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Individual Registration and Symposium Information

April 10th—12th, 2026

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January 22nd, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Mid-Pacific Student Conference,

This is the second of three mailers for the 2026 ASCE Mid-Pacific Student Symposium, each of which is an informational packet to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in Northern Region 9.

We ask that you and the appropriate members of your ASCE Student Chapter, as well as team members for each competing team at the student symposium, review the information thoroughly. Please note that information within this mailer may not be reflected in future mailers. Mailer 2 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- Individual registration & Mailer 2 confirmation,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Business Meeting,
- Reception,
- Tentative symposium schedule,
- Competition rules and resources,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition, and
- Hotel accommodations/information.

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the online Mailer II Acknowledgement Form by ***February 6th, 2026****. Please note the individual registration deadline is* ***February 22nd, 2026****.*

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at our general email address, listed below. All information about the symposium will be posted on our website, which can be found below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ASCE Mid-Pacific Student Symposium, which will provide an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region 9 Leadership.

Sincerely,

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ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

The ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, and ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, advance to ASCE Society-wide Competition Finals. The ASCE/AISC Steel Bridge Competition advances to the SSBC National Finals and follows the eligibility criteria below. See SSBC Rules for more information.

The purpose of student competitions is to provide members with career-enriching 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 a result, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the ASCE Student Civil Engineering Championships/Society-wide Competition Finals 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 competition finals are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.

Eligibility for ASCE Student Symposium Competition

To compete at the Student Symposia Competitions, an ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Pay their annual membership dues **no later than the start of their Student Symposium** and
2. Submit their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form **no later than February 1st at 11:59 PM EST**.

Eligibility for ASCE Society-Wide Competition Finals

To advance the ASCE Society-wide Competition Finals, an ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE by:
    a. Paying their annual membership dues no later than February 1st at 11:59 PM EST and
    b. Submitting their student chapter's **full Annual Report, no later than February 1st, 11:59 PM 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.
    b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers or presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Paper Competition.

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

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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 30th, 2026**.

Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form Link – https://forms.gle/9RUbZBCKWE1fUzq37

STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form - *required*

Individual Registration Form is due before February 22nd, 2026.

Please visit our symposium website at Individual Registration - Mid-Pacific to register for the 2026 ASCE Mid-Pacific 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 $130 per person. Registration form and payment are due by **February 22, 2026**. The late registration fee is $150 per person until **March 30, 2026**.

- **Make check payable to: SJSU ASCE MIDPAC**
  Dr. Akthem Al-Manaseer
  Civil and Environmental Engineering
  One Washington Square
  San Jose, CA, 95192-0083
- Online Portal Link:
  https://checkout.square.site/merchant/7YKJXP8YNEQ7X/checkout/CLYWLDA2OEEAWFJGRNAPIJGK

STEP 4 - Special Event Release Agreement - *required*

San Jose State University requires all competing students to sign the Special Event Release Agreement linked below. Students must submit a signed copy of this form through the Google Form linked below. The submission deadline is **Monday, March 30th, 2026**. Email ascemidpac2026@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Special Event Release Agreement: sjsu.edu/fabs/docs/risk_forms_sp_events_agmt.pdf.
Submission Link: forms.gle/rBxZVvxme85MVqqj8.

STEP 5 - Discord Server for Communication

Join the Discord server! It is a convenient way to communicate with the host planning committee and receive updates throughout the event. Use this link to join: discord.gg/UnjWt5Z2.

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Mid-Pacific Student Symposium, please email ascemidpac2026@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Important 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

ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!	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 entity will submit a separate form.* ** 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.* There is still time to complete a Statement of Intent Form to compete in an ASCE Society Competition! Statement of Intent to compete for Steel Bridge *(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)* Statement of Intent to compete for Sustainable Solutions *(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)*
January 23	**Mailer 2 sent to 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 eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.*

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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.** *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 6	**Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.**
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	**Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due.** *(Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules).*
February 22 (postmarked by)	**Attendee Registration is due.**
February 22 (postmarked by)	**Volunteer Registration is due**
March 1	**Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due** (see instructions on page 8)
March 16	**Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.**
March 20	**Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due.** *(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)*
March 22	**GeoWall Design Paper & Posters Due**
March 27	**Transportation Report & Poster Due**
March 28	**Resume Submission Due (optional, but encouraged)**
March 29	**Water Treatment Design Report & Poster Due**
March 30	**Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.**
March 30	**Final Date for Late Registrations**
April 3	**The following competition presentations are due:** - **Concrete Canoe** - **Paper Competition** - **Water Treatment** - **Geo-Wall** - **Sustainable Solutions** - **Transportation**
April 10–12	**2026 ASCE Mid-Pacific 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 **Sunday, April 12th, 2026, at 5 PM**. 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-Pacific 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

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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-Pacific Student Symposium** Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students – click here for topic.

