

# Annual Report ITE Chapter at Oregon State University

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EQUITY

ACCESSIBILITY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## President Message

As the President of the Oregon State University branch of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) I am pleased to share with you our report, for the year 2023. This year has been defined by our teams commitment and noteworthy accomplishments despite the obstacles we have encountered. Our chapter has remained dedicated to three core principles; organizing events, actively engaging in community service initiatives and facilitating development opportunities. These guiding principles have shaped our actions. Played a role in fulfilling our mission to support both our student members and the wider community effectively. This report aims to offer an overview of our achievements and key activities in these areas. It serves as a reflection of the dedication, perseverance and dedication of our team in overcoming challenges and achieving our goals. We trust that this report not informs but motivates showcasing the collaborative efforts and passionate commitment of our chapter towards making a significant impact, in the field of transportation engineering.

-Shoroq Alabdali, OSU ITE President

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## Future Plans

As we move forward, our heart is set on nurturing a community that's rooted in Equity, Accessibility, Mission Zero, and Vision Zero. We're excited to host more frequent meetings, where we'll delve into the intertwining of our professional ambitions with important social issues, fostering a deeper sense of community and purpose.

In our quest to welcome new voices, we're planning more tabling events. These aren't just about spreading the word; they're about inspiring and inviting diverse individuals to join us, to add their unique colors to our vibrant tapestry.

Moreover, we're actively seeking opportunities to participate in sessions that resonate with our core principles. It's not just about being heard; it's about sparking conversations, sharing knowledge, and making a real connection with the broader community. These efforts are our way of spreading awareness and igniting change, both within and beyond the boundaries of transportation engineering. It's about touching lives, one conversation, one meeting, one new member at a time.

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The OSU ITE group values diversity and inclusivity welcoming students of majors and backgrounds. We host table events, for undergraduates of all levels from first year students to seniors to encourage participation. Our presence at the OSU fair helps us engage with a range of perspectives and invite voices into our group. Moreover we implement a unique 'reverse career development' approach by bringing in professionals, from fields to mentor students showcasing the importance of transportation engineering. These initiatives aim to create a diverse community within our group.



## NEW MEMBERS & RECRUITMENT

Here at ITE we take pride in our community that welcomes students from all fields of study at Oregon State University. While our primary focus is on transportation engineering, we encourage participation from individuals interested in transportation matters across disciplines. This diverse mix of perspectives greatly enhances our conversations, activities and overall learning environment. Our recruitment strategies are carefully crafted to engage an audience. We employ a combination of social media campaigns campus events and partnerships with departments to attract new members. By participating in university orientations and open houses we further increase our visibility among recruits. For members joining us we provide sessions that offer insights into ITE's mission, activities and the advantages of membership. These sessions play a role in helping newcomers assimilate into the club and discover the range of opportunities available to them. We are committed to supporting our members from the start. Through our mentorship program experienced members offer guidance to newcomers as they navigate their involvement with ITE and explore their interests, in transportation issues. Sustained Member Involvement; Our strategy, for keeping members engaged involves maintaining interaction. We frequently gather input from members to enhance our programs and guarantee that our club maintains its inclusive environment for all students passionate about transportation. By valuing diversity and actively connecting with the student body ITE thrives as a welcoming club, at Oregon State University. We send out weekly emails to maintain the communication between all members of ITE



# OSU ITE EVENTS SOCIAL & NETWORKING



Our annual Spring BBQ is more than an event; it's a cherished tradition that brings our students and faculty closer in the warm, inclusive world of transportation engineering. Here, in the casual ambiance of grills and laughter, invaluable bonds are formed. Students find a comfortable space to chat with faculty and industry experts, soaking in advice and stories that textbooks don't tell. In our bi-semester discussion groups, the atmosphere buzzes with ideas and shared experiences. These sessions are like a cozy living room where everyone's voice matters, exploring how ITE can make our journey in transportation even more enriching. Our regular chapter meetings are not just calendar events; they're like family gatherings where connections are deepened, opportunities are shared, and a sense of belonging is nurtured. And then there are our game nights – a time when the strategic challenges of Mario Kart and the laughter over board games break down barriers, allowing us to simply be ourselves, share stories, and build friendships that go beyond the classroom.

