

# College Happenings -



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## District 6 Annual Meeting a Huge Success!

This was a wonderful opportunity for students to meet many professionals in the transportation field. Approximately 310 transportation professionals and 70 students attended the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Sacramento. During this three day event, there were many planned student events. District 6 sponsored the James H. Kell Student Competition and a leadership breakfast. The James H. Kell Student Competition was a signal timing competition using remote controlled cars on a specified course (included signals and a roundabout!) created by the University of Idaho. 32 students from 9 schools participated in the competition. Special thanks to Philip Rust and Johnson Owusu-Amoako from the University of Idaho and Katie Dahlgren from Washington State University for organizing and hosting the competition. The winning District 6 student team of Julianna Gonzalez, Cal Poly Pomona, Leo Espelet, San Diego State, Laura Stanley, Montana State and Chris Cherry UC Berkeley, received \$250 each.



*The winners of the James H. Kell Student Competition: Chris Cherry, Julianna Gonzalez, Leo Espelet, and Laura Stanley*

The student chapter and student paper awards were also handed out, with Montana State University receiving the student chapter award of \$1000, and UNLV and University of Wyoming receiving honorable mention. Sixteen chapters submitted reports. Thanks to all that did! Emily Drennen, San Francisco State University, received the student paper award for her paper title, "*Economic Effects of Traffic Calming on Urban Small Businesses*".

Other District 6 student awards included Outstanding Transportation Educator, awarded to Peter J. Clark, Cal Poly Pomona and Outstanding Student won by Eric Maya, Cal Poly Pomona (undergraduate student) and Trevor Iman, Montana State University (graduate student). Way to go all! Congratulations and we look forward to awarding more students for your excellence at next year's meeting in Sacramento.

For more information on next years District 6 Annual Meeting in Montana go to District 6's website: [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org).

### ITE District 6

#### ITE District 6 Officers:

- Zaki Mustafa – President
- Ken Ackeret – Vice President
- Dalene Whitlock – Sec./Tres.
- Randy McCourt – Past President
- Ray Davis – International Dir.
- Pat Noyes – International Dir.
- Rock Miller – International Dir.
- Rory Grindley – International Dir.

### 2004-05 Student Chapters

- Arizona State University
- Boise State University
- Brigham Young University
- Cal Poly State University-Pomona
- Cal Poly State University-SLO
- California State University-Chico
- California State University-Long Beach
- California State University-Los Angeles
- California State University-Sacramento
- Montana State University
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Oregon State University
- Portland State University
- San Diego State University
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- University of Arizona
- University of Alaska-Anchorage
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of California-Davis
- University of California-Irvine
- University of Colorado-Denver
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Idaho
- University of Nevada-Las Vegas
- University of New Mexico
- University of Utah
- University of Washington
- University of Wyoming
- Utah State University
- Washington State University

## Do you like to collect data? If so, this is your chance...

The ITE District 6 Data Collection Project is aimed at helping engage transportation students in meaningful professional activity and raising funds for student travel to ITE meetings and/or recruitment activity. The requirements of the Data Collection Fund are outlined in the attached Request for Proposals. The program is funded up to \$5,000, allowing up to five \$1,000 allocations. It is our hope the ITE Student Chapters and associated transportation programs will use this activity as a stimulus to integrate data collection activities into their student chapter programs, course work and/or as an outreach activity with professionals. Type of data collection activities may include (but not limited to) Trip generation counts, parking generation counts, before/after studies, and highway capacity research. The proposal will be evaluated on if it meets the criteria (pass/fail) outlined in the request, scope of services, mentoring/management and effort/resources. Proposals are due December 10, 2004. For more information please go to [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org).

## Upcoming Awards and Competitions

At the next District 6 Annual Meeting in Montana (June 10-13, 2005) the Daniel B. Fambro Student paper and Student Chapter Award will be awarded. Both of these awards need to be submitted by April 1, 2005. The student paper is open to all transportation-engineering subjects. The scoring is based on originality, significance, scope and format, validity and applicability. Get thinking of a great topic! Maybe you are already doing a research project that might be applicable? The student chapter report is based on chapter organization, chapter activities, chapter liaison with ITE and professionalism.

For our District, District 6, you must submit your paper to Alyssa Reynolds and the chapter report to

Craig Grandstrom. Both email addressees are listed below.

For more information regarding these two annual awards (plus other awards) go to:  
[www.westernite.org/students/competition.htm](http://www.westernite.org/students/competition.htm)

In addition to these great District 6 awards, there are many other awards and funding opportunities for students. For instance, The James H. Kell Competition was created as a way to encourage students to attend and participate in the District 6 annual meeting. This competition varies each year, but is designed to promote interaction of students and professionals. The grand prize is \$1000 bucks to the winning team!

