

OUTSTANDING STUDENT CHAPTER AWARD

Luther F. Fant Clemson ITE Student Chapter



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is proud to announce the **Luther F. Fant Clemson ITE Student Chapter** as the recipient of the [2026 Outstanding Student Chapter Award](#).

The Outstanding Student Chapter Award recognizes student chapters that participate in activities aligned with the purpose and objectives of ITE.

Clemson ITE demonstrated this commitment throughout 2025 through strong chapter administration, technical programming, professional development, student leadership, outreach, service, and connection to the broader transportation community.

Named in honor of Luther F. Fant, a Clemson alumnus whose legacy of support continues to inspire the chapter, Clemson ITE created consistent opportunities for students to learn, lead, and engage. During spring 2025, the chapter held weekly Friday meetings featuring guest speakers, technical project work, chapter business, and networking opportunities on topics including campus transit operations, campus planning, corridor signal coordination, traffic impact studies, project management, disaster risk, infrastructure resilience, and student recruitment.

Clemson ITE's programming connected classroom learning with real-world transportation challenges. The chapter's ITE Annual Sandbox Competition work focused on developing a campus mobility hub and included project planning, a field visit, weekly technical development, and a final presentation to local university stakeholders. The project gave students valuable experience in multimodal transportation planning, equity-focused campus mobility, collaboration, and technical presentation.

The chapter also created robust networking and career development opportunities. Members participated in university career fairs, Clemson Civil Engineering Industry Day, and direct engagement with transportation firms and industry partners. Fifteen Clemson ITE members attended the 2025 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, where students networked with professionals, explored new research, presented in podium and poster sessions, and attended the ITE Student Chapter Reception at ITE Headquarters. Clemson ITE also contributed more than \$4,000 to support student travel to TRB.

Clemson ITE had a strong presence at the 2025 SDITE/MOVITE Joint Annual Meeting in Memphis, TN, USA, with nine members attending. Students participated in conference sessions, social events, the

SDITE Student Leadership Summit, and the William H. Temple Scholarship Challenge, also known as the Traffic Bowl, where Clemson placed runner-up. At the same meeting, Clemson was recognized with the 2024 SDITE Outstanding Student Chapter Award.

Leadership development was embedded across the chapter's activities. Students participated in FHWA's CR2C2 Center for Excellence leadership training, attended the SDITE Student Leadership Summit, held officer and committee roles, led projects, planned events, engaged with ITE leaders, and represented Clemson ITE at conferences and professional meetings.

The chapter also demonstrated a strong commitment to technical knowledge and research. Clemson ITE members gave numerous podium and poster presentations at conferences sponsored by TRB, ASCE, CR2C2, and TraCER and co-authored papers published or accepted in journals including Transportation Research Record and the ASCE Journal of Transportation Engineering. Members also contributed to the ASCE Carolinas Symposium, where Clemson was the overall symposium winner.

Clemson ITE continued to grow and sustain its membership through strategic recruitment, active event promotion, faculty partnerships, classroom announcements, social media, tabling, and a strong culture of welcome and involvement. One collaborative recruitment meeting drew more than 80 students in person and virtually, and a fall tabling event generated interest from more than 20 prospective members.

The chapter's impact extended beyond campus through outreach and service. Clemson ITE participated in STEM outreach with Clemson's TraCR National Research Center, supported the City of Clemson's sidewalk development program, provided input into a local long-range transportation plan, and continued its "Stay Alive Don't Text and Drive" and "Get Your Head Out of Your Apps" safety initiative.

Through consistent programming, meaningful professional engagement, student-led technical work, leadership development, research, outreach, and service, the Luther F. Fant Clemson ITE Student Chapter exemplifies the spirit of the Outstanding Student Chapter Award. ITE congratulates Clemson ITE on this well-deserved recognition and celebrates its outstanding work preparing the next generation of transportation professionals.

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