**Student Symposium Information and Student Chapter Registration**
**2027 ASCE Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium**
**Hosted by Penn State Harrisburg**
**April 09 – April 11, 2027**

October 23, 2026

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

This is your **2027 ASCE Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium Mailer – 1rev**, an update* to the first of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference. ***The Timber-Strong Design Build Competition has been added to the slate of competitions that are being offered.**

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 Acknowledgement Confirmation,
- Student chapter registration form,
- Society competition intent forms,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE competition eligibility requirements,
- Tentative student symposium schedule/plans, and
- Hotel accommodations/information.

*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Confirmation Form by October 30, 2026.*
*Please note the school registration deadline is November 20, 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, also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2027 ASCE Mid-Atlantic 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.

Sincerely,

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*Penn State Harrisburg*

***Shashi S. Marikunte, Ph.D., P.E.***
Chair of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
Symposium Committee Chair
*Penn State Harrisburg*

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| **ASCE Student Symposium website** | https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-atlantic/ |
| **General symposium email address** | HBG-ASCE2027@psu.edu |
| **Instagram** | pshbg_symposium_27 |

# Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Form by October 30, 2026.

## Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form

*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the **2027 Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium**, please indicate that on the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form.*

# Student Chapter Registration

Student Chapter Registration is due **November 20, 2026**.

Please visit our symposium website at https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-atlantic/ to register your chapter for the **2027 ASCE Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium.**

Student Chapter Registration is **$250** per chapter. Registration form (online) and payment is due by **November 20, 2026 (paid or postmarked).**

**Make check payable to:** "**Penn State University**" or "**Pennsylvania State University"**

Penn State University
Attn: Shashi S. Marikunte
777 West Harrisburg Pike
Olmsted W236
Middletown, PA 17057

**Online Payment Portal Link: The link for online payment will be provided when it becomes active.**

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

# ASCE Society Competition Intent Forms

## 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 for the competitions your chapter plans to compete in.

## ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE COMPETITIONS

Society competition rules can be found at: https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/rules.

| **Competition** | **ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition** | **ASCE UESI Surveying Competition** | **AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition** | **ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition** |
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| **Intent form link** | ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition Statement of Intent to Compete | ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Statement of Intent to Compete | AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition Statement of Intent to Compete | Submission of Intent and Qualifications Form due (*Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the reference document folder.*) |
| **Due date** | November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time | November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time | November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time | November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time |
| **Add'l info** | 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 | 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 l link for uploading the Design | 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. | Please visit the 2027 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules to review the required forms and submission information. |

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| | competition submissions. ASCE will send links in mid-February to the team captain. | Survey project. ASCE will send links in early February to the team captain. | | |

## ASCE SOCIETY PILOT COMPETITIONS

| **Competition** | **Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition** | **ASCE 3D Printing Competition** |
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| **Intent form link** | Timber-Strong Design Build Competition Statement of Intent to Compete | ASCE 3D Printing Competition Statement of Intent to Compete |
| **Due date** | November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time | November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time |
| **Add'l info** | Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.<br>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 AT THE 2027 ASCE Mid-Atlantic STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- Student Symposium Paper Competition
  - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions and SSBC National Finals*

- Career Fair

- Faculty Advisor Mixer
- No other local competitions are scheduled currently. This information will be updated if there is any change.

# 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.

# Important Upcoming Deadlines

Important dates for coordinators are highlighted in light green.
Important dates for Society-wide finals eligibility are highlighted in light yellow.

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

*Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium. *

## 2026 DEADLINES

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| **October 30** | Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation due from each student chapter |
| **November 2, 2026, 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, Timber-Strong, and 3D Printing.<br><br>*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.)*<br><br>** Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the reference document folder.* |
| **November 20, 2026** (postmarked by) | Student Chapter registration is due (see instructions on page 3) |

## 2027 DEADLINES

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| **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 UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site. |
| **January 15, 2027** | Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter. |
| **January 22, 2027** | Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter. |
| **February 1, 2027, 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 1, 2027, 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. *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/March** (postmarked by) | Attendee Registration is due. Exact date will be listed in Mailer 2. |

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| **February/March** | Volunteer Registration is due. Exact date will be listed in Mailer 2. |
| **February 11, 2027, 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 19, 2027** | 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.)* |
| **February 23, 2027** | Timber-Strong Design Build Final Material Request Form due. |
| **February 26, 2027** | Surveying Competition Design Survey Project Plans due by 5:00 p.m. EST<br>*(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)* |
| **March 1, 2027** | Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to HBG-ASCE2027@psu.edu |
| **March 5** | Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due.<br>*(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 2027** | Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter. |
| **March 19, 2027** | Sustainable Solutions Competition Grant Application, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Poster, Social Media Post and Sketchup files are due.<br>*(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)* |
| **March 2027** | Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter. |
| **TBD** | Final Date for Late Registrations |
| **April 3. 2027** | 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 9-11, 2027** | **2027 ASCE Mid-Atlantic Student Symposium** |
| **Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.** | |

# 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 Mid-Atlantic 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.

