# Beaver Crossing

Oregon State University's ITE Student Chapter News

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#### Calendar of Events 2017-2018

Sept 20th First day of class

Sept 28th General Meeting [5-6 pm, Kearney 112]

Sept 30th Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup [9:30 am]

Oct 6-7th PacTrans Conference

Oct 25th Speaker Meeting—Quincy Engineering [6-7 pm]

Nov 3rd Chipotle Fundraiser [4-8 pm]

Nov 7th OSU Traffic Bowl

Nov 10th Veteran's Day—No School

Nov 16th Oregon Traffic Bowl

Nov 23-24th Thanksgiving Break

Jan 7-10th Transportation Research Board Conference

Jan 19-21st Student Leadership Summit

See Facebook for more details on upcoming events!

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#### **ITE Western District Annual Meeting**

This year the ITE Western District Annual Meeting was jam packed with fun events in beautiful San Diego, CA in June. The Annual Meeting was filled with technical presentations, networking, awards, competitions and young professional sessions.

#### Traffic Bowl

We sent four ITE members to represent Oregon State as a part of our Traffic Bowl team. For the third year in a row, OSU ITE made it to the final round of the Jeopardy! style game with questions related to traffic engineering. It came down to the Final Jeopardy question but unfortunately the team was unable to come away with the win and the chance to compete at the International Meeting in Toronto, Canada. However, this was the third consecutive year that OSU ITE placed second in the heated competition!



The OSU 2017 traffic bowl team. From right: Joe Claveria, Ellie Simpson, Kayla Fleskes

#### **Student Chapter Award**

As a Chapter, Oregon State ITE also won Honorable Mention for the Student Chapter of the Year Award, placing us as the second best chapter in the Western District, based on all of the events that we held over the 2016-17 school year. Thanks to all of our members for helping us rise to the top of the Western District through all of your support and participation!



the student chapter award

#### **OSU Alumni**

In addition to our OSU student Traffic Bowl team, many of our OSU alumni were well represented at the Annual Meeting. OSU alum Robi Isalm was on-site in San Diego to give demonstrations of TTS' new technology in Audi vehicles that he had introduced to our students during a speaker meeting this past spring. Several other OSU alums could also be found throughout the conference giving technical ITE Members Kayla Fleskes and Travis Larson accepting presentations and speaking on panels. In addition, this year's recipient of the ITE Western District Lifetime

Achievement Award was OSU alum Randy McCourt for his outstanding services in the interest of the Western District and his professional achievements in transportation engineering.



#### **Cookies and Clubs**

ITE officers Kayla Fleskes and Ellie Simpson spent an afternoon before classes started recruiting new ITE members at the College of Engineering sponsored cookies and clubs event. A majority of engineering clubs participated in this event which allowed new and returning engineering students the opportunity to discover what clubs and groups are active on campus.

55 new students joined the ITE email list at this event, and we are hopeful that many of them will attend future ITE events and become full members!



#### **ITE Officer Wins Big!**

Congratulations! Ph.D. student and ITE VP Jason Anderson received the Federal Highway Administration 2017 Excellence in Highway Safety Data Award Paper Competition award for his paper titled Heavy-Vehicle Driver Injury Severity Analysis by Time of Week: A Mixed Logit Approach Using HSIS Crash Data. "Receiving any paper award is an incredible honor, but for me, winning through ITE is extra special," said Anderson. "ITE is the core of our profession and receiving this honor from my future peers is an unbelievable feeling. I also want to thank Shangjia Dong for collaborating with me on this work."



ITE Vice President Jason Anderson

#### **ITE Member attends Future Leaders Development Conference**

Since 1993, the Eno Center for Transportation has held Future Leaders Development Conference (LDC) on an annual basis. This conference attempts to bring some of the best and brightest graduate students in transportation to the nation's capital to gain a better understanding of how U.S. transportation policy is crafted. Each university and college with a transportation program is invited to nominate one student each year; the Center's Board of Regents review the nominations and select the participants for the program.

This year, Masoud Ghodrat Abadi, a PhD Candidate in Transportation Engineering from OSU CCE was selected, along with 19 other graduate students from across the country, to attend the Eno Future LDC 2017. Conference was a 5-day event held in June 2017 in Washington DC. where Masoud met several federal officials and business leaders. During a visit to Capitol Hill, Masoud sat down with two former secretaries of transportation.



Masoud meeting Jeffrey Paniati, ITE Executive Director and CEO

#### **2018 Student Leadership Summit**

January 19-21st, CH2MHill Alumni Center

As you know, your Oregon State University chapter of ITE has been busy planning the 2018 SLS all summer. We have some exciting updates about the conference to share with you!



**Matthew Garrett** 

## Matthew Garrett will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet

Matthew Garrett is the current director of the Oregon Department of Transportation, and has held this position since 2005. He also serves on the Board of Directors of AASHTO and is the Chairman of the AASHTO Standing Committee on the Environment.

#### OSU Alumna Paula Hammond will be speaking during lunch on Sunday

Paula Hammond currently serves as the National Transportation Market Leader for Parsons

Brinckerhoff and previously served as the Secretary of Transportation for Washington State Department of Transportation.

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### **SLS** is Fast Approaching!!

# Volunteer to help plan or execute the event and receive free registration!

SLS is an event designed to promote the development of professional and leadership skills among students in the Western District. The 2018 SLS, which will be the first summit held outside California, will continue to build upon the previous successes of the summit and bring together approximately 120 students from 40 universities across Western ITE to enhance their academic and professional success.

Get involved with ITE and get the chance to interact with professionals and other students in the Western ITE Section!

Contact ITE via email or Facebook to sign up to volunteer or email ITE

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