

# A LEVEL LINE

**Holiday 2018**

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Greetings!

Happy Holidays!!

It is a great time of year to look around and take notice of all that we have to be thankful for. We are blessed to live in a free country with the luxuries of clean water to drink, fresh air to breathe, and shelter to keep use safe and warm. We have good roads and plenty of gas for traveling to see loved ones over the holidays. We can be proud that much of this good fortune is a result of what we as Civil Engineers are contributing to our society. We are fortunate to have an abundance of work and a good view of a tower crane from almost anywhere in the Nashville area.

It is the season of giving, so it is a great time to consider making a contribution to the Branch's scholarship fund, or maybe becoming a sustaining member. Better yet, give the gift of your time. We are always in need of committee members and others to help the Branch run smoothly. It is also that time of year to renew your membership in ASCE. I hope that the Branch programing is something you find of value far beyond what you pay in dues.

I hope these coming months are filled with joy, good health, and good food; and that you are surrounded by loved ones. I am grateful for all that you do for the civil engineering community and especially for your participation in ASCE. Feel free to email me with any ideas you have that will make the Nashville Branch better.

May Peace and Love fill your life.

Chris A. Gwaltney, P.E. M.ASCE  
Nashville Branch President



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## Meeting Minute

This is a reminder to register for our November 2018 Branch Meeting hosted by Vanderbilt, Lipscomb, TSU, and TTU. It will be held on Thursday, November 15 at the Wond'ry, 3rd floor, on the Vanderbilt campus (2414 Highland Ave. Park in the 25th Ave. Garage, Highland Avenue Entrance only). The presenter will be Doug Adams, Chair of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Dept. There will also be a report from Engineers Without Borders (EWB) on the Guatemala visit. Dinner begins

[Mike Kusch](#)  
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at 6:00 PM. The meeting will adjourn by 7:30 pm. Register for the meeting [here](#). Contact [Suzanne Herron](#) for questions.

Note: There will be no meeting in December. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and we will see you again in January!

If you have an idea for a meeting topic, please send [Suzanne Herron](#) a message with your idea.

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Thanks to all of our sustaining members!

To renew your membership for 2019, please contact [Mike Kusch](#).

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, November 15th - Monthly Branch Dinner: Vanderbilt University, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 5th - Monthly Branch Board Meeting: The Row, 7:30am

## New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:



Patton Akers, Owuraku Asare, Keanna Dakwa, Thomas Diver, Theresa Green, Bill Hamilton, Noah Heaton, Austen Jones, Vishal Khandare, Emily Morgan, Hannah Pauls, James Phillips III, Zech Rowley, Dorren Searcy, Daniel Shin, Ruth Steele,

Joshua Stokely, Suleiman Swai, Katherine Turner, & Tanner Wesp

Happy November Birthday to these members:

Ernest Alley,  
Charles Almquist,  
Gregory Ballard,  
Prodyot Basu,  
Glenn Boerke,  
John Boren, Jorge Carriedo Jr., Addie



Case, Carris Case, Christopher Casteel, Robert Chandler, Richard Chesbro, Sean Coffelt, Jeffrey Coyne, Marvin Crabtree, Albert Crim, Rachel Crouch, Dewayne Danner, Alexander Davis, George Dillard, Nathan Foust, Nathan Gaidos, Dr Kenneth Heathington, Tyler Henderson, Jacob Holloway, David Hornby, Michael Hunkler, Ted Kniazewycz, John Leath, Mark Linkowski, William Lothers Jr., David Lowery, Tanner Lowhorn, Kyle Mangum, David Martin Jr., Emmanuel Masindoki, Edwin McDougale Jr., Martin Medley II, Kevin Nolan, Michael Penrod, Steven Qualls, Robert Ray IV, Glen Redman, Christian Reid, James Roberson, Taylor Sanders, David Schilling, Peter Schmidt, Levi Sciara, Amelia Shaw, John Sloan, Daniel Terranova, Daniel Vanden Berge, & Nelson Whitson

