

Mailer 3 - Final 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



March 26, 2026

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

This is your **2026 ASCE Mid-America 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 31, 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
 Chair, 2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium

Bibas Pokhrel
 Communications Lead,
 2026 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

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/26Dm9cmsfpH5QJ5j6>

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

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

Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form was due before **Feb 13, 2026**.

Please contact to siusymposium@gmail.com if you haven't registered yet. 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 is being shared by the host.**

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

Safety-First Culture Information

ASCE and Southern Illinois 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 **Dr. Jale Tezcan** 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.

Symposium Safety Officer(s)

Dr. Jale Tezcan
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Dr. Ajay Kalra
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Host School Communications Lead

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Host School Student Lead

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Closest Hospital/Urgent Care

SIH Memorial Hospital of Carbondale
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale: Emergency Room

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.

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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](#))

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](#))

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Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, 9th April, 2026, at 4 pm at the [Student Center](#).**

The draft business **meeting agenda is in attachment to the Mailer 3 email**. 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 host at siusymposium@gmail.com **by March 29, 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

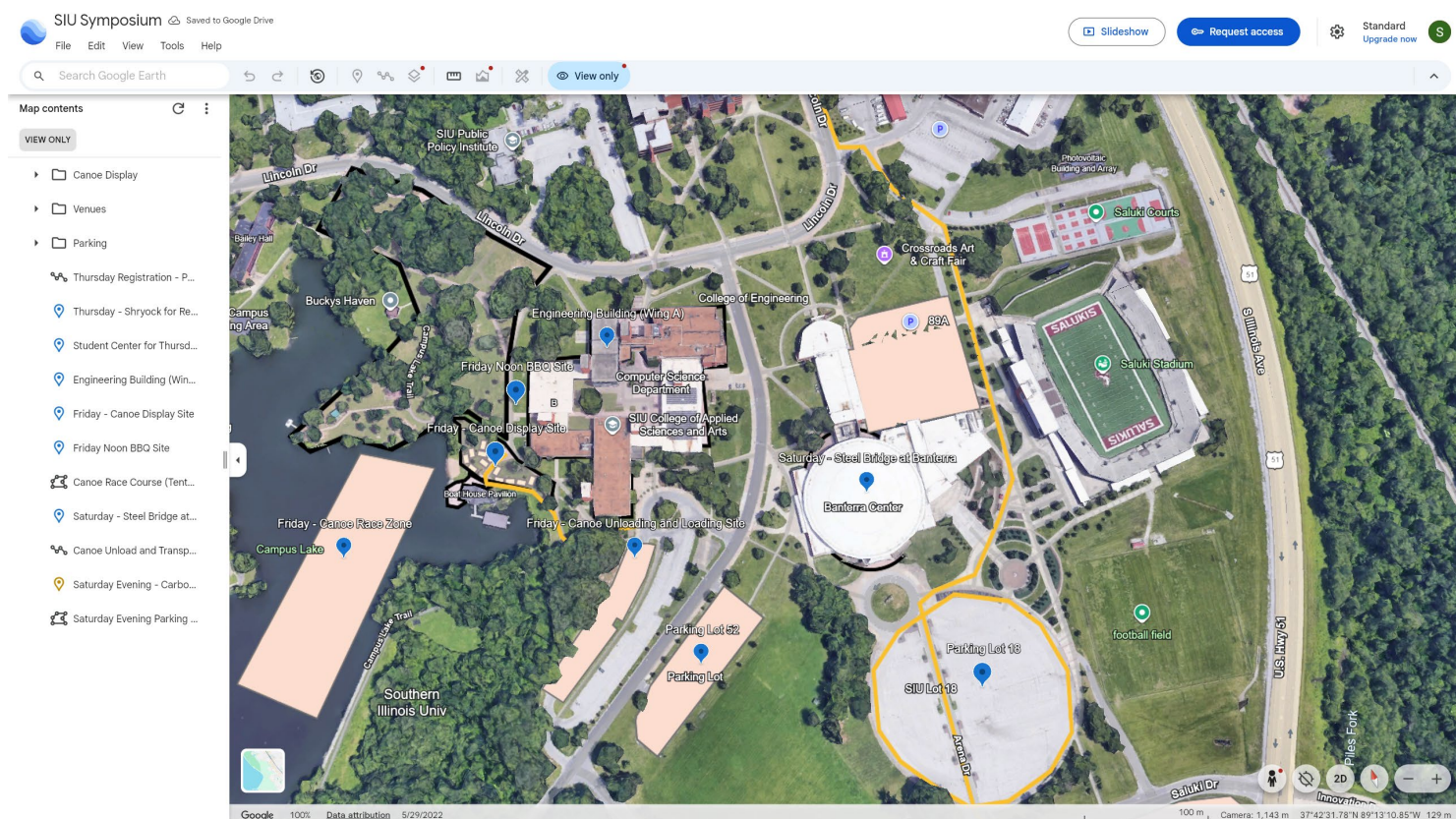
For the **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium**, we are utilizing a digital mapping system to provide convenient and real-time access to event locations across campus.

