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### Upcoming Events

- 2026 Mid-America Student Symposium
  - April 9th - 11th, 2026
  - Location: Southern Illinois University Carbondale & Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
  - [Home - Mid-America](#)
- ASCE/NITE 22nd Annual Transportation Conference
  - May 29th, 2026 at the UNO Scott Conference Center
  - Additional details and registration TBA



See page 4 for a full recap of the Omaha Children's Museum Outreach Event.



Pavel Karamshin, E.I.  
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## From the President

Hello Nebraska Section Members,

This time of year always brings the same question—do we finally pack away the winter coats, or keep them close just in case? Nebraska weather never seems to make up its mind, but one thing is certain: March was a busy and successful month for our section, filled with great events and strong participation.

We held a very successful Environmental Meeting, where we also recognized the top three winners of the Truss Bustin' Competition. It was great to celebrate the students' creativity and hard work, and to see continued engagement from our members.

Another highlight from March was our outreach event at the Omaha Children's Museum, which was an absolute blast. The day was packed with hands-on activities, including building gumdrop domes and trusses, water table demonstrations, and even constructing an Easter-themed bunny. Events like this are a great way to introduce kids to engineering concepts while having fun, and we appreciate everyone who volunteered their time to make it such a success.

This month, we'll also be hosting a YMG volunteer event in partnership with the UNL Student Section, featuring a trash pickup along Highway 6 in Waverly. This is a great opportunity to engage with students outside the classroom, give back to our community, and wrap up the effort with a social afterward. We hope many of you can join us for this fun and meaningful event.

Looking ahead, April brings the Student Symposium in Carbondale, and Nebraska will be well represented. Between UNL and UNO, nearly 60 students will be attending and competing in a wide range of events. We're excited to see our students showcase their skills, teamwork, and dedication while representing the Nebraska Section at the regional level.

We're also excited to announce the upcoming launch of an ASCE Nebraska Section merchandise page, featuring custom polos and quarter-zips for our members. More details will be shared soon.

As always, if you're interested in getting more involved or would like to contribute to the section, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the board. Lastly, be on the lookout for a Save the Date announcement for the Transportation Conference, scheduled for May 29th at the Scott Conference Center. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events as we head into spring.

Much Appreciated,  
Pavel Karamshin  
President, ASCE Nebraska Section

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## Omaha Children's Museum Outreach Event

On March 28, 2026, Nebraska ASCE members and students organized an outreach event at the Omaha Children's Museum. Thank you to all the volunteers for the time to engage with visitors at the Omaha Children's Museum and to share the excitement with the future generation of engineers! There were a lot of positive comments from parents and saw numerous smiles.

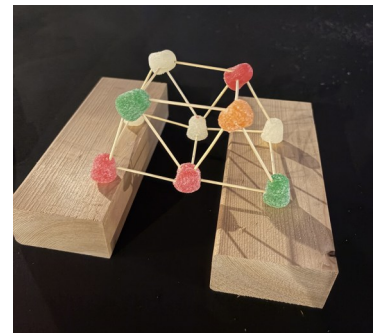
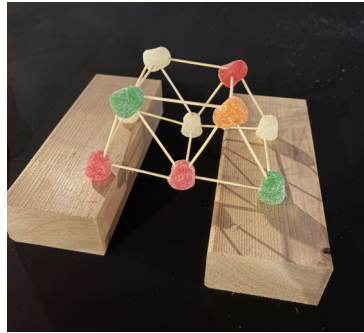
The gumdrop truss turned into multiple large structures,. Kids were first quizzed on some of the materials at the information desk before getting a Lego set, but numerous kids wanted to explore the other items on the table before going to another station. The block builders constructed towers and cup stacks, counted the rows and built garages with elevators to get to the second floor. The movement of water drew in an audience at the water table (monkey island was flooded numerous times). Catapults with custom color lids are most likely launching all kinds of things today. Multi colored bunnies hopped on the table with this activity tuning into more than just building but hands on experience on supplying materials, maintaining a clean construction site, material delivery and utilizing critical machinery for material supply. All stations remained busy almost the entire time the volunteers exhibited. Over 160 Lego sets were handed out so most likely a good number have already been constructed and reconstructed into new creations. Overall, a great event to share the excitement of the civil engineering profession!



## Omaha Children's Museum Outreach Event



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## March Environmental Section Meeting

On March 25th, 2026, the Nebraska ASCE Environmental committee hosted the March Section Meeting at Beacon Hills in Aksarben Village. The presentation topic was “Living with Stormwater in Omaha: Construction, Post-Construction, and Maintenance” by Andy Szatko (City of Omaha - Public Works Division). Andy Szatko is a Grading Permit Reviewer, Project Manager, and supports all things stormwater with the City of Omaha Public Works Department and has been with the City of Omaha since 2011.

The winners of the Truss Bustin’ competition held in February were also presented awards during the meeting. See photos on the next page.

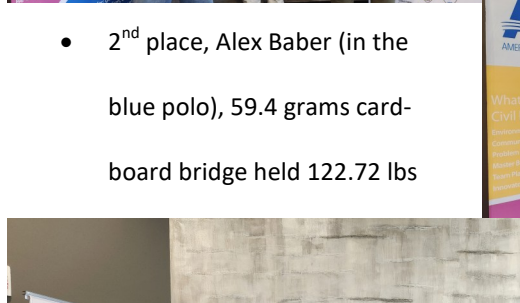
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## Calling all past NE ASCE Presidents!

Have you served as a president for the NE ASCE section?

If so, we are looking to gather your insight and expertise from your time serving as president. Your input will greatly contribute to our efforts to continuously seek areas of improvement for NE ASCE .

Please reach out to our current NE ASCE president for more information!

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## Omaha and Lincoln University Student Chapters

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Omaha have active ASCE student chapters. Stay up to date with event updates and exciting news by following their social media accounts. Just last year, UNL and UNO hosted the ASCE Region 7 Student Symposium.

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