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Congratulations to Dordt College on their 2017 NCEES Engineering Education Award

The Dordt College Engineering Department won the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Engineering Education Grand Prize for their senior design project *Liberia Farm Bridge*.

Students Eric Fedders, Peter Hoelsema, Austin Lindemulder, and Kyle Vander Zee designed and built a vehicle bridge in Liberia. The bridge can support up to 30 tons of weight and withstand floods during Liberia's rainy season.

NCEES Engineering Education Award juror Sally Perrin, P.E., commented on the Liberia Farm Bridge project, saying, "This project provided a sustainable solution to needed infrastructure and contributed to the economic vitality of rural communities in Harbel, Liberia. The collaboration between the students and P.E.s is commendable."

The Grand Prize is awarded to a project that exhibits the following criteria:

- Successful collaboration of faculty, students, and licensed professional engineers
- Protection of public health, safety, and/or welfare of the public
- Multidiscipline and/or allied profession participation
- Knowledge or skills gained
- Effectiveness of display board, abstract, and project description

To learn more about the award and the *Liberia Farm Bridge* project, visit the following webpages.

[NCEES Press Release](#)
[Dordt College News](#)

Congratulations Dordt College!!



Dordt engineering alumni Eric Fedders and Peter Hoelsema along with faculty member Justin Vander Werff accept the NCEES Engineering Education

ASCE National Convention Wrap-Up

Despite the threat of Hurricane Nate, Iowa Section President, Brian Boelk, was able to attend the ASCE National Convention in New Orleans Oct. 7-11. Opening keynote speaker and noted economist Marci Rossell gave us a strong start to the program, sharing a perspective that civil engineering is the foundation of the U.S. economy, and as such is poised for growth. The Convention was then filled with excellent technical and non-technical concurrent sessions, focusing on sustainable design, management of millennials, non-verbal communication, and a panel discussion related to this year's natural disasters. Amongst the sessions, there was the 2017 Board's final meeting and lunch featuring the 2017 Distinguished Members at the Celebration of Leaders Luncheon. The Convention concluded with an inspiring and motivating lunch led by Kaplan Mobray, author of The 10Ks of Personal Branding. Mixed in with some great food, hot and humid weather, and entertaining jazz music; this year's trip was certainly deemed a success!



Fall Technical Conferences Reminder

Registration is still open for all of the Fall Technical Conferences.

Transportation Conference

Early registration ends **today, October 31st**. More information can be found on the Transportation Conference [website](#).

Structural Conference

More information can be found on the Structural Conference [website](#).

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's that time of the year again! Renew your society-level membership by December 12th for a chance to win the grand prize drawing of a \$1,000 Amazon gift card awarded by ASCE (Society). More details [here](#).

Be sure to add the Iowa Section as your primary section when you renew!

Renew your membership [here](#).

Portion of Webinar Proceeds Go Back to Section

ASCE has recently instituted a special program in which Sections can receive an allocation from webinar proceeds if the webinar registrant enters a specific code during the checkout process. If this code is entered, the Section will receive 20% of the gross revenue generated from sales of ASCE webinars to members whose address of record is in the Section. Just follow the links below when registering for a webinar and help our Section!

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Request for Pictures

We want your photos! We are always looking for great photos of Iowa's infrastructure and natural landscape to use throughout the website or on social media. If you have any photos you would like to share for the Iowa Section's use, please send them to [Steph](#).

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