An interactive map has been developed using Google Earth, which includes pinned locations for all competition venues, event spaces, parking areas, and key facilities. This tool is intended to help participants efficiently navigate between events and better plan their time throughout the symposium.

Map Link: [SIU Symposium - Google Earth](#)

We strongly recommend that all attendees download the Google Earth application on their mobile devices prior to arrival and open the map in advance. This will ensure seamless navigation during the symposium, especially when moving between multiple venues.

Further details, like assigned rooms for each competition, will be distributed during the Thursday registration at Shryock.



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Map to Parking – Thursday – [Click here for Map](#)



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Map to Shryock – Registration – [Click here for Map](#)



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Map to Student Center – Local Events – [Click here for Map](#)



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Map to Campus Lake – Concrete Canoe – [Click here for Map](#)

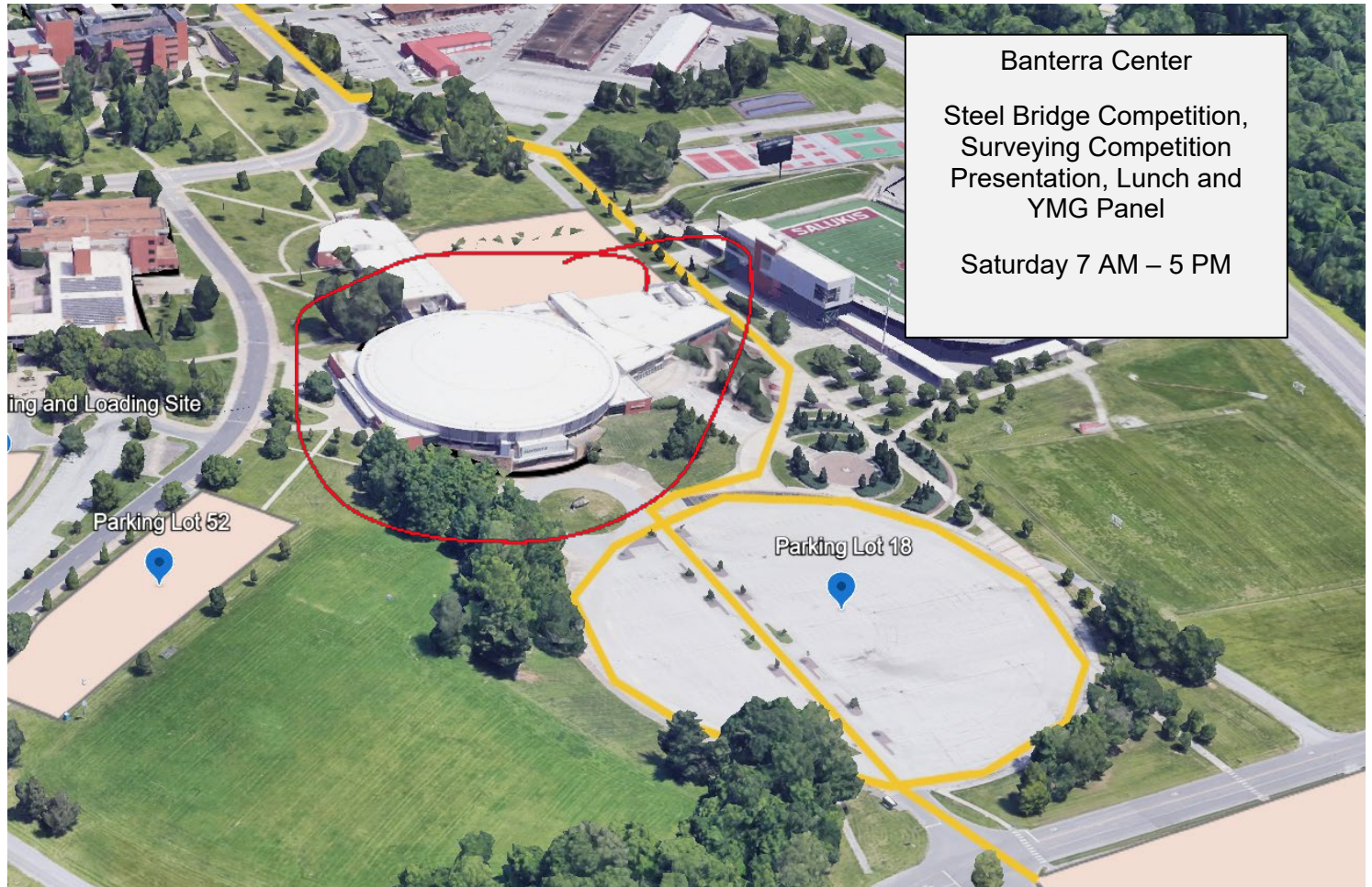


Note: Please go to the [Map Link](#) for easier navigation: [SIU Symposium - Google Earth](#)

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Map to Banterra Center – Steel Bridge – [Click here for Map](#)



Maps, Directions, and Parking Information

Public Transportation

Southern Illinois University (SIU) Carbondale's primary transportation is Saluki Express, which currently operates five fixed bus routes throughout the campus and Carbondale area. These services are managed by [JAX Mass Transit](#)

Saluki Express Bus Routes

Route Name	Service Area	Key Stops
Saluki Route	Campus Loop	Student Center, Neely Hall, The Pointe, Thompson Point, Student Health Center
Sahara Route	East Carbondale	University Mall, Carbondale Community High School, Kroger, Walmart, Dollar Tree
