ITE 2003 International Annual Meeting a Huge Success!

This was a wonderful opportunity for students to meet many professionals in the transportation field. Approximately 2,300 transportation professionals and a record 89 students attended the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit. 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. 36 students from 10 schools participated in the competition. Special thanks to Mike Dixon, University of Idaho, and the U of Idaho students: Ryan Barduhn, Yuri Merzack, and Zhen Li. Thank you to Patrick Gibson for his additional donation to the winning student team. The winning District 6 student team of Scott Lee, Yu Zhang, Ryan Avery, Fredy Monge and Maria Miranda received $250 each.

Specifically for District 6, the student chapter and student paper awards were handed out, with Montana State University receiving the student chapter award of $1000, and UNLV receiving honorable mention. MSU donated their $1000 award to the UNLV ITE Student Chapter. Thirteen chapters submitted reports. Thanks to all that did! Lin Zhang, University of Hawaii at Manoa, received the student paper award for his paper title, Freeway Travel Time Estimation: Case Study in Honolulu. Other District 6 student awards included Outstanding Transportation Educator, which was awarded to Shashi Nambisan, Ph. D., P.E. of University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Outstanding Student which was won by Elizabeth Rutman of University of New Mexico. It should also be noted that Sutti Tantiyanungulchai of Portland State University won the District 6 Annual Meeting Best Technical Paper. This award was available to all speakers, not just students! 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 year's District 6 Annual Meeting in Sacramento go to District 6’s website: www.westernite.org
Upcoming Awards and Competitions

At the next International Annual Meeting the Daniel B. Fambro Student paper and Student Chapter Award will be awarded. Both of these awards need to be submitted by April 1, 2004. 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 or chapter report to Jennifer Rosales. Her email is below or use the weblink to the pdf’s for her full contact information.

For more information regarding these two annual awards go to:

Student Paper:

Chapter Report:

or contact Heather Talbert, International ITE offices, at htalbert@ite.org or Jennifer Rosales.

Student Chapter Speakers

Would you like to have one of the region's transportation experts come to one of your classes? If you said yes, the District 6 President and the four International Directors (see first page) are interested in meeting with the student chapters! This is a great opportunity for students to meet with some of the leading transportation professionals in the District 6 area. Student Chapter Advisors and/or Officers are encouraged to email any of these individuals and schedule a meeting! Feel free to email:

Randy McCourt at rsm@dksassociates.com
Rich Romer at rromer@orth-rodgers.com
Ray Davis at rdavis@ci.belmont.ca.us
Pat Noyes at pat@patnoyes.com
Rock Miller at Rmiller49@compuserve.com

Student Mentoring Start Up!

A new Student Mentoring Program is up and running in Washington State. This program has four main components: 1) Student mentoring, 2) Monthly mentoring article, 3) Student shadow of the day and 4) Donations and mentors for the monthly meetings. Some of the program’s great ideas are to have a student follow a professional for a day and have monthly volunteers to write an article on “How did I get here”, in which a professional will describe their mentor and how they made a difference. Thanks goes out to Bob Herman and Darek Jarzyynski who are co-chairing this new program in Washington!

Oregon State Traffic Bowl

This fun and exciting competition was just hosted on November 20th in Portland, OR. It included five universities from the nearby area: University of Idaho, Portland State University; University of Portland, Oregon State University, and Washington State University. Over 100 people attended! It was a great opportunity for students and professionals to meet. This year the University of Idaho won the competition. In addition to the main event, 30 students attended the “field day” which included a lunch and trips to ODOTs and City of Portland’s TMOC offices and a consulting firm. If you would like more information (maybe your area would like to host one) please contact Chris Monsere at: Christopher.M.MONSERE@odot.state.or.us

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, 8 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 expect 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.
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Test Question
The winner will be drawn from all the correct responses received by December 20, 2003. Like last time, the winner will receive a check for $20 dollars. Send answers to Craig at his email address below.

Question: How many students worldwide are officially registered as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE)? HINT: This may require some astute websearching....

Student Savings!
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 ½ 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 wanna create a new chapter image or are you just looking for some fresh new ideas??? We’ll if so, a brand new 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

Updates
In our last edition a request for proposal (RFP) was mentioned for the Westernite Preservation Project sponsored by the Technical Committee and Career Guidance Committee. This project was awarded to San Diego State University. Way to go Aztecs!

Wanna Job?
ITE Resume Service
ITE student chapter members may upload resumes to the ITE International website (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, 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).
Section Website Links

**ITE District 6 Website** - www.westernite.org (direct links to the section websites can be accessed through the District's website).

**Section and Chapter Websites:**
- **Alaska** - communitynews.adn.com/ite
- **Arizona** - www.westernite.org/Sections/arizona/index.htm
- **Southern Arizona** - www.dot.co.pima.az.us/saite/
- **California Border** - www.westernite.org/Sections/CalBorder/index.htm
- **Central California** - www.westernite.org/Sections/Central_California/index.html
- **Central Coast California** - www.westernite.org/Sections/centralcoast/index.htm
- **Colorado-Wyoming** - www.cowyite.org/
- **Hawaii** - www.ite-hawaii.org/
- **Intermountain (Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah)** - www.westernite.org/Sections/intermountain/index.html
- **New Mexico** - www.nmite.org/
- **Oregon** - www.oregonite.org/
- **Riverside-San Bernardino** - www.westernite.org/Sections/sbr/index.htm
- **San-Francisco Bay Area** - www.westernite.org/Sections/SFBay_Area/index.html
- **Southern California** - www.westernite.org/Sections/itesocal/index.html
- **Washington** - www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/index.htm