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What's New
Research Opportunity for Student Chapters
This is a great opportunity for transportation engineering and planning students to conduct an interesting, relevant, and timely project as part of their normal course work. ITE is asking for Faculty Advisors to work with student chapters to consider collecting parking data in the Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023, so that ITE can understand the effect of the pandemic on personal and business trip making.

No formal report necessary, merely documentation of the data collection site characteristics, the data collection date and time period, and the raw data results. Please provide your statement of interest by no later than November 1, 2022. As a thank you, ITE will be recognizing all institutions that participate through its communication channels and providing ITE student chapters with a $250 honoraria.

If you are interested, please contact Lisa Fontana Tierney with a brief statement of interest including the land uses you are most interested in counting, resources available to conduct the counts and the proposed timing for the counts.

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Call for Student Poster Presentations

Tell us about your research! ITE invites students to submit a poster abstract and potentially showcase your work at the Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and Exhibition, August 13-16, 2023 in Portland, OR. This year’s theme is Connecting People and Communities.

Share your research with the transportation community!

How to Submit Your Poster Submission:
1. Go here to submit your poster abstract by Tuesday, November 29, 2022.
2. You will need to have an account with ITE. Members and past members have accounts already. Click the Log In button to begin the submissions process.
3. If you’ve never submitted an abstract with ITE and have never been a member, click here to create an account and earn log in credentials. You will then need to return to this page to submit your abstract.
4. Go to Submit at the top of the page and choose Propose a Student Poster

Have questions about logging in? Contact Membership.

Learn More

Share Your Photos with ITE Headquarters
Hard work doesn't go unnoticed here at ITE! We want to recognize and share your efforts. ITE Headquarters created a photo gallery for you to upload any photos or videos from your ITE Student Chapter initiatives, membership drive, or events. Click the button below to begin. Be sure to create a folder labeled with the full name of your student chapter before you begin uploading photos. Questions? Contact Jada Johnson.

Upload

Through the e-Community: ITE Student Connect

Join our "ITE Student Connect" community where all student members can directly connect, exchange institutional knowledge, and ideas with each other. ITE Headquarters will provide student updates and reminders in addition to our monthly ITE Student News! If you have trouble logging into your account, contact Membership.

Join Now

Student Leaders - Group Membership Template

Do you have a list of students looking to join ITE? Undergraduate or graduate students can join ITE for free and we want to make it easy for you. If you have a group of students who are interested and would like to join today, click the template below to upload their information into a spreadsheet and send all of them to us at once. ITE Headquarters will do the heavy lifting to activate their membership with us!

Also, you can send us your lists directly for us to activate student memberships. We can compare and update new members to make sure all of your chapter members are taking advantage of the free membership.
Send completed spreadsheets to Jada Johnson.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

Upcoming Dates
Mark Your Calendar
Increasing Diversity of Fields in Student Chapter Engagement Webinar
On October 26, 2022, led by the Education Council, this webinar will focus on ideas for ITE Student Chapters, faculty advisors, and chapter leaders to aid them in the journey to increased diversity of thought through the recruitment and retention of planners, data scientists, and other majors that can contribute to the transportation industry. Log into your ITE and click [here](#) to learn more and register.

**Celebrating National STEM/STEAM Day**

On November 8, 2022, let's put safety first this year with outreach and planning! ITE STEM committee has worked diligently to curate a set of K-12 STEM outreach activities to help teach various elements of the Safe System Approach. Stay tuned for more information in *ITE Spotlight* newsletter and [ITE LinkedIn page](#). Check out the list of [curated activities](#) on our ITE STEM resources webpage.

**2023 Diversity Scholar Program**

ITE offers our Diversity Scholars Program each year to award at least one scholarship to a student intending to study transportation as an undergraduate 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.

**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. 2023 District Meeting are now included. If you have a meeting you would like to add to the calendar please email Pam Goodell.

**New Member Orientation**

Join us on December 2, 2022 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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**Student Updates**

**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 November 2022. All submissions will receive an email confirmation with the shipping information in November. **The deadline for all orders is Friday, October 28, 2022.**

Questions? Contact Jada Johnson.