Pyramid Route	West Carbondale	Southern Illinois Airport (TEC), Murdale Shopping Center
Nile Route	South Carbondale	Evergreen Terrace, Westwood Apartments, The Reserve
Big Muddy Route	Regional (Murphysboro)	University Mall, Amtrak Station, Jackson County Courthouse

Non-Competition Event Information

Registration: 9th April, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at **Shryock** ([click here for map](#)). Participants must check in upon arrival to confirm attendance, receive materials, and complete any required on-site procedures.

Welcoming Ceremony: 9th April, 2026 at 3 PM at **Shryock**. The Welcome Ceremony will provide an overview of the symposium, including important safety information, introduction of safety officers, procedures for reporting incidents, recognition of ASCE leadership, and key event announcements. Attendance is strongly encouraged for all participants.

ASCE Information Table: 9th April, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at **Shryock**. Stop by the table to learn more about ASCE and meet the surprise ASCE Representatives who may be present during this time.

Business Meeting: 9th April, 2026 at 4 PM – 5 PM at **Student Center** ([click here for map](#)). This meeting is attended by designated student chapter delegates and faculty advisors. Participation is required for eligibility to advance to Society-wide competitions.

Career Fair or Networking Event: 11th April, 2026 at 5 PM – 6 PM, at **Civic Center Carbondale**. This event provides an opportunity for students to connect with industry professionals and explore career opportunities. We recommend business casual attire.

Banquet/Awards Ceremony: 11th April, 2026 at 6 PM – 9 PM. It will be at **Civic Center Carbondale**. The symposium will conclude with the Awards Banquet and Ceremony, where competition results and recognitions will be announced. We recommend Business Casual attire.

