

**Mailer 2 - Individual Registration & Symposium Information**  
**2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium**  
**Hosted by Old Dominion University**  
**April 9 – April 11, 2026**



January 19, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Virginias Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium** Mailer 2, the second 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:

- Individual Registration and Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Business Meeting,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition,
- ASCE Society Competition information,
- Local competition information,
- Tentative Symposium Schedule,
- Tentative Presentation Schedule,
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- Thank you to our sponsors!

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*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment Form by January 31, 2026.*

*Please note the individual registration deadline is March 6th, 2026.*

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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 Virginias Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

*Hunter Knox*  
President, ASCE Student Chapter & Chair, 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium  
Old Dominion University

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| ASCE Student Symposium website  | <a href="https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/">https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/</a> |
| General symposium email address | <a href="mailto:olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com">olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com</a>          |

# Individual Registration Form & Payment

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## STEP 1 - Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form - *required*

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Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due no later than **January 31, 2026**.

Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form Link – <https://forms.gle/AG6KeaSfM88c5hQu6>

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## STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form - *required*

Individual Registration Form is due before March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Please visit our symposium website at [Individual Registration - Virginias](#) to register for the 2026 ASCE Virginias 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.

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## STEP 3 - Individual Registration Payment - *required*

Individual Registration is \$75 per person. Registration form and payment are due by March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Make check payable to **ODU ASCE Student Chapter**  
Attn: Dr. Gary Schafran  
135 Kaufman Hall, Norfolk, Virginia 23529

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*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium, please email  
olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com*

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# Important Upcoming Deadlines

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

## 2026 DEADLINES

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| <b>ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!</b> | <p>Statement of Intent &amp; 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.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the <a href="#">2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules</a>. Concrete Canoe forms submitted after November 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm Eastern will be considered late submissions and subject to deduction.</i></p> <p><u>There is still time to complete a Statement of Intent Form to compete in an ASCE Society Competition!</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Steel Bridge</u><br/><i>(must be completed by the team captain &amp; the faculty advisor separately)</i><br/><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Surveying</u><br/><i>(must be completed by the team captain &amp; the faculty advisor separately)</i><br/><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Sustainable Solutions</u><br/><i>(must be completed by the team captain &amp; the faculty advisor separately)</i><br/><u>Statement of Intent to compete for Construction Institute</u><br/><i>(must be completed by the team captain &amp; the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> |
| <b>January 5, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time</b>  | Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the <a href="#">ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site</a> .  |
| <b>January 19</b>  | Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.  |
| <b>January 31</b>  | Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.  |
| <b>February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time</b>                                      | ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. (More information on Annual Reports can be found <a href="#">here</a> . If you have questions on your Annual Report, email <a href="mailto:student@asce.org">student@asce.org</a> ). Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an <i>eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the <a href="#">eligibility requirements</a> for details.</i>  |
| <b>February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time</b>                                      | ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. <i>Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an <a href="#">eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the <a href="#">eligibility requirements</a> for details.</a></i>  |

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| <b>February 3</b>                            | ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due.<br><i>Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.</i>                            |
| <b>March 6</b> (postmarked by)               | Attendee Registration is due.   |
| <b>February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time</b> | Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due.<br><i>(Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)</i>   |
| <b>February 23 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time</b> | Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due.<br><i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>  |
| <b>March 1</b>                               | Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to Shaikh Matin (smatin@asceva.org)  |
| <b>March 20</b>                              | Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.  |
| <b>March 19</b>                              | Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due.<br><i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i> |
| <b>March 27</b>                              | Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.  |
| <b>March 27</b>                              | Final Date for Late Registrations   |
| <b>April 9-11</b>                            | <b>2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium</b>  |

**Note:** Please see [competition rules](#) for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.

## Business Meeting (Eligibility Requirement)

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The Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on Friday, April 10th, 2026 at 6:00pm. Venue TBD. 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 Virginias 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](#)

## Student Symposium Paper Competition

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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 the Marr Technical Paper submission and Hardy Cross Oratory presentation at the student symposium.

