Student Reminders

2023 Optimizing Main Street Sandbox Competition – Express Interest by 2/24!
Sponsored by the Consultants Council, this year's competition will focus on Curb Space Management. There will be separate professional and student categories. The top two teams in both categories will be invited to present their approach and solutions as part of the Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Portland and take questions from the audience in an open and interactive session.

Competitors will plan and design a corridor to optimize the public right-of-way and curbside activity to balance the needs of the abutters, residents, and visitors. The design should take into account land use, bus activity, and demographics of the corridor. Submissions will be judged on their creativity and innovation, the practicality and balance achieved by the individual ideas, soundness of their technical approach and design, and the transferability of its elements to other jurisdictions or corridors. Click here to learn more. Questions? Contact Kathi Driggs.

**Important Dates:**
- February 24: Expressions of Interest Due
- May 15: Submission Deadline

ITE Virtual Spring Conference – Early Bird Registration!
Join us for the ITE Virtual Spring Conference on Great Communities: At the Intersection of Planning and Engineering. **Students can register at a discounted rate of $50!** PDHs/CMs will be available. Participants do not have to choose between sessions, ITE will record and make all sessions available to registrants.

More details about the conference, including the schedule and session titles and descriptions, will be available [here](#).

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### HSIS Student Research Paper Submission – Deadline Quickly Approaching!

This award encourages undergraduate and graduate students to use Highway Safety Information System (HSIS) data to investigate a topic that advances highway safety and to develop a paper to document their original research. Each lead author of a winning team will receive recognition and full registration to the Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and Exhibition on August 13 to August 16, 2023.

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Judging Criteria

- Objective of paper and emphasis on safety. (10 points)
- Importance of HSIS data to paper topic. (20 points)
- Soundness of methodology. (20 points)
- Analysis of HSIS data. (40 points)
- Discussion of results. (10 points)

The 2,500- to 5,000-word paper documenting original research must be completed and submitted along with the application no later than March 1, 2023.

Diversity Scholars Program – Help Spread the Word!

The deadline is quickly approaching for complete applications from both graduating high school students and community college students planning to transfer to a 4-year university in the fall of 2023!

The purpose of this program is to increase participation by underrepresented populations in the transportation profession by supporting increased diversity at the undergraduate level. The deadline for all applicants is March 15, 2023.

We believe this is a great opportunity and we would truly appreciate your support to get the word out to potential applicants. All of the eligibility requirements and application information is available here. Download and share the program flyer with your family and friends. Click the button below to apply today!

2023 Young Leaders to Follow – Application/Nomination Deadline by 3/15!
ITE's Young Leaders to Follow Program shines a spotlight on the best, up-and-coming young leaders within ITE! If you are a student that makes an impact on your ITE student chapter, ITE section or district, this is the program for you! Eligible candidates can be any ITE member that is actively involved and 35 years old or younger on January 1, 2023. View 2022 Young Leaders to Follow [here](#). Interested? [Click here](#).

New ITE Quick Bite: Understanding the Auto Industry!

The ITE CAV Standing Committee has released a Quick Bite on Understanding the Auto Industry, the first of four planned Quick Bites to provide the ITE community and others with information on Connected & Automated Vehicle (CAV) applications from an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) perspective.

This specific Quick Bite addresses the issue of OEM & Infrastructure Owner Operator (IOO) Partnerships. The CAV Committee is interested in hearing thoughts on this latest publication. Use the post in the CAV e-Community or the post on TE's LinkedIn page to share your comments.

Quick Bite

What's New

Faculty Advisors – Graduation Cord Order Form!

Place your order today! Free cords for graduates. The single cord is braided royal blue and white. Anticipated shipping will be in April 2023. All submissions will receive an email confirmation with the shipping information in April. The deadline for all orders is [Friday, March 31, 2023](#). Questions? Contact [Membership](#).

Order Now

ITE's All-Member Survey Available Now!
Be on the lookout today for an email containing information about ITE’s All-Member Survey. We hope that you will take 15-minutes of your time to inform the Board of Direction and staff about your views on a variety of different topics related to your involvement in ITE by responding to the ITE All-Member Survey. Questions? Contact Membership.

ITE Young Member Peer Exchange Webinar Discussion!

