



Congratulations ITE 2021 Award Recipient

2021 STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ITE STUDENT CHAPTER



Congratulations to the Oregon State University ITE Student Chapter for being named ITE's 2021 Student Chapter of the Year. In 2020-2021, OSU ITE embraced the challenges with exceptional resilience and found areas to grow and create new opportunities.

When they transitioned to fully remote operations in late March 2020, OSU ITE continued the events they would have sponsored in person, just in a virtual setting, including their general meeting, speakers, and social meetings over Zoom. As in-person social circles disappeared, they began

a mentoring program to connect both undergraduate and graduate students with each other and professionals. They founded a graduate student discussion group, bringing graduate students located in disparate areas of campus together on a consistent basis to discuss transportation, research, and life. OSU ITE collaborated with student chapters across the nation and the world on events like the ITE International Student Leadership Summit and a student/faculty mixer with the University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez. OSU ITE has been able to support many more members to attend virtual conferences such as the ITE Western District and ITE International Student Leadership Summits. Despite the pandemic, they have continued to grow their K-12 outreach, commitment to diversity and inclusion, community service, and professional development opportunities.

On behalf of OSU ITE, 2020 President Amy Wyman said, "OSU ITE is honored to receive this award. We could not be where we are now without the immense contributions of the many wonderful OSU ITE members and officers who came before us and our fantastic faculty mentor, Dr. David Hurwitz. We would also like to express our appreciation to the OSU School of Civil and Construction Engineering, the OSU College of Engineering, Oregon ITE, ITE Western District, and ITE International for their substantial support and the wonderful opportunities they have provided us. Our chapter truly stands on the shoulders of giants: those who came before us, and all those who have supported us in our goal to serve our members and community in meaningful ways. Thank you!"

Congrats to the OSU Chapter, especially the 2020 leadership team:

- Amy Wyman, President
- Diane Fankhanel, Vice President
- Joe Neils, Treasurer
- Charles Koll, Secretary
- Brianna Velasquez, Media Relations Chair
- Rachael Oster, Professional Development Chair
- Erick D. Moreno Rangel, Community Service Chair
- Elsa A. Moreno Rangel, K-12 Outreach Chair
- Josephine Crofoot, K-12 Outreach Chair
- McKenna Milacek, Special Events Chair
- Eileen Chai, Special Events Chair
- Dr. David Hurwitz, Faculty Advisor