**Submission deadline: March 1, 2027**
**Submission email/link:** HBG-ASCE2027@psu.edu

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 Mid-Atlantic 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.*

# 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 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 Symposium Schedule

## 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 |
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| Friday, April 9 | 2:00 PM | 6:00 PM | Registration | Penn State Harrisburg Campus |
| | 5:00 PM | 5:30 PM | Steel Bridge Judges Meeting | |
| | 5:30 PM | 6:00 PM | Steel Bridge Captains Meeting | |
| | 6:00 PM | 6:30 PM | Surveying Captains Meeting | |
| | 6:30 PM | 7:00 PM | Sustainable Solutions Captains Meeting | |
| | 6:00 PM | 8:00 PM | Dinner | |
| Saturday, April 10 | 6:00 AM | 3:00 PM | Steel Bridge Competition | TBD |
| | 8:00 AM | 8:30 AM | Timber-Strong Captains Meeting | |
| | 9:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Timber-Strong Competition | |
| | 7:00 AM | 9:00 AM | Breakfast | Multiple Locations |
| | 7:00 AM | 9:00 AM | Concrete Canoe Display Setup | Penn State Harrisburg Campus |
| | 8:00 AM | 8:30 AM | 3D Printing Captains Meeting | |
| | 8:00 AM | 3:00 PM | Mead Paper Presentations | |
| | 8:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 3D Printing Competition | |
| | 9:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Concrete Canoe Display Judging | |
| | 9:00 AM | 3:00 PM | Sustainable Solutions Presentations | |
| | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | Lunch | Multiple Locations |
| | 1:00 PM | 3:00 PM | Concrete Canoe Presentations – Concrete Canoe Captains meeting immediately following the presentations. | Penn State Harrisburg Campus |

| Date | Start Time | End Time | Event | Location |
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| | 1:00 PM | 6:00 PM | Career Fair & Poster Sessions | Penn State Harrisburg Campus |
| | 4:00 PM | 5:00 PM | Business Meeting | |
| | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | Faculty Advisor Social | |
| | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Awards Banquet | |
| Sunday, April 11 | 8:00 AM | 8:30 AM | Surveying Judge's Meeting | Gifford Pinchot State Park |
| | 8:00 AM | 8:30 AM | Concrete Canoe Judge's Meeting | |
| | 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | Breakfast | |
| | 8:30 AM | 2:30 PM | Surveying Field Tasks | |
| | 8:30 AM | 4:00 PM | Canoe Swamping & Races | |
| | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | Lunch | |
| | 2:30 PM | 4:00 PM | Surveying Presentations | |
| | 4:00 PM | 7:00 PM | Dinner and Awards Ceremony | |

# Hotel Information

Please Visit Hershey & Harrisburg | Official Trip Planning Website to find accommodations for ASCE student chapter. Suggested hotels near our Penn State Harrisburg (listed by distance):

**Hotels walking distance from Penn State Harrisburg**

1. Comfort Inn & Suites
   Harrisburg Airport-Hershey South
   1589 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057
   Website: Hotel in Middletown, PA | Comfort Inn & Suites - Harrisburg Airport - Hershey South

2. MainStay Suites
   Harrisburg Airport-Hershey South
   1583 West Harrisburg Pike Building B, Middletown, 17057
   Website: Hotel in Middletown, PA | MainStay Suites Harrisburg Airport - Hershey South

3. Sleep Inn & Suites
   Harrisburg Airport-Hershey South
   1583 West Harrisburg Pike, Building A, Middletown. PA 17057
   Website: Hotel in Middletown, PA | Sleep Inn & Suites® Official Site | Sleep Inn & Suites Middletown

**Hotels short driving distance from Penn State Harrisburg**

4. Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites
   Harrisburg International Airport
   4 Terminal Dr, Middletown, PA 17057
   Website: Fairfield Inn & Suites Harrisburg International Airport | Comfortable Hotel with Free Breakfast

**Hotels around I-283 (4 to 7 miles from Penn State Harrisburg)**

5. Holiday Inn
   Harrisburg East by IHG
   815 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057
   Website: Hotels in Middletown, PA | Holiday Inn Harrisburg East

6. Wingate by Wyndham
   Harrisburg Near Hershey
   1344 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111
   Website: Wingate by Wyndham Harrisburg Near Hershey | Harrisburg, PA Hotels

7. Hotel Indigo
   Harrisburg-Hershey by IHG
   765 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111
   Website: Hotel in Harrisburg, PA | Hotel Indigo Harrisburg - Hershey

8. Red Lion Hotel
   Harrisburg Hershey
   4751 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111
   Website: Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey by Sonesta

9. Sheraton
   Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
   4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111
   Website: Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel | Elevated Modern Hotel

10. La Quinta Inn & Suites
    Harrisburg Airport Hershey
    990 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Harrisburg Airport Hershey | Harrisburg, PA Hotels

11. Courtyard by Marriott
    Harrisburg Hershey
    725 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: Courtyard by Marriott Harrisburg Hershey | Hotel with Modern Rooms & Flexible Workspaces

12. Hilton Garden Inn
    Harrisburg East
    3943 Tecport Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

13. Homewood Suites by Hilton
    Harrisburg East-Hershey Area
    3990 Tecport Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: Homewood Suites by Hilton Harrisburg East-Hershey Area

14. Residence Inn by Marriott
    Harrisburg Hershey
    4480 Lewis Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: Residence Inn Harrisburg Hershey | Long-Stay Hotel with In-room Kitchens

15. Home2 Suites by Hilton
    Harrisburg East
    457 Port View Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: Home2 Suites by Hilton Harrisburg East

16. TownPlace Suites by Marriott
    Harrisburg Hershey
    450 Friendship Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111
    Website: TownePlace Suites Harrisburg Hershey | Extended Stay Hotel with In-room Kitchens