

# A LEVEL LINE

January 2019

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Greetings!

Hopefully you had a joyous holiday season, ate your black-eyed peas and cabbage (for prosperity) on New Year's Day, and are happy to finally be back to some state of normal. I am personally just glad I can still buckle my pants!

We are preparing for some great ASCE Branch activities in 2019 thanks to the Officers, Committee Chairs and members. Nashville is blessed by a great economy and continues to have an influx of new engineers into our community. I challenge you to bring a recently hired engineer (ASCE member or not) from your office to one of our meetings. Keep an eye out for incentives for bringing a guest.

Please keep in mind that Branch Award Nominations and Scholarship Applications are just around the corner. Our Branch is full of qualified candidates and I'm sure that YOU know who they are! Please consider nominating someone or applying for a scholarship. There are also Society (national) awards and scholarships that we have multiple good candidates for. Please do not think that our Branch members are not qualified to receive these national awards, they are!

Thank you for being a part of our ASCE family.

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



## Meeting Minute

The January 2019 Branch Meeting is coming up on Thursday, January 17th, at the Tennessee Engineering Center in the Adventure Science Center. "Redevelopment of a City Block: The Fifth + Broadway Project" will be presented by Rob Johnson of Skanska.

Registration begins at 11:15 am and lunch will be served at 11:30, and the meeting will adjourn by 1:00

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pm.

Please RSVP by 5:00 pm on Monday, January 14, 2019. Click [HERE](#) to register. If you have questions or an idea for a meeting topic, please send [Suzanne Herron](#) a message with your idea.

NEWS FLASH.... As an incentive to get new members into our fold we will offer a (future) free lunch to any current member that registers a non-member guest for this event. The non-member guest will eat free! A "free guest" registration option will be added to the registration page. If you have already registered, just let us know at the door who your registered free guest is and we will give you a voucher for a future lunch.

[Ragan-Smith Associates, Inc.](#)

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**Thanks to all of our sustaining members!**

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

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, January 17th - Monthly Branch Luncheon Tennessee Engineering Center (TEC), 11:30am-1:00pm
- Wednesday, January 23rd - Monthly Branch Board Meeting: TEC Board Room, 11:30am - 1:00pm

## New Members & Birthdays

### Welcome to these new members:



Roy Andrews, Kelsi Burt, Matthew Chance, Rebecca Dohn, Anjay Friedman, Ryan Givens, Chance Hodges, Christine Hunter, Christopher Kaczmarek, Kristi Maisha, Kristi Maisha, JP Michael, Randall Pierce, Shane Shamanur, & Andrew Stokes

### Happy birthday to these members:

Alice Barge, Daniel Barge III, Paul Barnes, John Brackins, Jay Bradley, Stephen Brown, Wambura



Chacha, Stephen Chizek, Mark Cook, Brandie Cookston, Edwin Cooper, Alexander Corbitt II, Nathan Couch, James Craig, Brian Diggs, Rebecca Dohn, Siphay Douangvilay, James Duncan, Kayla Ferguson, Scott Foster, Kenneth Frye, Melissa Furlong, George Garden, Sanjiv Gokhale, Daniel Grecco, Ty Gunter III, Christopher Holmes, Richard Holt, Ted Jernigan, Austen Jones, Vishal Khandare, Sheila Kimlinger, David Kosson, Jessica Latham, James Lukens, Todd Lynn, Ashfaq Memon, John Miner, James Mitchell, John Moseley, Wade Murphy, Ronald Oniszczak Jr., Thomas Palko, Bryan Price, Kevin Ray, John Rehm III, Charles Shadie, Paul Sharp, Ruth Steele, Patrick Stephens, Jeffrey Stevens, Brent Thornton, John Thornton III, Robert Tuggle, John Tyler, Philip Vacca Jr., Jacob Van Geffen, Juan Vazquez, Jeffrey Walker, Chad Wall, & Richard Weakley

## 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

### 18th Annual Bowling Tournament & Dinner

The Nashville Branch will be hosting its 18th Annual Bowling Tournament and Dinner on Tuesday, February 26th. The event will take place at the Smyrna Bowling Center, located at 95 Weakley Lane in Smyrna. All proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Nashville Branch Scholarship Fund. The event is limited to the first 24 teams that are registered and paid. Click [HERE](#) to register. Please contact [Eric Gardner](#) to if you have any questions.



## Educational Outreach

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



The Dream Big Educational Toolkits (2-DVD set which includes the film, teacher's guide, and additional videos and webisodes) were sent out to schools in December. The flyer being sent to schools with the DVD set is attached [HERE](#).

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

### 2019 Music City Bridge Competition - March 2nd

The 2019 Music City Bridge Competition will take place on March 2nd at the Vanderbilt LASIR Facility in Metro Center. The competition entails high school students making bridges out of bass wood and

bringing them to test at the competition for a chance at prizes and an opportunity to qualify for the national competition. Also, if you know a high school student (or class) that would be interested in competing, please see the attached flyer or check out our [Facebook page](#). We will have another planning before the event and welcome anyone interested in getting involved. If you'd like to help out, please contact [Janey Camp](#).



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

ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Mentors is an afterschool 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 [HERE](#). If you'd like to get involved and participate as a volunteer mentor, please contact [Janey Camp](#) or [Jack Tipton](#).

### **Younger Member Group**

#### **Second Harvest Volunteer Recap**

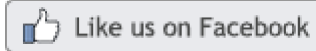


On Saturday, November 17th, the YMG volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank. During our 3 hours in the warehouse, we packed food that will help provide 5,943 meals to feed those in need. We couldn't have achieved this without the help of each of our volunteers!

Keep an eye out for more opportunities to get involved with the YMG in 2019. Please contact [ym@nashvilleasce.org](mailto:ym@nashvilleasce.org) if you would like to be added to



the YMG email list. We will also be posting event details 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

Welcome to 2019!  
Returning from  
break, our ASCE  
students are ready



to hit the semester at full speed! In our November chapter meeting, new officers were elected for the 2019 school year. Included is a picture of the new officers. Thank you to our 2018 officer board for your service to our chapter! Several of our new officers will attend the ASCE Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders in Orlando, Florida in January. We continue to prepare for the ASCE and AISC student regional competitions coming up in March, turning our focus to canoe casting, steel fabrication, and small competition development. Our members are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that await them this new year!



## Vanderbilt University



Vanderbilt co-hosted the ASCE November Branch Meeting with Lipscomb ASCE, TSU ASCE, and TTU ASCE to a large turnout! It was a smashing success, with updates from each of the student chapters, as well as presentations from Vanderbilt Engineers Without Borders and Vanderbilt's CEE

Department Head. We continue to host a variety of speakers at our weekly meetings and have elected new officers for 2019. As an end-of-year celebration, our faculty adviser, Dr. Lori Troxel, held a holiday party with bountiful bowls of delicious chili. In 2019, we're excited to continue preparation for the upcoming student conference in March.



## Job Postings

### Sain Associates

Graduate Engineer | Pulaski, TN



Sain Associates has an immediate opening for a graduate engineer with 2-3 years' experience to work on a roadway design team in Pulaski, TN. Candidate must hold a Bachelor degree in civil engineering with Engineer Intern certification, possess strong written and oral communication skills with English proficiency, have experience with MicroStation or AutoCAD software, and be proficient with Microsoft Office software. Experience with site design is a plus.

Click [HERE](#) to submit your resume.

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