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Dear Ashley,

I hope everyone took a moment to appreciate and celebrate Engineers' Week during February. Now that February is behind us, I hope all the snow is as well. Also, I'm reminded of how strong the City of Nashville can be as I reflect on last year this time, everyone was sending up prayers for those affected by the storms of 2020. Hopefully we have nothing but sunny days ahead considering spring is upon us. Another fun opportunity to look forward to in March is March Madness. The NCAA announced the entire 2021 men's basketball championship will be played in Indiana, just a few hours from Nashville.

There is an upcoming training opportunity for our branch members that will be provided by ACPA/TN ACPA – ACPA's Virtual Pipe School Encore to be held March 2-4. There is a fee of \$250/Office Location for each Consultant Office that signs up to attend the training. Our Branch will receive \$125 of the registration for every Consultant office that registers within our Branch area. See Details Below to register.

Also, I would like to remind you that the Nashville Branch's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration is coming up October 23, 2021. If you and or your company are interested in becoming a sponsor, please click [HERE](#) for more details.

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Lastly, make sure you renew your ASCE membership and Sustaining membership for the 2021 year!

Kenneth S. Perkins, P.E., PTOE,
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Nashville Branch President



To join or renew your membership online for 2021, please click [HERE](#). If you have any Sustaining Membership questions, contact [Mike Kusch](#).

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Meeting Minute

Today, the ASCE will release their 2021 Infrastructure Report Card. The quadrennial assessment will once again grade the condition and performance of 17 categories of infrastructure — including drinking water, roads, and rail.

Join us, March 25th, as Member of the Committee for America's Infrastructure and State Government Relations and Grassroot Committee Janey Camp and the Tennessee Section Infrastructure Report Card Chair Monica Sartain host "2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure - What You NEED to Know". The meeting is at 11:30 a.m. and will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

To register, click [HERE](#).

For more information regarding the release of the 2021 Infrastructure Report Card, please visit the ASCE Website at: <https://infrastructurereportcard.org/>

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, March 2nd-Thursday, March 4th - ACPA's Virtual Pipe School
- Wednesday, March 3rd - ASCE's 2021 Infrastructure Report Card Release
- Thursday, March 25th - Virtual Branch Meeting: ASCE's 2021 Report Card, 11:30am
- Thursday, March 25th-Saturday, March 27th - Virtual Southeast Student Conference co-hosted by Vanderbilt University and Lipscomb University

New Members & Birthdays



Welcome to these new members:

Joaquin Aragon, S.M.ASCE
Jack Boynton, S.M.ASCE
Evan Brown, S.M.ASCE
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Happy birthday to our members!

Joseph H Ballard, P.E., L.S., M.ASCE
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Sustaining Members

Become a Sustaining Member for 2021!

We are kicking off the 2021 Sustaining Membership Drive, and we would like to ask for your support of the award-winning ASCE Nashville Branch with a Sustaining Member Corporate Sponsorship. This year we are excited to continue offering two levels of sponsorship. For more information about the two levels and the benefits of Sustaining Membership, or to join or renew your sustaining membership online, click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about Sustaining Membership, contact [Michael Kusch](#).

ACPA Pipe School

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Link to Pipe School Information and Registration [HERE](#).

Clearly put your office location in the appropriate location on the registration form and INCLUDE your ASCE Branch affiliation in that location as well.

Example: ABC Engineering Cleveland (ASCE Chatt. Branch)

If you have any questions please contact Al Hogan at ahogan@concretepipe.org or 615-351-3017.

Sports



29th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble

We will be having our 29th annual ASCE Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 27th at the Hermitage Golf Club. Registration will begin and lunch will be served starting at 11:30 AM. The shotgun start will be at 1 PM. To register online, click [HERE](#). There are plenty of opportunities to sign up for a team, individual players, or be a sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact [Eric Gardner](#).