Note: For events held off-campus, including the Career Fair and Awards Banquet at the Civic Center Carbondale, participants are encouraged to plan transportation in advance. Attendees should consider traveling in groups or pairs and always remain aware of their surroundings. Additional venue details, including address and parking information, will be provided.

Competition Presentation & Display Information

All Competitions: Each student team that presents is required to bring their digital presentation on a USB. For backup, please keep those on the Cloud (OneDrive or Google Drive) in case of any error with the USB. The host will provide laptops, Wi-Fi, outlets 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](#).

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Social Network Information

GroupMe will be the main form of communication between schools before, during and after the symposium. We'll be setting up and will let you access it during the Thursday Registration at Shryock.

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
04/09 Thursday	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	Shryock
	3:00 PM	3:50 PM	Welcome	Shryock
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Business Meeting	Student Center
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Speaker	Shryock
	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, Sustainable, Surveying, 3D Bridge GeoWall, Symposium Paper	Student Center
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Concrete Cornhole	Student Center
	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	GeoWall	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
	7:45 PM	9:30 PM	Surveying Topo Map & Sustainable Solutions Poster Display Sessions	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
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch	Campus Lake
	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Poster	Engineering
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Concrete Bowling Toughness Test	Engineering
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Steel Bridge Captains Meeting	Engineering
	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Surveying Competition Presentations	Engineering
	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	3-D Printed Bridge Competition	Engineering
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Symposium Paper Presentations	Engineering
	6:15 PM	9:45 PM	Concrete Canoe Competition Presentations	Engineering
04/11 Saturday	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	Banterra Center
	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch	Banterra Center
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	YM Panel	Banterra Center
	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Presentation	Engineering
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Career Fair	Civic Center Carbondale
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	Civic Center Carbondale

Final Presentation Schedules (Revised After Mailer 2)

Note: The presentation schedule is final, and it is the responsibility of each team/chapter to manage any possible conflicts with overlapping competition and presentation times.

Note: Individual Schedules are based on the participation details received from the Individual Registration Form. We had mailed individual chapter asking for participation confirmation. If you do not intend to participate in some competition but see your team on the schedule or vice versa, please inform us.

Sustainable Solutions Presentations Date: Saturday, April 11	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
<u>Missouri State University</u>	<u>2:00 PM</u>
<u>Missouri University of Science and Technology</u>	<u>2:20 PM</u>
<u>University of Nebraska - Lincoln</u>	<u>2:40 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri - Columbia</u>	<u>3:00 PM</u>
<u>University of Kansas</u>	<u>3:20 PM</u>
<u>Break</u>	<u>3:40 PM</u>
<u>Kansas State University</u>	<u>4:00 PM</u>
<u>Saint Louis University</u>	<u>4:20 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri – Kansas City</u>	<u>4:40 PM</u>

3D Printing Presentations Date: Friday, April 10	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
<u>Kansas State University</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>
<u>Missouri State University</u>	<u>5:40 PM</u>
<u>Saint Louis University</u>	<u>5:50 PM</u>
<u>South Dakota State University</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u>Break</u>	<u>6:10 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri – Kansas City</u>	<u>6:30 PM</u>

<u>University of Nebraska – Lincoln</u>	<u>6:40 PM</u>
<u>William Jewell College</u>	<u>6:50 PM</u>

Student Symposium Paper Presentations
Date: Friday, April 10

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
<u>University of Missouri - Kansas City</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u>Dordt University</u>	<u>6:10 PM</u>
<u>Iowa State University</u>	<u>6:20 PM</u>
<u>Kansas State University</u>	<u>6:30 PM</u>
<u>Missouri State University</u>	<u>6:40 PM</u>
<u>Missouri University of Science and Technology</u>	<u>6:50 PM</u>
<u>Saint Louis University</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>South Dakota State University</u>	<u>7:10 PM</u>
<u>Southern Illinois University Carbondale</u>	<u>7:20 PM</u>
<u>Break</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>
<u>Southern Illinois University Edwardsville</u>	<u>7:40 PM</u>
<u>University of Kansas</u>	<u>7:50 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri - Columbus</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>
<u>Benedictine College</u>	<u>8:10 PM</u>
<u>University of Nebraska – Lincoln</u>	<u>8:20 PM</u>
<u>University of Nebraska - Omaha</u>	<u>8:30 PM</u>
<u>William Jewell College</u>	<u>8:40 PM</u>
<u>University of Iowa</u>	<u>8:50 PM</u>

