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Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year WSPE members:

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break and has been keeping up on those resolutions. Work is back in full swing for me, but it sure was nice to have that time to relax over the holidays.

For those of you that missed our meeting last month, Wyatt Hoch gave an excellent presentation on the FIU bridge collapse. If you missed it the presentation, but want to learn more about what caused the collapse, you can read through the NTSB findings at the following link: https://www.enr.com/ext/resources/Issues/National_Issues/2019/11-Nov/18-Nov/NTSB-Final-FIU-Bridge-Collapse-Report.pdf

Coming up this month, we will hear from Lynn Packer, Deputy Director of Public Works at Sedgwick County, about a future transportation project south of Derby called the ARC 95. The project would provide an east-west route in south Sedgwick County, along with a new Arkansas River crossing and a grade-separated crossing of the BNSF Railroad line.

February is e-Week and it is just around the corner. Mathcounts is switching to a virtual format this time. Reach out to Jessica Rhein if you know of a school that would like to sign up. We are also planning to do our 'Engineer for a Day' virtually

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President's Message (Continued):

as well. For those of you that have sponsored a student in the past, you should have received a survey link from Rebecca Mellies to sign up for the event.

I'm optimistic that we will be able to have an in-person meeting before the year is over. For now, we will continue with the virtual meetings, but I look forward to being able to see all of you at a meeting or social event in the future. Please reach out to your WSPE board if there is anything we can do for you.

Thank you,

Paul Garrett, PE

WSPE President

On this day in Engineering History

January 8, 1982—[American Telephone & Telegraph](#) settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies (Baby Bells).



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MATHCOUNTS is going virtual this year! Because of this, our normal opportunities for volunteering are not the same. We *will* need volunteers to help 1-on-1 proctor those students competing at the State level on Saturday, March 25, 2021. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jessica Rhein, P.E., 316-660-1848 or Jessica.rhein@sedgwick.gov.

Education Foundation Celebrates 60 Years of Giving Back



For 60 years, the NSPE Education Foundation has been a major source of support for the educational and ethical practice needs of engineering students, engineering teachers, and practicing professionals.

This past year, the foundation gave out five scholarships to [deserving engineering students](#) and supported young professionals in NSPE's [Emerging Leaders Program](#). In the coming year, the foundation will explore additional programs to broaden its reach and impact, and NSPE member support will mean more than ever before.

In this season of giving, and in honor of the NSPE Education Foundation's 60th anniversary, a donation of \$60 will help further its mission to support students, educators, young professionals, and the profession at large.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB
6

MathCounts
Virtual

FEB
18

WSPE Chapter Meeting
“Soft Skills”
Virtual

FEB
21-27

eWeek

2021
KSPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
June 23-25

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