Educational Outreach

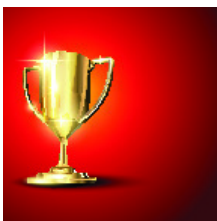
Bridge Competition

Planning for the 2021 Music City Bridge Competition is underway! This year will be a little different, and the competition will be virtual! The competition entails high school students making bridges out of basswood and sending them in to be tested on the competition day for a chance at prizes and an opportunity to qualify for the national competition. Stay tuned for an exact date, but the competition will be held in March this year. If you have a student that is in 9th-12th grade, feel free to pass this along to any teachers who may be interested in having students participate. Also, If you'd like to get involved in this event and the planning to facilitate it, please contact [Justin Corbitt](#) or [Janey Camp](#).



Recent Updates With schools across our region holding mixed levels of in-person and virtual learning for students, there may be opportunities to assist with supplies to meet the needs of students learning from home and/or opportunities for virtual tutoring, support of programs like Lego clubs, etc. We are reaching out to some schools to try and learn more about potential needs. If you are interested in getting engaged in helping support students, please reach out to Justin Corbitt or Janey Camp. Additionally, ACE Mentors Nashville Affiliate recently decided to postpone activities with schools until after the end of the calendar year to allow for time for the students and teachers in consideration of the complexity of learning right now as well as considering the safety of the volunteer mentors and all involved. ACE mentors will be recruiting mentors in the coming months to work with students (potentially virtually) in the spring semester.

Nashville Branch Awards



2021 Nashville Branch Awards Announcement

Each year the Nashville Branch ASCE recognizes outstanding individuals and engineering companies in the Nashville Branch area by presenting the following awards. Typically, each award consists of a wall plaque presented at the spring Nashville Branch Awards Dinner.

Awards will be presented for:

- Student Member Award
- Young Engineer Award
- Government Engineer Award

- Outstanding Engineering Educator Award
- Outstanding Engineering Project (Large)
- Outstanding Engineering Project (Small)
- Distinguished Service Award

Nominations for these awards must be submitted to the Branch Awards Committee by Friday, March 19, 2021. The Branch Awards Committee then works with a selection committee, made up of the Branch Officers and Past Award Winners, to select the proposed award winner. Once the selection committee determines each award winner, the names will be sent to the Nashville Branch Board for approval. Awards will be presented this spring at an awards banquet. Nashville Branch Award winners will be forwarded to the Tennessee ASCE Section that same year for consideration of the Section Award. The following is a list of Branch and Section winners from our Nashville Branch. Copies of the nomination forms and more information on each category can be found [HERE](#).

2021 National Report Card

The 2021 Infrastructure Report Card will be released virtually on March 3, 2021. There is a Report Card summit with several important speakers that members can register for and participate in. Individuals can register to participate in the summit [HERE](#).



Younger Member Group

Southeast Student Conference

The Younger Member Group is participating in this year's Southeast Student Conference on Friday, March 26th at 7 PM CST. We will be hosting a panel discussion and virtual trivia.

For more information on how to get signed up, please contact the Younger Member Group [HERE](#).



Daniel V. Terrell Competition

Attention Younger Members! The topic for the 2021 Daniel V. Terrell Paper Competition has been announced. Please click on the link [HERE](#) for more information about the competition, this year's topics, and the cash prize.

The Younger Member Group is planning some virtual activities, so stay tuned!

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Scholarship Application



2021 Scholarship Program

Every year, it is a goal of the Nashville Branch membership to provide Civil Engineering students at four of our local universities the opportunity to apply for financial assistance. We encourage students who are working towards a degree in Civil Engineering and are a junior level or greater at Lipscomb University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech University, and Vanderbilt University to take advantage of this program. Please look to your ASCE Student Chapter Advisor, The Level Line, and the branch website [HERE](#) for a copy of the application and more information. The application deadline (via email) is midnight March 11, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate McBreen at kmcbreen@nashvilleasce.org.

Nashville Branch's 100th Anniversary

Save the Date!

On Saturday, October 23, 2021 the Nashville Branch is hosting our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Tickets will be on sale in the future. Right now we are looking for sponsorships. Your company can help sponsor the event for a donation of anywhere between \$250 and \$2500. See the information [HERE](#).

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the organization committee, please email Suzanne Herron at 100anniversary@nashvilleasce.org.

Membership Renewal



We've had another great year for the Nashville Branch of ASCE. We 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 to continue your membership with ASCE into 2021. To complete your renewal, please use the link on the ASCE website [HERE](#). As a reminder of the fantastic benefits your membership provides you, please click [HERE](#).

