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Greetings!

The first cold front, football season, and pumpkin spice lattes all signify the arrival of fall and the end of yet another standout year for the Nashville Branch. It is a special honor and a privilege to begin my term as president of the American Society of Civil Engineers Nashville Branch. Our outgoing president, Kevin McAlister, deserves an enormous thank you from all of us- for guiding the society so ably and for making us feel that we really are a part of ASCE by writing such engaging, thought-provoking and humorous monthly columns. He has been a terrific role model, and his shoes will be impossible to fill. Luckily, for all of us, Kevin will continue to serve as an officer of the society for an additional year, in the role of past president. I, for one, am especially grateful to be able to rely on his counseling during my term.

The Nashville Branch has established an outstanding leadership team for the 2016-2017 term. My fellow officers include President-Elect Clint Camp, Past President Kevin McAlister, Vice President Chris Gwaltney, Secretary Nitaya Chayangkura, and Treasurer Dustin Scruggs. In addition, our at large board members are comprised of four (4) branch Past Presidents and the Younger Member Group Chair. The cumulative knowledge and experience of our leadership team will inevitably produce another standout year for our membership.

With all of the activities planned for the month of October, we hope that you are able to find something to your liking and take advantage of as many as possible. The first event coming up is the Inaugural Fall Family Picnic on Saturday, October 8th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Sevier Park in Nashville. Our next monthly lunch meeting will be held Thursday, October 20th at the Tennessee Engineering Center with one PDH available. In November, the Tennessee State University student chapter will be hosting our branch dinner meeting. This is always a fun event and provides the opportunity to network with fellow members, meet students within the Nashville area, and support our local student chapters. The exact date and location have not been finalized just

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yet, but we hope that you will plan on attending.

Our Younger Member Group (YMG) is very active and this month will be no different as they head to Bridgestone on October 18th to cheer on our Nashville Predators as they take on the Dallas Stars.

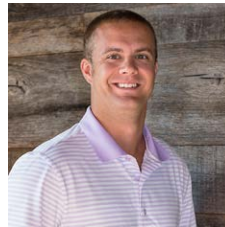
The Tennessee Engineer's Conference was held for the first time at the Music City Center and was a huge success! ASCE, TSPE, ACEC, and TN-SEA teamed together to provide an excellent group of presenters, sponsors, and exhibitors which, in response, yielded a record attendance of approximately 550 people. A very special thanks goes out to the numerous volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts to make this year's conference one for the record books.

Our Branch's goal this year is to create an atmosphere that enables every member to reach their destiny and I promise to give my best in every step towards fulfilling this goal. This is going to be an excellent year and I am very excited to be able to experience it with you. To follow in my predecessor's footsteps, I leave you with this quote from the late, great Arnold Palmer:

"What some people may find in poetry I find in the flight of a good drive."

Sincerely,

Blake Turner, P.E., M.ASCE
Nashville Branch President



Meeting Minute

Lunch meeting rates have increased! Starting in October, Lunch prices are the following:

- Student Member: \$5
- Life Member: \$5
- Government Member: \$15
- Member: \$20
- Non-Member: \$25

Note: Those that don't RSVP (non-registered) are charged \$5 more than their respective rate.

Our October Branch Lunch meeting speaker will be George Garden, PE, with TDEC, and his presentation is "Beneficial WaterReuse in TN (so far)". One PDH will be provided. Registration begins at 11:15 am, lunch will be served at 11:30, and the meeting will adjourn by 1:00 pm. Register [HERE](#) by Friday, October 14th.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 8th - Nashville Branch Fall Picnic: Sevier Park, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Tuesday, October 18th - YMG Night at the Preds

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Thanks to all of our sustaining members!

To renew your membership for 2017, please contact [Mike Kusch](#).

