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ROCKY MOUNTAIN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

ASCE

Student Chapter
South Dakota Mines

April 23rd – 25th

Rapid City, SD

SPONSORSHIP PACKET - 2026

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Dear Industry Sponsor,

On behalf of the South Dakota Mines (Mines) student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), it is our pleasure to introduce you to our chapter and invite you to partner with us as a sponsor for the 2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium, hosted by Mines April 23rd – 25th.

Our ASCE chapter is a student-led organization dedicated to fostering growth and meaningful connections for 250+ civil and environmental engineering student members. Through a variety of academic, professional, and social events, we provide students with opportunities to learn about career paths, develop new skills, and meet like-minded students and industry members.

The upcoming ASCE Student Symposium is our most anticipated event of the year. The symposium, involving 12 ASCE student chapters in our region, will feature the popular steel bridge and concrete canoe competitions, among other exciting events detailed under the “2026 Competitions” section below.

As an ASCE Student Symposium Sponsor, your organization will have opportunities to promote your organization as well as engage directly with talented, driven civil and environmental engineering students from Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, and South Dakota.

Your sponsorship will make this event possible and have a direct, lasting impact on the professional growth of the next generation of engineers.

Thank you for considering this partnership. If you have any questions, please, feel free to contact the ASCE Mines Student Chapter at 2026asce@mines.sdsmt.edu.

Best,



Bailey Hollaway
President



Lucas Ransen
Symposium Chair



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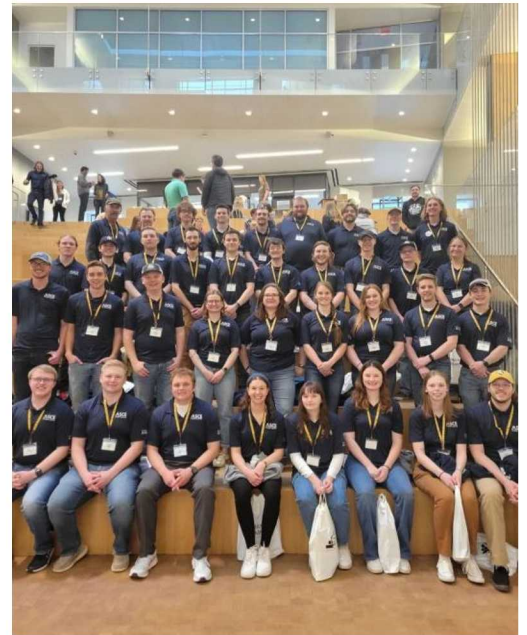
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ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium



2026 Competitions

ASCE Student Symposiums are a great way to meet like-minded individuals and network with other schools and industry members while participating in engaging competitions. We are grateful to all sponsors, judges, volunteers, and participating students for making this symposium happen. We look forward to welcoming 12 student chapters from the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Conference to our symposium April 23rd – 25th, 2026!



Timber-Strong Design Build Competition-Pilot Competition



The Timber-Strong Design Build Competition challenges teams to design, fabricate, and construct a two-story, light-framed timber building that showcases creativity, sustainability, and engineering precision. Teams prepare a comprehensive bid report, calculate the building's material carbon footprint, and assemble their structure on-site at the symposium under timed conditions. This competition highlights the importance of structural design, sustainable practices, and efficient construction, giving students practical, hands-on experience in modern timber engineering.



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2026 Competition cont.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition



The Concrete Canoe Competition challenges students to design, build, and race a functional canoe made of concrete combining innovation, engineering skill, and teamwork. Teams develop a durable, lightweight concrete mix, apply advanced design principles, and bring their vision to life through hands-on construction. Each project is presented through a technical paper, a professional presentation to industry judges, and on-water races against other university chapters. This competition builds expertise in materials science, structural design, project management, and collaboration — preparing students for the challenges and creativity of real-world civil engineering.

Mystery Design

The Mystery Design Competition challenges participants to creatively solve a surprise civil engineering problem using rapid innovation and practical application of core engineering principles. Teams must think on their feet, adapting quickly to new information and constraints while ensuring their design is efficient, high-performing, and compliant with all requirements. Teamwork, communication, and critical thinking are essential as students collaborate under pressure to deliver a complete engineering solution within limited time.

