

OUTSTANDING SECTION AWARD

ITE North Carolina Section



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is proud to announce the **North Carolina Section of ITE (NCSITE)** as the recipient of the [2026 Outstanding Section Award](#).

The Outstanding Section Award recognizes Sections that participate in activities aligned with the purpose and objectives of ITE. NCSITE exemplified that commitment in 2025 through an active, member-focused year that advanced transportation knowledge and practice across North Carolina while strengthening professional development, student support, technical exchange, service, and advocacy.

With more than 700 members representing public agencies, consulting firms, academia, students, vendors, and other transportation partners, NCSITE continued to serve as a vibrant forum for collaboration and connection. The Section brought together transportation professionals through technical presentations, workshops, tours, webinars, social events, and council-led activities that supported learning, networking, and community building throughout the year.

In 2025, NCSITE provided up to 35.5 professional development hours through Section and council collaboration. Its regular programming included the long-running “Conversations in Transportation” webinar series, technical council meetings, a mid-year meeting in Beaufort, NC, USA, and a joint webinar with the Georgia and Kentucky Sections of ITE. These offerings covered a wide range of timely topics, including airports, drones, hurricane response, project delivery, resiliency, highway safety, transportation policy, automated vehicles, toll roads, transit, and ethics.

Student and younger member engagement remained a central focus for the Section. NCSITE supported students by subsidizing attendance at technical meetings and conferences, offering 10 annual scholarships totaling \$22,000, and presenting the Paul D. Cribbins Cup to the outstanding ITE student chapter. In 2025, the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University student chapter received the Paul D. Cribbins Cup at the Annual Meeting. NCSITE also supported the Young Member Council, student outreach efforts, the annual Troy’s Honorary Intern Social, and a renewed mentoring program scheduled to begin again in spring 2026.

NCSITE also demonstrated its commitment to applying technical knowledge in service of the broader transportation profession. Through coordination with its Strategic Initiatives Council, the Section continued to support NC Go!, a statewide transportation coalition and advocacy network focused on transportation funding and infrastructure investment. Members also lent their technical expertise to Special Olympics North Carolina events, supporting safe and efficient transportation for athletes, coaches, and families at regional and statewide competitions.

The Section expanded outreach to future transportation professionals through K–12 STEM activities, including a classroom visit with Greensboro third graders and participation in the Future City Competition, MATHCOUNTS Competition, and Apex Academy of Information Technology. These efforts helped introduce students to transportation engineering, problem-solving, and the value of infrastructure in everyday life.

NCSITE's 2025 Annual Meeting brought together more than 350 members, friends of ITE, and students for technical sessions, networking, awards, scholarships, and the Annual NCSITE Traffic Bowl. The meeting featured 36 technical presentations and provided attendees the opportunity to earn 5.5 professional development hours while engaging with topics such as emergency planning, multimodal design, roadway safety, mobility analytics, transportation tools, and data-driven solutions.

Community service was another important part of NCSITE's year. Section members supported Toys for Tots, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina meal assembly, the Great Raleigh Cleanup, Special Olympics North Carolina events, and Hurricane Helene relief efforts. During the relief event, volunteers served 153 meals and helped prepare an outdoor play area for children affected by the storm.

Through strong leadership, inclusive programming, technical excellence, student support, advocacy, and service, NCSITE demonstrated the full spirit of the Outstanding Section Award. ITE congratulates the North Carolina Section on this well-deserved recognition and celebrates its continued leadership in advancing the transportation profession and strengthening the ITE community.

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