Game: Bridgestone Arena, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

- Thursday, October 20th - Monthly Branch Meeting: Tennessee Engineering Center, 11:30am - 1:00pm

New Members & Birthdays

Welcome to these new members:



Madison Cade, Brian Cook, Devin Danko, Hunter Dyer, George Garden, Caleb Jones I, Chelsea Mason, Michael Mellons, Jessica Neal, Arnab Paul, Jeffrey Pintenich, Mark Pohl, Benjamin Rohrbach, Will Scheidt, & Richard Speckman

Happy October Birthday to these members:

Mohamed Ahmed, James Armstrong, Bernie Auld, Thomas Bailey, Kathryn Bowlby, Logan Bowman, Kurt Boyd, Gregory Brubaker, Matthew Bullard, Lisa Clem-Johnson, Harvey Crouch, Matthew Dowdle, Michelle Edwards, William Fleenor, Ahmad Ghafoor, Robert Higgins Jr., Cole Hunt, Wade Hutchison, Joshua Lee, Fletcher Lewis, Evan Lockhart, Tony Mancini, James Marshall, Antonio Montiel, McKenzie Munasque, Paromita Nath, Michael Paris, Richard Phillips, Stephen Salaman, William Scott, Dustin Scruggs, Jim Shankle, Rachel Stewart, Xiangming Sun, Douglas Tarbett, David Wright, James Young, & Sarah Young



2016 TN Infrastructure Report Card

The Report Card for Tennessee's Infrastructure was released on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Volunteers from across the state worked on the report for over a year and ultimately gave the state's infrastructure an overall grade of **C**. A summary and the complete report can be found on the [ASCE website](#).

The release event was held at the Nashville Airport, recently named an [ASCE Gamechanger](#) for their geothermal project. Two local television networks and one newspaper reporter attended the event, and over 15 media outlets reported on it later that day. Now that the Report is out, what can you do? Please take a minute to review the report, and start sharing it with your coworkers, neighbors, and friends. The best way to encourage an investment in our infrastructure is to get people talking about it. Also, don't forget to contact your state representatives and tell them your thoughts on infrastructure. Finally, a big thank-you to everyone who assisted with the development and release of the Report Card!

Nashville Branch Picnic

The Nashville Branch will host its Fall Family Picnic on Saturday, October 8th at Sevier Park in Nashville from 10:00am - 2:00pm. We'll provide light snacks and drinks, as well as cornhole and field games. Feel free to come and go from this casual event, and RSVP to [Peter Nielson](#).



Younger Member Group

BNA Tour



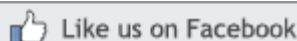
On September 23, 2016, The Younger Member Group and Metro Nashville Airport Authority (MNA) representatives Bryan Barton, P.E. and Robert Ramsey, P.E. hosted engineers in the Nashville area to give an exclusive presentation of the new BNA Vision Plan and tour of the BNA Airport. The presentation discussed the upcoming construction plans for the airport, how to propose on the BNA Vision jobs, Airport and Airfield operations. The tour of airfield, current construction projects, and recently completed projects had a great turnout from both local professionals and students. Special thanks to Mr. Bryan Barton of MNA for offering to host the event.

Nashville Predators Game

The Younger Member Group is once again cheering on our Nashville Predators on October 18th as they take on the Dallas Stars! There are still a limited number of tickets available so anyone interested in attending can contact [Jonathan Vest](#) about tickets and pricing. Go Predators!

Thank You

ASCE Younger Members Group would like to thank all those who attended a social event this year! If you have an event you would like to see repeated again this year or have any feedback for the group, please email [Jonathan Vest](#).



Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day



Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day has been established to focus national attention on reducing traffic fatalities on U.S. roads. This annual day of transportation safety awareness was first introduced to the National Society of Professional Engineers in 2001 who became the initial sponsor of

the event. In 2006, the Transportation & Development Institute of ASCE became the overseer of this program. National Highway Safety Administration reports indicate that approximately 33,000 people (32,744 in 2014) died in motor vehicle crashes each year. This is approximately one fatality every 16 minutes. In 2014, 963 people died right here in Tennessee. By focusing extra attention on the three major components of highway safety - driver behavior, vehicle design and maintenance, and the road itself, we can reduce that number. The goal of Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is to remind and encourage everyone on October 10th - drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists, to take extra precaution to prevent crashes from occurring. Our focus for 2016 is to reduce distractions emphasized by the national theme "Don't be Driven to Distraction-Drive to Arrive."

This year, a press conference will be held at the Tennessee Highway Patrol offices in Knoxville on October 10, 2016 at noon eastern time. For more information, please visit <http://www.asce.org/transportation-and-development-engineering/put-the-brakes-on-fatalities-day/> or contact [Brian Reynolds](#).

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