Surveying Presentations
Date: Friday, April 10

<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
<u>Kansas State University</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>

<u>Saint Louis University</u>	<u>5:20 PM</u>
<u>Missouri University of Science and Technology</u>	<u>5:40 PM</u>
<u>Southern Illinois University Carbondale</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u>Break</u>	<u>6:20 PM</u>
<u>Missouri State University</u>	<u>6:40 PM</u>
<u>University of Iowa</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>University of Nebraska - Lincoln</u>	<u>7:20 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri – Kansas City</u>	<u>7:40 PM</u>

Concrete Canoe Presentations Date: Friday, April 10	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
<u>Benedictine College</u>	<u>6:15 PM</u>
<u>Dordt University</u>	<u>6:30 PM</u>
<u>Iowa State University</u>	<u>6:45 PM</u>
<u>Kansas State University</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>Missouri University of Science and Technology</u>	<u>7:15 PM</u>
<u>South Dakota State University</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>
<u>Break</u>	<u>7:45 PM</u>
<u>Southern Illinois University Carbondale</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>
<u>University of Iowa</u>	<u>8:15 PM</u>
<u>University of Kansas</u>	<u>8:30 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri-Columbia</u>	<u>8:45 PM</u>
<u>University of Missouri-Kansas City</u>	<u>9:00 PM</u>
<u>University of Nebraska-Lincoln</u>	<u>9:15 PM</u>
<u>University of Nebraska-Omaha</u>	<u>9:30 PM</u>

Final Deadlines

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

*ASAP	Please register for the hotels asap, as we have multiple events at Carbondale on our event days.
March 25	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to March 1.
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 31	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
March 31	Final Date for Late Registrations
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Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2025 ASCE MID-AMERICA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Society-wide Competitions

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition



ASCE UESI Surveying Competition



AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition

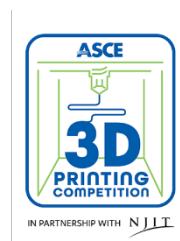


ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition



Society Pilot Competitions

ASCE 3D Printing Competition



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 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/>

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: 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: siusymposium@gmail.com**
- **Rubric: [Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric](#)**
- **Time Limit for Presentations: 5 min per presentation and 5 minutes for 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 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 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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Hotel Information

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)

Multiple hotel options are available for ASCE student chapters attending the symposium, including the nights of April 9-11, 2026. **Space at each location may be limited; we recommend making reservations as soon as possible.** Hotels are grouped by distance from the SIUC campus. For questions regarding hotel blocks or group rates, please contact the symposium organizers at siusymposium@gmail.com.

Note: Hotel rates listed below are estimated standard rates. Contact each hotel directly or visit the symposium website to book at negotiated group rates once hotel blocks are confirmed. Hotel reservation cut-off is anticipated to be **February 15, 2026**.

CARBONDALE – On Campus / Downtown (~0–5 min to SIUC)

Hotel	Address & Contact	Est. Rate / Night	Amenities Included
Home2 Suites by Hilton Carbondale	200 W Elm St, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-529-2555 <i>Closest to downtown strip; walkable to campus</i>	~\$130–\$150	Wi-Fi, kitchenette, parking

