

ASCE Texas  
*STUDENT  
SYMPOSIUM*

APRIL 10-13, 2019

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

THE ASCE TEXAS STUDENT  
SYMPOSIUM IS HOME TO THE  
TEXAS-MEXICO STUDENT  
CONFERENCE'S COMBINED  
COMPETITIONS FOR BLUE SKY AND  
CONCRETE CANOE

HOSTED BY:

**ASCE**

**STUDENT CHAPTER**

The University of Texas  
Rio Grande Valley

January 16, 2019

Mailer II

Texas-Mexico ASCE Student Chapters,

Attached you will find relevant information regarding the 2019 ASCE Texas Student Symposium. Please review the contents carefully as they contain critical details necessary in your preparations for the upcoming symposium. Although the information contained is primarily for those from each university planning to compete, it is important to **share this and any future information with all attendees**, regardless of whether they will compete. You will find all information shared in this package, and in future correspondence including Mailer III, mirrored on the symposium website for further reference [www.TexASCE.org/studentsymposium](http://www.TexASCE.org/studentsymposium). This content will include:

- Important Dates
- Registration Details
- Fee Schedule
- Hotel Accommodations
- Competition Information and Rules Website
- Preliminary Symposium Schedule of Events
- ASCE National Eligibility Requirements

The 2019 ASCE Texas Student Symposium, *Building Communities Across Borders (Construyendo Comunidades a Través de Fronteras)*, will be held April 10-13, 2019 at the South Padre Island Convention Center, South Padre Island, Texas.

If you have any questions, or concerns, feel free to contact us at ([utrgv.asce@gmail.com](mailto:utrgv.asce@gmail.com)). All information given will be posted on [www.TexASCE.org/studentsymposium](http://www.TexASCE.org/studentsymposium). Also, follow our [2019 Texas ASCE Student Symposium](#) Facebook page for updates.

Best,

**Oscar Hernandez**  
2018 President, Symposium Planner

**Brenda Salazar**  
2018 Vice President, Symposium Planner

**Enrique Pena,**  
2018 Vice President, Symposium Planner

**Sabrina Guerra,**  
2018 Secretary, Symposium Planner

**Ivan G. Rodriguez**  
2018 Treasurer, Symposium Planner



**Important Dates:**

Please pay close attention to the following dates as they effect registration fees and your performance in the competitions.

|   |                 |                     |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Email Mailer Confirmation   | Due 11:59 pm CT | November 11, 2018   |
| Annual Student Paper Presentation Competition**<br>( <del>participation required</del> )            | Due 5:00 pm CT  | January 15, 2019    |
| Mailer II Release Date  |                 | January 16, 2019    |
| Online School Registration for Teams & Individuals  | Due 11:59 pm CT | February 15, 2019   |
| <a href="#">ASCE Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students</a><br>( <del>participation not required</del> ) | Due 11:59 pm CT | March 1, 2019       |
| Concrete Canoe Technical Paper*   | Due 5:00 pm CT  | March 13, 2019      |
| Blue Sky Competition Proposal*  | Due 5:00 pm CT  | March 13, 2019      |
| Mailer III Release Date   |                 | March 18, 2019      |
| Online Late Registration  | Due 11:59 pm CT | March 22, 2019      |
| Annual Research Poster Competition Abstract   | Due 11:30 am CT | April 2, 2019       |
| 2019 Texas – Mexico Student Conference & ASCE<br>Texas Student Symposium                            |                 | April 10 – 13, 2019 |

\*Hard copies must be mailed to:

ATTN Cynthia Amoles Syvarth  
 Alan Plummer Associates  
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\*\*Electronic Submittal must be e-mailed to [texmexjudge@gmail.com](mailto:texmexjudge@gmail.com)



## **Registration Details:**

All registration will be completed through the ASCE Texas Section website:

<http://www.TexasASCE.org/studentsymposium>

All individuals must register. Also, each team must register and list the names of all team members and specify in what events listed below they will be participating. Additionally, every team participant must also complete an individual registration.

- Concrete Canoe
- Blue Sky Competitions Contest
- Student Paper Presentation Competition
- Concrete Bowling
- Concrete Frisbee
- Research Poster Competition
- Mystery Design

Note:

More information will be released regarding late registration near the close of regular registration.

Payments may be completed by credit card during online registration or a check made out to “ASCE Texas Section” may be mailed to:

ATTN: Student Symposium 2019  
ASCE Texas Section  
1524 S Interstate Highway 35, Ste 180  
Austin, TX 78704

## **Fee Schedule:**

### Team Registration:

- Concrete Canoe - \$300
- Blue Sky - \$200
- Concrete Bowling - \$75
- Concrete Frisbee - \$75
- Mystery Design - \$75

### Individual Registration:

- Student Registration - \$100

Please be aware Individual Registration includes:

- Career Fair
- Conference T-Shirt
- Professional Mixer
- Student Mixer
- Awards Banquet Dinner (Saturday)
- Lunch: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
- Dinner: Thursday & Friday
- Snacks: Thursday & Friday

### Hotel Accommodations:

The symposium will be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center, located on the north part of South Padre Island, Texas. In order for the host school to receive the full financial incentive and continue to subsidize annual registration cost for the symposium, please be sure to reserve your rooms in the hotel provided below. **We appreciate your support and careful attention to these details.**

- ***Schlitterbahn Beach Resort***  
Phone: (956) 761-1160  
Toll Free: (855) 472-3262  
Address: 100 Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, TX 78597  
Group Name: ASCE Texas Student Symposium  
Promotional Code (Group ID): 557058  
Link to reservation site:  
<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/WebresShowAvailable?groupId=557058&hotelid=1381>

### Competition Information and Rules:

- ❖ *Student Symposium 2019:*  
The 2019 ASCE Texas – Mexico Regional Student Competitions will be held at South Padre Island Convention Center.

