



2023 Excellence in Transportation Awards

STUDENT CHAPTER AWARD

Purdue University Student Chapter of ITE

Congratulations to the Purdue University Student Chapter of ITE for being selected to receive the 2023 Student Chapter Award.



ITE's 150+ chartered Student Chapters offer students a chance to begin to create their networks, develop leadership skills, and launch their careers. The connection between a Student Chapter and local professionals is key to both the experience of the student member and the growth of ITE. The Student Chapter award recognizes a chapter that has provided an exemplary experience for its members with robust programming and outstanding administration.

The Purdue University Student Chapter of ITE has achieved remarkable success and recognition in 2023 through a series of impactful initiatives. Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter demonstrated resilience and creativity in its approach to chapter administration, networking events, leadership development, K-12 STEM outreach, application of technical knowledge, new member recruitment, diversity and inclusion efforts, professional development, field trips, and service projects.

Noteworthy Achievements and Initiatives:

- Chapter Administration:** The chapter held a total of 68 meetings, adopting a hybrid format as COVID-19 restrictions eased. Notably, Katie Zimmerman's Guest Lecture and the Elevator Pitch Event received exceptional feedback for their engaging and informative sessions.
- Networking Events:** The chapter organized several networking events, including participation in the ITE Indiana dinner and a successful Elevator Pitch Event. These gatherings provided students with opportunities to enhance their professional connections and interact with industry experts.
- Leadership Development:** The chapter fostered leadership development through initiatives such as the Purdue Transportation Seminar, participation in TRB 2022, and engaging interactions with esteemed professionals like Dr. Hani Mahmassani.
- K-12 STEM Outreach:** The chapter's dedication to K-12 STEM outreach was evident through innovative efforts like teaching a summer course to high school students and participating in the HeadsUp Tutoring and Life Skills Program.

5. **Application of Technical Knowledge:** Chapter members contributed significantly to the application of technical knowledge, coauthoring publications, and making presentations at prominent conferences, furthering the field of transportation engineering.
6. **New Member Recruitment:** Despite the pandemic, the chapter effectively engaged in virtual new member recruitment through a well-executed Purdue ITE Callout video and callout meeting, along with strategic social media outreach efforts.
7. **Diversity and Inclusion:** The chapter actively promoted diversity and inclusion by creating a welcoming environment for students from various disciplines and backgrounds. The Skillman award and collaborative events exemplified these efforts.
8. **Training/Professional Development:** A professional development workshop led by Amruta Inamdar provided students with valuable insights into negotiation and networking, enhancing their career readiness.
9. **Field Trips/Technical Tours:** The chapter organized insightful field trips, including tours of the Subaru of Indiana Plant and May Mobility, offering students hands-on exposure to transportation operations.
10. **Service Projects:** Demonstrating a commitment to community engagement, the chapter participated in a road cleanup initiative as part of its Adopt-a-road program.

The Purdue University Student Chapter of ITE's dedication to advancing student engagement, fostering leadership, and promoting inclusivity is exemplary. Their multifaceted chapter initiatives not only enrich the educational experience of members but also make a positive impact on the future of transportation. Congratulations on a job well done!

2022-23 Chapter Officers: President – **Rajat Verma**; Vice-president – **Sang Ung Park**; Secretary – **Mohammadhosein Davarani**; Treasurer – **Jack Bell**; Social chair – **Saloni Deodhar**; Undergraduate deputy – **Lauren Jenkins**; Webmaster – **Ricardo Chahine**; and TRB coordinators – **Justin Mahlberg** and **Max Smith**

