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Good Morning ASCE members! I hope you're all enjoying this stretch of beautiful weather. We have some exciting events on the horizon, plenty of updates from our student chapters, and we're also looking for student mentors! Thanks for staying connected, and have a great rest of your week!

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President's Message



I was invited to participate in the ASCE 2025 Student Support Summit earlier this year and jumped at the opportunity. The main objective was to boost student engagement, retention, and inclusivity within both ASCE and the civil engineering profession. This consisted of a series of virtual meetings, culminating in a one-day, in-person brainstorming Summit down at the ASCE headquarters. My main big-picture takeaways were:

1. Ensure student chapter leaders and Section board are connected early and stay connected throughout the year(s)
2. Promote both student and professional attendance at section events to provide key networking opportunities

This Board has worked hard on these goals throughout the years and has established relationships with our student chapters. Annual events such as apple picking, hockey games, and ski day bring students and professionals together year after year.

Our Practitioner Advisors started the year strong by connecting with our student chapter leaders early. We've also brought back having a student member on our board as our Newsletter Editor. We will continue collaborating with the UVM and Norwich student chapters throughout the school year, ensuring students have access to ASCE resources and mentoring opportunities.

In an effort to increase student and professional attendance at events, we're changing up our messaging around our annual Student Apple Picking event to better reflect the intention behind it - to provide a social opportunity to connect student members with professional members at the start of the school year. We encourage all of our members, whether student or life, to join us for a night full of apples, Dreamies, and fun!

To celebrate the beginning of the new school year and ASCE's commitment to student chapters, this newsletter is dedicated to our students. Continue below to learn more about Norwich's expansion, UVM CEE Capstone (and how you can get involved), what our student chapters are up to, and upcoming events!

Best,
Zelda Dively, PE

ASCE Members Join UVM Capstone Course for Q&A Session



Just last week, ASCE members Abby Munterich, Jeremy Dean, and Zelda Dively joined the UVM CEE Senior Capstone class for a Q&A panel session. They offered their insights, experiences, and advice on the capstone process, transition from student to professional, and early career development. Key takeaways included taking ownership over your work, exploring opportunities to find what's best for you, and asking questions as you learn.

This event was a great opportunity for students to connect with young professionals who can speak on both the student and professional experiences. This is the second semester we've done this panel and it will certainly not be our last! If you are a younger member and are interested in joining us in the spring, please reply to this newsletter and we will get in touch.

Support UVM CEE Capstone Class Through Mentoring

The VT ASCE Board connected with UVM Professor John Lens, PE to explore opportunities for professional involvement with the students. In addition to the panel event discussed above, Dr. Lens emphasized the benefits of professional mentorship to the student capstone experience. As such, we are inviting you to be a mentor to the UVM CEE Capstone class!

Recognizing everyone has varying capacity and time to volunteer, we've outlined different options for getting involved that will work for any level of time commitment:

- *Project Mentor*: support a project team throughout the semester; meetings as determined by you and the students
- *Technical Mentor*: share a list of technical areas you can provide support on as needed by capstone students; could include answering technical questions, providing feedback on design
- *One-time Involvement*: volunteer to review project posters during Design Night, participate in professional panel events

Please consider sharing your technical experience with the UVM senior capstone class by being a mentor.

Become a UVM Capstone Mentor

Help enrich their capstone experience with real-world perspectives, technical guidance, and professional connections. Connect and share knowledge with these seniors before they leave to start their next chapters!

Norwich University Expands ASCE Student Chapter to VTC

VTASCE is pleased to announce that the Norwich University ASCE student club is expanding! It will be incorporating students of the engineering program at the Vermont State College - Randolph campus! The following statement is from Aiden Lund, vice president of the Norwich University ASCE student club, regarding the big change for this academic year:

“Norwich University’s American Society of Civil Engineers’ Student Chapter is always looking for new ways to expand involvement with students, professionals, and the engineering community. Norwich is welcoming Vermont State University – Randolph, better known as VTC, as a satellite chapter with NUASCE. We are very excited to meet new students and invite them to experience all the opportunities and experiences NUASCE has to offer. Thank you to VTASCE and ASCE National for allowing VTC to join us this academic year.”

Join Us at our Upcoming Events!

Beta Technologies Site Tour



BETA Technologies Manufacturing and Assembly Facility

September 16, 4:30-5:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Join us for an exclusive tour of VT ASCE's newest Project of the Year, BETA Technologies Manufacturing and Assembly Facility, led by Stantec. Located adjacent to the Patrick Leahy Burlington International Airport, this state-of-the-art facility represents a significant milestone in sustainable aviation and innovative manufacturing. Don't miss this opportunity to witness firsthand the cutting-edge technologies and sustainable practices that are shaping the future of electric aviation. There will be a happy hour at Upper Deck Pub at the Windjammer after the site tour!

Apple Picking at Yates Orchard!