Come join the discussion! On February 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. ET., a panel comprised of leaders from young member committees across ITE will touch on what programs their Section or District’s young member committee plans throughout the year, and how they empower and engage young professionals and students within ITE. Leaders will briefly discuss their young member committee and experiences. If you are interested in learning how to improve your young member committee, how to create or promote a young member committee within your Section/District, or for members wanting to learn how it may benefit their section or district, panelist will open the floor to questions. Questions? Contact Membership.

Register Now

Learn More About K-12 Outreach Activities and Best Practices!
On March 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. EST, undergraduate students from University of Hawaii at Mānoa and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, will share their best practices in K through 12 outreach, including but not limited to discussing the other student organizations they connect with to do these programs, how often they recommend to assist/run programs, and what they’ve learned to do/not to do in the realm of outreach activities to receive effective engagement. This webinar will be beneficial for all those interested in outreach, not only Student Chapter leaders and academics. Learn more about ITE STEM Resources.

Register Now

Airport Cooperative Research Program for Graduate Students!
This program is a wonderful opportunity for graduate students interested in applied research that addresses airport and related air transportation system needs. The goal of the research is to help the public sector continue to improve the quality, reliability, safety, and security of the U.S. civil aviation system well into the foreseeable future.

The Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP), a program of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, offers $12,000 Graduate Research Awards that include mentoring by national experts assigned by the ACRP, facilitation of access to ACRP resources, an expense-paid research presentation at the Transportation Research Board annual meeting in Washington, DC, and publication in the Transportation Research Record. Students must be supervised by a faculty member and be attending an accredited higher education institution in the U.S. or Canada. U.S. and Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible as are students who have an active student visa throughout the award period.

Application Deadline is May 15, 2023. Click here to apply. Questions? Contact Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

Upload To ITE's Community Corner!

Calling All Student Chapters!

Prior to COVID, we had a regular feature in the ITE Journal called “Community Corner” that showcased our members’ community service efforts. During COVID, we had to pause this feature, but we are excited to be able to start recognizing these efforts again, with the intention of participating in the “National Week of Service,” April 16-22, 2023.

How You Can Help? We are asking if your Student Chapter has participated in a recent community service effort, please share that with us so we can recognize you. We would love to feature and highlight your efforts in the ITE Journal, on an ITE webpage, ITE’s e-community, and in efforts celebrating the “National Week of Service.” We would need a brief write-up of no more than 500 words with pictures describing your community efforts and involvement.

Click here to upload all images and your write-up. Questions? Contact Frances Bettis
Happy Valentine’s Day! For the month of February, join us in recognizing Black History Month, and National Engineers Week from February 19 to February 25, 2023.

Upcoming Dates

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming District and Section Meetings
Looking to stay involved and network with your local ITE members? Click here to view your next District and Section meeting. If you have meetings you would like to add to the calendar please email Pam Goodell.

New Members Orientation
Join us on February 15, 2023, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET to learn more about your ITE Membership and access to benefits that are available to you. Focusing on ITE membership and staff support, connecting with your District and Sections, navigating our website, Learning Hub and Free Webinars, Councils, e-Community, and Communications. Click here to register!

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TE Western District Student Leadership Summit Hosted by USC, CSUF, and UCI
On February 24-26, 2023, students will participate in engaging and educational experiences, including touring the infrastructure in and around Downtown Los Angeles! Follow ITE Western District on Facebook and LinkedIn @Western_ITE. Click here to register!

HSIS Student Research Paper Competition Deadline
Earn money for college and gain recognition throughout the transportation community! The competition encourages undergraduate and graduate students to use Highway Safety Information System (HSIS) data to investigate a topic that advances highway safety and to develop a paper to document their original research. The final paper submission deadline is quickly approaching on March 1, 2023. Click here to learn more.

TE Southern District Student Leadership Summit – Mississippi State University
MSU's three-day conference will be held on March 3-5, 2023 in Starkville, MS. The Southern District Student Leadership Summit (SLS) will promote leadership and professional development for, transportation engineering students through technical and professional presentations hosted by industry speakers and extensive student-industry networking. Click here to register!

2023 Diversity Scholars Program
TE offers our Diversity Scholars Program each year to award at least one scholarship to a student intending to study transportation as an undergraduate at a university with an ITE Student Chapter. This program is open to both high school seniors and community college students looking to transfer to 4-year universities. Applications are now open, click here to apply today! Be sure to share with your family and friends. The deadline for all applications is March 15, 2023. Questions? Contact Membership.