Submission deadline for is: March 1, 2026 11:59 PM EST
Submission link is: Form
***Note, please email ascemidpac2026@gmail.com to confirm that we have received your paper!**
Rubric: Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric

****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-Pacific 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
- 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.

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Tentative Symposium Schedule

**The schedule is subject to change. Please stay tuned for future Mailers. The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events.*

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday, April 10th	Starts at 8:00 AM	Registration & Coffee to be Served	Campus Classroom TBD
	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome Ceremony	
	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	All Competitions Captains' Meeting	
	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lunch to be Served	Campus Location TBD
	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Technical Presentations	Campus Classroom TBD
		GeoWall Presentations	
		Paper Competition	
		Sustainable Solutions Presentations	
		Transportation Presentations	
		Water Treatment Presentations	
		Steel Bridge Set-Up	Campus 7th Street Plaza
	3:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Steel Bridge Aesthetics Judging & Display	
		Sustainable Solutions & Transportation Poster Walks	
	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Alumni Panel	Campus Classroom TBD
		FE/EIT Workshop	
		Resume Workshop	
	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	ASCE Social	San Pedro Square

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, April 11th	6:00 AM – 7:30 AM	Concrete Canoe Check-Ins	Lake
	6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast to be Served	
	7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Concrete Canoe Set-Up for Display Judging	
	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Concrete Canoe Display/Aesthetics Judging	
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Concrete Canoe Dunk Tests	
	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch to be Served & Concrete Canoe Race Set-Up	
	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Concrete Canoe Competition	
	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Minigames	Campus Location TBD

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 12th	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Steel Bridge Check-Ins & Set-Up	Campus 7th Street Plaza
	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Coffee to be Served	
	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	GeoWall Competition	
	9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	
	10:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Water Treatment Competition	
	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch to be Served	
	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Minigames	Campus Classroom TBD
	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Business Meeting	Campus Classroom TBD
	7:00 PM – 10:30 PM	Banquet	TBD

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Competition Information

The rules for each of these competitions can be found on the website here: https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-pacific.

ASCE Society-wide Competitions

Competition	ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition	AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition	ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition

Local Competitions

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

Transportation Competition
Students solve a transportation engineering problem, such as traffic flow, planning, or safety, using data analysis and innovative design solutions.

Water Treatment Competition
Teams design and build a water filtration system that treats contaminated water to meet safe drinking standards under real-world constraints.

GeoWall Competition
Competitors design and construct a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining wall with paper reinforcement to support heavy loads without failure.

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Hotel and Airbnb Information

Our Logistics team has prepared a **suggested** list of hotels and Airbnbs located near the SJSU campus to assist teams traveling from outside the area. The list includes a variety of options to suit different preferences and budgets, ensuring convenient access to the university and surrounding amenities. Please note that schools, teams, and attendees are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their own accommodation. Registration fees do not include lodging. We encourage you to review the options below (prices may vary) and select the choice that best meets your team's needs during your stay! ***Note: You are responsible for all housing and transportation for your chapter.***

Please stay tuned for future Mailers will include information about parking logistics, and public transit options.

List of Suggested Hotels	
Hotel Name	***Address***
Hotel Clariana	**100 East Santa Clara Street**
The Westin San Jose	**302 South Market Street**
Four Points by Sheraton San Jose Downtown	**211 South First Street**
The AC Hotel by Marriott- SJ Downtown	**350 W Santa Clara St**
Hotel De Anza	**233 West Santa Clara Street**
Americas Best Value Inn San Jose Convention Center	**1415 Monterey Road**
La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham San Jose Airport—Downtown	**1036 North Fourth Street**
Best Western Lanai Garden Inn & Suites	**1575 Tully Road**
Hampton Inn San Jose Cherry Ave	**5190 Cherry Avenue**
Clarion Inn Silicon Valley	**3200 Monterey Highway**

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List of Suggested Airbnbs
Airbnb Link
https://www.airbnb.com/l/etYH32bQ
ttps://www.airbnb.com/l/do8dvkkI
https://www.airbnb.com/l/Qy5MOikQ
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