**The Marr Technical Paper Competition:** The topic for the Marr Technical Paper Competition is a Civil Engineering topic of the competitors' choosing. Students will research a Civil Engineering topic of their choosing and prepare a technical paper. The Marr Competition paper is due March 1, 2026, and submitted to Shaikh Matin via email.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission link: [smatin@asceva.org](mailto:smatin@asceva.org) (Submission can only be done via email)

Competition Rules can be found [here!](#)

**The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition:** The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition topic is a Civil Engineering topic of the competitors choosing. Students will research a Civil Engineering topic of their choosing. Then, at the conference, each competing student will give a presentation about his or her chosen topic. The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition topic is due March 1, 2026, and submitted to Shaikh Matin via email.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission link: [smatin@asceva.org](mailto:smatin@asceva.org) (Submission can only be done via email)

Competition Rules can be found [here!](#)

**Please reach out to Shaikh Matin ([smatin@asceva.org](mailto:smatin@asceva.org)) with any questions.**

**\*\*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.**

## \*\*\*\*\*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 Virginias 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.

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*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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# 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 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 member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.

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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](mailto:student@asce.org).**

## Tentative Symposium Schedule (subject to change)

### Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events.

| Event  | Time     |          | Location                               |
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|  | Start    | End      |  |
| <b>Thursday, April 9th</b>                                   |          |          |  |
| Welcome and Registration                                     | 3:00 PM  | 5:00 PM  | TBD Venue                              |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Captains Meeting                         | 5:00 PM  | 6:00 PM  | TBD Venue                              |
| Social Event   | 5:00 PM  | 6:15 PM  | TBD Venue                              |
| Welcome Remarks  | 6:30 PM  | 7:00 PM  | TBD Venue                              |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Presentations                            | 7:00 PM  | 10:00 PM | TBD Venue                              |
| <b>Friday, April 10th</b>                                    |          |          |  |
| Breakfast  | 7:00 AM  | 8:00 AM  | TBD Venue                              |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition                              | 7:30 AM  | 4:30 PM  | First Landing State Park - The Narrows |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Check-in & Captains Meeting  | 7:30 AM  | 7:45 AM  | Specific Location @ Park TBD           |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Aesthetics and Swamp Testing | 7:45 AM  | 10:15 AM | The Narrows Beach                      |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Display Viewing              | 8:00 AM  | 12:00 PM | Specific Location @ Park TBD           |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Course Presentation & Safety | 10:15 AM | 10:30 AM | The Narrows Beach                      |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Races                        | 10:30 AM | 4:30 PM  | The Narrows Beach                      |

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| ASCE Sustainable Solutions Captains Meetings               | 8:00 AM  | 8:30 AM  | TBD Venue                           |
| ASCE Sustainable Solutions Presentations                   | 9:30 AM  | 11:30 AM | TBD Venue                           |
| ASCE UESI Surveying Captains Meeting                       | 9:00 AM  | 9:30 AM  | TBD Venue                           |
| Sandcastle Competition                                     | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM | The Narrows - Beach                 |
| AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Captains Meeting            | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| Lunch  | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| Water Resources Competition                                | 1:00 PM  | 3:00 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| Civil Problem-Solving Competition                          | 1:00 PM  | 3:00 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| ASCE UESI Surveying Presentations                          | 1:00 PM  | 2:40 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Aesthetics Judging          | 3:00 PM  | 4:00 PM  | The Narrows - Parking Lot           |
| Business Meeting   | 6:00 PM  | 7:00 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| Banquet  | 7:00 PM  | 9:00 PM  | TBD Venue                           |
| Social Event   | 9:00 PM  | 11:00 PM | TBD Venue                           |
| <b>Saturday, April 11th</b>                                |          |          |                                     |
| Breakfast  | 7:00 AM  | 8:00 AM  | Chartway Arena - Big Blue Room      |
| AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition - Check in      | 7:30 AM  | 8:00 AM  | Chartway Arena                      |
| AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition                 | 8:00 AM  | 2:30 PM  | Chartway Arena                      |
| ASCE Construction Institute Competition - Captains Meeting | 8:00 AM  | 8:30 AM  | Chartway Arena - Left Big Blue Room |