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**Employer Council Town Hall on Staffing, Recruitment, and Retention**

Save the date! **On November 2, 2022 at 12:30 PM ET,** the focus of this Town Hall will be centered around staffing issues primarily around recruitment and retention. Managing the myriad of workforce issues—from the great resignation, new COVID work policies, hybrid working, staff leaving the industry—seems to be the biggest issue in today’s world for employers.

We encourage students to participate and join the discussion! Participants will be able to interact in these breakouts by addressing challenges, coming up with workable solutions and sharing information on available resources.

For all the details, including speakers, click on the button below.
Learn How Our Districts and Sections Support Students

ITE hosted the first two sessions of the Professional Student Liaison and Faculty Advisor Informational and Training Webinar last month! There were a lot of great questions, exchange of institutional knowledge, and participation. Don't worry if you were unable to make it, click here to view the full presentation. Access the live recording below.

UNLV Student Leadership Summit Recap
Enjoy a few photos from University of Nevada, Las Vegas Student Leadership Summit on September 29th, 2022 to October 1st, 2022. Students toured the Las Vegas Monorail and the RTC FAST Intelligent Transportation Systems. The summits are entirely planned by students, for students. Through the promotion of leadership and professional development, these events aim to guide future transportation professionals, and are a great way to connect with other like-minded students in the transportation community. Click here to learn more about hosting a summit and view more photos from the UNLV photo gallery.

ITE Social Media Handles - Help Us Follow You
Help us recognize your efforts! Submit your social media handles to ITE Headquarters, so we can follow you! Upload your student chapter's engagement photos on your social media and be sure to tag us. We highly encourage students to use their social media handles as a tool to reflect your student chapter's accomplishments. Don't forget to follow us too! Questions? Contact Jada Johnson.
Restarting a Student Chapter - Afif A. Farabi Shares His Experience at the University of Buffalo

With the guidance of UB faculty Dr. Irina Benedyk and the support of the Northeastern District ITE members, we were able to reestablish the University at Buffalo ITE Student Chapter in April 2022. The executive board for the academic year 2022-2023 includes Afif A. Farabi as President, Jiajun Pang as Vice President, Ryan Egan as Treasurer and Kaiser Mahmood as Secretary with Dr. Benedyk as their chapter Supervisor.

Shortly after reforming, the chapter participated in the ITE Northeastern District 2022 Traffic Bowl competition and secured second place. Though the team couldn’t make it to the traffic bowl championship, the chapter promises to come back stronger next year as it grows in the upcoming days.

The chapter is working to expand its membership and exploring ways to provide more value. We organized a welcoming event for the new coming students during the first week of the fall semester. We expressed our vision to be the bridge for the student members connecting with professionals and researchers in the transportation industry through seminars, networking opportunities, attending ITE professional meetings, and personal growth by providing resources to the chapter members. The chapter has gained over 20 new members so far in this semester.
In mid-September, student chapter members attended the ITE New York Upstate Section 2022 Annual Meeting that took place in Rochester on Thursday, September 15. The members had an exciting day full of technical sessions, a tour, and a very engaging networking session with industry professionals. Later that month, the student chapter organized its first seminar of the fall semester where Dr. Austin Angulo discussed a very emerging topic “Simulation Methodologies in Transportation”. The engaged student audience is evidence of what has been achieved as a chapter in a short period and a clear indication of the future growth potential of the chapter.

The executive board is continuously working with the chapter advisor, Dr. Benedyk, and the student members to revive the chapter, improve our presence and provide value to encourage more transportation enthusiasts to join in the future.
ITE Student Leader Tanveer Ahmed: Penn State's Student Chapter President

How were you introduced to the ITE Student Chapter and what is your current role?
One fine evening while walking through the corridors of our department, a flashy poster on the bulletin board caught my eye. It was the Penn State Student Chapter of ITE. I scanned the QR code to sign up then I was asked whether I was interested in joining the Penn State Traffic Bowl team. Did I know then that I would later go on to represent Penn State at the Grand Championship of the Inter-Collegiate Traffic Bowl? I guess not! But if I did not signup that day, I would probably not be writing this! Since the day I joined, through a great turn of events including Penn State winning at the Mid-Colonial District Traffic Bowl, attending the ITE Annual Meeting at New Orleans to taking the responsibility as President of the Penn State student chapter, I have become more involved and connected with this prestigious institute.