ASCE VT Member Apple Picking Event

September 23, 4:30-7:00pm

[Register Here!](#)

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Apple Picking Networking Event at Yates Family Orchard! This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow ASCE members while enjoying the beautiful fall season. This event is not just about picking apples, but also about fostering connections and strengthening our ASCE community. It's a great chance to meet with students and industry professionals, share ideas, and learn from each other's experiences.

All are invited to join. The event is free to students, members pay your own way. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so that we have a head count.

Geo-Institute Meeting Save the Date

This year's Geo-Institute Meeting will be held at Norwich University in early October. Building on the themes of the last two years, this event will focus on flooding resilience in design. More information to come shortly!

An Update from our Student Chapters

Norwich University Chapter:

NUASCE is happy to announce that we are underway for the Fall 2025 semester! Our first meeting of the semester was amazing, with many new members joining us. Topics discussed at our meeting were: ASCE Membership Perks, VT Section Events (Golf Tournament, Bowling, Apple Picking), external ASCE events such as WSCL and Student Days, and exciting upcoming guest speakers and field trips. And much more! Our Concrete Canoe team has already started brainstorming and discussing constraints for competition. We are hopeful that our team will excel this year after all we learned during the last competition.

Last week, four ASCE members and an administrator traveled to Dole Hill Cemetery to assist NU Cemetery Association with staking American Flags and Medallions by the headstones and footstones of all veterans in the cemetery. This activity sparked inspiration for Northfield's VFW to do the same with other cemeteries in their jurisdiction. We are so proud!

NUASCE has a couple exciting upcoming events!

Saturday, September 13th, the Environmental Engineering lab at Norwich University is inviting members of ASCE to assist in the Annual Barre River Cleanup. We are hoping for a big turnout and for a huge success with the Barre River Access Task Force.

Additionally, next month Norwich University is hosting the annual Geo-Institute Flood Recovery and Mitigation Planning meeting, and the primary objective is NU's very own Rugby Pitch, with a presentation from ASCE members.

We are excited to announce more exciting news and events in future newsletters, but that's all for now!

University of Vermont Chapter

The UVM ASCE Student Chapter is excited to be back and ready to build on last year's momentum! Planning is already underway for this year's Steel Bridge Competition, with a goal of winning the "Most Improved Award" at the Northeast Symposium this spring. We're fortunate to have a strong group of dedicated officers and members leading the charge this year. Our first meeting was yesterday (9/10), and we look forward to sharing updates on our progress with the steel bridge and other chapter initiatives next month. In the meantime, members are looking forward to our annual apple-picking event, which is always a fall favorite! We also plan to invite more professionals to campus this year for networking opportunities and to offer technical guidance as we refine our bridge design and fabrication. Stay tuned for more details in our next update!

Stay Connected with ASCE Student Chapters!

Our student chapters have been active on Instagram sharing what they've been up to. Follow them to stay up to date!

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Follow Norwich ASCE on Instagram -->



ASCE Student Resources

Great resources for students! Check out these links!

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Job Posting

Senior Project Manager-Land Development at VHB

ABOUT THE POSITION

Senior Project Manager – Land Development | Hybrid | VT

VHB's growing VT offices are seeking an experienced Senior Project Manager to join our Land Development group. The successful candidate will work with our team

of professionals to manage all aspects of site/civil engineering for public and private sites for our diverse portfolio of ski resort, real estate, energy, infill development, and state and municipal infrastructure projects.

Responsibilities

- Work independently with integrated teams of engineers, environmental scientists, and landscape architects in developing site/civil engineering plans and specifications for a multitude and public and private projects with a focus on sustainability and resiliency
- Lead and assist with civil engineering for retail, residential, institutional, renewable energy and industrial site design including grading and drainage design, utility design, and site layout
- Preparation and/or reviewing of design criteria, drawings and specifications
- Preparation of schematic design, design development, and construction contract documentation
- Lead the preparation of permitting, design and construction documents
- Lead, mentor and train junior staff
- Project task financial performance, and management of projects
- Attend meetings with clients, regulatory agencies, and stakeholders to establish their needs and discuss design/permitting issues
- Technical and design report writing

Skills and Abilities

- Excellent verbal, written, organizational, and interpersonal communication skills
- Team oriented with ability to perform multiple tasks independently in a timely manner and collaborate effectively and positively with other emerging professionals and managers
- Ability to work in a fast-paced office, virtual, and field environment, in rural or urban environments
- Proven strong work-ethic and self-motivated to produce high quality outcomes
- Highly organized, and detail oriented, with ability think creatively and formulate solutions in team environment
- Knowledge of local and state regulations governing site design

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or related field of study required, Master's degree a plus (may substitute for 1 year of experience)
- 11+ years of professional site/civil design engineering experience, including consulting/private sector experience, required
- Proficiency with AutoCAD Civil 3D and HydroCAD required, GIS experience a plus
- PE (Professional Engineer) license required
- Solid understanding of the typical land entitlement process in VT including permitting at the local and state level preferred

Salary Range (\$120,000 - \$150,000)

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