Happy December Birthday to these members:



Blevins, Donald Buchholz, Curtis Byers, Jennifer Cain, Glenn

Ashlei Wright,  
Alen Zecic, John Agee, Michael Agnew Jr., Joshua Baker, Harold Beaver, Austin Beck, Matthew Bell, Cameron

Chambers Jr., Vaughan Charles, Richard Colbert, Chad Collier, Michael Corrin, Alexandra Cummins, James Earnest, Carson Freund, Aaron Gillogly, Jennica Greffe, Larry Griffith, Derek Hagerty, Robin Hagerty, Craig Hanchey, Garth Hawkins, Noah Heaton, Floyd Heflin, Mark Herrmann, Peter Hoadley, Anthony Holcomb, Andrew Johnson, Richard Jones, Hayley Justinak, Nicholas Kniazewycz, Michael Kusch, Michael Lambert, Lin Li, Tiana Lynn, Eric Marchegiani, Christian Mbuya, William McCloy, Michael McDonald, Timothy Moore, Daniel Morgan, Melvin Oliver, Hannah Pauls, Joseph Polk Jr., Rebekah Pomohaci, Bill Rogers, Erik Simple, Joseph Spain, Stephen Steele, Suleiman Swai, Thomas Tarpay Jr., Douglas Tate, Matthew Taylor, Zachary Thompson, Travis Todd, William Todd, Barry Turner, Blake Turner, Katherine Turner, Victor Tyler, Joseph Vance Jr., Jesse Walker, Kevin Walker, Jordan Wallace, Benny Weakley, James Weakley, Chris Wesnofske, Brad Winkler, & Kenneth Wolfe

## Free PDHs and Membership Reminder



We've had another great year for the Nashville Branch of ASCE. I trust that you've been able to participate and take advantage of the many benefits of having a membership. We would like to encourage you continue your membership with ASCE into 2019.

To complete your renewal please use the link we have provided [here](#).

Also don't forget that your membership comes with 5 PDHs, 35 technical Journals and 250 Civil engineering news topics.

## Sports

### TopGolf Recap!

Thank you to all that came out for our 1st ever ASCE Nashville Branch TopGolf event. We had 45 players and everyone had a great time. We would also like to especially thank T-Squared Engineering for sponsoring the event. With their help and those that attended, we were able to raise a little more than \$750 toward the scholarship fund. While this event was in no way an attempt to replace our annual golf tournament, it will likely become another annual Branch sports event.



Our next sports event will be our annual Card Tournament. It will be held on Thursday, December 13th. Be looking for a



future email with more information and how you can register.

## Education Outreach

### ASCE Nashville Branch Board Pledges to Help Place Dream Big: Engineering Our World Film DVDs in Area Schools this Fall

The film [Dream Big: Engineering Our World](#) by McGillivray Freeman Films will be available for educational purposes on DVD starting this fall. The Nashville Branch Board has pledged to sponsor a Dream Big DVD toolkit for all public schools serving grades 6-8 in Middle TN. ASCE Headquarters is going to match our Board's contribution by providing DVDs for half of the middle schools in the area. Additionally, the United Engineering Foundation (UEF) has provided a grant to put a copy of the DVD in each high school; therefore, we are focusing on middle school-aged children for our pledge. Between the Branch and National Headquarters, middle school-aged children in the Middle TN region will gain access to the film. Thanks to all who have contributed!



As the DVDs start to arrive at schools, we hope to have engineers ready to make classroom visits to talk about what they do with students. If you're interested in being part of the team to make school visits (we will work to optimize school visits based upon on schedule availability and geographic proximity), please contact [Janey Camp](#).

### Opportunities to get Involved in Education Outreach

The Nashville Branch does a lot in terms of education and outreach throughout the year including efforts related to Dream Big, the Bridge Competition, Engineers' Week, etc. We're looking to grow the team that helps plan and facilitate these activities. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact [Janey Camp](#). Planning for the Bridge Competition will start soon!