2023 ITE Award Season Underway
TE's Excellence in Transportation Awards celebrate the achievements of transportation professionals, including our student members! Check out the opportunities for Student Chapters to be recognized for their innovations and activities and individual students to be recognized for their research papers here. Submit your nominations for the Student Awards!

2023 ITE Virtual Spring Conference
Great Communities: At the Intersection of Planning and Engineering. We encourage students to experience ITE’s virtual conference being held on March 14-15, 2023. Student members can attend for $50. To learn more information click here.

Hear from ITE Students and Professionals

As an ITE Professional in the transportation industry, what advice would you give students transitioning to young professional?

“Look for opportunities to get involved with field deployments, public meetings, and construction projects so you get firsthand perspective on both the challenges and impact of your work.”

Dr. Darcy Bullock
Faculty Advisor
Purdue University Chapter
‘Keep in mind that you will be the only one accountable for your career path and will not always get clear directions as you did in school. With that, I would suggest:

1. If feasible, take advantage of all opportunities to work in person at the office – the first years in the profession are the ones you will be learning the most from experienced professionals (both technical and soft skills), and will you learn best from being closer to them. Every chat in the coffee room can be a unique learning experience!”

2. Stay involved with ITE; there are multiple opportunities to get involved at Section, District or International levels. Not all opportunities are publicly announced, so do not be afraid to ask around – there is always some work to be done that needs volunteers. Having a role in an ITE group is a great supporting argument when asking your employer for financial support to attend conferences such as District Annual Meetings.

3. Get a mentor– find a person you admire inside or outside your organization and ask for advice. Don’t forget to check ITE’s mentorship program as well.”

Fabio Sasahara, Ph.D., PMP | Associate Director
McTrans Center
University of Florida Transportation Institute

‘I believe in the philosophy that you never lose; you either win or you learn. Being a recent professional who just transitioned from school to industry, I have the following suggestions for students:

1. Build relationships with your peers, mentors. Everyday is a new experience in the industry. Ask questions, grasp opportunities, and seek challenges to better yourself in your field. Communication is the key to have a great learning experience.

2. Establish a productive daily habit which will help you focus on your work. At the same time, do not forget to maintain a work-life balance. Prioritize your mental health.

3. Identify compatible collaborators and learn to accept feedbacks.

Syed Ahnaf Morshed, Ph.D., E.I.T. | TSMO Associate
Institute of Transportation Engineers
How would you describe your most beneficial ITE experience of 2022 and why?

"My name is Orestis Karamouzis and I am a PhD student at the University of Florida's Transportation Institute, coming from Greece. I joined the student chapter of the University of Florida by the time I got at UF, and it has been a great experience so far. The most beneficial experience I had during 2022 was me attending the Florida Puerto Rico ITE Conference held in St. Augustine, FL, during October 2022. I really enjoyed talking to several people from the industry and making connections for potential Internships as well as full-time jobs only a couple of months after I moved to the US. It was great to see the interest of these professionals in our work and interests. In addition, the one-to-one interview session provided me with the opportunity of having valuable feedback from people that are mainly responsible for hiring Grads and Interns on how I present myself and my abilities. Lastly, I should mention that joining the student chapter of ITE was a beneficial experience itself, since I got the chance to meet nearly all graduate students in my department, something that made my transition to UF and the US in general a lot easier."

Orestis Karamouzis, PhD student at the University of Florida ITE Student Chapter

"ITE gave me the opportunity to meet important professionals in the transportation field and to engage with students from other universities. In this context, the main remarkable experience that ITE provided me was meeting the professional Thuha
Nguyen. After meeting at the 2022 Florida SLS event, Thuha hired me for a Summer internship, which was essential to my professional development in 2022.”

Renan Favero

“The FLPRITE annual meeting was the one I enjoyed the most. With sessions focused for the students, Shark Tank presentation and poster competition, every student could take the most out of it. I am very happy I could participate on the Shark Tank competition and bring to our chapter the 1st place.”

Gustavo Zschaber

“Attending the ITE Western District Annual Meeting allowed me to gain more knowledge and insights within the transportation industry. I’m grateful for this opportunity, as I got to interact with students who also have a passion for transportation and connect with experienced professionals who gave me valuable advice as I’m starting out in my career.”