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Hampton Inn Carbondale	2175 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-549-6900 <i>~10 min drive to SIUC campus</i>	~\$120–\$140	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, fitness center, parking
Holiday Inn Carbondale – Conference Center (IHG)	2300 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-305-8480 <i>On-site conference center; ~10 min to campus</i>	~\$120–\$145	Wi-Fi, pool, fitness center, conference facilities, parking
Best Western Saluki Inn	801 N Giant City Rd, Carbondale, IL 62902 +1 618-351-6611 <i>Adjacent to restaurant; budget-friendly option</i>	~\$90–\$110	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking
Comfort Inn & Suites Carbondale	2400 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-529-2720 <i>Near Crab Orchard Lake; ~10 min to campus</i>	~\$90–\$110	Wi-Fi, pool, parking
Super 8 by Wyndham Carbondale	1180 E Main St, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-457-8822 <i>Budget option; ~1 mile from downtown</i>	~\$70–\$90	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking
Quality Inn Carbondale University Area	1415 E Main St, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-605-9564 <i>Close to campus and dining options</i>	~\$75–\$95	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking

Hotel	Address & Contact	Est. Rate / Night	Amenities Included
The Train Inn (B&B)	406 E Stoker St, Carbondale, IL 62901 +1 618-203-9950 <i>Charming B&B; highly rated; limited rooms</i>	~\$100–\$130	Full breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking

MURPHYSBORO (~10 min west of SIUC)

Hotel	Address & Contact	Est. Rate / Night	Amenities Included
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Murphysboro – Carbondale (IHG)	120 Muddy Monster Rd, Murphysboro, IL 62966 +1 618-684-2110 <i>~10 min west of SIUC; highly rated; newer property</i>	~\$120–\$145	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, fitness center, parking

CARTERVILLE (~15 min north of SIUC)

Hotel	Address & Contact	Est. Rate / Night	Amenities Included
Walker's Bluff Casino Resort	777 Walkers Blf Wy, Carterville, IL 62918 +1 618-993-7777 <i>~15 min north of campus; resort atmosphere</i>	~\$130–\$180	Wi-Fi, pool, dining, fitness center, parking

MARION (~25 min east of SIUC – near I-57)

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Drury Inn & Suites Marion	2706 W Deyoung St, Marion, IL 62959 +1 618-997-9600 <i>~25 min east of campus; top-rated in region</i>	~\$130–\$160	Breakfast + evening Kickback, Wi-Fi, pool, hot tub, parking
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion (IHG)	2609 Blue Heron Dr, Marion, IL 62959 +1 618-993-5602 <i>~25 min east of SIUC; highly rated</i>	~\$120–\$145	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, fitness center, parking
Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Marion	1400 Champions Dr, Marion, IL 62959 +1 618-993-3011 <i>~25 min east of SIUC campus</i>	~\$110–\$135	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, fitness center, parking
Best Western Marion Hotel	400 Comfort Dr, Marion, IL 62959 +1 618-998-1220 <i>~25 min east; well-reviewed budget-friendly option</i>	~\$100–\$125	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking
Baymont by Wyndham Marion	2608 W Main St, Marion, IL 62959 +1 618-997-9133 <i>~25 min east; near I-57 for easy access</i>	~\$90–\$110	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, parking
Quality Inn & Suites Marion	2600 W Main St, Marion, IL 62959 +1 618-364-3707 <i>~25 min east; budget option near shopping</i>	~\$85–\$105	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, parking

MOUNT VERNON (~45 min north of SIUC – near I-57/I-64)

Hotel	Address & Contact	Est. Rate / Night	Amenities Included
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Mount Vernon (IHG)	300 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864 +1 618-242-6710 <i>~45 min north of SIUC; highly rated</i>	~\$120–\$145	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, pool, fitness center, parking
DoubleTree by Hilton Mt. Vernon	222 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864 +1 618-244-7100 <i>~45 min north; full-service Hilton property</i>	~\$120–\$150	Breakfast buffet, Wi-Fi, fitness center, parking
Quality Inn Mount Vernon	201 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864 +1 618-270-3848 <i>~45 min north; budget-friendly</i>	~\$85–\$105	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking
Days Inn by Wyndham Mount Vernon	205 Potomac Blvd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864 +1 618-241-0160 <i>~45 min north; most affordable option in Mt. Vernon</i>	~\$75–\$95	Breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking

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