As an added bonus to this competition, For the first time ever, in the next couple of months, District 6 will be sending out a request for proposals (RFP) for the design and administration of the James H. Kell competition. The winning student chapter will receive \$1,500 in travel funds to the District 6 Annual Meeting in Kalispell, MT. So if you want to challenge your fellow students' engineering abilities, you'll soon have your chance.

In addition to the awards mentioned above, there are two others. Outstanding Educator Award and Outstanding Student Award. Both of these awards recognize professors and students who have shown exceptional dedication to the transportation profession through ITE service, research, mentoring or real world experiences. Note: Nominations for the Student Award can only come from faculty.

If you'd like to nominate a student:

(1) complete the nomination form, you can find it at:  
<http://www.westernite.org/students/competition.htm>

(2) compose a recommendation letter, no more than two pages in length, addressing your nominee's contributions to ITE and the transportation profession, and

(3) return the nomination to the Alyssa Reynolds by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## Oregon State Traffic Bowl

For the 14<sup>th</sup> time, this fun and exciting annual competition is just around the corner! It will be hosted on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Portland, OR. This year it includes six universities from the nearby area: University of Idaho, Portland State University; University of Portland, Oregon Institute of Technology, Boise State University and University of Washington. Over 100 people are expected to attend! It will be a great opportunity for students and professionals to meet in this "jeopardy" style event. If you would like more information (maybe your area would like to host a similar event) please contact Chris Tiesler at: [ctiesler@kittelson.com](mailto:ctiesler@kittelson.com) or go to the website: <http://its.pdx.edu/Transnow/>

## District 6 Student Committee

### Reorganization

The Student & Faculty Initiatives Committee (SFIC) and the Career Guidance Committee have experienced numerous changes this year. The SFIC is now responsible for all student and faculty related activities including the Best Student Chapter and Best Student Paper Awards, the James H. Kell Award and the Outstanding Student and Educator Awards. But most of all the SFIC exists to foster the relationship between students and ITE. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improving the connection between student chapters and District 6, the following committee members are available to address your comments:

- Alyssa Reynolds, Chairperson  
[areynolds@orth-rodgers.com](mailto:areynolds@orth-rodgers.com)
- Dr. Peter Clark, Oversight & Faculty Relations,  
[pjclark@csupomona.edu](mailto:pjclark@csupomona.edu)
- Dr. Rhonda Campbell, Oversight & Faculty Relations, [rkyoung@uwyo.edu](mailto:rkyoung@uwyo.edu)
- Dr. Robert Bertini, Oversight & Faculty Relations,  
[bertini@pdx.edu](mailto:bertini@pdx.edu)

- Craig Grandstrom, Newsletter & Student Chapter Award, [cgrandst@ch2m.com](mailto:cgrandst@ch2m.com)
- Pat Gibson, James H. Kell Competition Coordinator, [pgibson@kakuinc.com](mailto:pgibson@kakuinc.com)

## Montana State University Activities

This fall has been very busy for the Montana State University (MSU)-ITE Chapter. We just finished our second season of managing the parking at the MSU football games and it was a big success. This year we reached out to other clubs and were able to work together to complete this task. At the end of October we took a technical field trip with eleven students to Denver, Colorado. While in Denver we visited a couple of consulting firms, a traffic management center, went behind the scenes of the TRES Project, and went on a traffic calming tour of the city of Boulder with Pat Noyes.

The upcoming months bring a busy schedule for the ITE Chapter. We are hosting our third annual Montana Employment Showcase, writing proposals for the District 6 RFP, and are working on a couple of outreach activities to grade school and high school students.

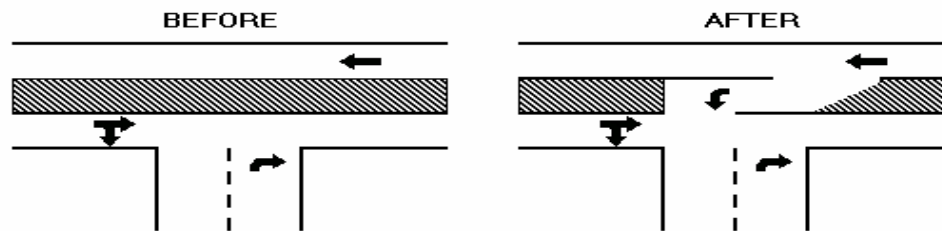
Finally, one of the ongoing tasks that we are working on is our endowment fund. We are within the last \$20,000 of our \$100,000 goal. We plan on raising this money and announcing our achievement at District 6 in Kalispell, Montana.

*As always, we here at ITE District 6 are looking for student chapter updates. Please feel free to drop us a line like MSU has.*

## Test Question

The winner will be drawn from all the correct responses received by **December 10th, 2003**. Like last time, the winner will receive a check for **\$20 dollars**. Send answers (or questions) to Craig at his email address below.