Advancing the frontier of innovation

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition



The Sustainable Solutions Competition challenges students to address real-world engineering problems through the lens of sustainability. Teams apply creative thinking, technical expertise, and innovation to develop Request for Proposal (RFP) responses that promote practical, lasting solutions. Participants are encouraged to think creatively, leverage available resources, and integrate sustainable practices into their designs — preparing them to lead the way toward a more resilient and environmentally responsible future.

ASCE UESI Surveying Competition



The Surveying Competition tests students' mastery of fundamental land surveying principles through five key challenges: topographic mapping, pacing, differential leveling, building stakeout, and determining sewer line depth. This competition emphasizes the vital role of surveying in civil engineering, requiring teams to apply technical knowledge, precision, and teamwork to solve real-world field problems. Participants gain valuable hands-on experience that strengthens their skills for both academic and professional success.

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2026 Competitions Cont.

AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition



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The Student Steel Bridge Competition challenges teams to design, fabricate, and construct a scale-model steel bridge spanning roughly 20 feet and capable of supporting a 2,500-pound load. At the symposium, teams race against the clock to assemble their bridges under timed conditions before they are load-tested and evaluated for structural efficiency, durability, and aesthetics. This hands-on competition combines engineering design, construction strategy, and teamwork, giving students valuable experience that mirrors real-world structural engineering challenges.

Student Symposium Technical Paper

This paper competition gives students the opportunity to choose any technical topic relating to civil engineering. This competition invites students to explore and present technical issues facing civil engineering in the world today.

ASCE Construction Institute Competition-Pilot Competition



The Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition gives students the opportunity to take on real-world construction engineering challenges that test their technical and professional skills. Working as a construction engineering firm, each team develops and presents solutions to complex pre-construction scenarios, mirroring how professionals respond to client requests in the industry. Students must think critically, manage resources effectively, and communicate their proposals through professional presentations to a panel of judges. This competition builds leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving abilities, preparing participants for success in the modern construction environment.

Daniel Mead Prize Paper

The Mead Technical Paper Competition challenges students to explore key issues in engineering ethics through research, analysis, and professional writing. Each university selects one representative to present their paper before a panel of judges, where they must also defend their ideas and respond to questions about their topic and conclusions. This competition helps students strengthen their ethical awareness, communication skills, and professional judgment — essential qualities for responsible and effective civil engineers.



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2026 Sponsorship Packages

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| Logo on symposium t-shirts | Large | Large | Medium | Small |
| Logo in the symposium program | Large | Large | Medium | Small |
| Table for company booth on Friday | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Exclusive sponsor of Society-wide competition or symposium event* | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Introduction at awards banquet | ✓ | | | |

**Certain parameters apply when sponsoring an ASCE Society Competition*

Work with us to create the right sponsorship for you!

If you wish to support the 2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium in other ways, we are more than happy to discuss customized sponsorship packages to best serve your company’s goals and investment in our students.

We welcome promotional item donations from all sponsors.
 Kindly message us at 2026asce@mines.sdsmt.edu to start a conversation about the specifics.

Additional Opportunities

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| \$2,500 | Lunch Sponsor for Friday or Saturday* | Company Logo on Lunch Distribution Table Banner | Supports Portion of the Costs of 1 Day of Lunch for Attendees |
| \$1,000 | Table for company Booth on Friday | | |

**Limit of two Lunch Sponsors*

Sponsorship Form



If you are interested in sponsoring the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium, please complete the Sponsorship Form below.



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To ensure your company's logo appears on the symposium shirts, kindly submit the forms by **February 13, 2026**. *Other sponsorship benefits will still be honored for forms received after this date.*

Please email a copy of your sponsorship form, and indicate your selection to our Symposium Chair, Lucas Ransen, at 2026asce@mines.sdsmt.edu

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Volunteer Form



All ASCE sympsia rely on the expertise and knowledge of the volunteers and judges. If you are interested in volunteering or being a judge at the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium, please complete the Form below or at <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/volunteer/>.



DUE DATE



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To ensure adequate time to organize judges for the symposium, kindly submit this form by **January 16, 2026**.
Volunteers will still be accepted after this date.

Please email a copy of your volunteering form to our Symposium Chair, Lucas Ransen, at 2026asce@mines.sdsmt.edu

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