

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS



ITE District 6

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Portland Aerial Tram near downtown Portland, Oregon.

District 6 Annual Meeting

This year's meeting was a great success with the largest student turnout to date at an annual meeting. District 6 put on several events specifically for students over the three day conference including: a student and professional social, "So you want to be a professional" panel discussion, and the James H. Kell competition.

The student and professional social was a big success with students given the opportunity to socialize with their future peers and professionals within the transportation industry. The panel discussion provided students an opportunity to get feedback from professionals currently working in the public and private sectors of transportation. *Cont. on page 2.*

Annual Meeting Cont.

The James H. Kell Student competition is intended to give Student Members attending the Annual Meeting an opportunity to apply transportation and traffic engineering classroom knowledge to a specific “real-world” problem.

The Portland District 6 Meeting saw the largest participation ever in the James H. Kell Student Competition. Over 50 students from 17 universities took a Sunday newspaper, a ball of string, and a roll of masking tape and built bridges. The students were divided into groups of four (with each team made up of students from different schools) and given two hours to build a bridge that spanned two chairs. The bridges were judged on quality of the design and on strength by an esteemed panel of District 6 senior judges.

Each bridge was “loaded” with full soda cans until the bridge failed. There was a tie for the strongest bridge with each structure holding 16 cans. The winning bridge design was reminiscent of a famous bridge in Sydney, Australia.

Participating universities included Cal Poly Pomona, Sacramento State, UCLA, Portland State, Montana State, Univ. of Washington, San Diego State, Univ. of New Mexico, BYU, Cal State LA, Cal State Long Beach, Univ. of Idaho, Univ. of Nevada Reno, Univ. of Wyoming, Washington State, Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas, and Oregon State.



Students from the James H. Kell Competition testing the strength of their structure.

Data Collection Fund

The ITE District 6 Data Collection Project, which began in 2004, is aimed at engaging transportation students in meaningful professional activity as well as raising funds for student travel to ITE meetings and/or recruitment activities. Student chapters are required to submit proposals to District 6 on a data collection project within guidelines set forth by District 6. The program is funded up to \$5,000, allowing up to five \$1,000 allocations. Last fall the following proposals were awarded \$1,000:

- ◇ **Univ. of Washington** - Trip Generation, Parking Demand, and Queuing at Coffee Shops with Drive-Through Service
- ◇ **UCLA** - Trip Generation and Parking Demand at Urban Residential Developments
- ◇ **Univ. of Nevada – Reno** - Trip Generation, Parking Demand, and Queuing at Gas Stations with Fast-Food Service
- ◇ **BYU** - Trip Generation and Parking Demand at an Elementary Schools
- ◇ **Univ. of Wyoming** - Trip Generation, Parking Demand, and Queuing at Coffee Shops with Drive-Through Service

Data collection results from last year as well as previous years can be found on the District’s website. The focus for this year’s data collection was on parking demand, trip generation, and queuing data collection for various land use designations.

For those of you who are reading about this funding opportunity for the first time, the proposal comes out in the fall and spring each year. Make sure to include it in your student chapter calendar as it is a great way to fundraise. For more information about the Data Collection Fund visit www.westernite.org.

District 6 Endowment Fund

The Student Endowment Fund was created in 2005 to support the District's Student Initiatives Program. The primary goal is to attract university Civil & Environmental Engineering students to the transportation profession. The Student Endowment Fund will provide District 6 with a continuous and stable source of funding with 100% of the funds going to student and faculty initiatives. The initial goal is to raise \$300,000, though an ultimate balance of \$500,000 is desired to double the amount of funding allocated for Student Initiatives, which is currently set at about \$20,000 per year.

The current balance is approximately \$83,000. To find out more about the student endowment fund visit www.westernite.org.

Services Provided by District 6

District 6 provides many services to aid in student growth and help students transitioning into the transportation profession. Some of these services include: mentoring program, internship postings, and a resume service. For more information please visit www.westernite.org

Mentoring Program – The Mentoring Program is a strategic effort to develop talented transportation professionals and is available to both young professionals and students. The purpose of mentoring program is to match the learning and development goals of the mentee with the mentor's experience.

Job Postings - Students looking for a job can visit the website to see the latest internships being offered by employers within District 6.

Resume Service – Students may also post their resume on the District 6 and International websites so employers can visit the site in an effort to locate candidates for transportation positions.

Fellowship/Scholarship Opportunities

- ◇ Burton W. Marsh Fellowship (\$4,000)
- ◇ Harold F. Hammond Scholarship (\$3,000)
- ◇ Western District Fellowship (\$1,000)
- ◇ ITE Transit Council Scholarship (\$1,000)
- ◇ Transoft Solutions, Inc. AOTC (Ahead of the Curve) Scholarship (\$2,000)

Insider Tip: Very few students apply for the Burton W. Marsh Fellowship, and the Western District Fellowship has not been awarded the last two years due to a lack of applicants.

To apply for the above fellowships/scholarships, complete the application and reference forms (located at www.westernite.org) and return to ITE Headquarters **by 5:00 pm on April 1, 2008.**

Upcoming Deadlines

Student Chapter Annual Report – Due April 1st (\$100 just for submitting and up to \$1,000 for travel to District 6 Annual Meeting for the winning report)

Student Paper Competition – Due April 1st (\$500 for the winning paper plus up to \$500 for travel to District 6 Annual meeting)

Student Website Competition – Web pages will be reviewed on April 1st (need to submit updated web address by April 1st, \$200 to the winner)

James H. Kell Competition RFP – Due April 15th (up to \$1,500 to the winner)

Outstanding Student/Educator Awards – Due April 15th

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