



ASCE Western Great Lakes Student Symposium

Mailer 3

March 30, 2026

Dear ASCE Western Great Lakes Student Chapter,

This is your 2026 ASCE Student Symposium Mailer 3, the last 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:

- Mailer 3 Confirmation and registration reminders,
- Safety-first culture information,
- Competition safety information,
- Business Meeting information,
- Maps, directions, and parking information,
- Non-competition event information,
- Competition presentation and display information,
- Final student symposium schedule,
- Final presentation schedules,
- Final deadlines,
- Society and local competition information,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE Society Competition eligibility requirements, and
- Sponsor recognition

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the email listed below. All symposium information, such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our website, also listed below.

Best,

2026 ASCE Western Great Lakes Planning Committee

2026WGLS@gmail.com

[2026 WGL Symposium Website](#)

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MAILER THREE ACKNOWLEDGMENT CONFIRMATION

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 3 Acknowledgment Form by April 3, 2026.

Complete the Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Form **by April 3, 2026:**

[Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form](#)

If you have questions pertaining to faculty and individual registration please email 2026WGLS@gmail.com.

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE WGL Student Symposium, please email 2026WGLS@gmail.com

COMPETITION SAFETY INFORMATION

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Safety gear (closed-toe water shoes and Personal Floatation Device (life jacket)) for each paddler is the responsibility of each team. ([Exhibit 8: Race Regulations & Safety](#))

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Personal protective equipment is the responsibility of each team. During all construction activities, builders must wear *hard hats* and *protective eyewear or safety goggles* ([Section 10.1.6](#)). During all loading activities, competitors must wear *hard hats, protective eyewear or safety goggles, work gloves, and steel toe or composite work boots* that extend above the ankle. Steel or composite toe caps over leather work boots are acceptable. ([Section 11.2.1.3](#)). The hardhats must meet ANSI standard Z89.1, and the protective eyewear or safety goggles must meet ANSI standard Z87.1

Surveying Competition: Team members are responsible for providing their own required safety equipment including closed-toe shoes and safety-colored shirts or vests to participate in the field tasks. ([Section 6: Safety](#))

ASCE 3D Printing Competition: Teams are responsible for providing their own eye protection, work gloves, and closed-toe shoes, which must be worn by all active participants handling the bridge and during loading and testing. ([Section 5.4.3: Safety](#))



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SAFETY-FIRST CULTURE INFORMATION

ASCE, University of Minnesota, and University of St. Thomas are encouraging a Safety-First Culture during the student symposium. We encourage all symposium participants to 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 Travis Welt and Steven Barbachyn as our symposium safety officers. Be on the lookout for safety information at or in advance of the symposium, such as the location of first-aid supplies, who in the crowd has first-aid training and Safety Moments.

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 competition head judge, symposium safety officer, or activity leader 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 key host school representatives are 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 Officers

Travis Welt - (651) 962-7743
Travis.Welt@stthomas.edu

Steven Barbachyn - (269) 492-5426
SBarbach@umn.edu

Host School Faculty Advisor

Rita Lederle - (651) 962-7745
Rita.Lederle@stthomas.edu

Jia-Liang Le - (612) 625-0752
jle@umn.edu

Closest Hospital or Urgent Care

Regions Hospital ER
640 Jackson St
St. Paul, MN 55101

M Health Fairview
University of Minnesota Medical Center
East Bank Emergency Room (500 SE Harvard St,
Minneapolis MN 55455)

As a best practice, we strongly recommend that faculty advisors keep and maintain on-hand a list of emergency contact information for their university and participating students. ASCE and the student symposium host do not collect emergency contact information from registrants.

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 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 up any vehicle, especially trailers. Better yet, avoid backing up at all, if possible.
- Use a spotter to watch when you must back up a vehicle.
- Slow down when the conditions warrant (rain, snow, ice, fog, darkness, pedestrians nearby).
- Perform a circle of safety around your vehicle to identify what is in your blind spots.





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BUSINESS MEETING (Eligibility Requirement)

The business meeting is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**

The draft business meeting agenda is attached to the email that this mailer was sent to. If you have additional agenda items and/or motions that your student chapter would like to be included in the agenda, please submit them to Nate Brandhorst at bran1811@stthomas.edu.

