetings: Canoe, Bridge, Sustainable, Surveying, 3D Bridge GeoWall	Student Center
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Concrete Cornhole	Student Center
	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	FE Quiz bowl	Student Center
	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	1st and 2 nd Year Mystery Design	Student Center
04/10 Friday	7:00 AM	10:00 AM	Canoe Display & Aesthetics	Campus Lake
	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Canoe Swamping & Races	Campus Lake
	7:30 AM	4:00 PM	Surveying Field Tasks	Campus Lake
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch	Campus Lake
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Steel Bridge Captains Meeting	Engineering
	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Surveying Topo Map Display Session	Engineering
	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Poster Session 1	Engineering
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	Engineering
	7:30 PM	9:45 PM	Symposium Paper Presentations	Engineering
	6:00 PM	08:05 PM	Concrete Canoe Competition Presentations	Engineering
04/11 Saturday	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	3-D Printed Bridge Competition	Engineering
	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	Banterra Center
	9:45 AM	11:35 PM	Sustainable Solutions Poster Session 2	Banterra Center
	9:30 PM	11:00 PM	Surveying Competition Presentations	Banterra Center
	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch	Banterra Center
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Speaker	Banterra Center
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Career Fair	Student Center
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	Student Center

Tentative Presentation Schedules (*subject to change*)

Student Symposium Paper Presentations Date: 04/10/2026, Friday

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
William Jewell College	7:30 PM
Benedictine College	7:40 PM
Dordt University	7:50 PM
Missouri University of Science and Technology	8:00 PM
University of Missouri–Columbia	8:10 PM
University of Kansas	8:20 PM
Break	8:30 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	8:45 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln at Omaha	8:55 PM
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	9:05 PM
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	9:15 PM
South Dakota State University	9:25 PM
Saint Louis University	9:35 PM

Sustainable Solutions Presentations Date: 04/11/2026, Saturday

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Missouri S&T	9:45 AM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	10:05 AM
Missouri State University	10:25 AM
Kansas State University	10:45 AM
Saint Louis University	11:05 AM
University of Iowa	11:25 AM

Tentative Presentation Schedules continued....

Concrete Canoe Presentations Date: 04/10/2026

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
University of Kansas	6:00 PM
Missouri University of Science and Technology	6:10 PM
University of Missouri–Columbia	6:20 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	6:30 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln at Omaha	6:40 PM
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	6:50 PM
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	7:00 PM
Break	7:10 PM
Benedictine College	7:25 PM
Dordt University	7:35 PM
South Dakota State University	7:45 PM
William Jewell College	7:55 PM

Surveying Presentations Date: 04/11/2026

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	9:30 PM
Missouri University of Science and Technology	9:45 PM
University of Kansas	10:00 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	10:15 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln at Omaha	10:30 PM
South Dakota State University	10:45 PM

Tentative Presentation Schedules continued....

3D Printing Presentations
Date: 04/10/2026

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Missouri State University	5:30 PM
Benedictine College	6:05 PM
William Jewell College	6:40 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	7:15 PM

ASCE/AISC Steel Bridge Competition
Date: 04/11/2026

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Missouri University of Science and Technology	7:00 AM
University of Iowa	7:45 AM
Missouri State University	8:30 AM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	9:15 AM
University of Missouri–Columbia	10:00 AM
University of Kansas	10:45 AM
Dordt University	1:30 PM
University of Nebraska–Lincoln at Omaha	2:00 PM
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	2:30 PM
Iowa State University	3:00 PM
Kansas State University	3:30 PM
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	4:00 PM

Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE MID-AMERICA 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 3D Printing Competition



Local Competition Information

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE MID-AMERICA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Student Symposium Paper Competition <i>Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals</i>	FE Quiz Bowl Competition	1st and 2nd Year Design Mystery Challenge	Concrete Bowling
Concrete Corn Hole	Geo Wall Competition		

Local Competition rules can be found on our website at
<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/competitions/>

Hotel Information

Multiple hotel blocks with discounted rates have been reserved for ASCE student chapters for the entire duration of the symposium including the nights of April 9-11th. Space at each location is limited; we recommend you make reservations as soon as possible.

Recommended Hotels for Symposium

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Carbondale
 - Address: 200 West Elm Street, Carbondale, IL 62901
 - Phone Number: +1 6185292555
 - Reservation Link: [Hilton Carbondale](#)
 - ASCE Symposium Rates: \$119 per night (1 Queen Bed Studio Nonsmoking)
- Best Western Saluki Inn
 - Address: 801 N Giant City Road, Carbondale, Illinois 62902
 - Phone Number: +1 6183516611
 - Reservation Link: [Best Western Saluki Inn](#)
 - ASCE Symposium Rates: ~\$100 per night (Max Occupancy: 4, Non-Smoking, Full Breakfast)

Nearby Hotels at Marion

- Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Marion
 - Address: 1400 Champions Drive, Marion, Illinois 62959
 - Phone Number: +16189933011
 - Reservation Link: [Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Marion](#)
 - Rates: Variable
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion
 - Address: 2609 Blue Heron Drive, Marion, Illinois 62959
 - Phone Number: + 18884800427
 - Reservation Link: [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion](#)
 - Rates: Variable

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