### ACE Mentors - Nashville is Looking for Engineers to get Involved

ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Mentors is an after school program for high school students focused on developing skills and introducing students to careers in ACE fields through projects. The Nashville Affiliate serves Davidson, Williamson, and Rutherford Counties. There are currently approximately 130 students registered to participate in the Nashville area ACE Mentor program this year. Most student teams meet once every two weeks to work on a project throughout the school year. It can be a rewarding experience and if you don't have time to commit to the entire academic year, there are opportunities to get involved for only a session or a few. You can learn more about ACE through [this link](#). If



you'd like to get involved and participate as a volunteer mentor, please contact [Janey Camp](#) or [Jack Tipton](#).

## School of Rock

### School of Rock on October 26th



A BIG thanks to all 60 of you that attended! What a fun day of networking, learning, food - the persuasion of donuts!

ASCE scholarship fund was increased by \$5400 thanks to you, and on behalf of ASCE Nashville Branch - thanks again.

## Younger Member Group

### Second Harvest Volunteer Opportunity

The Younger Member Group will be volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee as a way to give back to the community before Thanksgiving. We are still working to coordinate a date so if you are interested, please keep an eye out for an email with more details. We will also be posting details about this event and others throughout the year on our Facebook page so be sure to give us a like!

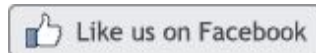


### 2019 Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition



The Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition have been released. If one chooses to enter the Daniel V. Terrell competition, the paper must be submitted to the Terrell Committee, by the entrant's Section President, by March 1,

2019. Two (2) papers per Section may be entered in the Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition. The entrant must then present their paper during the Spring 2019 Meeting of the Region 4 Assembly (specific dates and location to be determined). The full rules and requirements can be found [HERE](#).



## Student Chapter Updates

### Lipscomb University

The month of October has been an eventful month for Lipscomb ASCE! We had a guest speaker, Nathan



Curtis, from CESO speak to our chapter about their missions, internships, and site design. We also had some fun and fellowship at our social getting together for some frisbee and food. Throughout this month, we have been diligently planning and preparing for upcoming events one of which is a service

project to help a handicapped veteran by staining his deck and ramp to his house. The planning and design for our steel bridge and concrete canoe are well underway in preparation for the competition this spring. We're thankful for these opportunities and are looking forward to the rest of this semester!



### **Tennessee State University**



It's been an exciting month for students at TSU. The October ASCE meeting hosted Ashley Smith as our speaker, as well as Kenneth Perkins who also spoke to students about ASCE and the younger member's group. Our last meeting of the semester will be November 6 and speaking will be Kevin McAlister from Barge Design Solutions. We at TSU hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!

### **Tennessee Tech**

During October, TTU ASCE has had two meetings. At the meeting on October 9th, Daniel Brough from Barge Design came and spoke about his work with site development of buildings as well as landfills. On October 29th, the Christman Company spoke to ASCE about managing the construction of the new STEM building being erected on our campus.



We also have been busy organizing our 8th Annual Pig Roast on November 2nd. Along with the usual festivities, we are excited to have Caney Creek Company perform this year. The doors open at 5 pm for the fun and the food. Along with the Pig Roast in November, we also have started fabricating our projects for the southeastern ASCE Conference.

### **Vanderbilt University**



Vanderbilt's ASCE is progressing very well through the semester. We have held several meetings with wonderful speakers and have had great turn out from our members in October. In particular, we held a special meeting aimed toward first-year students to show off the cool and innovative aspects of civil engineering. The Chairman of Vanderbilt's civil engineering department and several esteemed faculty presented on cutting edge

research and new possibilities in civil engineering. Vanderbilt's ASCE has also continued its service in the community by volunteering at the Cheekwood's pumpkin patch this month. Our attention is already beginning to turn to next semester as we begin planning our annual Industry Night and having conference teams meet and prepare.

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