Note that the business meeting is officially the business 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. Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and the Society. 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](#)

NON-COMPETITION EVENT INFORMATION

Registration: April 16, 2026 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Ralph Rapson Hall Courtyard, 89 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Career Fair: April 18, 2026 at 10:00 am. At the University of St. Thomas in the Schoenecker Center Performance Hall. Wear competition or casual attire to network with industry professionals.

ASCE Information Table: April 18, 2026 from 10am-2pm. Stop by the table at the career fair to learn more about ASCE.

Banquet & Awards Ceremony: April 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm. University of St. Thomas in the Anderson Student Center Wolfe Alumni Hall, parking for this event is in the Anderson Parking Facility, expected attire is business formal.

Business Meeting: April 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm. By invitation only, see page 4 (above).



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COMPETITION PRESENTATION & DISPLAY INFORMATION

All Competitions: Each student team that presents is required to either bring a laptop with connection equipment to a desktop connected to projector equipment or the ability to email a presentation to a student volunteer.

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the display portion of the competition. ([Section 7: Prototype Display Requirements](#)).

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the aesthetic display portion of the competition. ([Section 6.2.1](#))

Surveying Competition:

Topographic Map Display: It is the responsibility of each team to bring one (1) 24-inch by 36-inch paper copy set of the topographic mapping project to the symposium and give to the student symposium host at check-in, which will be used for public display at the student symposium ([Section 7.3, Paper Copy Submittals](#)). The sheets of the paper copy must match the electronic submission.

(This copy is for the public display and does not replace the required online submission due on February 23, 2026, by 5:00 pm EST.)

- Teams are encouraged to bring a standard 6ft tablecloth displaying your school's name, logo, or chapter name for the Topo Map Display Session (not required).
- Teams should plan to stay with their topo map public display to discuss their project with spectators.

Field Task Equipment: Please refer to [Appendix D, Equipment List, in the rules](#) for a full list of required items for the competition. All items must be supplied by each individual team at the symposium competition.

Sustainable Solutions: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the poster presentation. You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

ASCE 3D Printing Competition: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the poster presentation. You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

ASCE Construction Institute Competition: All teams should come prepared with a laptop. Laptops or computers will not be provided at the competition. [Section 8:3](#) of the rules state: Teams may bring reference materials, templates, laptops, and planning tools.

Student Symposium Paper Competition: See above note for all competitions



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MAPS, DIRECTIONS, AND PARKING INFORMATION

University of Minnesota

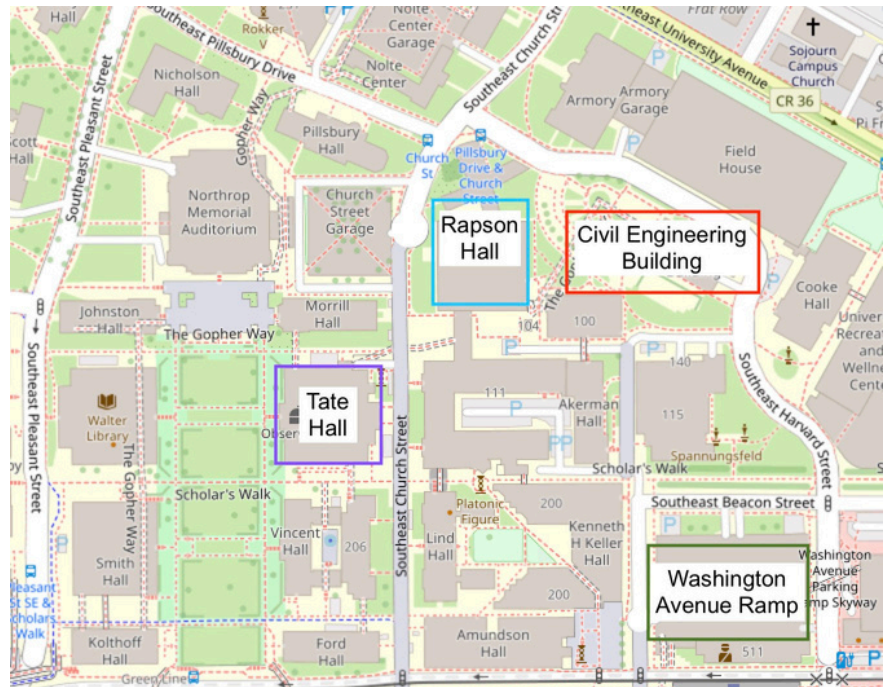
PARKING: Days Hotel parking lot (Hotel guests & trailers), or Washington Avenue Parking Ramp