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| ASCE Construction Institute Competition                                 | 8:30 AM  | 12:00 PM | Chartway Arena - Left Big Blue Room  |
| Geotechnical Competition Captains Meeting                               | 8:00 AM  | 9:00 AM  | Chartway Arena - Right Big Blue Room |
| ASCE UESI Surveying & ASCE Sustainable Solutions - Poster & Map Viewing | 9:00 AM  | 12:00 PM | Chartway Arena - TBD                 |
| ASCE UESI Surveying Field Tasks   | 7:00 AM  | 12:00 PM | Lamberts Point Public Open Space     |
| Hardy Cross Oratory Competition   | 8:00 AM  | 1:30 PM  | Kaufman Hall or Webb Center          |
| Career Fair   | 9:00 AM  | 12:00 PM | Chartway Arena                       |
| Geotechnical Competition  | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Chartway Arena - Right Big Blue Room |
| Lunch   | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM  | Chartway Arena Big Blue Room         |
| Awards  | 3:00 PM  | 4:00 PM  | Chartway Arena                       |

## Tentative Presentation Schedules

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**Student Symposium Paper Presentations**  
**Date: Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8AM-1:30PM**

| <b><u>School</u></b>                             | <b><u>Timeslot</u></b> |
|--|------------------------|
| Fairmont State University                        | 8:00 AM                |
| Liberty University                               | 8:30 AM                |
| Marshall University                              | 9:00 AM                |
| Old Dominion University                          | 9:30 AM                |
| Virginia Military Institute                      | 10:00 AM               |
| <b>Break</b>                                     | <b>10:30 AM</b>        |
| West Virginia University                         | 11:00 AM               |
| Bluefield State University                       | 11:30 AM               |
| Virginia Polytechnic Institute                   | 12:00 PM               |
| West Virginia University Institute of Technology | 12:30 PM               |
| James Madison University                         | 1:00 PM                |
| University of Virginia                           | 1:30 PM                |

**Sustainable Solutions Presentations**  
**Date: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM-11:30AM**

| School                         | Timeslot |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| University of Virginia         | 9:30 AM  |
| Virginia Military Institute    | 10:00 AM |
| Fairmont State University      | 10:30 AM |
| Virginia Polytechnic Institute | 11:00 AM |

**Concrete Canoe Presentations**  
**Date: Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-10PM**

| <u>School</u>                                    | <u>Timeslot</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Virginia Polytechnic Institute                   | 7:00 PM         |
| Virginia Military Institute                      | 7:15 PM         |
| West Virginia University                         | 7:30 PM         |
| Liberty University                               | 7:45 PM         |
| Marshall University                              | 8:00 PM         |
| <b>Break</b>                                     | <b>8:15 PM</b>  |
| Miller School                                    | 8:30 PM         |
| Fairmont State University                        | 8:45 PM         |
| West Virginia University Institute of Technology | 9:00 PM         |
| Old Dominion University                          | 9:15 PM         |
| University of Virginia                           | 9:30 PM         |

**Surveying Presentations**  
**Date: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:40 PM**

| <u>School</u>                                    | <u>Timeslot</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Virginia Military Institute                      | 1:00 PM         |
| University of Virginia                           | 1:10 PM         |
| James Madison University                         | 1:20 PM         |
| Liberty University                               | 1:30 PM         |
| Marshall University                              | 1:40 PM         |
| <b>Break</b>                                     | <b>1:50 PM</b>  |
| West Virginia University Institute of Technology | 2:00 PM         |
| Fairmont State University                        | 2:10 PM         |
| West Virginia University                         | 2:20 PM         |
| Bluefield State University                       | 2:30 PM         |
| Virginia Polytechnic Institute                   | 2:40 PM         |

# Society Competition Information

## SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE VIRGINIAS 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 Construction Institute Competition



## Local Competition Information

### LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE VIRGINIAS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

|   |                               |                                    |  |
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| <b>Student Symposium Paper Competition</b><br><i>Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals</i> | <b>Sandcastle Competition</b> | <b>Water Resources Competition</b> | <b>Geotechnical Competition (Geo-Wall)</b> |
| <b>Civil-Problem Solving Competition</b>  |                               |                                    |  |

Local Competition rules can be found on our website at  
<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/competitions/>

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