In all these gatherings, our goal is simple yet profound: to weave a tapestry of community and solidarity, where every student feels at home, connected, and part of something bigger.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

-  2020, 2021, & 2023 Community & Campus Impact Award
-  2023 2nd Place Enhanced Safety Vehicles Conference @Yokohama, Japan
-  2021 ITE International Student Chapter of The Year
-  2023 ITE Western District Traffic Bowl Winners
-  2022 ITE Kell Competition Proposal Winners
-  2023 Esinerhower Research Award
-  2022 ITE Outstanding Graduate Student Award, @ Western District
-  2023 3rd Place at Minipac @ US Berkeley
-  2022 ITE Western District Traffic Bowl Winners
-  2018 Student Regional Travel Scholarship
-  2022 3rd Place at National Traffic Control Device (TCD) At TRB
-  2017 Student Regional Travel Scholarship
-  2022 K-Outreach Data Collection
-  1998 Student Paper Award
-  2012 Data Collection Funds
-  1986 Student Paper Award
-  2017 Data Collection Funds
-  2018 Outstanding Educator

# OSU ITE EVENTS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

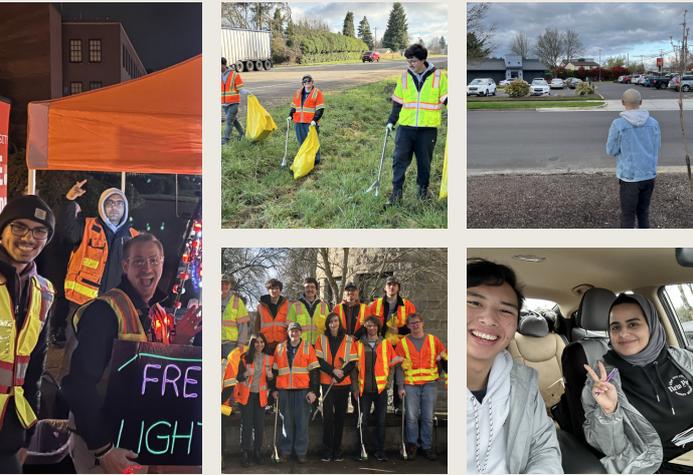


We've recently hosted a series of professional development events, including the Student Leadership Summit for transportation engineering students to strategize and collaborate, and Minipac, a mini-conference fostering student-professional networking. Our Kittelson Office Tour offered an inside look at transportation engineering in Portland, OR. Additionally, Speaker Meetings with DKS and Q Free provided valuable industry insights. The Western District and ITE Annual Meeting was an opportunity to engage with industry leaders and learn about research trends. Our Bi-weekly Transportation Seminars and the Bill Kloos Traffic Bowl offered regular knowledge-sharing and a fun, competitive environment for students to showcase their skills.



## K-12 STEM OUTREACH

In 2023, we partnered with the Public Safety department for the Poker Ride event, focusing on bicycle safety through signage, safety equipment distribution, and bike locking techniques education. During the Open Streets Corvallis event, we assisted the City of Corvallis in gathering traffic and pedestrian data in summer and fall, contributing to transportation research. Our involvement in the Adopt A Highway Program entailed maintaining and cleaning a section of the highway every three to four months, emphasizing our commitment to environmental stewardship. In the Be Bright 2023 initiative, we concentrated on increasing pedestrian safety in winter by providing visibility-enhancing safety gear, ensuring safety in low-light conditions.



## TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The OSU ITE chapter actively engaged in comprehensive training and professional development, focusing on leadership and career advancement. Our participation in the Student Leadership Summit and dedicated leadership sessions at industry conferences significantly enhanced our members' leadership skills. We also prioritized speaker meetings that provided practical advice on securing internships and collaborating with agencies, broadening our professional network and career opportunities. Additionally, we ensured a smooth transition of chapter leadership through structured training meetings, preparing incoming officers for their roles and maintaining the chapter's momentum and effectiveness.