Volunteers for Branch Leadership

Become a Volunteer

There are many opportunities for you to become involved in the Nashville Branch leadership. We always need help in our many committees, from members to chairs. This is a great way to serve your Society at the ground roots level, learn how your Branch is governed, and prepare for an officer's role in the future. We need help with meeting registration, sustaining membership, educational outreach, budget, younger members group, and more. Please speak with the current Committee Chair or a Board member for more information.



Southeast Student Conference

2021 Annual Student Conference



As many of you know, Vanderbilt and Lipscomb Universities are co-hosting the 2021 ASCE Southeast Student Conference virtually on March 25th-27th. The Nashville Branch would like to recognize each of the following committee members responsible for planning the ASCE Southeast Student Conference. They have worked so hard to plan a complex in-person conference, and then changing it and inventing a virtual conference.

- Chair: Lexi Revis
- Venues and Banquet: Nisha Monteiro
- Website/App: Matt Sato
- Treasurer: Kailey Newcome
- Traffic and Parking: Crystal Cheng
- Competitions and Judges: Kristi Maisha and Sofia Ramirez Starkey
- Sustainability: Tonio Reid
- Secretary/Registration: Sarah Politiski
- V.P of Fun: Sarah Politski
- Meadya Doski - ASCE liaison
- Alex Holzke - AISC liaison

Additionally, big thanks to Dr. Lori Troxel, Dr. Todd Lynn, and Prof. Chris Gwaltney for all of their amazing efforts in guiding their students during this unpredictable year.

Student Chapter Updates

Lipscomb University

Hello from the Lipscomb University Student Chapter! This past month, our newly formed social committee planned and hosted a trivia night that was a huge success! Teams competed in movie trivia for prizes and then stuck around afterward to play games. It was a great way to safely have some in-person fun during another unusual semester!



At our chapter meeting on February 17th, we welcomed ASCE Nashville Branch Vice-President and Lipscomb alum, Christian Reid, to share his background as a civil engineer and his work as the Diversity and Inclusion Chair for the Branch. On February 26th, our student chapter practitioner advisors joined us for a virtual Q & A panel where they answered questions submitted by our student members on topics ranging from internships to professional life after college.



Tennessee State University

Earlier this month, Tennessee State's engineering students attended a site visit hosted by Turner Construction.

Superintendent Jimmie Jones led the tour and taught students about constructing a building in downtown Nashville, along with helping them gain further insight on careers in construction.



With the 2021 ASCE Southeast Conference nearing, students are busy preparing for the virtual concrete canoe competition. We are looking forward to joining Lipscomb and Vanderbilt as they co-host this year's conference.

Lastly, we are excited to welcome Addie Case who will be joining John Brew as our new student chapter practitioner advisor! Our student chapter president and vice-president are meeting with both practitioner advisors and faculty advisors on February 26th to discuss plans for the semester and will continue meeting with them once a month during the school year.

Vanderbilt University

February has been a busy but rewarding month for Vanderbilt's ASCE Chapter! We had three professional speakers attend our weekly meetings, hosted a student game night, collaborated with Vanderbilt Engineering Council (E-Council) to celebrate E-Week with a series of events, and continued our Student Conference Planning with Lipscomb.



During E-Week, our Sustainability Chair Tonio Reid took over the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering Instagram page sharing the typical day of a CEE student, allowing past, current, and future students to learn more about Civil Engineering. Then we hosted a student and faculty Trivia Night with E-Council where an ASCE team placed 2nd place! Finally, we finished off the week with a group of members teaching students about Civil Engineering virtually at Metro Nashville schools.

The ASCE Southeast Student Conference is now only a month away! Twenty schools have registered to participate in Conference, with over 350 students total. Our first round of pre-conference submissions have occurred, including the Society-Wide Concrete Canoe and Sustainable Solutions competitions. We are still looking for Graduate Students, Professors, and Industry Professionals to help us judge these competitions. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please sign up [HERE](#).

Students are really enjoying the warmer weather, and we hope that in the next couple of months we can host some more in-person activities. Our efforts next month will be primarily focused on continued preparations for Conference, and we wish you all a cheerful March!

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