



2024 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium
University of Tennessee - Martin
April 4, 5 & 6, 2024

March 19, 2024

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

This is your **2024 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium Mailer III**, the *last* of three packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference.

Please read through this packet and forward copies to the appropriate members in your student chapter (**team captains, individual team members, etc.**). **Also forward the Excel spreadsheet, the map attachment and the parking pass attachment.**

Enclosed you will find the following information:

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Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by March 26, 2024 (you know I am not a stickler for deadlines). Please note that the individual registration deadline has passed but you can still bring along a student or two at the last minute (just not too many, please). This extra student or two needs to register and the registration site is still open.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the e-mail address: rwitmer@utm.edu

We look forward to welcoming your student chapter to the 2024 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium!

Sincerely,

Blake Johnson
President, ASCE Student Chapter
UT-Martin
Enclosures

Ray Witmer
Chair, 2024 Mid-South Student Symposium

STEP 1 - Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation- *required*

Email to: rwitmer@utm.edu by March 23, 2024.

Please include the following information in your email:

Student Chapter Name:

School Name:

Faculty Advisor's Name:

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form – *required of all attendees!*

Individual Registration Form was due on February 15. If you have not submitted this form, please do so ASAP.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth> and complete the Individual Registration Form

***From ASCE National:** The Individual Registration Form must be filled out by ALL individuals attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, faculty advisors, volunteers, judges, and ASCE Region Leadership. The Individual Registration Form contains liability waiver information 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 \$60 per person. Registration form and payment were due by February 15. If you or your chapter have not submitted the registration payment, please do so ASAP. All chapters (except one) did submit payment (thank you!!) and that last chapter 'has the check in the mail'.

Please make checks payable to: **UTM ASCE Student Chapter**

Please send to:

Department of Engineering
Ray Witmer
137 Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building
203 Hurt Street
Martin, TN 38238

Please note that we have basically finalized meals with vendors so please do not bring too many extra students at the last minute.

Safety-First Culture Information

As always, ASCE and the UTM ASCE Student Chapter encourage a Safety-First Culture during the symposium. We hope all symposium participants 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 Officer Charlie Jahr (UTM Environmental Health and Safety) as our symposium safety officer. Further, each student chapter will be provided with a first aid kit at check-in.

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 symposium safety officer 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 the key host school representative 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

Officer Charlie Jahr

personal cell number: 731-514-8860

cjahr@utm.edu

Host School Faculty Advisor

Ray Witmer

personal cell number: 731-234-1546

rwitmer@utm.edu

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 must be 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 any vehicle, especially trailers.
- Use a spotter when backing a large vehicle and/or trailer.
- Slow down when the conditions warrant (rain, snow, darkness, pedestrians nearby).
- Perform a circle of safety around your vehicle to identify what is in your blind spots.

We hope **everyone** has a fun, healthy, and safe time at the 2024 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium.

Maps, Directions and Parking

See Separate attachments

Non-Competition Event Information

Registration: April 4, 2024 from 6pm-9pm at Atrium in the Latimer-Smith Building. Light snacks provided.

Career Fair: One floor above the Steel Bridge Competition in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center

ASCE information table: With the Career Fair

Banquet/Awards Ceremony: Business Casual (nice jeans are ok in a pinch). See Spreadsheet and Map Attachment

[See below for information about the Pop-Up Leadership Workshops and Business Meeting.](#)

Presentation Technology

Sustainable Solutions:

For teams competing in the Sustainable Solutions Competition: you will be responsible for providing your own easel for the poster presentation. I did order two easels (see last page).....you can use them if they arrive on time.

Presentations:

All presentations (except UESI) will be in a room equipped with a computer and a projector.

The 5-minute UESI presentation will be at Greenfield Products on a laptop. You are responsible for providing the laptop.

Final Student Symposium Schedule

See Spreadsheet

Presentation and Competition Schedules

All presentation ordering, canoe race ordering and bridge building ordering will be on a sign-up sheet in the Latimer-Smith building at registration. First come- first served sign-up basis. Look at the spreadsheet for example Concrete Canoe Sign-Up. If a team cannot compete when called, that team is automatically sent to the end of the list and called again. Judges will call the team when it is time to present or compete. UTM will sign up only after seven of the 14 schools have arrived.

Final Deadlines

- February 16th** Concrete Canoe Project Proposal, Mix Design Sheets, and Materials Notebook due
(Upload to respective folder link provided by ASCE contact Jennifer Upmeyer)
- February 26th** Surveying Competition Task 1A Projects was due by 5:00pm EST
(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE contact Jennifer Upmeyer)
- March 7th** Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, Sketchup files due
(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE contact Jennifer Upmeyer)

Above three deadlines have, of course, passed. They are ASCE deadlines, so they are real deadlines.

- Today** Mailer III (final), Spreadsheet, Maps Attachment, Parking Pass attachment sent to each student chapter.
- March 26th** Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
- April 4th, 5th and 6th** 2024 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium

ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Workshops (see spreadsheet)

Don't miss the ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Shops hosted by the ASCE Committee on Student Members. Learn about professional skills you can use now and after graduation to help you grow in your career.

- Workshop #1 – “Ethics & Professional Conduct” / April 6th, 9am
- Workshop #2 – “Pathway to the PE” / April 6th, 11am
- Workshop #3 – “What Is My Emotional Intelligence?” / April 6th, 1pm

ASCE Competition Eligibility Requirements

Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide Competitions Finals include: 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.

Invitations to Student Symposia and ASCE Student Civil Engineering Championships/Society-wide Competition Finals are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in letters of reprimand, mandatory behavior management plans, and loss of invitations to further competition for individual institutions and/or entire conferences. 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 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 Competition Finals

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

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 on 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/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.

Mid-South Student Symposium Paper Competition

This is a mandatory paper submission and presentation for any student chapter participating in the 2024 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium that wishes to be [eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals](#). Competitions **requiring** this include: [ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition](#), [ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition](#), [ASCE UESI Surveying Competition](#), and [AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge 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.

Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the of the ASCE Student Chapter, is a requirement to be eligible to advance to an ASCE Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals.

Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

The topic for the ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium Paper Competition is **the same as the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students**.

All schools submitted their paper before the March 1st deadline.

The Mid-South paper topic is the same topic as the [Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students](#). However, the Mid-South Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students **are two separate competitions and must be submitted separately**.

The [Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students](#) is due March 1st and submitted to student@asce.org.

Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at 9pm in 102-103 Latimer-Smith UTM Campus.

The business meeting agenda will be sent later.

Thank you to our Sponsors!

ASCE National
ASCE Tennessee Section
ASCE West Tennessee Section
AISC
A2H Engineers-Architects-Planners
Southern Concrete
UTM and UTM Engineering Department
Over 40 judges who volunteered their time!



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