Why did you choose ITE?
As Ph.D. student pursuing research in Transportation Engineering, no other student membership is more relevant than ITE. As researchers we strive to innovate and solve the critical problems in the transportation industry to ensure safe and sustainable modes of transportation for all. This requires working hand in hand with professionals in the field. The ITE student chapter has bridged that gap to better connect the students with leading professionals. The meetings allow the students and professionals to connect and share knowledge, ideas and have some fun. This is why I chose to stick to ITE.

We know you are trying to build the Penn State Student Chapter. What kinds of meetings and activities are you planning for the year?
Due to COVID-19, a lack of in-person activities over the past few years has reduced Penn State ITE’s presence on campus. However, with a great team of enthusiastic members and a very supportive chapter advisor, we have lined up a series of exciting activities this academic year to boost our impression. We have already organized a few general meetings with the members, a pizza social, and a picnic, but the most exciting event was a Jeopardy style Traffic Bowl between undergrads, grad students and the faculty! We are also in the process of inviting
industry experts and young professionals to share some of their real-life experiences they wish they knew while in school. Other professional development activities include sessions on CV building, preparing for job interviews and taking the F.E. exam. From time to time, we also plan on training our traffic bowl team for next year’s competition. In addition, we are currently working closely with the Penn State Student Transportation Advisory Committee to ensure equitable transportation for all students. We plan on hosting a bike safety event next year to celebrate World Bicycle Day too. Other events include poster presentations, research presentations and much more!

**What have you learned through ITE about the transportation profession?**

From my short yet meaningful involvement with the ITE, I have learned that the transportation industry is evolving every day. It’s no longer about how many more cars we can accommodate on the roads, but ideas like complete streets, connected and autonomous vehicles are gaining popularity. Since ITE brings together professionals who are working in all the different sectors, I feel like it’s a great place to catch up on what’s new. The meetings and technical webinars are great resources for students and researchers.

**What advice would you give to other students to help grow their ITE Student Chapter?**

Managing a student organization can be challenging, especially with the mounting pressure of course loads and research work. But sooner or later, if you join the transportation profession, you will need to be involved with ITE either hand in hand or the occasional correspondence. So, ask yourself, why not start now? Becoming a student member unlocks a door of possibilities and helps build great connections. If your university is yet to establish a student chapter or has one that is inactive, don’t hesitate to reach out to the ITE section or district liaisons. You will be surprised at how many resources are available. Sketch out a plan for the year, build a traffic bowl team, talk to your academic advisor, reach out to the ITE leadership, and try to attend the events. Start local, soon you will be going global!
Professional Development Resources

Internships for Students and Recent Graduates

Don't miss out! Are you a student, recent graduate, or considering a career change? Simply log into your ITE account and enter your student info to be included in the list of available students seeking internships so employers can find you. Click the button below to begin now! Questions? Contact Membership.
ITE Talks Transportation Podcast

ITE’s latest podcast is on Rural Safety Issues, IIJA Funding, and Challenges for Public Agencies with Bill Lambert, P.E., Administrator/Traffic Engineer with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT). Find out more about transportation safety and operations challenges in rural environments and how they’re being addressed, the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and how the funding could potentially be utilized by state DOTs with more tribal and rural areas, as well as how public agencies are grappling with the current staffing shortages and other challenges brought on by COVID-19. Click the button below to listen and learn more!

Listen Now
ITE gives you the tools to manage and navigate your career path as a transportation student evolving into a professional. Check out our resources below to prepare for your future. Be on the lookout for our student resource center launching by the end of the year!

- Information on Resumes
- Articles, Blogs, Videos
- Tips for Interviews
- Mentoring
- Networking
- Advice on Social Media Use
- Student to Professional Video Resource Library
Join A Council or Committee

Council and Committees are a great way for students to expand their knowledge on the latest and future transportation trends.
Develop Transformational Educational Experiences With T-STEM

Student Chapters can help create a sustainable transportation-STEM model at the high school level. The Transportation-STEM Academy (T-STEM) playbook is a guide to help you develop similar programs and best practices. This model is designed to adapt to local needs and components in a practical approach to STEM through a collaborative process. This is a great opportunity for student chapters to provide STEM students with industry-engaging learning experiences. Click here to download and learn more.

More ITE STEM Resources

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Transportation Trivia
Q: Name the youngest ITE International President (at the time he/she served).

A: Grant Mickle (age 33)