FROM THE WEST: Take I-94 East to, exit at Huron Boulevard. To the Days Hotel, proceed on Huron for 3 blocks and take a right on Delaware St, then take the first left onto 25th Avenue. Continue for a block and a half, and the lot entrance will be on the left. To the Washington Avenue Ramp, proceed on Huron for 4 blocks. Take a left onto Washington Avenue, continue for 3 blocks, then take a right into Walnut St. Continue for 1 block, then take a left onto Beacon St. Go on Beacon for 2 blocks, then take a left onto Union St, which ends at the ramp entrance.

FROM THE EAST: Take I-94 West, exit at Huron Boulevard. To the Days Hotel, proceed on Huron for 3 blocks and take a right on Delaware St, then take the first left onto 25th Avenue. Continue for a block and a half, and the lot entrance will be on the left. To the Washington Avenue Ramp, proceed on Huron for 4 blocks. Take a left onto Washington Avenue, continue for 3 blocks, then take a right into Walnut St. Continue for 1 block, then take a left onto Beacon St. Go on Beacon for 2 blocks, then take a left onto Union St, which ends at the ramp entrance.

FROM THE NORTH: Take I-35W South until the University Avenue and 4th St Exit. Proceed past the first light at 4th St. Use one of the two left-turn lanes to turn left onto University Avenue. To the Days Hotel, continue on University Avenue for 16 blocks. Then, turn left onto 25th Ave. The lot entrance will be on the left. To the Washington Avenue Ramp, continue on University Avenue for 9 blocks, then turn right onto Church St. Take the first left from Church St onto Pillsbury Dr. Continue on Pillsbury Dr until the first light, then take a right onto Beacon St. Continue on Beacon for one block, then take a left onto Union St, which ends at the ramp entrance.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-35W North until the University Avenue and 4th St Exit. Use one of the two right-hand turn lanes to turn onto University Avenue. To the Days Hotel, continue on University Avenue for 16 blocks. Then, turn left onto 25th Ave. The lot entrance will be on the left. To the Washington Avenue Ramp, continue on University Avenue for 9 blocks, then turn right onto Church St. Take the first left from Church St onto Pillsbury Dr. Continue on Pillsbury Dr until the first light, then take a right onto Beacon St. Continue on Beacon for one block, then take a left onto Union St, which ends at the ramp entrance.



[University of Minnesota- Twin Cities Interactive Campus Map](#)





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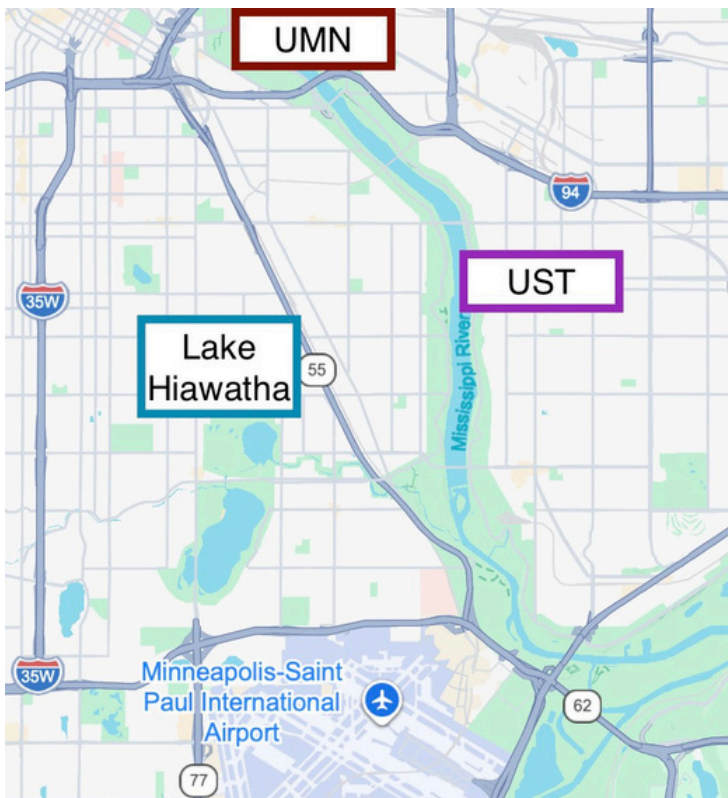
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Lake Hiawatha

PARKING: There will be designated drop off zones and parking along S 28th Ave for the competitions, as well as parking in the surrounding neighborhood streets.