Question: An intersection (see below) is undergoing improvements that will allow left-turns from the east-west road (see the "after" picture). The city engineer wants to understand if there will be an increase in accidents at this intersection by allowing this left turn and first asks you to determine how many additional conflict points are created at this intersection by allowing this left turn. HINT: The answer is not 1.



## \$tudent \$avings!

It may not be well known but if you are an ITE student member you can save big bucks! ITE has a program for reducing the cost of all ITE publications by  $\frac{1}{2}$  the member price! This can be a savings of hundreds of dollars!! Types of publications are the well-known MUTCD, Trip Generation Manual, and the Traffic Engineering Handbook plus many other great resources. If you are interested in this special savings go to: <http://ite.org>.

## Student Chapter Best Practices Resource

Do you want create a new chapter image or are you just looking for some fresh new ideas??? We'll if so, a resource available is the student chapter best practices guide. This is a

document that has compiled some of the most successful ideas and activities from award-winning student chapters from all across North America! If you would like to check this out, go to:

<http://www.westernite.org/students/resources.htm>

## Wanna Job?

### ITE Resume Service

ITE student chapter members may upload resumes to the ITE International website ([www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)). Resumes may be uploaded at any time. Regulations for accepting resumes are available on the ITE web page. Many major employers have used this web site to identify job candidates.

In addition, job postings are listed on [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org),

[www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org) and many of the individual District 6 Section websites (see the next page for web addresses)

## Wanted:

### Student Chapter Updates

What is your student chapter doing? We want to hear about your ideas, projects, and activities. We are always looking for student comments on the District 6 Student Competitions and our student outreach efforts.

## Fellowships/Scholarships

ITE International also maintains a list of all scholarships and fellowships that are available to transportation engineering students. This list, as well as many other student outreach programs, are on the ITE website ([www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)).

District 6 Student and Faculty Initiatives Committee

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## What is District 6?

After all of this reading, are you wondering what is District 6? Well, it is one of 10 International Districts of ITE, eight of which are located in the US. District 6 includes the 11 western contiguous states along with Alaska and Hawaii and all the US territories except Puerto Rico. Within the district, there are several "Sections". All District 6 sections are listed at the end of the newsletter along with their website address (not all sections have a web site). In addition to the 8 U.S. districts, ITE has two international districts; a Canadian District and another district encompassing all areas outside the US and Canada.



## Section Website Links

**ITE District 6 Website** - [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org) (direct links to the section websites can be accessed through the District's web site).

### **Section and Chapter Websites:**

**Alaska** - [communitynews.adn.com/ite](http://communitynews.adn.com/ite)

**Arizona** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/arizona/index.htm](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/arizona/index.htm)

**Southern Arizona** - [www.dot.co.pima.az.us/saite/](http://www.dot.co.pima.az.us/saite/)

**California Border** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/CalBorder/index.htm](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/CalBorder/index.htm)

**Central California** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/Central\\_California/index.html](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/Central_California/index.html)

**Central Coast California** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/centralcoast/index.htm](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/centralcoast/index.htm)

**Colorado-Wyoming** - [www.cowyite.org/](http://www.cowyite.org/)

**Hawaii** - [www.ite-hawaii.org/](http://www.ite-hawaii.org/)

**Intermountain (Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah)**- [www.westernite.org/Sections/intermountain/index.html](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/intermountain/index.html)

**New Mexico** - [www.nmite.org/](http://www.nmite.org/)

**Oregon** - [www.oregonite.org/](http://www.oregonite.org/)

**Riverside-San Bernardino** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/sbr/index.htm](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/sbr/index.htm)

**San-Francisco Bay Area** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/SFBay\\_Area/index.html](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/SFBay_Area/index.html)

**Southern California** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/itesocal/index.html](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/itesocal/index.html)

**Washington** - [www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/index.htm](http://www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/index.htm)

## Student Chapter Website Links

Brigham Young University <http://org.et.byu.edu/ite/>

CalPoly State University-SLO <http://ceenve.ceng.calpoly.edu/SCE/>

Montana State University: <http://www.coe.montana.edu/ce/ite/default.html>

Portland State University - <http://www.its.pdx.edu/ite/>

University of California Irvine - <http://www.its.uci.edu/%7Eite/>

University of Hawaii at Manoi - <http://www.eng.hawaii.edu/%7Eite/>

University of Idaho - [http://www.uidaho.edu/student\\_orgs/ite/](http://www.uidaho.edu/student_orgs/ite/)

University of Utah - <http://www.trafficlab.utah.edu/education/ITE%20UofU/index.htm>

University of Wyoming - <http://wwweng.uwyo.edu/societies/ITE/>

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