South Padre Island Convention Center  
7355 Padre Blvd,  
South Padre Island, TX 78597

- ❖ *Concrete Canoe:*  
The Concrete Canoe races are scheduled to be held at the **Dolphin Cove** facilities located at:

33174 State Park Rd 100,  
South Padre Island, TX 78597

The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:  
[https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Conferences\\_and\\_Events/Event\\_Subpages/Content\\_Pieces/nccc\\_rules\\_and\\_regulations\\_2019.pdf](https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Conferences_and_Events/Event_Subpages/Content_Pieces/nccc_rules_and_regulations_2019.pdf)

- ❖ *Blue Sky Competitions Contest:*  
This competition is new and has been established by ASCE for the 2019 Student Symposium. The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:  
[https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Membership\\_and\\_Communities/Student\\_Chapters/Content\\_Pieces/2019-blue-sky-competition-rules.pdf](https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Membership_and_Communities/Student_Chapters/Content_Pieces/2019-blue-sky-competition-rules.pdf)
- ❖ *Student Paper Presentation Competition:*  
The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:  
<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Annual-Student-Technical-Paper-Competition-rules.pdf>

- ❖ *Concrete Bowling:*  
The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:  
[https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concrete-Bowling\\_Rules.pdf](https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concrete-Bowling_Rules.pdf)
- ❖ *Concrete Frisbee:*  
The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:  
[https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concrete-Frisbee\\_Rules.pdf](https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concrete-Frisbee_Rules.pdf)
- ❖ *Research Poster Competition:*  
This year is the 2nd year this annual poster competition is held. The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:  
<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2nd-Annual-Research-Poster-Competition.pdf>
- ❖ *Mystery Design:*  
The rules for the competition are TBD and will be included in Mailer III. Thank you for your patience.

**Preliminary Symposium Schedule of Events:**

A finalized Schedule will be provided in Mailer III, please use this schedule to plan accordingly.

| <b>Wednesday, April 10, 2019</b> |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm CT             | Registrant Check – In   |
| 5:00 – 9:30 pm CT                | Canoe trailer parking & unloading   |
| 9:00 – 9:30 pm CT                | Concrete Canoe Captain’s Meeting  |
| <b>Thursday, April 11, 2019</b>  |   |
| 6:00 am – 8:00 am CT             | Concrete Canoe Set Up   |
| 8: 00 am – 5:00 pm CT            | Registration, Check – In, Poster Competition Display, Concrete Canoe Display Judging, Concrete Canoe Presentations, Professionals & Student Seminars, & Career Fair |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm CT               | Lunch   |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm CT                | Career Fair ONLY  |
| 3:30 – 4:30 pm CT                | Break   |
| 6:30 – 10:00 pm CT               | Student/Professional Mixer  |
| <b>Friday, April 12, 2019</b>    |   |
| 8:00 am – 5:00 pm CT             | Registration, Check – In, Career Fair, Vendor Exhibits, Concrete Canoe Display, Professional & Student Seminars, & Career Fair                                      |
| 8:00 am – 5:00 pm CT             | Blue Sky and Annual Student Paper Presentation Competition Presentations  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm CT               | Lunch   |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm CT                | Career Fair ONLY  |
| 3:30 – 4:30 pm CT                | Break   |
| 5:00 – 6:30 pm CT                | Student Business Meeting  |
| 7:00 – 9:00 pm CT                | Student Mixer at Schlitterbahn Resort   |
| <b>Saturday, April 13, 2019</b>  |   |
| TBD – 5:30 pm CT                 | Concrete Canoe Races  |
| 7:30 am – 12:00 pm CT            | Concrete Frisbee Competition  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm CT               | Lunch   |
| 1:00 – 5:00 pm CT                | Concrete Bowling Competition  |
| 7:00 – 10:00 pm CT               | Awards Banquet  |

### ASCE National Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
  - a. Have submitted their Annual Report and paid their Annual Dues, as received by ASCE, prior to the start of the Student Conference; and

**FOR CONCRETE CANOE ONLY** - Have submitted their student chapter full Annual Report in time to be graded (reports submitted on or before February 1, 2019 meet this qualification), and have scored within the top two-thirds (2/3) of all student chapters. **Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify;** and

- b. Act appropriately. As representatives of ASCE and the civil engineering profession, all competition and conference participants are expected to and must act professionally and courteously. The use of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substance is strictly prohibited.

*Note: Invitations to Conference and National Competitions are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act appropriately can result in letters of reprimand, mandatory behavior management plans, and loss of invitations to further competition for individual institutions and/or entire conferences.*

2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Conference as shown through their school's:
  - a. Good faith participation in the Student Conference Business Meeting (at least one (1) student representative present at the start of the Business Meeting);
  - b. Good faith participation in the Student Conference Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by at least one (1) member of the ASCE Student Chapter, not necessarily a member of the concrete canoe team; and
  - c. Meeting any additional requirements of Student Conference participation set by the Student Conference at the previous year's business meeting or in their written and approved by-laws, standing rules, or constitution