Truck and trailer parking along 28th Ave will require a permit. These will be distributed at the captains' meeting - one permit per school for your canoe transport vehicle. All other vehicles will need to park on street.

Please be respectful of the neighbors, this is a residential area.





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University of St. Thomas

Important: Our campus has only one address for all of campus. Do not Google St. Thomas to get directions. Search instead for Anderson Parking Facility to get to the parking ramp.

PARKING: Anderson Parking Facility (on the corner of Cretin and Grand Avenues)

STEEL DROP-OFF AND TRAILER PARKING: Lot O is exclusive to those dropping off supplies for steel bridge and parking a trailer at St. Thomas.

FROM THE WEST: East on I-94, exit at Cretin Avenue. Go right (south) about 1 mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stoplight. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Please park here.

FROM THE EAST: Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue. about 1 mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stoplight. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Please park here.

FROM THE NORTH: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E to Exit I-94 going west. Take I-94 west to the Cretin/ Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about 1 mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stoplight. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Please park here.

FROM THE SOUTH: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E north to the Randolph exit. Make a left on Randolph (crossing over 35E) and follow Randolph Avenue for approximately 2 miles to Cretin Avenue. Make a right on Cretin Avenue and go approximately 1.5 miles to Grand Avenue. Take a left at the Grand Avenue stoplight. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Please park here.



[University of St. Thomas Interactive Campus Map](#)

Link to public transportation in the Twin Cities

[Metro Transit - Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN](#)



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SOCIAL NETWORK INFORMATION

To get connected for symposium updates and communication leading up to the symposium, during, and after

Email Rebecca Bishop at bish4587@stthomas.edu **AND**

Nate Brandhorst at bran1911@stthomas.edu.

FINAL SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

*Please note that presentation schedules are final. Please coordinate with your teams if you have any overlapping times.

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
Thursday, April 16th	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Check - In	UMN - Rapson Hall Courtyard
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Quiz Bowl	UMN - Tate Hall 105
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Captain's Meeting	UMN- Rapson Hall 45
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Captain's Meeting	UMN - CivE 212
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Construction Institute Captain's Meeting	UMN - CivE 205
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Surveying Captain's Meeting	UMN - CivE 202
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Geowall Captain's Meeting	UMN - CivE 188
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	3D Printed Bridge Captain's Meeting	UMN - CivE 213
	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Paper Competition Presentations	UMN - CivE 210

***Please note that the Scavenger Hunt Competition will take place over all three days of the symposium, with clues released at various times throughout the event.**

CivE = Civil Engineering Building





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Friday, April 17th	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Competition	Lake Hiawatha
	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Surveying Field Tasks	Lake Hiawatha
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Concrete Cornhole	Lake Hiawatha
	11:00 PM	3:00 PM	Volleyball Tournament	Lake Hiawatha
	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Geowall Competition	UST - SCC High Bay
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	3D-Printed Bridge Competition	UST - SCC 101
	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Steel Bridge Drop-Off	UST - LPA Arena
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Steel Bridge Captain's Meeting	UST - SCC 309	
Saturday, April 18th	6:00 AM	4:00 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	UST - LPA Arena
	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	Concrete Canoe Presentations	UST - OWS 150
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Sustainable Solutions Presentations	UST - SCC 238
	9:00 AM	11:30 PM	Surveying Presentations	UST - OWS 250
	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Construction Institute	UST - SCC 308, 309
	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Career Fair	UST - SCC Performance Hall
	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	Lunch	UST - SCC Performance Hall
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Poster Session	UST - SCC High Bay
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Survey Poster Session	UST - SCC Atrium
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Business Meeting	UST - ASC 340
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	UST - ASC Wolfe Hall (Floor 3)	

LPA Arena = Lee and Penny Anderson Arena
 SCC = Schoenecker Center

OWS = Owens Science Hall
 ASC = Anderson Student Center





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FINAL PRESENTATION SCHEDULES

