

Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

By: Tony Rome

Happy New Year (and decade)!! I hope that everyone is excited to start 2020 off with a bang because we've got a full slate of events in the next few months in KSPE. Please be sure to mark your calendars and, if you can, help by attending and/or volunteering at the events.

Once again, many of these events require help from volunteers. If you are interested in helping, feel free to contact me or any other KSPE board/committee member.

Also, do not forget to be thinking about awards. We are looking for nominations so if you know of an engineer, project, teacher, etc. that deserves recognition from this past year or throughout a career, please consider recommending them to the Board. There is not a requirement for an award recipient to be a KSPE member, but it is encouraged.

KSPE Upcoming Events

KSPE January Meeting A Better KCI and the Future of the Airline Industry Justin Meyer, the Deputy Director of Aviation

Date: Thursday, January 16th

Time: 11:30am - Registration and Networking

11:45am - Lunch

12:00pm - Presentation

Location: Cinzetti's

7201 West 91st Street

Overland Park, KS 66212

Cost: \$25 Members

\$15 Students

RSVP: Please use this [link](#) to register for this event by *noon on Wednesday, January 15th*

Souper Bowl of Caring

Join thousands of people across the nation in the fight against hunger during Souper Bowl Weekend of Caring, on February 2nd. Don your favorite football team's jersey and schedule your group to volunteer for a two-hour shift at Harvesters.

After volunteering and doing their part to end hunger, groups will participate in a short activity and have a bowl of soup to symbolize what may be the only meal a food insecure person would receive in a day

Date: Saturday, February 1st, 2020

Time: 8:30am-10:30am

Location: Harvesters' Kansas City

3801 Topping Avenue

Kansas City, MO 64129

RSVP: Please use this [link](#) to RSVP by *Wednesday, January 29th* and to find important event information

For More Information: Contact Anne Schroer aschroer@gbateam.com

Bridge Building Volunteers Needed

The Eastern Chapter's 37th Annual Model Bridge Building Contest will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Museum at Prairiefire in Overland Park, Kansas. Students in grades 9 through 12 within the Eastern Chapter's region are eligible to compete in the Model Bridge Contest.

The contest encourages students to get involved in a challenging and fun engineering project. The students each design and construct their own model bridge made entirely of basswood sticks and glue. The model bridges are then loaded to failure to determine the bridge's structural efficiency (total mass supported divided by the mass of the bridge). The bridge with the highest structural efficiency wins. The top three finishers will be recognized at the Engineers Week luncheon February 20, 2020 in Kansas City, MO. The first and second place contestants are eligible to win an expense assisted trip to compete at the 2020 International Bridge Building Contest in Chicago, IL.

Volunteers are always needed to assist students with testing of their bridges. If you are interested in helping with the contest, contact Mark Johnston at 816.945.5898 (mjohnston@hwlochner.com).

Mathcounts

We are once again coming up on that time of year when we hold our annual MATHCOUNTS competition for the Eastern Chapter of KSPE.

This year's competition will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Like before, it will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City (5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211).

We need volunteers to help grade, register schools, monitor tests, and help with the awards presentation. Positions are needed for the following times:

Grade & Monitor Tests (majority of people): 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Set up: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Countdown Round & Awards: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer for more than one task, please feel free to stick around as much as you like throughout the day.

If you are available and willing to help out with the competition or if you have any questions, please contact Rachel Henkhaus at 913.219.6738 or by email at REHenkhaus@GarverUSA.com.

Save the Date!

Friday, February 21st-E-Week Luncheon

Legislative Luncheon-TBD

(Typically the delegation meets on Wednesdays and we will try to get as much advance notice as possible)

KSPE Awards

The KSPE Eastern Chapter is seeking nominations for this year's awards.

Engineer of the Year nominations are due by January 15th, 2020. All other nominations are due no later than March 15, 2020.

Nomination forms can be found on KSPE's website (<http://www.kansasengineer.org/Awards>).

Please submit your nominations to Ryan DaMetz at rdametz@gmail.com.

The Eastern Chapter award recipients will also be submitted on April 1, 2020 to KSPE for the State awards.

Award Categories

- Young Engineer of the Year
- Government Engineer of the Year
- Intern Engineer of the Year
- KSPE Award
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement
- Professional Development
- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Teacher

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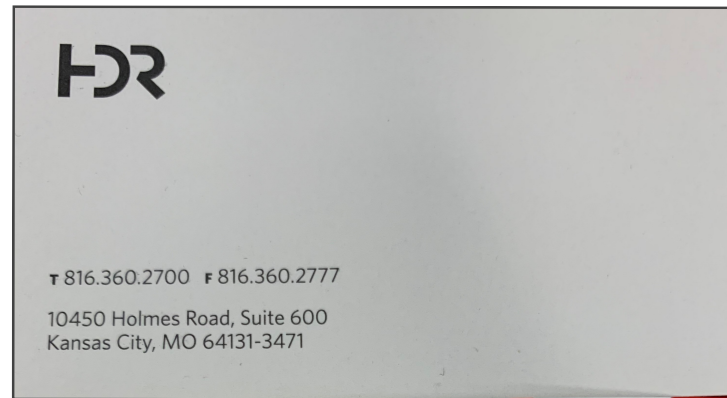


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