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### CHAPTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Meeting #	Activity	Date	Location	Attendees	Presentation/speaker/Activity?	Joint meeting?
1	Winter Closing Social	3/15/2023	OSU Campus	14	Activity	No
2	Winter 2023 Social - Game Night	3/15/2023	OSU Campus	14	Meeting	No
3	GOITE Winter Meeting	3/10/2023	OSU Campus	40	Meeting	No
4	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Kayla Fleskes-Lane	1/20/2023	In-person	15	Presentation	No
5	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Jason Hawkins	2/2/2023	Zoom	12	Presentation	No
6	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Alyssa Ryan	2/17/2023	In-person	15	Presentation	No
7	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Alison Tanaka	3/17/2023	In-person	17	Presentation	No
8	Transportation Seminar - Ms Lynn Peterson	4/7/2023	In-person	16	Presentation	No
9	Transportation Seminar - Joe Neils	4/21/2023	In-person	18	Presentation	No
10	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Shangjia Dong	4/28/2023	Zoom	12	Presentation	No
11	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Yaojan Wu	5/19/2023	In-person	14	Presentation	No
12	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Zhenqiang Wang	6/2/2023	Zoom	11	Presentation	No
13	Transportation Seminar - Ms. Namu Timilsina	10/13/2023	Zoom	16	Presentation	No
14	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Hector Vergara	10/13/2023	In-person	18	Presentation	No
15	Transportation Seminar - Mr.Peter Bosa	11/3/2023	Zoom	11	Presentation	No
16	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Alison Conway	11/17/2023	Zoom	12	Presentation	No
17	Transportation Seminar - Mr.Dejan Dudich	12/1/2023	In-person	16	Presentation	No
18	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Nawaf Alnawmasi	1/18/2024	Zoom	13	Presentation	No
19	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Michael Knodler	12/1/2024	In-person	18	Presentation	No
20	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Dario Babic	2/15/2024	Zoom	12	Presentation	No
21	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Nathan Blez	2/29/2024	Zoom	14	Presentation	No
22	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Zach Barlow	3/14/2024	Zoom	15	Presentation	No
23	Transportation Seminar - Dr.Rhonda Young	3/3/2023	OSU Campus	10	Presentation	No
24	2nd Place in Enhanced Saftey Vehicles Conference	Apr 3-6, 2023	Yokohama, Japan	Varies	Meeting	No
25	Winter 2024 Adopt-A-Highway	2/10/2024	Corvallis, OR	18	Activity	No
26	General Meeting 2	2/8/2024	OSU Campus	18	Meeting	No
27	Student Leadership Summit (SLS) 2024	Feb 2-4, 2024	San Luis Obispo, CA	6	Meeting	No
28	Kittelson Office Tour	1/25/2024	Portland, OR	7	Activity	Partner with Kittleson Office
29	General meeting 1	1/24/2024	OSU Campus	20	Meeting	No
30	Transportation Research Board (TRB) 2024	Jan 6-11, 2024	Washington,DC	19	Meeting	No
31	ITE Game Night -Mario Kart	12/6/2023	OSU Campus	24	Activity	No
32	General meeting 3	11/14/2023	OSU Campus	20	Meeting	No
33	Fall 2023 Discussion Group	11/9/2023	Corvallis, OR	8	Meeting	No
34	F23 Speaker Meeting 1	10/27/2023	OSU Campus	33	Meeting	No
35	General Meeting 2	10/26/2023	OSU Campus	21	Meeting	No
36	Fall 2023 ITE Adopt-A-Highway	10/21/2023	Corvallis, OR	15	Activity	No
37	General Meeting 3	10/17/2023	OSU Campus	19	Meeting	No
38	ITE General Meeting	10/11/2023	OSU Campus	25	Meeting	No
39	2024 ITE Adopt-A-Highway	8/26/2023	Corvallis, OR	4	Activity	No
40	Joint ITE Annula Meeting & Western District Conference	Aug 12-16, 2023	Portland, OR	13	Meeting	No
41	ITE End of the Year BBQ & Potluck	6/3/2023	Corvallis, OR	25	Activity	No
42	ITE General Meeting 3	5/31/2023	OSU Campus	13	Meeting	No
43	ITE General Meeting 2	5/17/2023	OSU Campus	13	Meeting	No
44	Spring 2023 Discussion Group	5/11/2023	Corvallis, OR	10	Meeting	No
45	ITE General Meeting 1	5/3/2023	OSU Campus	11	Meeting	No
46	MiniPac Conference	4/29/2023	Berkeley, California	3	Meeting	No
47	Coffee/Tea Break	2/21/2024	OSU Campus	16	Activity	No
48	Elections Day	2/29/2024	OSU Campus	19	Meeting	No
49	General Meeting 3	2/27/2024	OSU Campus	16	Meeting	No
50	Traffic Bowl Competition	11/16/2023	Portland, OR	Varies	Activity	No
51	Open Streets Corvallis Data Collection - Phase 1	Aug 7-21, 2023	Corvallis, OR	4	Activity	No
52	Open Streets Corvallis Data Collection - Phase 2	Oct 16-23, 2023	Corvallis, OR	5	Activity	No
53	NWT Conference	March 4-6, 2024	OSU Campus	Varies	Meeting	No
54	CCE New Student Welcome and CCE Student Groups & Involvement Fair	9/27/2023	OSU Campus	Varies	Activity	No
55	Shared Mobility with Public saftey	11/1/2023	Zoom	Varies	Presentation	No
56	Be Bright, Be Seen 2023	11/8/2023	Corvallis, OR	Varies	Activity	No
57	Poker Rider 2023	10/5/2023	Corvallis, OR	Varies	Activity	No
58	WDITE Fall 2023 Student Leadership Council	10/10/2023	Zoom	Varies	Meeting	No
59	Cocoa & Clubs	1/12/2023	OSU Campus	Varies	Activity	No
60	DAM Proud	4/24/2023	OSU Campus	Varies	Activity	No
61	Reservse Career Fair	10/18/2023	OSU Campus	14-20	Activity	No
62	2023 Beaver Community Fair	10/6/2023	OSU Campus	Varies	Activity	No
63	Club & Cookies	9/26/2023	OSU Campus	Varies	Activity	No
64	Monroe Ave Conceptual Improvement Plan Kick-off Event	9/14/2023	OSU Campus	Varies	Meeting	No
65	Beaver social	8/16/2024	Portland, OR	45-50	Activity	No
66	Coral Sales Manufacturer Tour	11/17/2023	Portland, OR	Varies	Activity	With Coral Sales & PSU