Thu Vu, California State University Fullerton

“ITE has shown me that I can partake in leadership roles, whether that’d be representing CSUF at the California Transportation Foundation Education Summit or making decisions for the Student Leadership Symposium that hosts student engineers from all over California. As an undergraduate civil engineering student, I have been able to sit down with CEOs, high ranked researchers from top universities, and executives of reputable companies such as Caltrans, Kimley-Horn, OCTA to name a few. Without ITE, these experiences, connections, and self-development wouldn’t have happened, which has had a direct impact on the engineer I’ve become today. I strongly encourage you to join ITE as this could be you taking the next step into your engineering career.”

Oscar Sosa, California State University Fullerton

“My most beneficial ITE experience has been the socials and guest speakers that have visited us. It has helped me gain a stronger perspective into the transportation engineering career. As well as create new friendships within our socials.”

Christian Lopez, California State University Fullerton

“Chapter Vice President Sang Ung Park shares, “the most valuable thing I experienced in the ITE was participating in the poster session and ITE dinner. Previously, I had little opportunity to interact with the other external ITE members. I enjoyed the event and socialized with the other ITE students and external members, presenting my post-disaster recovery work at the poster session.”

Sang Ung Park, Vice President of Purdue ITE Student Chapter

At the beginning of this academic year, one of the most important tasks as the chapter president was to promote ITE to undergraduate students during our callout. Having been closely associated with ITE over the years, I felt very proud to explain the purpose, scope, activities, and benefits of ITE to eager undergrads and the role of our student chapter in helping them benefit from them. And that felt even better when some of the callout attendees became integral part of our chapter over the semester.”

Rajat Verma, President of Purdue University ITE Student Chapter

One of my most beneficial ITE experiences of 2022 includes being the President of the UNM ITE student chapter. This role has helped me practice leadership skills and organize helpful events for the chapter such as guest speaker presentations as well as an Fundamentals of Engineering review presentation. Being an active member in the NM section of ITE has also helped me network and even land my current internship!

Össiris Rodriguez, University of New Mexico ITE Student Chapter

“The most beneficial ITE experience for me in 2022 was the FLPRite Annual Meeting in St. Augustine. The thought behind organizing the Student and Young Professional Soft Skills technical session was brilliant. I got the opportunity to get interviewed and receive advice on how to improve my delivery from more than fifteen professionals in just an hour. For me, it was the most effective, impactful, and time-efficient session I have ever attended. This session not only helped me cultivate confidence but also worked as a catalyst to expand my network with working professionals. I would very strongly recommend this session for any future workshops, meetings, or summits involving students.”
Divyamitra Mishra, University of South Florida ITE Student Chapter

'The most beneficial experience was the 2022 Student Leadership Summit (SLS) at Tallahassee. At that time I was only a member and it was my first experience with the ITE organization, where I got a lot of exposure to the transportation industry, professionals, and also the students from other universities. I had an opportunity of learning the kind of research projects they are working on and the type of resume I need to prepare to get into the industry. It helped me to develop the professional skills and the techniques to achieve it. Then I got interested in ITE and became an officer in school. Secondly, I had an opportunity to attend the Transportation Supersession in 2022 through ITE (as a student officer from USF). I volunteered to help with the reception and had great exposure to all the industry professionals and the kind of work they do.

Shiva Ram Reddy Chalamalla, University of South Florida ITE Student Chapter

'Attending the Friday Transportation seminar series conducted by USF-ITE was the best experience I've had. Several experts in the subject of transportation shared their insights on their study and what it has meant to the industry. Due to the seminar's large attendance, I had the opportunity to speak with many people and we shared our perspectives on the transportation industry.'

Sai Charita Cherukuri, University of South Florida ITE Student Chapter

'My most beneficial ITE experience of 2022 was attending the ITE Western District Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, CA. It was so refreshing to finally be able to attend an in-person ITE event after three years! I had lots of fun interacting with the other students and attendees and attending the many interesting events, technical sessions, and exhibits.'

Peter Yu, President of the ITE Student Chapter at the University of Washington in Seattle

Transportation Trivia
Q: When and where was ITE founded as the Institute of Traffic Engineers? How many transportation professionals gathered to establish the new national organization?

A: October 2, 1930, at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 19 transportation professionals.