Concrete Canoe Presentations Date: Saturday, April 18th

Timeslot

School

9:00 AM

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

9:15 AM

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

9:30 AM

University of Wisconsin-Madison

9:45 AM

Minnesota State University Mankato

10:00 AM

North Dakota State University

10:15 AM

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

10:30 AM

University of Illinois at Chicago

10:45 AM

Break

11:00 AM

University of St. Thomas

11:15 AM

Milwaukee School of Engineering

11:30 AM

Marquette University

11:45 AM

Bradley University

12:00 PM

University of Minnesota Duluth

12:15 PM

Northwestern University

3D Printing Presentations Date: Saturday, April 18th

Timeslot

School

1:00 PM

North Dakota State University

1:10 PM

Bradley University

1:20 PM

Illinois Institute of Technology

1:30 PM

University of North Dakota





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Sustainable Solutions Presentations Date: Saturday, April 18th

Timeslot

School

9:00 AM

Northwestern University

9:15 AM

University of St. Thomas

9:30 AM

University of North Dakota

9:45 AM

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

10:00 AM

Break

10:15 AM

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

10:30 AM

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

10:45 AM

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Surveying Presentation Date: Saturday, April 18th

Timeslot

School

9:00 AM

Northwestern University

9:10 AM

North Dakota State University

9:20 AM

Bradley University

9:30 AM

University of Illinois at Chicago

9:40 AM

Break

9:50 AM

Milwaukee School of Engineering

10:00 AM

University of St. Thomas

11:00 AM

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11:10 AM

University of Wisconsin-Madison





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FINAL PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Student Symposium Paper Presentation

Date: Thursday, April 16th

<u>Timeslot</u>	<u>School</u>
6:30 PM	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
6:40 PM	University of North Dakota
6:50 PM	Lakehead University
7:00 PM	Milwaukee School of Engineering
7:10 PM	Minnesota State University Mankato
7:20 PM	Break
7:30 PM	University of Wisconsin-Platteville
7:40 PM	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
7:50 PM	Marquette University
8:00 PM	Bradley University
8:10 PM	Olivet Nazarene University
8:20 PM	Break
8:30 PM	North Dakota State University
8:40 PM	Illinois Institute of Technology
8:50 PM	University of Illinois at Chicago
9:00 PM	Northwestern University
9:10 PM	University of St. Thomas
9:20 PM	Break
9:30 PM	University of Wisconsin-Madison
9:40 PM	University of Minnesota Duluth





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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Steel Bridge Build Order Date: Saturday, April 18th	
<u>Order</u>	<u>School</u>
1	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
2	University of St. Thomas
3	North Dakota State University
4	Lakehead University
5	University of Minnesota Duluth
6	University of Wisconsin-Platteville
7	University of Wisconsin-Madison
8	Olivet Nazarene University
9	Milwaukee School of Engineering
10	University of Illinois at Chicago
11	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
12	Bradley University
13	Northwestern University
14	Illinois Institute of Technology
15	University of North Dakota
16	Marquette University



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Construction Institute Competition Order

Date: Saturday, April 18th

Order

School

1

University of Wisconsin-Madison

2

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

3

Illinois Institute of Technology

4

University of Illinois at Chicago

Geowall Competition Order

Date: Saturday, April 18th

Order

School

1

University of MN Duluth

2

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

3

Illinois Institute of Technology



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FINAL DEADLINES

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

March 30

Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.

April 3

Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter

April 16-18

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



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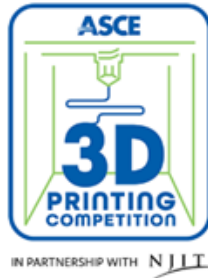
SOCIETY COMPETITION INFORMATION

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE WESTERN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Society-wide Competitions



Society Pilot Competitions



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NJIT

[ASCE Society-Wide Competitions Rules & Regulations](#)

LOCAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE WESTERN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Student Symposium Paper Competition

Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals

Concrete Cornhole Competition

Geowall Competition

Local Competition rules can be found on our website at [2026 WGL Symposium Website](#)



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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 Western Great Lakes Student Symposium Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic – [click here for topic](#).

- Submission deadline: March 1, 2026
 - Papers submitted after the March 1st deadline will be accepted and permitted to present at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction and will not be eligible for consideration for the National Daniel W. Mead Prize for Student Competition, regardless of final placement at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction.
- Rubric: [Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric](#)
- Time Limit for Presentations: 10 minutes, 5 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A

****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 Western Great Lakes 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.

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 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.
 - 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.



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